

THE MEWS

Online News for all the
friends of Furry Friends
November 2019

Furry
Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats
20 Years of Saving Cats and Kittens

Hello Friends,

Well the holiday season is upon us. We are busy with a number of end-of-the-year fundraisers. There is never a dull moment at Furry Friends. And we still have a ton of kittens, over 40 to be exact. Kitten season just keeps on going.



Bella



Gin



Twinkle



Adoptions

There were 19 adoptions between October 7th and November 4th. Congratulations to Andre, Archie, Bella, Carl, Darling, Gigi, Gin, Gizmo, Khaleesi, Mae, Martine, Matilda, Maude, Monroe, Morrissey, Murphy, Star, Tika, and Twinkle.



Volunteer spotlight:

Dena Hugh has been volunteering with us for the past four years. She's an awesome foster mom to Diego, Duncan (pictured) and Dexter - and two other permanent fosters she houses, Oliver and Mini. Dena has five cats of her own and has fostered over 100 cats. She's also a member of Vancouver's dragon boat racing team. Thank you, Dena, for everything you do for the kitties in your care!



Ann Allen

Ann Allen is a Reiki Master who works with both animals and people. She is now volunteering with Furry Friends once a week. She really understands what is going on with the cats and has made a difference in some of our kitties that are having a harder time adjusting to shelter life. We are appreciative of all of Ann's skills.

'TIS THE Season OF Giving



Giving Trees are coming

Every year around November and December a few businesses hold Giving Trees for Furry Friends. A giving tree is a worthwhile fundraiser for stocking up food and supplies for the kitties. Furry Friends supplies the business with printed wish lists, cat posters and information about our organization. We also provide them with digital graphics and information they can share on their social media. The customers of that business bring in items and put it in a box for us. Or they can order things online for us.

So far participating businesses will be Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery, Front Door Realty, Cats Play While You're Away Boarding, Three Creeks Companion Pet, Mud Bay and Claus Paws Animal Hospital. If you would like your business to host a giving tree, please contact Diane Stevens at news@furryfriendswa.org. This is an important time for us to build up our cat food and supplies for the house. Every dollar that we don't spend on supplies goes to helping the kitties' medical expenses. You can find our wish list on our website; push the Holiday Donations button <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>.



**December
3, 2019**



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#GIVINGTUESDAY™

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Giving Tuesday is December 3rd

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, this year's #GivingTuesday will take place on Tuesday, December 3rd, and will kick off the giving season by inspiring people to collaborate and give back.

Furry Friends is a no-kill cat rescue, which means that we spend a lot of money to take care of medical issues for the cats. In 2018 we spent over \$126,000 to take care of the medical needs of 200 cats in our care. Our medical expenses for 2019 are running about the same as last year. Please consider making a donation on December 3rd to help the kitties <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>.



Ravenpaw Fundraiser

We recently made the decision to take in Ravenpaw, a beautiful 7-month-old male kitten with TWO BROKEN BACK LEGS! We knew he was going to be expensive, but we felt this is something we should do. After meeting Ravenpaw, there was no question that we were going to get him the medical care he needs. His surgery was over \$5,000, but the vet is confident that Ravenpaw will regain all function. One leg required a plate at the hip and the other was just a broken leg that needed to be reset and pinned. There will be a 4-6-week recovery period. He will stay at a foster's house during that time. He will have the staples taken out on November 19th and then more X-Rays taken on December 19th. We already have a couple adoption applications for him.

His foster mom says this about him, "Ravenpaw (named after a cat from the Warrior series by Erin Hunter) is a very happy boy with a sunny personality. He loves attention and loves to be petted. He uses his paws almost like hands, pulling things toward him when he's eating. He wraps his paws around your arm or hands and gives you a hug. Even with two broken legs, he didn't complain and purred loudly all the while. He eats up his pain meds with no issue and is just a happy, joyful kitten."

If you would like to donate to help pay for his medical needs, you can do so through our secure website <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> or through our fundraiser on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/donate/783902448713265/>.



Michelle and Gizmo

Gizmo Has Been Adopted

Gizmo is a Persian cat that came to us in very bad shape. He needed a lot of everything to fix him up. In fact, he was one of our most expensive cats so far. Michelle Avdienko had the task of being his foster mom. Many wanted to adopt him but we needed to find just the right fit for him and his medical issues. Here is the heartwarming story from Michelle.

“Today was by far the best fostering moment I have ever had. To see him go to his forever home with such a truly special family and see this truly happy ending was monumental!

“Seeing how much work the volunteers of Furry Friends put in to help this very deserving guy was remarkable. Many thousands of dollars, many personal sacrifices such as early in the morning emergency phone calls – right, Sandy?! Many hours waiting at CRVS and trips to Longview and much more.

“Gizmo now has such a better shot at a beautiful life! We know for certain he will be so deeply loved. Sigh...life is good. Much love to all of you for your hard work helping him! It really paid off! Though we are gonna miss that little bugger! ♥”

Truly,
Michelle



Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap Fundraiser

This fundraiser will be held at the Barnes & Noble 4th Plain location on Sat., Nov 30, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm. Come by and visit the volunteers. We wrap packages and the people give us donations. Please contact Julie Goldbeck, at information@furryfriendswa.org if you have questions about this event.



Parking Lot Project

We're one step closer to completing our parking lot project. On November 5th, we hired a tree service to remove two large trees where our parking lot is to be located. We also had dead branches cut from some of the larger trees and five old tree stumps removed. Because fall was on its way by the time the City approved our project, we'll have to wait until spring to do anything else. The delay, although disappointing, gives us more time to raise the remaining funds needed for the project.

We have already spent over \$40,000 on engineers, civil engineers, architects, permits, fees for studies, and the list goes on. We still have \$120,000 set aside for the project, but we need to raise an estimated \$30,000 more to cover expenses. We are applying for a line of credit with our bank, but we'd like to avoid doing so if possible. If you'd like to help us with this project, you can make a secure donation on our website at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>

Wish List



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Furry Friends

Dinner and Auction

We have a wish list on AmazonSmile of items we are hoping to acquire for our upcoming Hairy Pawter Silent and Live auction that will be held on September 19, 2020.

Please take a look and see if there is anything you would like to donate to the auction.

All funds made at the auction go to the care and housing of the cats.

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Auction Donations

We know it is early to be asking for auction donations. We wanted to get our wish list out now because of Black Friday, holiday sales and end-of-the-year sales. We have a wish list on AmazonSmile of items we are hoping to acquire for our upcoming Furry Friends Hairy Pawter Silent and Live Auction that will be held on September 19, 2020. Please take a look and see if there is anything you would like to donate to the auction. All funds made at the auction go to the care and housing of the cats.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U8IJMWPk1Tj4?ref=wl_share

Make sure you link your Amazon purchases to Furry Friends Amazon Smile account so we will receive a portion of your purchase amount.

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/djMZeYO?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_JKNt0LpKY042J

Online Purchases

When purchasing something online for the cats and kittens, you can always have it shipped directly to our mailing address: 6715 NE 63rd Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661. Chewy.com and Amazon Smile smile.amazon.com/ are good online sources for some of these items.



ROAR FUNDRAISER

ROAR is a cat shop located in NE Portland on Alberta Street. They say, “We started a fundraiser this summer where \$1 from the sale of each of our ROAR stickers, buttons, patches, and magnets will go to a nonprofit helping cats. We’ll be selecting a different recipient each quarter. Our preferred focus is the smaller groups that are volunteer-run.

We so admire the work that you at Furry Friends are doing for cats and kittens in need, and we’ve selected Furry Friends WA as the recipient for this upcoming quarter! We’re excited to see how much money we can raise for you through the end of the year. :-)”

Come by and visit this very cool cat store: ROAR, 3012 NE Alberta Street, Portland, OR 97211, 503-894-9575
<https://roarcats.com/>.



Vet Tech Appreciation Week

October 13 to 19 was Vet Tech Appreciation Week. In honor of that, Clark County Today ran an article about our vet tech, Sandy Bush. We are so appreciative of her skills and her sacrifice of time for Furry Friends. But she doesn’t do it alone, she has a great medical team helping her which consists of Donna Hooker, Linda Rader, Tammie Williams and assorted other helpers. We are still looking for some additional vet tech help so Sandy won’t have to work so many hours. Read her article here:

<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/lifestyles/spotlight-sandra-bush-vet-tech-extraordinaire/>.

Attention All VET TECHS

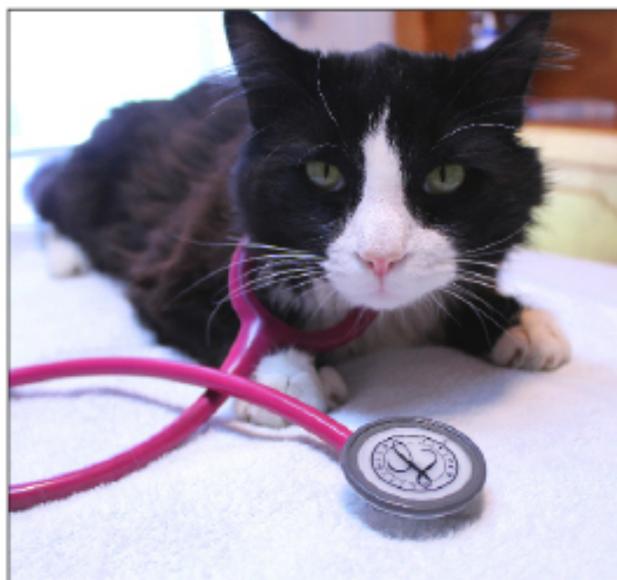
Furry Friends needs YOU!

*Crazy about cats? Not enough hair
on your clothes already?*

If you are a veterinary technician wanting to give back to your community, then Furry Friends would like to talk to you. The cats, kittens and good folks at Furry Friends are looking for a qualified volunteer veterinary technician to help with the medical duties. This position would require about 2-4 (or more if you have it to give) hours a week assisting in wellness exams for the cats and kittens. The hours would be flexible. You would be assisting our full time vet tech volunteer.

Our shelter is located in central Vancouver, Washington and is closed to the public.

The main mission of Furry Friends is finding forever homes for the kitties in our care, but we need qualified people in these key positions to make that happen. You will be rewarded in purrs and meows by all the furry guests and make some great



relationships with the other dedicated volunteers.

Furry Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, no-kill organization that rescues and adopts out homeless, relinquished, and abused cats in Clark County, Washington. We care for the kitties as long as it takes to find their forever home. We are an all-volunteer organization; there is no paid staff.

For more information contact
information@furryfriendswa.org
or leave a message at (360) 993-1097.
Visit our web site www.furryfriendswa.org to
see what Furry Friends is all about.

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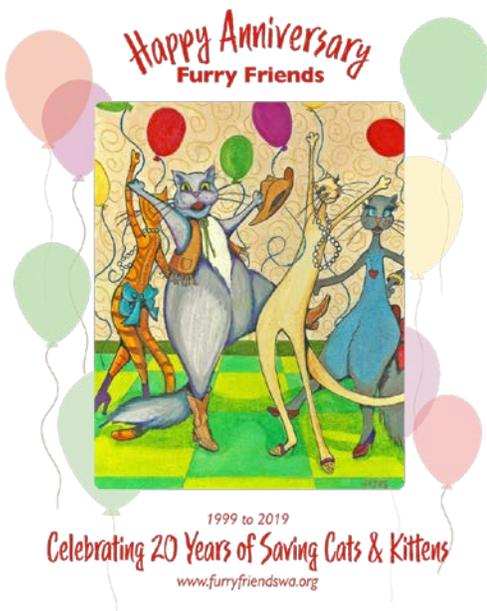


Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Furry Friends.

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