

THE MEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends November 2020

Furry
Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

Hello Friends,

Can you believe November is here already? We may be past our big fundraisers but we have not slowed down at all. Adoptions continue to keep us hopping. Available kittens and cats don't stay with us for very long. It takes us longer to get the adult cats through quarantine than it does to adopt them.



Clara



Pumpkin Pie



Salem



Endora

Adoptions

We have adopted out 35 cats from September 27 to October 21, 2020. We continue to adopt out a record number of cats and kittens every month. We still have about 30 kittens on our roster that are looking for homes. Our adoption fee is \$100 for a cat over one year old and \$130 for a kitten. If you adopt a second cat or kitten at the same time there is a discount of 50% on the second cat/kitten. Visit our cats and kittens on Petfinder https://www.petfinder.com/search/pets-for-adoption/?shelter_id%5B0%5D=WA12&sort%5B0%5D=recently_added



Furry Friends to Participate in GIVING Tuesday!

We ask for your support on Tuesday, December 1, during GIVING TUESDAY online fundraising challenge. We plan to raise funds 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 bills of cats like

GIVING TUESDAY will launch at 12am on Tuesday, December 1 and will last until the stroke of midnight. You can make your tax-deductible donation count by making it through <http://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> on that day.

Wouldn't it be amazing if on #BlackFriday



CatTime.com
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All the homeless black kitties found homes?

Black Cats Go With Everything

Did you know that black cats have the lowest adoption rate for all the kitties? There are no solid reasons why. Some people are superstitious and some like more colorful cats. Black cats are harder to photograph and don't show up well in pictures, and the list goes on. Furry Friends now has a number of awesome and beautiful black cats and kittens. You can see our available cats on Petfinder https://www.petfinder.com/search/pets-for-adoption/?shelter_id%5B0%5D=WA12&sort%5B0%5D=recently_added

Black Friday

In addition to thinking of our black cats and adoptions, we are tuning into what a shopping opportunity Black Friday November 27 will be. We think about our annual auction all year long. We never stop. If you are thinking of donating an item to the upcoming auction in September 2021, Black Friday may be a good opportunity to snag an item at a good price. We have an auction wish list on Amazon and if you go through your Amazon Smile account we will get an additional percentage of your purchase price. Check out the wish list at

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U8IJMWPK1TJ4?ref=wl_share

Thank you to everyone who supported the Jamba Juice Fundraiser for Furry Friends. It is much appreciated. We raised \$250 for the kitties.



Giving Trees

Usually at this time of the year we start lining up businesses to hold Giving Trees for us, but with the pandemic and many places shut down, we were not sure what we could do. Mud Bay will be holding a Giving Tree for us. If you know of a business that is willing to hold one for us, let us know at news@furryfriendswa.org.

We supply a box to collect donations of cat food or other supplies that we need. We also supply a small display board telling about Furry Friends and our wish list. The Giving Trees are instrumental in building up our supplies for the kitties. For 2019 we spent over \$21,000 on cat food alone and we are trending about the same for 2020. The Giving Trees are good vehicles for collecting cat food. Feel free to look at our wish list and you can donate items any time <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> (scroll towards the bottom of the page).



Courtney (Nic) Andrus,
Vet Tech



Tricia Jones,
Vet Tech



Molly McDonald,
Vet Tech



Dr. Ann Langer
Relief Veterinarian



Jaimie Garver, President,
Med Team Coordinator



Jenn Hutchman,
Vet Tech Assistant



Cassandra Carpenter,
Vet Tech Assistant



Linda Radar, Vice Pres.,
Foster Lead, Kitten List



Brandi Crase, in training
as a Vet Assistant



Sara Thompson,
Vet Tech Assistant

Medical Staff

Our medical staff is essential to Furry Friends. We want you to see who is taking care of the needs of our cats and kittens. Tricia and Courtney are our regular Vet Techs, and Molly will be coming back to assist in the Vet Tech duties. Sara, Jenn, Jaimie and Cassandra are Vet Tech Assistants, Linda helps with the data as well as her other duties as VP and Foster Lead and Dr Ann Langer serves as our Veterinarian on call and advisor.



Save the Date

Can you believe we are in the planning stage for the next auction already? It never stops. Hopefully things will be back to normal and we can have an in-person auction September 25, 2021, at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver. For the next several months we will focus on securing big-ticket items. It takes all year to accumulate auction items and to work out the details. It is never too early to start planning for this event.

We ask for your help in either providing auction items or soliciting business for items. We are especially looking auction items such as trips, vacation places, experiences and expensive items. We can always use more items that would appeal to men such as hunting, fishing, BBQ, camping, sports memorabilia, smart TVs, car items and services, tools and electronics. We ask that donations be valued at \$40 or more and we need to receive them by August 1, 2021. We are trying to focus on quality rather than quantity. We only have space for about 100 silent auction items so we want to get as much as we can for each item. Things do not have to be cat themed; our guests have many interests in addition to cats.

Procurement Questions: Lisa auction@furryfriendswa.org

Auction Questions: Chris ffauction@icloud.com

Sponsorship Information: Diane news@furryfriendswa.org

The Columbian Newspaper ran a short recap on our Hairy Pawter Auction

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2020/oct/17/furry-friends-finds-funds-for-felines/>.



Furry Friends Halfway House

Halfway House Location

The address for our Halfway House is confidential; we are not open to the public. Since we are an all volunteer organization, we don't have the staff to keep regular hours. Our house is small and is not suited for public access. Also, once a shelter makes their address known, people dump their unwanted cats, dogs, guinea pigs and other animals. We cannot accommodate any unplanned animals. However you are always free to make an appointment with us to come and see the cats.

Painted Poles

Our new parking lot is finished and we have painted a couple boring poles with a whimsical design. They are sure to bring a smile to your face even before you make it into the house. We would like to thank Diane Stevens for her artistic talent.

Yard Helpers

We would like to assemble a roster of people willing to help in either routine yard maintenance or yard projects. Routine duties would include weeding, raking up leaves and needles. We are also looking for a volunteer to take on the lead position for overseeing our yard and the work that needs to be done. Contact Marion Edwards if you are interested in the lead position or being a helper (360) 993-1097 volunteer@furryfriendswa.org or fill out a volunteer application on our website <https://furryfriendswa.org/volunteer/>.

Hydroseed

Above and Beyond Hydroseed came and seeded the Halfway House back yard. Thank you to Jim Martin who paid for the job. Jim and Sandi Long report that this company was great to work with. Our back yard will look wonderful. It will be perfect for a summer BBQ if we can get past this pandemic.



Please Consider a
Monthly Donation for the kitties
<https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>

\$11
per month

Can fund a **microchip** to help reunite a cat to his new family.



\$22
per month

Can fund a **Rabies vaccine** to promote a healthy start to life.



\$72
per month

Can fund a **neuter surgery** to reduce the overwhelming cat population.



\$110
per month

Can fund a **spay surgery** to reduce the overwhelming cat population.



\$250
per month

Can fund a **dental cleaning** to help prevent worse teeth problems going forward.



Every gift saves lives. Please make a onetime gift if you are not able to make a monthly commitment.

Automatic Monthly Donations

Furry Friends works tirelessly to put an end to cat homelessness and neglect. You can help us with our fight to take in cats and kittens and give them a second chance at life. Your automatic monthly gift is an easy way to make a difference for cats all year long.

Furry Friends provides for cat housing and medical care, and helps up to 200 cats find loving homes every year. Your regular monthly gift allows us to spend less time fundraising—and more time saving lives. Any amount helps. You can choose to give as low as \$5 a month, it is up to you.

Every gift saves lives. Please make a onetime gift if you are not able to make a monthly commitment. Visit our website to make your one time gift our choose to have a reoccurring monthly gift

<https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>

Ongoing Resources

- **FF T-Shirts & Merchandise** <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>
- **Email:** information@furryfriendswa.org
- **Message Phone:** [360-993-1097](tel:360-993-1097)
- **Website:** furryfriendswa.org
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/furryfriendswa We post daily news to this site
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- **Amazon Wish List:**
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LRQ3ZN53UZ7R/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist&pldnSite=1
- **Amazon Auction Wish List:** https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U8IJMWPK1TJ4?ref=wl_share
- **Petfinder adoptable FF cats:** https://www.petfinder.com/search/pets-for-adoption/?shelter_id%5B0%5D=WA12&sort%5B0%5D=recently_added.
- **Mailing Address:** 6715 NE 63rd St, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661
- *(Our shelter address is not published; it is open by appointment only)*
- **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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Furry Friends is dependent upon the kindness of our friends and sponsors to keep us going. Thank you all for supporting the kitties.

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.

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

Julie Goldbeck, Halfway House Committee Lead person

Other Leadership:

Sandi Long, Property management

Malinda Goldbeck, Volunteer Coordinator

Marion Edwards, Adoption events, lead socializer

Chris Nash, Auction Lead