

THE NEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends May 2020

Furry
Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

Hello Friends,

This Covid-19 pandemic has been a difficult situation for all of us to manage. But we would like to personally thank all the people that continue to support Furry Friends. We remain one of the only shelters adopting out cats, so they have been being adopted as fast as we have them available. We are still selectively taking in cats and kittens. We have to be a little picky since the vets are not doing routine procedures.



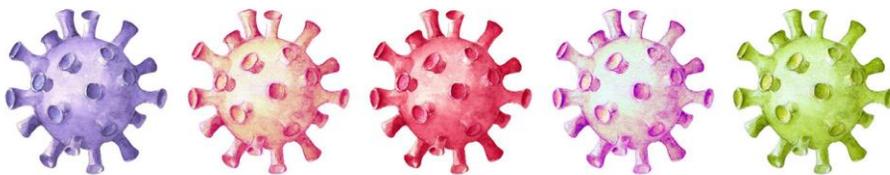
Dexter & Diego



Flash & Ira

Adoptions

We have adopted out 17 cats from March 26 to April 21, 2020. Congratulations to Cappuccino, Cash, Clem, Cookie, Dexter, Diego, Flash, Gracy, Ira, Jade, Kitty Bumpkins, Nora, Patches, Pumpkin, Sam, Tallulah and Tango.



Coronavirus Update

Dear Supporters of Furry Friends,

At Furry Friends, the health and safety of our volunteers and those we serve is our highest priority. As the COVID-19 situation unfolds, we are closely monitoring the situation here in our community and are making the best decisions we can with the information we have. We have always been in the business of caring for animals, their pet parents, our volunteers, and our commitment to making our decisions in their best interest remains our top priority.

Currently, we are instructing our volunteers to follow all CDC guidelines regarding social distancing, frequent hand washing and use of 60% or higher alcohol-based sanitizer. We are frequently cleaning our facilities using disinfectant. We are also insisting that anyone who is feeling ill or believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 stay home, call their doctor and take good care of themselves.

Events happening in April have been cancelled due to the strong recommendation of local officials that no one host or attend large gatherings. Our auction event on September 19th is currently still scheduled to go on as planned; however, we will continue to follow local health department recommendations or any official decisions that include banning large events. We will keep you informed about this event.

You can stay updated on all things pertaining to Furry Friends by visiting our Facebook Page or receiving our monthly newsletter. You can contact us at news@furryfriendswa.org to sign up for the e-newsletter. Thank you for your trust in and support of Furry Friends. We are making decisions on behalf of many animals and people and we do not take these decisions lightly.

Sincerely,
Jaimie Garver, President



COVID-19 response and information

Furry Friends is focused on protecting the health and well-being of the animals in our care, our volunteers, and the community we serve. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this situation together with the communities we serve.

Who will care for your pet?

While it's not fun to imagine, now is an important time to create a plan for your pet in case you get sick. We strongly encourage you to gather any members of your household and walk through the following steps to ensure your animals will be well cared for in the event of an emergency.

1. **Know the facts:** According to the **CDC**, there is no evidence that people can get COVID-19 from pets. The best place for your animal is inside the home they know and love. If you aren't feeling well but are still able to provide care for your pet, please keep them at home with you where they're most comfortable.
2. **If you do become too ill to physically care for your pet or you need to be hospitalized, who can take over for you?** Is there anyone else in your home who could help? Maybe a neighbor, friend, coworker, or family member who could take them in? Even a groomer, daycare, or boarding facility may be able to help in your time of need with advance notice. But the most important thing you can do today is come up with two potential pet plans and talk directly with those people so they're prepared in case they're called to action.
3. **Prepare a pet supply kit.** It may not seem necessary today, but we promise it will be hugely helpful if you find yourself in an emergency situation without the ability to track down the proper supplies. Your kit should include the following, as best as you're able:
 - Name and contact information for the person who can care for your pets
 - Name and contact information for your back-up in case your go-to is no longer able to help
 - Food, treats, a leash, a couple of toys, and any other supplies necessary to care for your pet for at least two weeks
 - A crate or carrier to transport your pet
 - Vaccination records
 - Collars with ID tags (and don't forget to make sure your pet's microchip information is up to date)
 - Medications and prescriptions, along with a list of instructions
 - Daily care instructions
 - Contact information for your veterinary clinic

With your whole family on board and a plan in place, you'll feel a bit better about your pet's safety knowing they're in good hands no matter what challenges may arise. ♥

Coronavirus Update



STAY HOME.
STAY SAFE. SAVE LIVES.



Furry Friends is still open for cat adoptions!

- Supporter Updates
- Volunteer Info
- Adoption News

COVID-19 CAT RESOURCES 

Please visit our Covid-19 resource page on our web for more information <https://furryfriendswa.org/covid19/>.



Alastair



Kodie

Furry Friends
Memorial Donations

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We have received a donation from Jerry and Linda in memory of their beloved cats Alastair and Kodie. We are very appreciative of Jerry and Linda for being long time supporters of Furry Friends.

Furry Friends receives a number of memorial donations in honor of cats and pets that have crossed over the rainbow bridge. We have also received donations in honor of human loved ones that have passed. We are honored that our kitties can be the recipients of these gifts of love. If you would like to make a donation, you can securely do it on our website at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>. Or a check can be sent to our mailing address at 6715 NE 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.



Giving Tuesday is on May 5 <https://furryfriendswa.org/calendar/givingtuesday/>.

Furry Friends to Participate in GIVING Tuesday!

We are asking for your support on Tuesday, May 5th, during the GIVING TUESDAY online fundraising challenge. We are looking to raise funding to cover the extraordinary medical expenses of cats in our care. These costs include veterinary bills for emergency surgeries, as well as ongoing treatments and lifelong medications. Furry Friends is committed to providing the best possible medical care to the cats they rescue before placing them in their “forever” homes, but to do that we need your help. Every tax-deductible donation made to Furry Friends through GIVING TUESDAY will help Furry Friends cover the extraordinary medical.

Furry Friends Board of Directors, also called the Executive Committee, is taking applications to fill another seat on the board. We are looking for an active board member who would like to help Furry Friends by leading our **fundraising team!** We need a creative individual who can think outside the (litter) box and engage within our community. Some of the things we are looking for include:

- Raise funds for Furry Friends while meeting or surpassing fundraising targets
- Assist in brainstorming and creating new methods to raise funds for our organization
- Lead/assist in planning and coordinating park/fundraising events
- Collaborate with other organizations and groups within the community to build partnerships and enhance fundraising activities.

Don't worry; you will not be doing this job alone! We are building a team for this and you will actively be working with the board to develop this role. If you are interested in applying for this volunteer position, please contact Jaimie Garver at information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993=1097.

About the board

The board is comprised of select volunteers who oversee the activities of Furry Friends. The members of the board are responsible for governing the organization, approving budgets, approving the organization's policies and other similar tasks. Board members have an obligation of allegiance, care and duty to Furry Friends. We seek to fulfill our mission statement by providing advice and implementing long-term goals that will assist Furry Friends in planning for the future and creating the vision of what it will become.

Furry Friends, founded in 1999, is a Vancouver, WA, 501c (3) non-profit, no-kill cat rescue and adoption organization. We strive to help cats in the Vancouver-Portland Metro and surrounding area receive the medical services and companionship they need. We are operated entirely by volunteers. Our mission is to rescue abused, abandoned or otherwise homeless cats and house them in a safe, healthy and socialized environment until we find new "forever homes" for them.

Board members are expected to be involved in strategic planning, fundraising, and policy decisions for the organization. Board members should have a set of skills to offer in the management of the organization. We would especially like to find someone who could help out with grant writing or fundraising events. The board meets once a month on the 3rd Sunday for a meeting lasting 1.5 to 2 hours.

In the News

Furry Friends was featured in an article in the Columbian Newspaper on April 16th about the smaller shelters around Clark County.

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2020/apr/16/clark-county-animal-shelters-embrace-big-pet-projects/>

Hairy Pawter

12TH ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER

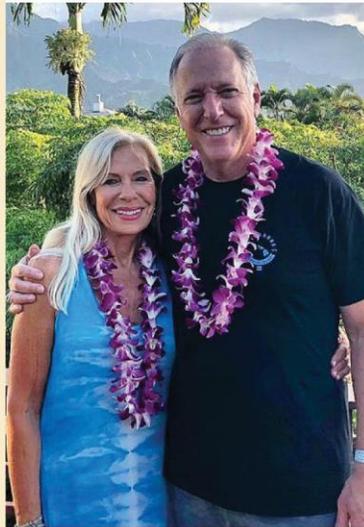
Thank you Glen Aronson of Iron Gate Storage

Glen has been a Premier Sponsor and mentor to Furry Friends for many years.

Hairy Pawter Dinner and Auction
September 19, 2020
The Heathman Lodge
7801 NE Greenwood Dr.
Vancouver, WA 98662

www.FurryFriendsWA.org

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IRON GATE STORAGE

www.irongatestorage.com

Thank you, Glen Aronson of Iron Gate Storage

Glen has been a sponsor and a mentor to Furry Friends for many years now. In addition to his help with our permitting and building program, he has also donated a storage unit for several months every year for us to use to house our auction items. This has been extremely helpful for us to have all of our auction items in one place instead of spread out all over the county in homes of volunteers. This storage unit is in addition to one that he has let us have for year-round use for our general supplies.

Visit www.furryfriendswa.org for sponsorship information.

Visit <https://www.irongatestorage.com/> for more information about Iron Gate Storage.



Furry Friends T-Shirts and Merchandise

<https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>

NEW Hairy Pawter Auction T-Shirts and Merchandise

Furry Friends is proud to offer two new designs with our Hairy Pawter theme. These shirts occasionally go on sale. Please watch our Facebook page for sale dates. So check them out now. When you go to the website you can choose what color and style of shirt you would like. Actually, there are many items that you can have our design printed on such as tank tops, long-sleeved shirts, kids shirts, wall art, phone cases, mugs and more. A portion of your purchase goes to helping abused, abandoned or otherwise homeless cats. Show your support and save the kitties. Watch our Facebook page for sales. Thank you, Jenny Grass for designing these shirts.

Visit <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>

Please join us in supporting Furry Friends and

SAVE THE DATE

September 19, 2020

5 pm - 9 pm • The Heathman Lodge

Hairy Pawter

12TH ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER

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Premier Sponsors:
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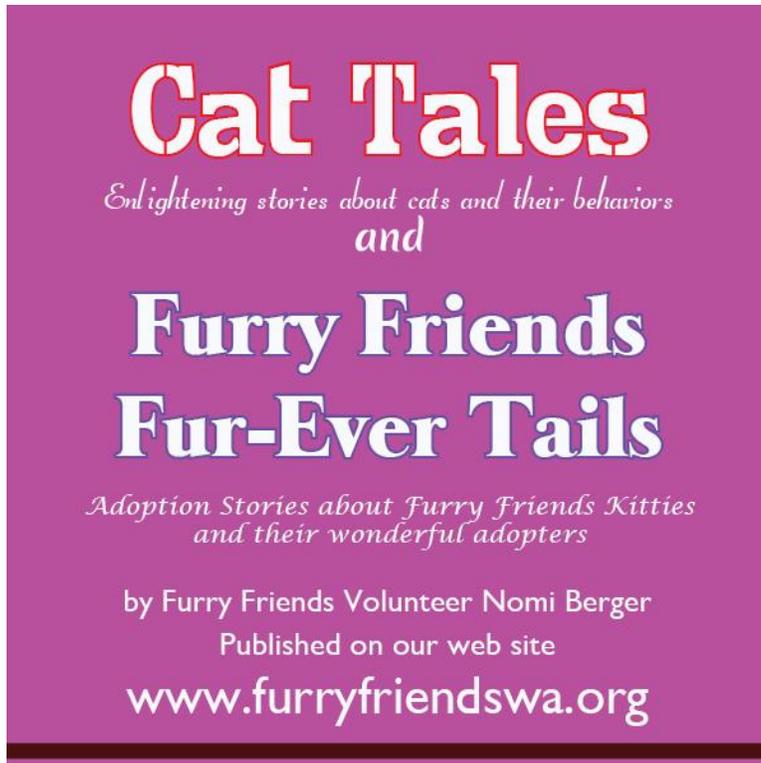
Auction Update

We are hopeful that we will still be able to hold our annual fundraiser in September. We have postponed the auction committee meetings until the shelter at home edict is lifted. If for some reason we are not able to have our physical auction, we will look into having an online auction. If you have ever been a part of the planning for an online auction, would you impart your wisdom to our auction lead Chris Nash (360) 993-1097 ffauction@icloud.com. Meanwhile, we are still collecting items to auction off. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Lisa Baxter at auction@furryfriendswa.org.



We are still working on the parking lot and sidewalk plans. We are still short at least \$50,000 to pay for the project. We are looking into options for acquiring a loan for the shortfall which is something we really don't want to do since our income fluctuates. We are now being required to remove more of our existing landscaping only to replant with new plants. We have been given a landscaping plan and are required to have it professionally executed, so we are taking bids for the job. We are not sure how much this will be adding to

our expenses. If you would like more information, contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097. Or feel free to donate to the cause at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>



Cat Tale stories

Cat educational stories by award winning Furry Friends volunteer Nomi Berger are posted every other Sunday to the Columbian Website, Furry Friends website and Facebook. Part of our mission is to educate people about cats and this is one way that we accomplish it. <http://blogs.columbian.com/cat-tales/>

Furry Friends Fur-Ever Adoption Stories

We are so happy when one of our kitties is adopted into their perfect home. We post adoption stories written by Nomi Berger every other Sunday to our Furry Friends website and Facebook page. You can check them out at <http://furryfriendswa.org/category/adoptions/>



Gifts of Securities

Furry Friends is now able to accept gifts of financial securities, including appreciated securities. **Significant tax benefits may apply to the donation of appreciated securities.** Proceeds from the sale of your donated stock will be used to help the cats we rescue. When planning to make a gift of securities to Furry Friends, please

notify our treasurer Margie McGhee at information@furryfriendswa.org or leave a message at (360) 993-1097.

Stock transfer instructions

Please contact us to learn how to donate your appreciated securities to Furry Friends.

Brokerage Firm: Charles Schwab and Company

Name on Account: Furry Friends

Charles Schwab does not automatically notify us when transfers are made. We want to be sure to acknowledge your support in an accurate and timely way. Once the transfer is made, please notify:

Margie McGhee Treasurer, Furry Friends

information@furryfriendswa.org

Message phone: (360) 993-1097

Mailing Address: 6715 NE 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661

****Please consult with your tax advisor, we cannot provide tax advice****

Thank You

For the first time in our existence we have enough foster parents for our cats and kittens. Thank you so much for stepping up to help. We will let you know when we need more people.



Ongoing Resources

- **FF T-Shirts & Merchandise** <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>
- **Drop off location for items:**
 - **Woodin' You Pampered Paws**, 13305 NE Hwy 99 #102, Vancouver, WA 98686, a fabulous pet care store located in Salmon Creek. The store is open Monday thru Friday from 9am-7pm and Saturday from 9am-6pm.
 - When purchasing something online for the cats and kittens, you can always have it shipped direct to our mailing address: 6715 NE 63rd Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

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<p>Visit our website to find out more about sponsorships www.furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/</p>		

Furry Friends is dependent on the kindness of others to keep us going. Our sponsors have been a tremendous support to us, not only financially but they have also given their time and have worked on projects with us. They are passionate about helping the kitties.

If you would like to find out more about being a sponsor and to see what benefits you can have by being a member of this elite group, take a look on our website furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/

Having trouble receiving the newsletter?

Are you having trouble receiving the monthly newsletter in your inbox? Enter news@furryfriendswa.org into your contact list and that should solve that problem. This newsletter is compiled by Diane Stevens. Let her know if you have any contributions to the next newsletter.

The Executive Committee: This board is the governing body responsible for the operation of Furry Friends. Members are all volunteers and meet once a month. Feel free to contact any member of the committee if you have questions, comments or suggestions at information@furryfriendswa.org or leave a message at (360) 993-1097.

Jaimie Garver, President, Operations, Community Events, Grants, Financials

Linda Rader, Vice President and Adoption/Foster Coordinator

Diane Stevens, Public Relations and Marketing, auction, social media, newsletters, photography, creative director

Marci Koski, Feline behaviorist

Margie McGhee, Secretary and Treasurer

Dena Hugh, Foster assistant

OPEN BOARD POSITION: Park Event Lead and Fundraising

Other Leadership:

Sandi Long, Grants, property management

Malinda Goldbeck, Volunteer Coordinator

Sandra Bush, Licensed Vet Tech, Medical lead

Marion Edwards, Yard maintenance, adoption events, lead socializer

Chris Nash, Auction Lead