



# FOREVER HOME

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## CASA Mission Statement:

The mission of CASA is to find loving Forever Homes for all of our healthy adoptable animals. We strive to provide quality care and service to the animals and people of our community while encouraging and promoting responsible pet ownership.



## Message From The Shelter Manager

Most of you know CASA helps pets on the island, but you may not know about the lives of other pets we have helped change. The shelter has times when we do a great job of getting the word out about our pets so they find homes quickly. Recently, we have had times when our dog kennels are almost empty. Although empty dog kennels leave a smile on the staff's faces because those dogs found homes, we can't help but think of it as wasted space, space that could be used to help other dogs. We see the faces of wonderful dogs sitting at overcrowded shelters getting closer to the day they may lose their life just because they are lost in the sea of homeless dogs or due to how they look. When people stop in at CASA to see dogs and we don't have any, we feel those people may be the home those dogs on borrowed time are waiting for.

Because of this, CASA takes dogs from other shelters whenever we can. Many of these dogs were days away from euthanasia and because of CASA are now beloved members of adoptive homes. Since we do this only when space is available, transferring in animals from other shelters never impacts our ability to help pets from Camano. CASA is proud to be in a position to help animals from other shelters when we have the ability to do so. Please take a moment to view our adoptable pets and read about each pet's journey that led them to the helping hands of CASA.

CASA alumni, Lennox, Fiona Apple, Beatrice, Oracle, Comet, Tinsel, Nuke, Sparrow, Merlin, Chewy, Dolce, Penny, Mekya, Peter, ChaCha, Zeus, Willy; as well as current adoptable dogs Argo and Choco are some of the pets who came from other shelters and got their second chance at CASA.

Tegan Locker, Shelter Manager

## Tom's Ongoing Story

**Tom's story has many chapters, but right now he's waiting for the one that begins, "So Tom has found his Forever Home..."**

Tom came to CASA in March of 2010 because his owner became very ill and was unable to care for him any longer. Because he is so regal and striking, the staff assumed that Tom would be quickly adopted. Unfortunately, this didn't happen because although Tom is a loving cat, he is the one who chooses when it is "loving time." Tom has what the people who work at CASA call "cattitude" and he was a bit bossy to the other CASA cats. As a result, each night before everyone left, it became necessary to place him alone into one of the large kennels in the cat room.



One October morning Tom had a freak accident. While being removed from his kennel, his leg got wedged in it somehow. By the time he was extricated his rear right leg had been damaged. When it was discovered how severe the injury was Tom was taken to the vet where his leg was placed into a soft cast in hopes that it would heal on its own. After some time had passed we were faced with the reality that this approach did not work. Tom was getting around, but the ankle joint was non-functional and caused him considerable discomfort and pain. After consulting with a few veterinarians, it was decided that Tom's leg had to be amputated. A plea was posted on the CASA website asking for funds to pay for Tom's surgery. CASA's great supporters rose to the occasion and donated \$1253, well above the requested \$850.

As time continued, Tom continued to heal. He was reexamined, X-rayed again, and a second opinion was obtained. Now Tom's leg had reached a point where he could be a candidate for fusion of the damaged bone along with a plate to strengthen it. The specialist, Dr. O'Rourke of the Animal Care Center in Mount Vernon, felt this would be a better approach for Tom since he is a senior and having all four legs in his old age would clearly be best for him.

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This little dog appears slightly nervous and timid - worried what the future will bring. He ended up living happily ever after with a loving new Forever Home.

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In early February, Tom was operated on by Dr. O'Rourke. While he was working his magic, Dr. O'Rourke also took the time to clean up some arthritic areas in Tom's body. His surgery went very well and he returned to the shelter where he spent time in our quiet isolation room in a large kennel. He remained on "bed rest" for awhile. Tom has settled back into life at CASA now in his new personal room. Now that he is feeling better Tom has mellowed out quite a bit.

One year after arriving at CASA, he again waits for someone special to adopt him. He still needs a home where he can be an only cat - he still wants to be king of his castle. Please stop by the shelter to meet Tom and help him start the final chapter of his story.



Tom appears much smaller in this photo. It was taken after he lost quite a bit of weight caused by his damaged leg.

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Thank you to all of the veterinarians who provided consultations and opinions and thank you especially to Dr. O'Rourke who helped Tom make this step in his life (*on all four feet*). Finally, we recognize that we would never be able to help animals like Tom without the generous help we receive from CASA's supporters when it is needed.

## Did You Know?

### Generous Award

CASA received a \$5,000 from the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians citing our "service and dedication to the community." We are very thankful to them.



### Available Pets Appear on Website Immediately

Using CASA's new PetPoint software, when an animal becomes available for adoption, it is immediately available on the CASA website. The new software updates Petango.com, the online pet listing service that helps people find adoptable pets, their pictures, information, and the stories staff write for them. You can easily find all of our adoptable pets on the CASA website, [camanoanimalshelter.org](http://camanoanimalshelter.org). We will continue to update Petfinder.com, another online pet listing service, but since these updates must be posted manually these updates will take more time and will be used as needed.

### Lost Pets Displayed on Website

If your pet is lost, contact the shelter and the CASA staff will help you file a Missing Pet Report if your pet is not currently at the shelter. Your missing pet's picture and description will be displayed on our Lost Pets Page. Since CASA is one of over 1,300 shelters using Petango's Lost & Found program we will submit a lost pet notification that is sent to Petango.com and all Petango Lost & Found subscribers in your area. The email includes pictures and a detailed profile of your dog or cat to help subscribers identify and find your pet.

### Animal Videos

Thanks to a donation of a video camera, we can bring you clips of our dogs enjoying themselves in the yard and cats/kittens roaming free in the shelter. By clicking on the **YouTube** button on the Home page, you will be able to see videos of dogs and cats at CASA.

**Have you adopted from CASA? Send us an email message and with a photo of your pet and we'll include it in our next newsletter! Please be sure to include the full name of your pet and the month/year adopted. Have a Happy Tail? Send that also. CASA's email address is [CASA@camanoanimalshelter.org](mailto:CASA@camanoanimalshelter.org).**



### Mark Your Calendar!

#### CASA Friends

First Thursday of each month  
7 PM at the Camano Center

Join us as we plan this year's events:

#### Bake and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7th

#### Flea Market

Saturday, June 4th

#### Car Wash

Saturday, June 25th

#### Twin City Idlers

Sunday, June 26th

#### Poochpalooza

Saturday, July 9th

#### Art by the Bay

Saturday-Sunday, July 9th -10th

#### Car Collector's Show

Saturday, August 13th

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CASA Dog Wash

Saturday, August 20th

### THANK YOU BUSINESS MEMBERS!

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- Bee Bookkeeping and Income Tax Services
- Blackbird Cafe
- Camano Body Shop, Inc.
- Camano Island Pet Grooming Salon
- Camano Mold, Inc.
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- Camano Veterinary Clinic
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- Dog Style Grooming
- Glass Tech Stanwood, Inc.
- Krista's Pet Spaw
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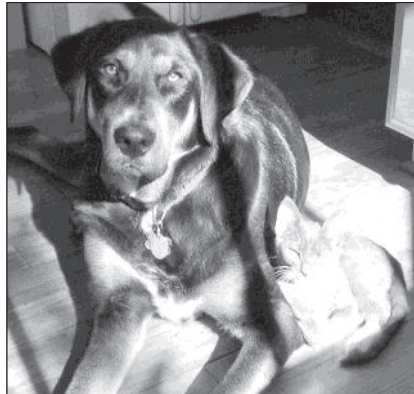
### BUSINESSES—DONATION BOXES!

The local businesses who display our Donation collection boxes are appreciated!

Featured location this period:

**The Chatter Box**

### CASA Alumni



Rocko and Cassie Reaume, both adopted in 2006.



Harry and Isabelle Roberts. Formerly named Orzo and Greyberry, both were adopted in January, 2011.



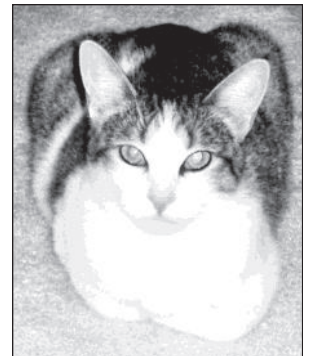
Dora & Onyx McKee. Dora, formerly Fredrica, was adopted in November, 2010. Onyx, nicknamed Onny, was named Vanilla at CASA, and was adopted in August, 2010.



Daphne Dunnigan, adopted in December, 2010.



Charlie Odegard, formerly PacMan, adopted in April, 2009.



Neomi Andrews adopted in January, 2010.

Visit [camanoanimalshelter.org](http://camanoanimalshelter.org) to view and read about all of our adoptable animals.

Happy Tails

Betzi May's New Life – As Told by Betsy



Betzi as she appeared after having received a bath at CASA at the beginning of her stay there. Notice the poor condition of her chest area.

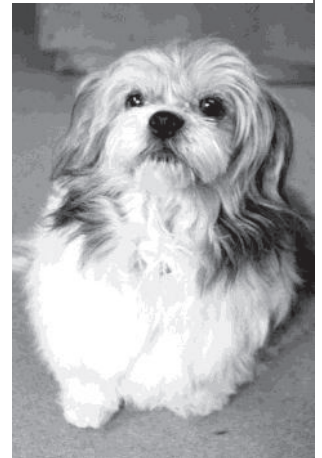
The day I arrived at CASA was the best day of my life. When I was surrendered, my hair was falling out, I had ear, eye, and skin infections, and I smelled dreadful. The staff immediately bathed me and took me to the veterinarian. They started me on medication and kept up with the baths. My Pathfinder posting said that "I'm a little rough right now" and that was true.

One day a nice lady named Louise Miller who already had two Shih Tzu, arrived at the shelter and offered to take me home to her house while I recuperated. When she took me to her veterinarian he said I had an allergic reaction to some ingredients in dog food and recommended that I go on a dog food containing strictly duck and potato. Yes, they do have duck and potato treats too! As time went by my coat filled in and my ears and eyes got better too.

I've found my Forever Home right here with Louise and she says "She's my pleasure" about me. When I go to the groomer, they always make a big fuss about how beautiful I am and I love it.

I am so thankful to the people who have helped me. Apparently my original owner had been advised of my problems but had refused treatment. I will always be grateful that CASA and my new owner took the time to make me better.

*Louise Miller*



Here's how Betzi looks now. After all her illnesses and allergies have been treated she looks beautiful. She also looks calm and comfortable.

Sadie Finds Her Forever Home



Sadie at the Dog Wash spending time with Allison, a former CASA staff member.

This is Sadie. She is now 16 years old. She came to us from Camano Animal Shelter about 2 years ago. She was found wandering in a church parking lot in filthy condition covered in oil and diesel fuel. Her toenails had grown into the pads of her feet. It was also found that her teeth were so bad that 16 of them had to be removed leaving only 8 left. The girls at CASA named her Chapel since she was found near a church. They took care of all her medical needs. But because of her age it was difficult for the staff to place her.

Once Chapel came through our door, she also came into our hearts and she has never gone back to CASA with the exception of an occasional visit to see her old caregivers, especially Cherie, who had become very fond of her. We changed her name to Sadie. She has brought so much joy to our lives.

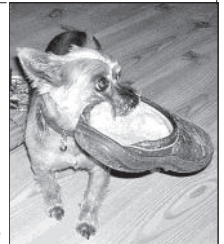
It is only within recent months that she seems to be slowing down a bit and she tends to sleep more than anything unless of course there is food!

We used to wonder what it would have been like to have found Sadie when she was a baby. Now we realize more than ever that we have been and continue to be blessed with the best years of her life.

*Sheri Estep and Karen Lund*



Sadie with her roommate Benzi.



Sadie with a favorite "chew toy."

Traute - the Dog-Cat



Here is Traute sleeping comfortably on her back with feet in the air, right next to Hoover.

Just wanted to let you know that the adult female cat Porchia that I adopted the day after Christmas is doing very well in her new home. Named "Traute" (*trout-y*) now, she has even warmed up to my Black Lab Hoover. Every time he wags his tail she thinks she is supposed to play with it, although he doesn't like her claws in it. They sleep on the bed together and their food bowls are close, so they eat inches away from each other too. Traute has now turned into what I call a dog-cat. She goes outside with Hoover and comes in with him. They are so cute together. Traute is the best cat and I'm so very glad she was at your shelter for me to adopt.

*Betty Ash*



Traute relaxing.



## Smile! Dental Care for Your Pets

Do you avoid getting up close and personal with your pet's breath? That bad breath is certainly unpleasant enough, but your pet could have a worse problem. Tartar buildup on teeth and inflamed gums can actually undermine your pet's good health.

### Do animals have dental disease?

Sure they do! Dental disease is actually seen more often in pets than it is in humans. Why? Because pets can't brush or floss their teeth. So it's no surprise that 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats show signs of dental disease by the age of four. In fact, dental disease is probably one of the most common health problems in dogs and cats.

In humans, the cavity is the most common form of dental disease, but in dogs and cats, it's tartar buildup. Tartar causes irritation of the gums, loosening of the teeth, exposure of the tooth roots, infection, tooth abscesses, and, eventually, tooth loss. An untreated infection within the mouth may be picked up by the bloodstream and carried to other parts of the body. The result can be more serious health risks, such as kidney, liver and heart disease. Also, sore, painful and loose teeth can make your pet very uncomfortable and unwilling or unable to eat properly.

### Won't feeding my pet dry food prevent dental problems?

Most people believe that feeding their pets dry food is enough to ward off dental problems. Not so. Diet is probably much less important to prevent tartar buildup than most people think. Dry food is less sticky, of course, and does not adhere to the teeth as readily as canned food. But, eating dry food does not remove tartar from the teeth. Certain chewing toys or strips (*especially those that contain enzymes*) designed to clean the teeth may help tartar buildup somewhat, but only a professional cleaning by your veterinarian can remove tartar once it forms.

### What contributes to dental disease in pets?

One of the main factors is your pet's individual mouth chemistry. Some pets need yearly cleanings; others need cleanings only once every few years. Breed also plays a role in your pet's dental health. Small dogs, especially those with short faces (*Pekingese, pugs, etc.*) are particularly prone to dental problems, as are Persian cats.

### How can I tell if my pet has dental disease?

Well, bad breath is one obvious clue. But you may also see yellow-brown teeth covered with a barnacle-like hard substance and red irritated gums that bleed easily. You may even see loose teeth that are very tender to the touch. However, the best way to determine if your pet needs a dental cleaning is to have your veterinarian do a dental health checkup.

### What does a dental cleaning involve?

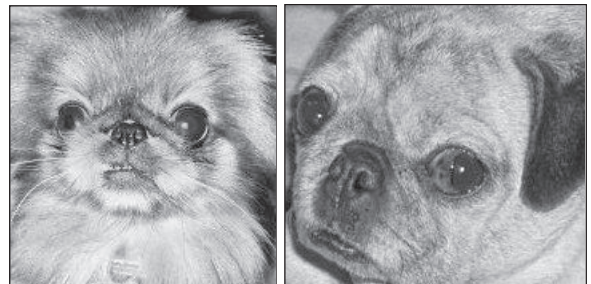
If your vet determines that your pet needs a dental cleaning, here's what happens. First, your pet must be completely anesthetized. It is not possible to thoroughly clean the teeth if your pet is awake. Your pet's teeth will be cleaned, scaled with an ultrasonic scaler, and polished. A thorough evaluation of the teeth will determine if any of them need to be pulled. The vet will examine the entire oral cavity to look for abnormalities such as tumors or deep infections of the gums or jawbone.

After the cleaning, your pet may need to take oral antibiotics and eat a softer diet for a few days, particularly if there was a lot of infection or if many teeth had to be extracted. When your pet goes home, you will be advised on the proper dental care program for your pet.

So, to keep your pet smiling, schedule regular veterinary dental exams!

Written by Virginia Clemans, DVM

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Two shelter dogs who had extreme dental problems when they came into CASA. ChaCha on the left is a Pekingese. Jazzy on the right is a pug. Both have found forever homes with loving owners.



## Bake and Plant Sale ~ Saturday ~ May 7th

CASA's sale will take place one day only, Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Camano Center (*blue building next to the shelter*). Please stop by – there will be some wonderful homemade baked goods, hot dogs, and lots of plants to enjoy and motivate that gardening urge everyone gets this time of year.

*~ Free coffee will be served all day long ~*

## Draw-a-Cat or Draw-a-Dog Art Contest

Students from Utsalady and Elger Bay Elementary Schools are participating in CASA's Draw-a-Cat or Draw-a-Dog Art Contest.

All entries will be displayed at the Camano Center on May 7<sup>th</sup> at our Bake and Plant Sale.

Stop by to vote for your favorites.

Winning entries will be posted on our website and will appear in the next newsletter.



*Garfield, our shelter mascot, will be there to welcome you!*



## Flea Market ~ Saturday ~ June 4th

CASA will sponsor a Flea Market at the Camano Center (*blue building next to the shelter*) between 9 am and 4 pm.

Hot dogs will be available from 11 am until 3 pm.

**SALE ITEMS NEEDED:** Spring is coming. Time to clean out the house and garage. To donate gently used items for our Flea Market (*no clothes, please*), contact Sheri Rhoads at 360-631-5258.

## Remember CASA in Your Will

By making a bequest to the Camano Animal Shelter Association (CASA) in your Will, you can make a profound and lasting impact on the welfare of countless animals cared for at the shelter every year. When preparing your Will, you make the decisions on how your possessions will be distributed. If you already have a Will, you can write a codicil (*an addendum*) that names the Camano Animal Shelter Association as a beneficiary of your estate.

When naming CASA in your Will, you may leave a specific dollar amount, a set percentage of your estate, or a particular property. To include CASA in your Will, you must specify its proper name and street address. Your bequest can be simply stated; for example: "I give to the Camano Animal Shelter Association, 198 Can Ku Road, Camano Island, Washington 98282 (PO Box 1726, Stanwood, Washington 98292), federal tax ID number 601-893-464, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars to be used for its general purposes." (*If you are leaving insurance policies, land or other property, please describe it.*) An attorney can advise you regarding taxes and other aspects of estate planning.

## Spare Change Rewarded

In the pockets of yesterday's outfit ... in your wallet ... on the car floor ... pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters ... all just sitting there. Consider starting a jar and label it "For the animals at CASA." Every so often, bring the contents of the jar to the shelter. Leave your name, address and email. We will count it and send you a receipt electronically.

### Donate Your Car



Our vehicle donation program is made possible through our partnership with Donate For Charity. When you are ready to donate your vehicle, you may call Donate For Charity toll-free at (866) 392-4483 or donate on-line at their website:

[www.donateforcharity.com](http://www.donateforcharity.com)

#### www.iGive.com — You Shop, CASA Wins! Your stores, Your cause, Their money

Help Camano Animal Shelter for free. Shop online at over 700 brand name stores and a portion of each purchase will be donated to CASA! Just go to [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com), sign up, and start shopping on the Internet.

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#### You Search & CASA Wins!

When making inquiries or doing searches on the Internet just use <http://www.goodsearch.com/> as your search engine of choice and CASA will receive a donation each time you search for something. Select CASA as your charity of choice and we will start receiving donations sponsored by you every time you look things up on the Internet by using [goodsearch!](http://www.goodsearch.com/)

### WISH LIST

#### SPECIAL DONATION REQUESTED

Flat Panel TV / DVD Combo  
(for training)

#### GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Liquid Bleach
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Liquid Dish Soap (no antibacterial)

#### PET FOOD

- KMR - Kitten Milk Replacement
- Baby Food - small jars of pureed meats
- Royal Canin "Babycat" & kitten dry food
- Canned Kitten Food
- Dry Kirkland Dog/Cat Food (Costco)

#### PET SUPPLIES

- Cat Kuranda beds (Use [www.kuranda.com/donate/5133](http://www.kuranda.com/donate/5133) and get 30% off)
- Non-clumping cat litter or pellets
- Small Cardboard Cat Scratchers [www.stretchandscratch.com](http://www.stretchandscratch.com)

#### OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Bright colored copy paper (8.5" x 11")
- Visit [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and enter "Camano Animal Shelter" to see our Wishlist

#### In memory of departed pets:

- Shelby Burrows
- Maggie Huyler
- Wilford Powers
- Boo Boo McCarthy
- Tucker Carnahan
- Jake Whitham
- Russia Hocker



### ----- YES . . . I WANT TO HELP THE ANIMALS AT CAMANO ANIMAL SHELTER -----

#### Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:

\$15  \$25  \$50  \$100  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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My donation is in Memory/in Honor of a person or pet  
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Please send my gift receipt via e-mail so more of my contribution can go toward helping the animals  
(Please provide e-mail address on the form to the left.)

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**CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF  
FOREVER HOMES**



This is Cody. He's a young Shar Pei/ Labrador Retriever mix. He's very friendly and energetic. He needs a home where he will be cared for and given lots of time and training. The more care and attention he gets the better a pet he will be. And he's got a lot to give.



Here's Patty. She is a very affectionate cat who loves to cuddle with somebody and just be held and hug her new friend. She is one of the friendliest young cats around. She's a tabby in shades of brown, cream and white - simply beautiful. Come visit her! You'll be glad you did.

Hey there loves, I'm Billie Jean! You know I'm just what you've been lookin' for. Big, beautiful, bright, brave, and silky black => I am just smitten with all the new fur-friends here at CASA but I'm really lookin' for some human lovin' most of all. I am soft like butter with a huge heart to-boot! Come see me at CASA soon. Lots of Love, Billie Jean



This is Choco, a young adult, chocolate Labrador Retriever/Pit Bull mix. Choco is one of the special dogs brought into our shelter from another Washington shelter. He and several other dogs currently at CASA are mentioned in our Shelter Manager's Report on page 1 of this issue. If we didn't accept Choco there is a good chance he might have been euthanized by the other shelter. Choco is far too nice a dog to have to face that fate. According to our staff he is a sweet, quiet dog who has received some training and just wants to please people.



I'm Romeo. I'm a saucy, spotted tabby with beautiful eyes as you have already noticed I'm sure. I have lots of personality, lots of love to share



and I'm a passionate admirer of people! Won't you please come visit me at CASA. Maybe you and I can get together permanently. I'd sure like that!



Argo is a young Mastiff/Boerboel Mix who came from the same shelter as Choco did. Argo is well-trained. CASA staff have found out he knows how to SIT, SPEAK, SHAKE, & HIGH-FIVE among other things. He has a wonderful personality and deserves a caring home of his own. Come on down and visit him!