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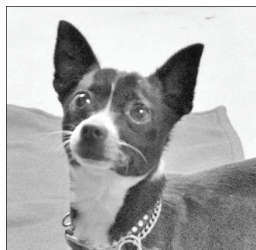
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## CASA Mission Statement:

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

I would like to start the year by acknowledging our dedicated shelter staff. They are the backbone of our shelter. The whole of their job may never be truly known to the public. They are the ones who greet the public, talk to people about their pets, encourage spaying and neutering, help people *keep* their pets instead of giving them up *or* giving up on them.

They examine the new arrivals, vaccinate, medicate, force feed, observe health and illness. They complete endless paperwork, make vet appointments, and transport pets to and from the vet and NOAH in their personal vehicles. They do the fun job of waste removal, mopping, cleaning everything, doing more laundry in one day than a person may do in an entire month. They reunite missing pets with their owners. They take in ones who have clearly been neglected or abused, they clip nails which may have never been clipped before, bathe the dirtiest of pets, and shave or dematt pets who needed it months or even years ago.

They are the ones who screen potential adopters, they give the good news and the bad, sometimes having to take on the responses of very unhappy parties. These are the same people who lend a hug to people who just don't want to leave their pet at a shelter and are there when we need to end the suffering of an animal which is never easy. They give more than their time and hard work for a paycheck, they give their hearts to CASA and we are fortunate to have them.

Tegan Locker  
Shelter Manager

## WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND FOREVER HOMES

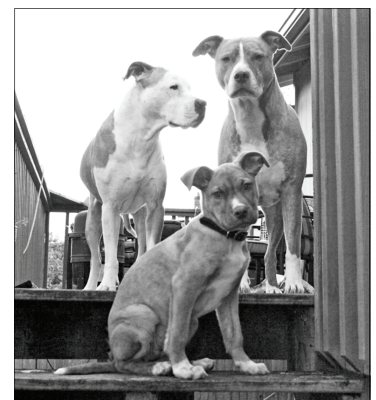
To fulfill the mission of finding "Forever Homes" for our animals, CASA partners with other shelters and rescue organizations. In 2011, 41 dogs came to CASA from other organizations for placement and 5 dogs were sent to rescue groups to assure they could find a home. Francine, a Pit Bull mix puppy, and Paw Paw, a Chocolate Labrador Retriever are two examples.

At just 6 weeks old Francine was dumped off at the Pet Health veterinarian clinic and tied to a fire hydrant. No area shelter would take Francine due to her assumed breed. A private rescuer in the area took her in and cared for her while looking for placement options. On October 25<sup>th</sup> she was lucky enough to hitch a ride with a pilot, Bruce Williams, who volunteers to transport rescue animals through a program called Pilots N Paws. Francine arrived in the Seattle area and stayed overnight in the home of another rescuer until the next volunteer was able to pick her up and take her to CASA.

Francine has since been adopted into a family with another Pit Bull and an American Bulldog. She is now called Frankie. Her new mom says, "I was a bit worried about how Nick would do with a puppy. But he ADORES her. They wrestle and sleep together. Rosie is taking her time warming up, but its going great as well." Frankie is now in agility training and her first trial will be in April, 2012.



Francine with Pilots N Paws  
Photo from Sunnyside Daily Sun News



Nick, Rosie and Frankie

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Peaches came from another shelter and found her Forever Home.

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Paw Paw came to CASA as a stray. His coat was dull and lifeless and the fur around his neck was worn away and raw from his being tied up. When he arrived, the staff cleaned him up and treated his neck. Paw Paw had another problem, he was not a patient dog, even taking his picture for the adoptable pet listings was a challenge. CASA nursed him back to health, but he was not doing well in a kennel. After working with him for three months, we contacted many groups including Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue, [spdrdogs.org](http://spdrdogs.org) who stepped up and found a foster home for him.



Kodi relaxing on the couch with his new family ... "Life is good"

The new foster parents from SPDR, Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue, picked him up and renamed him Kodi. Once in their home, Kodi blossomed! He made himself right at home and settled down quickly. They feel strongly that he was an indoor dog at some point. They concluded that he had been loved, living in a house, and sleeping in bed with someone in the past before his life changed so dramatically for the worse and he ended up injured and starving. He is a wonderful retriever and they discovered that he has also been hunting trained. SPDR was contacted by a couple who recently lost their dearly loved chocolate Lab. Kodi moved to BC, but although his new family just adored him, unfortunately Kodi became obsessive about stalking their beloved cat. Seriously concerned about the welfare of the cat, they sadly decided that they would have to return Kodi. His foster parents welcomed him back with open arms and have decided that they would like to keep Kodi as a cherished part of their family.

Thanks to these partnerships, Francine and Paw Paw are now happily adopted. CASA is proud to partner with other organizations in the joint effort of finding "Forever Homes."

**Did You Know?**

**2011 Intake and Outcome Statistics**

Intake	Total	Stray	Surrender	Transfer In	Impound
Cats	234	165	67	0	2
Dogs	165	61	39	41	33

In 2011, 399 animals came to CASA. CASA takes strays, impounds and surrenders from Camano Island, but we also bring in dogs from other shelters as space permits. We were able to help 41 dogs from other shelters this year who may not have gotten a chance otherwise.

Outcome	Adopted	RTO	Transfer Out	Died	PTS
Cats	139	3	47	6	5
Dogs	96	53	5	0	0

Of the animals that came into CASA in 2011, the majority were adopted out or returned to their owners, 34 cats and 11 dogs remained at the shelter at the end of the year.

CASA works with NOAH, an adoption organization, as needed, e.g., 17 kittens were transferred since we did not have enough foster homes. 30 adults transferred due to lack of space at CASA's small facility. CASA also partners with local rescue groups to find homes for dogs who are difficult to place or who need more than a shelter provides, 5 dogs were transferred to rescue.

As a No-Kill shelter, animals are never put to sleep for lack of space. The loss last year included 6 underage kittens who passed away in foster care and 5 cats who had to be put to sleep because they were terminally ill and in the final stages of their illnesses.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

**CASA Friends**

First Thursday of each month  
7 PM at the Camano Center  
Join us as we plan our events:

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Greater Northwest Glass Quest**

Saturday, February 17th -  
Saturday, February 26th

**Bake and Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 12th

**Flea Market**

Saturday, June 2nd

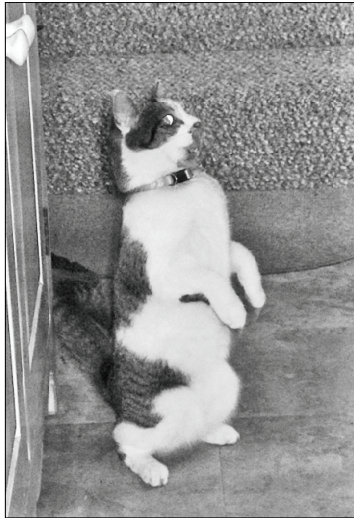
**Car Wash**

Saturday, June 23rd

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BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

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- Whidbey Island Bank
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- \* Welcome New Business Members

**CASA Alumni**



Prissy Goodfellow (formerly Dyna)  
Adopted July 2011



Xander Beeman (and friend)  
Adopted August 2011



Louis Smith  
Adopted August 2011



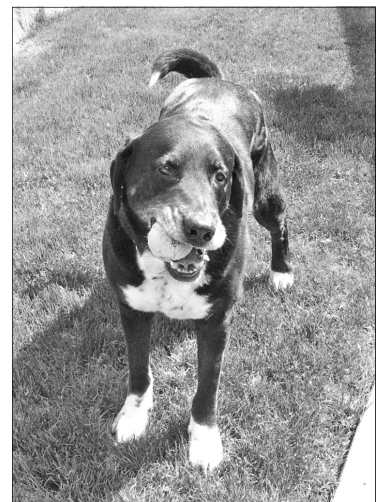
Spencer Gerfin (formerly Blacky)  
Adopted ... a long time ago



Leo Mitchell (formerly Dilbert)  
Adopted August 2011



Mya Miller  
Adopted July 2011



Boris Slater  
Adopted June 2011

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

**HAPPY TAILS****Coco**

Coco, a 9 year old "Chi-weenie", combination of a dachshund and Chihuahua, came to CASA from another shelter. The staff quickly realized this older girl was in heat and had kennel cough. She went to stay in a foster home without any animals until she was through with her heat cycle and the kennel cough had run its course. She then came back to be spayed. I watched Coco for a couple of weeks, then decided she was just too cute to stay at the shelter. On her two month anniversary at CASA I brought her home with me.

Coco was definitely an only dog before - now she is in a home where she is learning to play with the others, and has had to learn to share her human! Scarlett, Coco's best friend, was one of the puppy mill rescued dogs about 2 1/2 years ago! I think that she understands best about having to adapt, and has been great with Coco! Having the others to run around with has helped Coco to lose those extra couple of pounds - she's at a much healthier weight now! Here's a picture of Coco in her favorite sweater, and Scarlett, her friend. These two girls are about the same size, the same color, and love to snuggle up together! Thanks for bringing Coco into our lives.

- Kathy Maddux

*(Coco came to CASA from the Olympic Humane Society.)*



Coco (left) and her friend Scarlett love to play and snuggle together.



Lucy (formerly Buttons) relaxes after play time

**Buttons**

Just wanted to update you on how Buttons is doing. We have changed her name to Lucy. She gets along great with our other Pit Bull Princess, although Princess is old and is getting a little worn out. We love her - she is so sweet, loves to cuddle, and except for a thing about barking dogs, is doing just perfect. Thank you so much for offering her for adoption. Pit Bulls rule.

- Susan Butler and Al Jones

*(Buttons came to CASA from the Everett Animal Shelter.)*

**Munchkin and Max**

In June, 2011 we adopted Munchkin (and renamed her Bella). In January, when we saw Max, we knew we wanted him as part of our family. Since Max has joined the family, Bella and Max can't get enough of each other. They run and play all the time, playing tug-a-war and chasing each other. Both of them have been a blessing and they are so loving to my entire family and friends. They both love going for walks through the trails here in Oak Harbor. Bella loves taking baths but Max really doesn't like it to much and hopefully he will eventually enjoy the water.

- Mike Callaway

*(Both Bella and Max came to CASA from the Everett Animal Shelter.)*



From top to bottom: Bella (formerly Munchkin) enjoys her new friend Max

Have you adopted from CASA? Send us an email message 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).



*CASA Joins  
Glass Quest  
February 17 - 26  
Stop by and visit*





## HAPPY TAILS

### Reese

Reese had been in the shelter for a few months, and since he was a stray, there was no history to share. He was tentative at first. We would pet him when he was comfortable, in a spot of his own choosing. Soon, we found him sitting on the couch right by my husband, Phil, every evening. Dad was grinning broadly at having his "own kitty."

As Reese expressed his preference for Dad more, we noticed he was now walking down the hall ahead of us at bed time, as soon as "his person" had turned off the computer, or TV. He was watching and learning! Smart cat! One Sunday morning, he was on the end of our bed, "his spot", when Phil returned from the kitchen with a bowl of milk and cereal. Quickly, Reese walked up on Phil's chest, begging for the milk within seconds. We'd tried to feed him treats before, but he'd even ignored salmon skins. The milk in the cereal bowl! That was just what he wanted.

We're delighted to discover his devotion for my husband, Phil. Reese was ready to choose his forever person, and watching the trust grow between them is wonderful. He accepts our cuddling and "kissing" by pointing his nose high in the air, so we may scratch his chin, first. He is generously loved on by all of us, and gives it back easily. Thank you, Camano Shelter, for helping us find our wonderful Reese!  
- Stacy Mayer



Reese resting in bed waiting for his good friend

### Mr. Sandy and Momma

My daughter visited CASA to look at a dog, so I began to stop by. I was immediately drawn to Momma and Mr. Sandy. I was leaving on a 17-day trip, so having been told that the two cats were a package deal and that Mr. Sandy was hard to place because of his age, I took the chance that they would still be there when I returned. I got home after midnight on Saturday night and adopted Momma and Mr. Sandy on Sunday.



Mr. Sandy doesn't act his age

The two cats settled right in; it was as if they had always been my cats. What a pleasure they both are! Both have slept on my bed from the first; so welcome after many months without a cat. Mr. Sandy naps in his bed on a window seat in the dining room with Momma (*now named Marni*) napping on a nearby chair, hidden by the tablecloth. Marni loves chasing the red dot of my laser pointer and sitting in the middle of my quilting projects. Mr. Sandy loves to snuggle and to watch birds from his bench seat. The two cats relish a good battle, with each as willing to start a match. Mr. Sandy has so much spunk, it's hard to believe he is 15! They are great companions and enjoy each other so much.

- Eleanor Morgenthaler

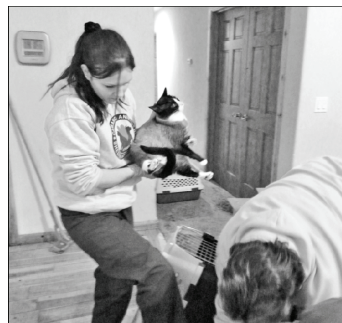


Marni (*formerly Momma*) enjoys her window view

(*Mr. Sandy and Momma were featured in the Fall 2011 Forever Home newsletter.*)

## CASA's Roundup Adventure

In December, CASA received a call from a hospital emergency room doctor notifying us that a recently admitted patient mentioned that she had 35 cats at her home with no one to care for them. After reaching her son, he determined that help was needed from CASA. We packed up crates, extra cardboard carriers, medical gloves, feral cat gloves, nets, wet cat food, disinfectant, prepared paperwork and a numbered custom cat ID log and went "out into the field" to pick up the cats. Within one hour the staff had collected 23 cats. The cats were examined, logged into CASA and then 15 were transferred and delivered to NOAH due to space constraints.



Justine and Sheri collect cats  
Cat pictured: Fern (*adopted*)

After flea treating, worming, blood testing for FeLV and FIV, and inspecting each cat for signs of spaying or neutering, the remaining cats were waited out their quarantine holds at CASA. They have been released into the colony and are available for adoption. CASA knows that there are animals needing our help and although it may be out of the standard service we provide, there are times when we just cannot say no. CASA continues to work with the son in an effort to help him safely place the other cats that were not picked up.

See [camanoanimalshelter.org](http://camanoanimalshelter.org) for updates.

## Cat Comforts at CASA

At CASA, the cats roam free, unlike other shelters where they are often kept in metal cages. Depending on the season that you come to CASA, you may find kittens in the cat room and bathroom with the adults roaming the office. There are times, however, when some of the cats must be separated and kenneling is the only option.

Thanks to the generosity of the **Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians**, we were able to purchase beautiful, sanitary cat condos. The cats love the clear glass windows and shelves that allow them to look outdoors or watch the shelter happenings. The condos are arranged so that when not all are in use, a single cat may have a two-room condo with a pass through in between.



Updated cages provide sanitation in ISO room

The ISO (*Isolation*) room houses cats and kittens brought to the shelter until they can be evaluated. It is also used to house sick cats while they recuperate. To improve the sanitary conditions, we purchased a platform with wheels for the cages so they could be moved for cleaning and also side and top covers to reduce the surfaces that can collect dust.

More is happening at CASA. The cat room has been thoroughly sanitized, the walls painted and brand new flooring installed. Plans are underway to install ramps and steps that will allow the cats to view the room from perches on the wall. The goal is to make the cat room a happy, colorful room where visitors come to spend time and meet the available cats and kittens.



Snickers rests in his two-room suite in our new cat condo

## Kattholt – The Only Cat Shelter in Iceland

Kattholt, located in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, is the only cat shelter in Iceland for homeless cats. The city of Reykjavik pays each day for seven days maximum for cats brought to the shelter. Although they do not receive remuneration, they take cats from all of the country. (*Note: Iceland is slightly smaller than Kentucky and has population of 311,000.*)

Kattholt is divided into two parts. On one side there is a wing for homeless and lost cats and on the other side is a hotel where cats stay while their owners go away. The hotel was established not only to bring in funds for the shelter, but to also assure that the cats are taken care of while their owners are away.

Running Kattholt is quite expensive, having to take care of and feed 60-100 cats each day. To supplement the funding, the shelter relies on food donated by companies, Friends of Cats Society of Iceland membership dues, and a fundraising concert. The Friends of Cats Society of Iceland owns the building that houses Kattholt on the first floor and rents out the three apartments located above.

The cages in Kattholt are getting quite old, so the shelter is working hard to get bigger cages and is even looking for a better building to keep the cats in. Recently they painted all the walls and ceilings. Two veterinarians from a local animal hospital look after the animals at Kattholt.

Of the 600 cats that have come to the shelter this year, 93 have gone back to their original homes, 140 have gone to new homes, about 60 are still staying at the shelter and the rest have been laid to rest. Kattholt is dedicated to finding homes for the cats, and is working hard at spreading the word about spaying and neutering to reduce the number of cats. Visit [www.kattholt.is](http://www.kattholt.is).

*While vacationing in Iceland in September, Martha Huyler, CASA President, was privileged to visit Kattholt. It is exciting to learn about another shelter so far way working to save cats and to note the similarities in rewards and challenges.*



Mother cat and kittens rescued from Reykjavik Airport where it had been snowing for one month. They were found under a building after the mother cat led shelter staff to them.



### 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 online at their website:

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To leave a bequest, simply write:

*"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 \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) for its general purposes."* If your gift involves insurance policies, land, stock or other property, please include a description.

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

Featured location this period:

**Ace Hardware**

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#### 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*)
- Soft dog treats

#### PET SUPPLIES

- Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets

#### OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Standard copy paper



Visit [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and enter "Camano Animal Shelter" to see our Wish List

#### Special thanks to:

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#### In memory of departed pets:

- Archie Gruss
- Cleo Eagley
- Isabel "Izzy" Brown
- Maw Maw



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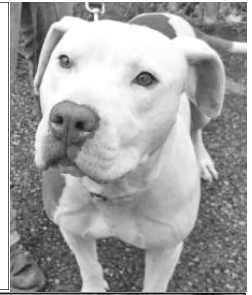
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**CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF  
FOREVER HOMES**



Leia is a small gray and white cat who has spent most of her life with other cats. She needs someone who can give her the loving she needs. She loves people food and warms up quickly in a quiet environment. Leia would love to have a friend like you.

My name is Conrad and I am a two year young, handsome man awaiting my "Forever Home." Although I seem full of life at times I really am quite mellow and would do well with another calm dog of similar energy. However, I would prefer a home without cats. I enjoy fetching tennis balls and love to cuddle. If you would love a dog like me, please visit me soon!



Brinx came to CASA as a stray and no one came looking for the senior fellow. He had a giant tumor that we had removed. The vet said that he had testicular cancer, but they got it all. He is now looking for a loving home who will care for him in his golden years. Will you give Brinx a second chance?



Dixie is a very loving and pretty declawed kitty looking for someone to give her a chance. She is an older girl which you'd never know and she would be much easier than a kitten! If you give her a chance at a loving home, she promises to return the favor ten fold. Since she is declawed, an indoor only home is mandatory.



Kevin is a bit shy and prefers to spend his time cuddling with Leia. He hasn't had as much one on one attention as he would have liked in the past. Kevin wants to be someone's friend, but is not sure how to start. All he needs is that special someone to be his friend. Come and meet this loving boy.



Squeak is a 5 yr old boy who is warm and friendly when given the chance. He will bloom in a calm, quiet home where he can explore his domain and learn the ropes himself. Like a dog, he also comes when called! Squeak has been at CASA over one year and needs you.

*See Francine's Story . . .*



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