

THE NEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends September 2020

Furry
Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

Hello Friends,

September is a big month for us. We have been working all year on our annual auction and it is finally happening beginning September 12. Then right after that we will be participating in Give More 24 on September 24. On top of that we have been adopting out cats and kittens like crazy. It sure has kept us busy. And we finally have a place to park at our Halfway House.



Duchess



Cheeto



The 'T' Litter

Adoptions

We have adopted out 31 cats and kittens from August 4 to 26, 2020.

There are too many to list, but the biggest news is that Duchess was adopted. Her new dad drove down from Seattle to pick her up. He is over the top in love with this girl and is willing to take care of her the way she needs for her health and wellbeing. We have been adopting out cats and kittens at a fast rate, something that has kept everyone extremely busy. As soon as we adopt out a litter of kittens, we take in a new mom and babies.



New Parking Lot Near Completion!

After four years in the planning stage we finally have a parking lot and it looks great. Who ever knew a parking lot could make someone happy. It was a lot of hard work and we would like to thank both Sandi Long and Glen Aronson for all their work, patience, and expertise and more in dealing with this project. We would like to thank Jonathan Christopher of Christophers Custom Concrete for being such a joy to work with. Now all that is left is the landscaping. The city has mandated that it be professionally done and they have specific demands on how, where, what kind of vegetation etc goes into this. We have just found a landscaper to do the job for \$11,000. This is a lot of money but it is half as much as the other bids have come in for. We had one bid as high as \$25,000. The landscaper will start work in September. Soon we can put this project behind and concentrate more on the cats.



SCPS Spa Fundraiser

Each year Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery does what it can to support Furry Friends. Dr Virginia Huang will again be hosting a spa fundraiser for us **from September 7 to 11**. Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery will **donate 20% of all Spa proceeds** to Furry Friends. Book your appointment now. You can see the full line of services on their web site. Some procedures include facials, waxings, botox and lash and brow procedures. Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery is located at 13712 NE 10th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98685. Call (360) 823-0860 to book your appointment, or visit <http://www.salmoncreekps.com/> for more information. She does this fundraiser in conjunction with our auction. Check out the spa video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMomUCZTAkE&feature=youtu.be>

A promotional graphic for the 'Hairy Pawter' online auction fundraiser. On the left, a cartoon cat wearing glasses, a white surgical mask, and a graduation cap and gown is holding a pencil. The background is a mix of yellow and red diagonal stripes and a tan color. The text reads: 'You're Invited to Hairy Pawter' in a stylized font. Below that, it says 'Furry Friends 12th ANNUAL AUCTION FUNDRAISER An Online Event'. The event dates are 'Auction opens September 12th at 8 am & closes September 19th at 9 pm' with the website 'www.32auctions.com/Hairypawter2020'. At the bottom, it lists sponsors: 'PRESENTED BY Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery & Iron Gate Storage', 'Platinum Sponsor: Law Offices of Mila Boyd', 'Gold Sponsor: Riverview Bank', and 'Silver Sponsors: Pacific NW Specialty Pharmacy, Feline Behavior Solutions, & Portland Local 8 FCU'.

Countdown to the Hairy Pawter ONLINE Auction

You should have received your invitation in the mail. Our ONLINE auction will be held September 12 to 19 which is located at www.32auctions.com/Hairypawter2020. There are lots of great items for you to bid on. You will be able to pick up your winnings at a location in the Salmon Creek area of Clark County, or we can deliver to the Clark County and Portland Metro area. All funds earned at the auction go to the care and housing of the cats. Check out our video about the auction narrated by our sponsor Dr. Virginia Huang <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjYTwq9TMFI&feature=youtu.be>

Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery and Iron Gate Storage are Premiere Sponsors for the event. Other sponsors include Uptown Law (Platinum Sponsor), Riverview Community Bank and Front Door Realty (Gold Sponsors), Pacific NW Specialty Pharmacy, Feline Behavior Solutions, Jared Cook and Portland Local 8 Federal Credit Union (Silver Sponsors). Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery will hold a spa fundraiser for Furry Friends the week before the auction begins. If you would like to be a sponsor for next year's auction, please email news@furryfriendswa.org for more information.

Visit our auction website at www.32auctions.com/Hairypawter2020. You will not be able to place any bids until September 12, but you can see the items as we load them in. Questions? auction@furryfriendswa.org.



The onsite Peace and Justice Fair has been canceled this year. We usually have a booth there. But they are trying to do an online virtual event. They have developed a web page just for Furry Friends. Check it out here: <https://vancouverpeaceandjusticefair.org/furry-friends/>.



Give More 24 will be here before you know it.

Thursday, September 24
Furry Friends is looking for people to contribute matching donations.

Give More 24 is Coming!

Furry Friends is excited to announce we're participating in the online fundraising challenge Give More 24 on **Thursday, September 24**. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to cover the unexpected, extraordinary medical expenses of the cats in our care. As you know, we're committed to providing the best possible medical care for the cats we rescue before they're placed in their forever homes.

Suzie Q, a sweet four-month-old tuxedo kitten, seemed happy and healthy when she came to us. However, soon after she arrived, she was diagnosed with an infection in her left eye, which had to be removed the day after Christmas. Needless to say, the surgery was not cheap, costing over \$3,000. But Suzie Q was already in our care and surgery was necessary to save this precious little girl's life.

Last November, we rescued Ravenpaw, a loving seven-month-old male kitten with two broken back legs. His former foster mom said, "Even with two broken legs, he didn't complain and purred loudly all the while." His surgery cost over \$5,000, but he regained full function in his legs and is now living the life in his forever home.

SAVE THE DATE : September 24, 2020

**GIVE
MORE!
24**



and

UPTOWN INJURY LAW
MILA BOYD ATTORNEY AT LAW

A winning combination. Julie Baldino of Front Door Realty has offered \$1000 in matching funds & Mila Boyd of Uptown Injury Law will be offering \$500 in matching funds for this upcoming event.

Matching Funds for Give More 24

We're also happy to announce that Julie Baldino of Front Door Realty has pledged \$1000 in matching funds and Mila Boyd of Uptown Injury Law has pledged \$500 in matching funds to help with our cats' medical needs!

To learn more about Furry Friends and Give More 24 go to:

<https://www.givemore24.org/organizations/furry-friends>



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Help Furry Friends earn cash when you shop using your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. This takes nothing away from your Rewards Points, fuel points or rebates. They just mailed us a check for \$283.15. We can use every penny.

Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Furry Friends at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Check the animal category and search for "Furry Friends" or by our nonprofit number SX434. If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store. For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards

Every year in August Fred Meyer requires you to choose your favorite non-profit. Furry Friends appreciates you choosing them each year.



Hairy Pawter
12TH ANNUAL
AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Thank you Jared Cook for becoming a Silver Sponsor.

Jared Cook the Cat Groomer
Call/Text to make an appointment
Phone: (360)581-7997
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**Hairy Pawter
ONLINE Auction
September
12th to 19th, 2020**

32auctions.com/HairyPawter2020
www.FurryFriendsWA.org



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Jared the Cat Groomer

Thank you Jared Cook the Cat Groomer

We would like to thank Jared Cook for becoming a Silver sponsor for Furry Friends.

Jared says this about his cat grooming business “When your favorite feline is in need of some purr-fect pampering, I can help. I’m Jared the Cat Groomer, and providing top-quality cat grooming services is what I do. When you bring your kitty in for a grooming session, I’ll usually begin with a bath and a brush out. Depending on your cat’s needs and your personal preferences, though, additional services are available.”

Call/Text to make an appointment (360)581-7997, Jaredthecatgroomer@gmail.com

Visit his website to see what Jared has to offer and you can book an appointment on the site. www.Jaredthecatgroomer.com



Our newer board members have been featured in both the Columbian Newspaper and Clark County Today.

8/16/20 **The Columbian** – Business briefs on our newest board members
<https://www.columbian.com/news/2020/aug/16/clark-county-business-briefing-165/>

8/10/2020 **Clark County Today** – Newest FF Board Members <https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/people/furry-friends-announces-board-of-directors-changes/?fbclid=IwAR334WF5g61D5DHdZp9UlxjvNcmmRlVPip2SqKP1N1kaRmZoRgGuuEseDyY>

MAKE A MEMORIAL DONATION



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.

Some recent memorial donations:

Betty C Oehler donated in memory of Meghan Gibbs

Cheryll & Jerry Borgaard donated in memory of Butters Bowman, their grandkitty.

Denise Bergman donated in memory of her son's dog Chewy, a kind, very gentle pit bull.

The Furry Friends WEBSITE is down!

Please use our email address
to request adoption applications
or for any other information you are looking for.

information@furryfriendswa.org

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We have run into some issues with our website and are switching it over to another host. It may not be up and running until September 5th or so. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you need an application for adoption or volunteering, please email us and request a form. If you have any other questions email is probably the best way. Information@FurryFriendsWA.org, or leave a message on our phone (360) 993-1097.



Spotlight on Brooke Petersen

Introducing Brooke, the multi-talented, Japanese speaking, cat volunteering college student of the Monday halfway house shift! She has been volunteering since the summer of 2017 when she was debating what type of service to do for her high school's National Honor Society. "I was most interested in working more with animals," she said. "I have four cats of my own and feel more comfortable around them. So, a cat shelter seemed like the best fit for me!" Now she spends a couple hours each week at the halfway house cleaning as well as checking on food/water in the rooms. She has also been one of the brave souls who risk the wrath of a cat uninterested in taking their mouthful of Clavamox meds or applying eye drops. While she doesn't necessarily find her tasks challenging, Brooke says that "it's tough seeing cats get returned that have really sweet personalities but didn't mesh well with their new owners". Despite the inevitable sad moments we experience at the House, however, we all have something that brings us back week after week to these kitties. Brooke gives her time and effort because she says that, "Mainly I just love the cats; it feels great to know that the animals you're helping out will hopefully find homes of their own and people that love them rather than being stuck on the street." Her favorite part is the other volunteers. She says that she has met great people through Furry Friends. Oh: and of course, the cats!

Outside of Furry Friends, as stated before, Brooke is an office aide and Japanese tutor at Clark College. Essentially, her job as an office aide is to greet students as they come in and get them paired with a tutor. Sometimes, she *is* the tutor, helping students navigate the intricacies of the Japanese language. She is a student herself at Clark, where classes like Biology have helped her realize an interest in conservation. While learning about a mammal called the Pika and conducting surveying for the Oregon zoo, Brooke recalls "it really opened my eyes to the struggle of local wildlife nearby rather than just endangered animals across the globe." Outside of school, Brooke has four older cats at home that, she quotes, "loves to death". She loves art and women's soccer.

We'll end with an answer that I'm sure someone has been thinking of. What happened to Bernie, the feisty calico who used to be a halfway house resident? Well, Brooke can help shed light on the situation. It also happens to be her proudest moment as a volunteer. She helped her grandparents adopt a cat. Guess who it was! That's right: Bernie. "she [Bernie] is a perfect pet for them, particularly with my grandpa," she explains. "He wasn't sure about getting a pet, but now she's his constant companion". Thank you, Brooke, for not only cleaning up after the cats, but getting one of them a home. May you volunteer for us for many years to come!

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
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/furryfriendswa
- **Instagram:** instagram.com/furryfriendswa/
- **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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