



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.



Join CASA on Facebook!

We love to share photos of our animals and updates on events. Post your photos too with our 4,800+ Facebook friends!

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Message from the Shelter Manager

Cat Colony is a term that is used in daily conversation here at CASA. A cat colony is a group of cats which live together in a loose, cage-free environment. CASA is well known for our shelter's large cat colony setting for public to browse through. You can walk in to our lobby and instantly a cat pops out from behind the computer or leaps down from a perch. Over the years Cat Colonies have become the "in" or innovative thing for animal shelters around the world. While the addition of a cat colony for one shelter may have started out of a need for a more stress-free cat environment, it started at CASA out of the simple lack of space for cat cages. Having cats in their own kennel has always been standard practice for animal shelters everywhere and for shelters which start in that standard fashion the idea of adding open colonies can be nerve-racking when you're not used to doing it, but the benefits are endless.

Stress is one of the biggest issues with cats in shelters, stress alone will lead to a cat possibly becoming gravely ill. You may find it surprising that the stress of being alone in a small kennel is generally worse for most cats than being out meandering about with a number of other cats all with different personalities. People come to CASA and often say, "These cats all get along?" Although we do get the occasional cat who would rather react than ignore things they don't like in the colony, the vast majority not only are fine, they thrive in the colonies. For the cats which do not thrive, which might find other cats around them scary, or ones which simply are more comfortable in their own space, we do have large glass door cat condos within the colony areas where they are able to stay in if needed.

If you have visited us you likely know that the colony area when looking to adopt a cat is one of the best ways to make the right choice. Although sometimes a cat does the choosing.

Tegan Locker

Harley's Long Ride

Harley, a white and orange shorthair cat, was surrendered to CASA in July, 2016. He had several tumors, including one weighing over one pound. It was clear he was uncomfortable and we did not know if the tumors might be malignant so the decision was made to have surgery as soon as possible. Harley returned to the shelter after surgery a changed cat. His personality was no longer uncomfortable or grumpy as it had been when he arrived. He continued to recover at the shelter and results finally came back that the tumors were in fact benign. At the shelter he had physically recovered but as he really settled in he was not gaining weight back as the staff had anticipated and wasn't exactly thriving - as a senior cat in a shelter may not. The staff contacted a foster parent and Harley went to the foster home for several weeks. He recovered and gained the weight he needed.



Harley, before surgery.



Now Harley waits for his home.

Thanks to his foster placement, we know more about Harley. His foster parent reports that "he is a calm and affectionate cat who likes to be around people. He enjoys the occasional lap, but is also happy curled up on a chair or floor near his humans. He likes to sleep under a quilt or comforter, and if you allow him in your bedroom he'll probably crawl under the covers to snuggle. He has not clawed our furniture (he uses a cardboard scratcher). He has no litter box issues. When you bring him home, he won't hide under a bed; he'll come out of the carrier ready to explore his new home."

See more on page 2 - Harley's Long Ride

Mark Your Calendar!

CASA Friends

First Thursday
of each month at 7 PM
Island County Multi-Purpose
Building
Join us to help plan events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Glass Quest

Friday, February 17th -
Sunday, February 26th

Microchip Clinic

TBD

Little Whiskers

TBD

Bake and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 13th

Draw Cat/Dog Art Contest

Saturday, May 13th

(Continued from Page 1, Harley's Long Ride)

“He sometimes likes to play with a laser light, and he likes catnip toys. He’s not exceptionally active, but that’s no doubt because he is older and has some arthritis. He jumps onto beds and chairs without any problems. Harley would probably be best as an only cat. We gradually introduced him to our cats, and although he was never aggressive toward them, he seems more confident and content to be away from other cats. Harley is a quiet cat. He’ll chirp to us, but doesn’t meow loudly.”

He is afraid of aggressive or boisterous cats, so he would like a home where he is the only cat or where there is another gentle, non-territorial cat. Since he returned to the shelter, he can usually be found sleeping atop the hot water heater. Because he is a quiet and somewhat reserved cat, he is not noticed by potential adopters. Physically he is fine, but we wonder if he notices that he is being passed by.

Harley was CASA's poster cat for the local Giving Tuesday campaign illustrating the need for funds for life-saving veterinary care. We hope that, in return for his representing his fellow shelter-mates, Harley can find his forever home at the end of this long ride.

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Tegan Locker

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Petco Provides Showcase for CASA Cats



CASA has entered into a partnership with the Stanwood Petco whereby CASA cats are on display at the store. Potential adopters come to the shelter to complete applications and follow standard review procedures. This is a great way for CASA to showcase our animals off-island and obtain forever homes for them with adopters who may not have otherwise seen them.

2016 Intake and Outcome Statistics - Over 650 Animals Came to CASA

Intake	Total	Stray	Surrender	Transfer In	Impound	Return
Cats	338	135	148	47	0	8
Dogs	299	51	99	111	28	10

In 2016, 659 animals (including cats, dogs, and other pets) came to CASA. More animals came to CASA this year than any year (records kept back through 2005). 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 111 dogs from other shelters this year that may not have had a chance otherwise.

Outcome	Adopted	Return To Owner	Transfer Out	Died	Put To Sleep
Cats	301	9	0	19	10
Dogs	215	65	9	2	4

Of the animals that came into CASA in 2016, the majority were adopted or returned to their owners, 18 cats and 11 dogs (in foster homes or not yet adoptable) remained in shelter care at the end of the year. CASA partners with local rescue groups to find homes for dogs who are difficult to place or who need more than a shelter provides, 9 dogs were transferred to rescue.

As a No-Kill shelter, animals are never put to sleep for lack of space or convenience. The loss last year included underage kittens some of whom died in foster care, others who arrived gravely injured and animals that had to be put to sleep because they were terminally ill and in the final stages of their illnesses.

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**We appreciate the support of
these local businesses.**

CASA Alumni



Walter (William) Newkirk
Adopted April 2016



Gus (Tenley) and Max (Micah) Swainson
Adopted March 2016



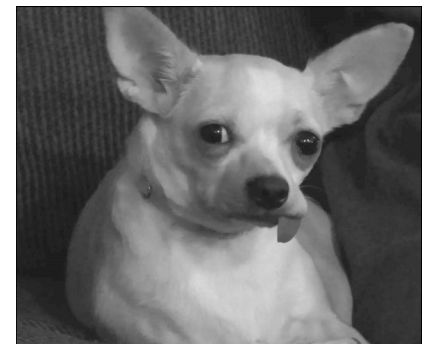
Sam (Hemingway) Spector
Adopted April 2016



Lenny McGreger (and friend)
Adopted Nov 2015



Angel Peterson
Adopted Aug 2016



Wincy McElroy
Adopted Jan 2016



Baxter (Thomas) Spector
Adopted Dec 2016

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.

HAPPY TAILS

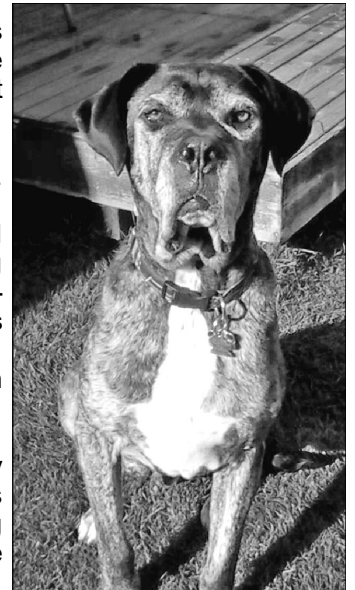
Tyson

Tyson, 6 year old Dane/Mastiff, joined me and my four cats on June 12, 2013, four months after I'd put my previous rescued Dane to sleep for severe hip dysplasia. All my adult life I've had Danes or Dane mixes. I tried to go it alone. It was hard! I'm a walker, and felt very lost without something large walking alongside me.

His picture, sitting on a picnic table, was ridiculously cute. I wrote CASA for more information. Tyson had just been neutered the day before and while I was visiting with him, we discovered he'd licked his stitches open and needed a quick visit back to the vet. CASA went above and beyond in helping me get through that healing period, because he wound up needing yet another vet visit, a head collar, ANOTHER collar when he busted the first one, and anti-anxiety meds! He quickly bonded with me, but had some separation anxiety. It turned out he's better loose in the house than crated when left alone. Tyson has become the best walking and "just hanging out" protector and companion. His favorite things are to sleep on my bed with me, our walks, and my grandkids.

It's now been 3 1/2 years, and I've brought him back to visit CASA and Tegan every summer. I know from my years of owning Danes that he may not have a lot of years left. He's now on pain meds for his hips, and he's not able to walk as far without becoming lame. He's 9 1/2 and has gotten very gray on his muzzle. I'm just cherishing every day we still have together.

~ Kathy Freeman



Tyson loves to "hang out"

Mary Kate



Mary Kate snuggles with her friend.

I just wanted to give you folks a heads up about Poppy aka "Mary Kate". She has been doing great and just loves her friend Lilly! She loves my wife and daughter but is real hesitant about us male species in the house, but she is slowly coming around. It's fun watching her get all excited when our daughter gets home from work! Wiggling and dancing!

We love her very much and are glad we were able to give her the home and love she needed.

~ Eric Hentila

Note: Mary-Kate's bio in the Spring 2016 newsletter stated she "came to CASA from a local shelter and has had a very rough life. Mary-Kate needs help in warming up to you and this will take time." This did not begin to describe how scared and shy she really was.

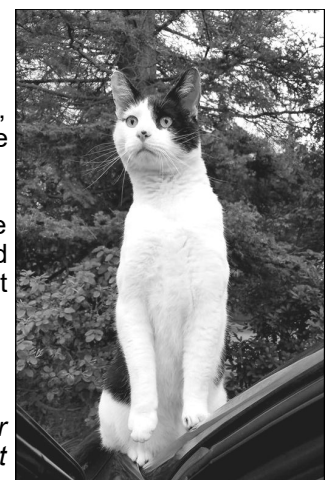
Harry

Harry was specifically selected for us as a barn cat since he's never lived indoors (although, he'd like to be an indoor/outdoor cat, my senior indoor diabetic cat would not be happy). We wanted a barn cat.

He has a wonderful space in the garage, with a kitty door out both the front and back of the building. He has enjoyed keeping the rodent and bunny population down for us! We adopted him June 26, 2016. I can't believe how much he's filled out! Harry is seriously the best cat ever and loves all the dogs and chickens!

~ Amy Beazley

Note: A cat is classified as a barn cat at CASA if the animal has lived outside all of its life. Prior to adopting a barn cat, the new family receives instructions on how to slowly introduce the cat to the new surroundings. The goal is to make sure the cat realizes that this is the new home.



Harry watches carefully.

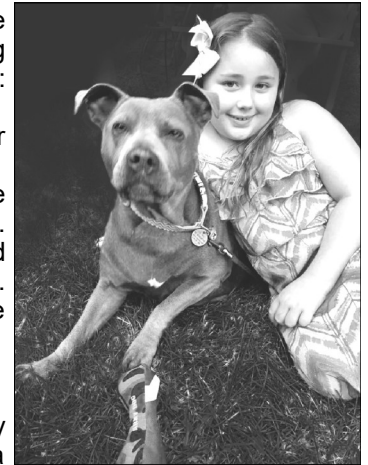
Sky

Many of you remember me, as I hung out at CASA for way too long trying to discover my true needs. I miss my friends, but I made a good choice when I picked my humans. I am continuing my journey of self discovery and have learned these things about myself:

- 1 - Gluten free diets are not just a trend. I have given up gluten and corn and have never looked better.
- 2 - Gas fireplaces, where have they been all my life? I love them so much. I do enjoy the warmth. I enjoy sleeping under the covers or having a blanket over me, too.
- 3 - I am a huge Seahawks fan. I really enjoy the game and playing with my neighborhood friends while they are on. It's especially nice if someone slips me my peanut butter Kong.
- 4 - I enjoy watching animal planet with my human's granddaughter and even let her practice her surgeries on me.
- 5 - My humans are very trainable. They understand my needs like a true partner.

I hope all is well at CASA. I am trying to convince my humans that I may need a buddy. My couch may be big enough for two. I wonder if 2017 will bring me a best buddy or maybe a heated dog bed.

~ Transcribed by Wanda Anselment for Sky

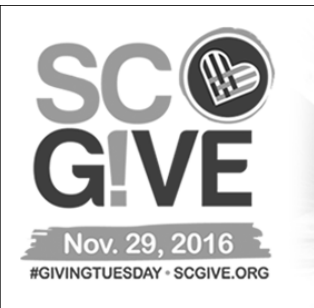


Sky relaxing with her friend.

Stanwood-Camano Giving Tuesday Saves CASA Animals

Giving Tuesday was a success for CASA's Life-Saving Veterinary Care project thanks to your support. Out of 21 SC Give projects, CASA's project had the most donors, 61 individuals, donating \$5,055.

Our project also received an additional \$1,644.94 in prize money and bonus pool funds thanks to your well-timed donations for a grand total of \$6,699.94.



The prize money won came from:

- Two \$100 prizes during philanthropist hour between 12 pm and 1 pm. Sponsored by Lenz Enterprises.
- \$250 Coastal Happy Hour Prize given at 5 pm. Sponsored by Coastal Community Bank.
- \$1,194.94 in money from the bonus pool which was distributed based on percentage of donations.

We have been honored to be included in SC Give and thankful for our generous donors whose contributions will truly provide life-saving veterinary care.

Thank you Business Members



CASA thanks the local businesses who support CASA through their Business Membership (see Page 3). For links to their websites, go to CASA website www.camanoanimalshelter.org.



Thank you to: Camano Canine Resort, Cat Nap Inn, Platinum Autoworks, Inc. and Puget Sound Tree Care.



What sets CASA apart?

The shelter entrance now dons a narrow red and white banner. The words on the banner: ADOPTION, STRAYS, SURRENDER, NO-KILL were chosen with care to describe what we do for the community and also sets CASA apart from other animal welfare organizations. We take animals from the public. Whether it is a STRAY from Camano Island or an owner-SURRENDER from Marysville we help our animals when they are in need.



Banner shows what sets CASA apart.

CASA is serious about commitment. When we take an animal in we do not just commit to their care now - our commitment is for their lifetime. If an animal from our organization ever needs us again for any reason we will be here for them once again. Even if 10 years have passed and the grey hair has won, we will open our arms as we did originally. Our animals are not just a number.

As a shelter, CASA takes and protects our animals until they find a home. This may include spending time in a foster home if needed. At the shelter, the cats roam free and the dogs receive regular walks and exercise. The ultimate goal of finding the right place for the animal still remains. The quicker you help spread the word about ADOPTable animals - the quicker they will get to move forward into a forever home. CASA is a NO-KILL shelter which means the animal will stay with us until a suitable home is found.

cared for by of compassionate animal-loving people like you. When you see the banner, think how you can help others understand the role of our shelter.

Take time to learn more about community shelters and then sign up to be part of the solution. Spread the word that our animals are

Is Your Dog Legal? Get Rover Licensed

Island County requires all dog owners to license their dogs every year. One time is not enough, you must renew each year; there are no exceptions. Make your dog legal and the tag helps identify your dog in case he or she is lost.

2017 dog licenses are now on sale at the Shelter or at the Camano Island Annex on NE Camano Drive. The cost is \$10 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$33 for intact animals.



2017 License

Legacy of Love

Please remember the animals when you prepare your will or trust documents. Your gift of love and compassion will make a life-saving difference for the animals who are counting on us.

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 91-1913293, (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.

Paws for Applause to

- Santa Pictures – Country Store and Santa Randy Jeter
- Anne Crookston – Island Paw Prints
(Santa and Dog Wash photographs)
- Julie Austin – Any Pet Photography
(Shelter animal photographs)
- Lights of Love Tree - Mark's Pharmacy
- Heritage Bank - CASA display for month of December
- Matching Gift Companies

Donation Boxes Help CASA

CASA has 38 donation boxes at Stanwood and Camano Island businesses and has raised over \$7,000 this year. These boxes bring awareness to the community and provide an easy way for people to donate.

If tears could build a stairway
And memories a lane,
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again -
anonymous



In memory of departed pets:

- ♥ Gretchen Harren ♥ Jaz Akers
- ♥ Kitty Alvares ♥ Rebel Lahone
- ♥ Sophie

Wish List

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Liquid Bleach
- Dawn Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Copy paper

PET FOOD

- Canned Cat and Kitten Food
- KMR - Kitten Milk Replacement
- Baby Food - small jars of puree meats
- Royal Canin "Babycat" & kitten dry food
- Zignature Dry Dog Food

PET SUPPLIES

- Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets



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Help us save on expenses by donating general supplies and office supplies as requested. Check our **website** and the **Amazon Wish List** frequently to see details on these **NEW** items.



When you shop Amazon, you can link your account to CASA and we will receive a donation from **Amazon Smile**. No cost to shoppers. Sign up at www.smile.amazon.com.

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!
Winning locations this year:
IGA, Coffee Roasters, Ace - Camano Plaza
The local businesses who display our donation collection boxes are appreciated!

----- YES . . . I WANT TO HELP CASA SAVE LIVES -----

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:

\$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

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My donation is in Memory/in Honor of a person or pet
(Please include a note with honoree's name and contact person if you want the gift acknowledged)

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.)

I do not need a receipt for my donation.

My employer will match my gift. Enclosed is my completed matching gift form.

I am interested in becoming a volunteer.

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CASA appreciates your generosity. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES



Mitzy had a wonderful home for almost 14 years until her person passed away. The adjustment to CASA has been hard and she does not come out to meet people. She'd love to snuggle with you and enjoy some treats. You won't be able to tell her age; she doesn't look a day over seven. Come meet Mitzy.

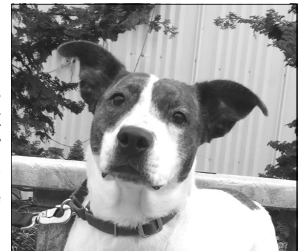
DONATE YOUR CAR

Our vehicle donation program is made possible by Donate for Charity. When you are ready to donate your car or boat, you may call Donate For Charity toll-free at (866) 392-4483 or donate online at their website: www.donateforcharity.com



Ramsey had two canine siblings and some human children siblings too until his family moved and he could not go along. He's the world's best snuggler and expert bed sleeper. Are you looking for a loving, happy-go-lucky guy? Ramsey is the one for you. Please no homes with cats.

Millie is only two years old but has been to the shelter three times and had four different homes. She is looking for a companion to be her best friend and protector. She's a bit shy when meeting strangers but warms up quickly. (No Men, Dogs, Cats). Please come to meet her.



Before you recycle your newsletter consider sharing it with a friend or leaving it for others to read at the places you visit. Introducing others to CASA is a great way to help the animals at the shelter.

Mr. Lovins is a handsome senior kitty with much love to give. Once you have him on your lap, you will not want to let him go. He would prefer a home without any other cats so he can have all of your attention. Come visit Mr. Lovins. He'll win you over as he has the staff and volunteers. He can't wait to find his forever family.



See Harley's Story



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