



FOREVER HOME

Special Edition - 2020

Camano Animal Shelter

Volunteer
Appreciation

CASA Mission Statement:

The mission of CASA is "Bringing together animals in need and caring people, forever enriching their lives".



Thank you, volunteers

It is because of the tireless efforts of staff and volunteers that animals at CASA waiting for their "forever home" are well cared for and loved. Under the leadership of shelter manager, Tegan Locker, and her dedicated staff, we have united countless pets with caring families. In addition to assuring the animals are well fed, have a clean environment and have their medical needs met, the staff develops a relationship with each animal. This bond with them eases their stress and makes their stay more comfortable.

CASA, as an animal shelter, could not function without the help of the cadre of volunteers who serve in many capacities. The volunteers are ambassadors for CASA as they unselfishly devote their time.

Each September we take time to thank the volunteers and acknowledge the varied ways they have contributed. Typically we celebrate together via a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Since this is not possible this year, we look back with fond memories at 2019-2020 volunteer activities via this special newsletter.



CASA Vision:

A world in which every animal has a voice, proper care, safety, security and is free from abuse and neglect.

Volunteers Make the Difference

CASA relies on volunteers to care for the animals at the shelter, foster animals, raise funds and spread the word to the community. There are many ways the volunteers help, but the one thing they have in common is their love for animals.

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Shelter Volunteers

The morning cleaning crew have volunteered for years and are always there to assist where needed. Essentially their work includes cleaning cat kennels, cat perches, litter boxes, the bathroom, dishes and washing, drying and folding laundry. Then they replace the food and water bowls and restock supplies. They are always busy, but take time to enjoy the cats they meet along the way.



Morning Cleaners at 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Left: Patty P. Middle: Barb G. Wendy N., Tracy G. Right: Sara S., Regular not shown: Joyce L.

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See more on page 2 - Shelter Volunteers

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Top Left: Dog walker - Yumi P.

Top Middle: Dog walkers—Andy B., Debbie B.
(Pictures courtesy of Stanwood-Camano News)

Top Right: Dog walkers—Joseph W., Emerson S.

Left: Cat socializer, Jon L., Dog walker, Bev M. L.

Dog walkers, as the name implies, take our dogs for walks out in the nearby field and shelter environs. In addition to walking the dogs, they teach the dogs commands and provide mental stimulation. The dogs look forward to these times as do the volunteers. Cat socializers comfort, calm and socialize cats, increasing their adoptability.

Foster parents care for cats that are too young, sick, scared or need special attention and care. These homes provide a quiet place to rest or grow up. Foster parents also care for dogs as they recuperate from surgery. Training assistance, veterinary care and food are provided, but most of all foster parents provide love for these needy animals.

Friends of CASA

In 2008 volunteers joined together to create the Friends of CASA, a volunteer group that meets monthly and organizes fundraising and outreach events. The group meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Camano Multi-Purpose building. The dates and times of the meetings have changed during the pandemic, the group meets monthly via Zoom. Meetings include an icebreaker topic, approval of minutes, shelter report including shelter counts, board report, review of activities since the last meeting and discussions and planning for new events. By capturing what worked and what needs improvement, we are able to make modifications prior to the next time the event is held.

To supplement the Friends of CASA meeting, there is a Friends of CASA email that is sent approximately semi-monthly that provides ongoing updates to the recipients.



Top Left: Connie B., Linda L, Linda B.
Top Middle: Zoom Meeting in May
Top Right: Nancy H., Jean P., Gloria I., Daphne B.
Left: Stephanie K., Cathy M.
Right: Lyn K., Wendy W., Martha H.



**THANK YOU
EVENT CHAIRS****Pot Luck**

Mary Timmol

Glass Quest

Mary Timmol

Bake Sale

Lyn Kelley

Plant SaleJean Petroskie
Milly Norwood
Nancy Hotter
Clara Bryan
Debbie Gregory**Art Contest**

Gloria Ingrassia

Pet Food Drive

Gloria Ingrassia

Farmer's MarketVirginia Lyster
Stephanie Kolb**Summer Art Jam**

Cathy Massimino

Dog Wash

Martha Huyler

Giving Tuesday

Carolyn Spector

Santa Pictures

Sara Schmitt

**EVENT SET-UP/
MAINTENANCE**John Cole
Jim Howard
Rich Huyler
Sam Ingrassia
Don Petroskie
Bob Schmitt
Oluf Timmol**Behind the Scenes**

Volunteering at the shelter and participating in Friends of CASA fundraising and outreach events are ways that volunteers give their time. However, equally important is all of the behind the scenes volunteering that is needed to keep the shelter flourishing. Events require publicity via the local news venues and placing posters at local businesses. Thanks to the folks who willingly distribute these posters. CASA is known for its bright yellow reader board listing number of animals, items needed, upcoming events and "words of wisdom". Thanks to Judy York for updating the board weekly.

In addition to fundraising activities, thanks to local businesses and the customers who donate their change via donation boxes at the establishments. Board members with specific routes, collect the money, count it and deposit it. There are 38 boxes and over \$9,000 was collected in 2019. That's a lot of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters.

CASA is also known for our Island Love shirts, our colorful logo shirts and hats. Stocking and managing the inventory is a huge job very ably handled by Cathy Massimino. For the past three years we have produced and sold CASA calendars. Thanks to Diane O'Neill for designing and creating these calendars.

CASA is grateful to the organizations such as the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, The Tulalip Tribes and ReMax Community Chest who have provided us with grants. This would never had been possible without the talents of our volunteer grant writer, Carolyn Spector. Carolyn has also been the chair of **Giving Tuesday** since its inception. Once again we are thankful to SCAF for creating this vehicle whereby the community can donate to CASA.

Three times a year we send our **Forever Home newsletters** to members, donors and adopters. The newsletter, compiled and edited by Martha Huyler, includes a message from shelter manager, Tegan Locker, pictures of CASA Alumni, touching Happy Tails and news of what is happening with CASA. We send over 1,200 via postal mail. Working behind the scenes our newsletter team inserts envelopes, folds and adds seals so the newsletters can be mailed. An average of 12 people meet for 2 ½ hours to accomplish this task while also chatting away. We could not mail these newsletters, the Dog Wash mailing, and Lights of Love mailing without the support of UPS in Stanwood and these very dedicated volunteers.

We are grateful for the support that we receive from the community and donors. We extend our thanks to the Financial Team, volunteer Board Treasurer, Cathy Massimino, and volunteer bookkeeper Diane O'Neill who spend hours each week entering data into Quick Books, depositing money, and writing checks. Monthly Cathy prepares a report for the board as well as handling all business-related transactions for CASA.

**Newsletter team****Top Left:** Nita P., Lyn K., Marty B.**Top Middle:** Jean P.**Top Right:** Dorothy W., Anne B., John C., Carl T.**Left:** Georgi P., Cathy M.**Right:** Oluf T., Thea H.**Regulars Not Shown:** Tracy G.,

Judy Y., Dar H., Margaret R.,

Stephanie K., Susan G.

Bake and Plant Sale and Art Show

The Bake/Plant Sale dual fundraiser held during the Camano Island Studio Tour is well known on Camano Island. The dedicated Plant Sale team solicits plants as early as April and nurtures them until the day of the event. That day trucks and flatbeds are loaded to transport the plants to the Camano Multi-Purpose Building where volunteers are setting up tents and tables. Customers gather early to make their selections. Gardeners are on hand to offer advice about the pre-priced and labeled plants.

Inside the building the tables are filled with donated baked goods including yearly favorites “Cathy’s Cookies” and “Rich’s apple pie.” Lyn Kelley, long-time chair of the event, and her team of volunteers price and label the baked goods and then display them attractively on the tables. A CASA table displays CASA merchandise and information. Cashiers are on hand to collect the proceeds.

As customers enter the building, they are given a ballot by chairperson, Gloria Ingraffia, and invited to vote on their favorite art work created by students in Grades 2 – 5 from Utsalady and Elger Bay schools. People’s Choice awards are given for each of the grades and for the school. Danny Kaufman, local artist, selects the Best in Show for each of the schools. The art show has been held since 2011.



Plant Sale:

Top: Plant Display, Milly N. (Event Team)

Middle: Jean P., (Event Team), Clara B. (Event Team)

Bottom: Sue P., Don P.

Art Show:

Below: Danny Kaufmann with Best of Show Elger Bay/Utsalady

Bake Sale:

Top: Baked Goods; Nita P. and Andy B.

Bottom: Martha H. and Lyn K.

Art Show:

Bottom: Gloria I.



Pet Food Drive, Car Wash and Santa Pictures



June's fundraiser is another dual fundraiser requiring many volunteers. In the past, the **Pet Food Drive** was held the same day as the **CASA Car Wash** at Camano Plaza. The Car Wash was cancelled this year, but by adhering to health restrictions the Pet Food Drive was held, the only off-site fundraiser for the year. Shoppers are greeted outside IGA by volunteers offering wish lists requesting items needed by CASA. The donations are loaded into the CASA van. Scot Hamilton, Manager at IGA went above and beyond to publicize the event and assure that the store was adequately stocked.

The Car Wash, a labor-intensive event, relies on at least 40 volunteers who work as teams to wash and dry cars, trucks and vans. It is a hard work, but the volunteers enjoy themselves as they wash and dry the vehicles while getting very wet themselves.

Back Row and Front Row: Arthur Dellavade (Work of Art Auto Detailing) and friends.
Middle Row: Marcia S., Linda L., Lynda B., Len P., Rebecca P., Cheryl D., Regan M., Lorraine N., Dennis N., Jim S.



Pictures with Santa, held in November at the Skagit Farmers Supply, has been a CASA fundraiser for 15 years. For years, Santa Jeter greeted families and their animals. We were honored to have Santa Andy last year.

Sara Schmitt, chair, arrives early with the set-up team to help set up the backdrop, lights, etc. before the crowd arrives.

While Santa's Pictures couldn't happen without Santa, Nancy Hotter provides just the right touch to relax the dogs and have them "watch the camera" while photographer, Anne Crookston, captures the ever-moving antics of the families and their pets.

Top Left: Pet Food Drive, Linda B., Connie B.
Top Right: Car Wash, Virginia L.
Santa Pictures Top: Barbara P., Anne C., Santa Andy, Sara S., Nancy H. Mary Sue C., Cathy M., Martha H.
Santa Pictures Bottom: Gloria I, Santa Andy, Cathy W., Stephanie K, Cathy M.



Friends of CASA Outreach



The first event of the year is the annual **Pot Luck**, held in January and chaired by Mary Timmol. We always marvel at the variety of food and the common bond we share.

The season starts with **Glass Quest** where questors come to CASA searching for a clue ball which can be retrieved for a glass ball. Thanks to an anonymous donor we have participated since its inception. Volunteers enjoy greeting the questors when they come to the shelter and also watching all the shelter activity going on. Mary Timmol has chaired this event for several years with many volunteers having served every year.



Other early events held at the Camano Center include **Camano 101, 55+ Community Resource Fair**, and **Women's Expo**. In the spring and the fall CASA hosts a **Free Microchip Clinic** for cats and dogs. This event is made possible by business and individual sponsorships. Volunteers register the animals and make sure the pets are microchipped in order by the diligent staff. Once again volunteers marvel at the variety of dogs and cats coming for this life-saving event.



Top: Pot Luck 2019

Left to Right: Pot Luck 2020 Tracy G, Mary T, Oluf T., Dennis N;

Glass Quest: Dorothy W., Jill J., Daphne B., Linda B.

Volunteers: Top Left to Right: Margaret R., Carolyn S., Cathy M., Wendy W., Diane O, Judy Y.

Bottom Left to Right: Mary Sue C., Women's Expo, Theresa F, Connie B.

Summer Outreach Events

Summer outreach starts with **Twin City Idlers** where the team “walks the streets” greeting people and their dogs as they stroll by.

We are back in Stanwood again in July at the three day event, the **Summer Arts Jam**, chaired by Cathy Massimino. The highlight of the event is the huge raffle baskets that include donations from local establishments and goodies that Cathy has collected through the year.

Thanks to Virginia Lyster, CASA had a booth at the **Farmer’s Market** on selected Fridays. Stephanie Kolb will continue this year.

The highlight of the summer is the **Rotary Parade** where volunteers, relatives, staff and dogs walk in the parade with a banner and the van. Last year, young volunteers handed out dog biscuit bags to the dogs who watched the parade. It is such a joy to hear the parade watchers cheer for CASA.



Twin City Idlers
Top Left: Jean P.
Top Right: Gloria I., Cathy W. Cathy M, Milly N, Daphne B.
Middle Left: Arts Jam Booth
Middle Right: Barbara S. , Bob S., Cathy M.
Bottom Row: Rich H., Sam I. Ramona H., Barbara P.
Farmer’s Market: Stephanie K, Virginia L.

Rotary Parade

Back Row: Rich H, Linda B., Georgi P., Emily G., Connie B., Georgia H., Daphne B, Deidre M., Tegan L, Karen S., Eric H., Martha H.

Front Row: Emma H, Hannah G., Gemma R., Guest, Karl B, Roz M, Becca S., Guest

Dog Wash



August 15th would have been our 14th annual Dog Wash. The Dog Wash, one of the largest fundraisers, is staffed by approximately 80 volunteers. Big dogs, little dogs, all types of dogs are welcomed by greeters while their family member schedules their bath and/or nail/dremel session. They are guided by line monitors to the waiting area.

Professional Groomers (Krista's Pet Spaw and Sally Bergman) volunteer their services. After having their nails clipped, the dogs go to one of four kiddie pools to be washed by a team of four loving and dog-savvy washers. Some of the wash teams have been together for years. After their baths, the dogs are welcomed by dog dryers with cuddly towels. Once dry, the dogs receive a colorful bandana or bowtie. The dog-themed bandanas are made by a talented volunteer while the bowties are donated by another volunteer.



Throughout the day, photographers capture all the excitement and pictures are stored on the CASA photo album on our website. As they leave, the sparkling clean dogs receive bags containing dog biscuits and their owners receive instructions for viewing their pictures online. Each year the Dog Wash seems to grow and we are always pleased to see so many repeat customers. Last year 195 dogs came, 121 had nails clipped and 176 had baths. Chaired by Martha Huyler since its inception, the Dog Wash is memorable for all who participate whether volunteering or bringing their dogs.



Groomers:
Left: Krista's Pet Spaw Georgia G, Krista G, Brooklyn F.
Right: Chelsi P, Sally B.

Photographers:
Jim S., Anne C., Kate A.

Bandanas and Bowties:
Tracy G.

Customers
Joseph W, Emerson S.





Top: Dog Washers
Joe C., Haley D., Tanja B.
Middle: Tickets
Linda B., Edythe K., Jean P.
Bottom: Dog Washers
Nancy H., Kristi E. Virginia L.



Top: Dog Wash Sign-In Tent and CASA Merchandise Tent
Middle Left: Dog Dryers Mac M, Debbie B., Pat C., Lyn K.
Middle Right: Happy Dog
Bottom Left: Judy S, Jim H.
Bottom Right: Virginia L, Nancy H., Kristi E., another Happy Dog

Support Staff:

Dog Dryers
John H., Clara B.
Greeters:

Dar H, Erin T.
Line Monitors:
Leanne E, Rene A.
Line Monitors:
Sue J., Lorraine N.,
Rose K.



CASA Board of Directors



The seven member CASA Board of Directors meet monthly. The role* of the board is to:

- Determine CASA’s mission and purpose.
- Select the manager and periodically assess performance.
- Provide proper financial oversight.
- Ensure adequate resources.
- Ensure the legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability.
- Actively participate in the overall planning process.
- Recruit new board members and assess the board’s performance.
- Enhance the organization’s public standing.
- Determine, monitor and strengthen CASA’s programs and services.

* Excerpt from Boards on Fire! by Susan Howlett

CASA’s Board is dedicated to fulfilling the roles as stated, but this board is really a working board, i.e., they are actively involved in the fundraising and outreach of CASA and work together with the manager and all the volunteers to assure that CASA continues to serve its mission.

Left to right: Martha H. Cathy M., Gloria I., Sara S., John C., Wendy W., Jim H.

Events - 2019
Pot Luck
Glass Quest
55+ Community Resource Fair
Microchip Clinic
Little Whiskers Food & Supply Drive
Women’s Expo
Annual Camano Mother’s Day Studio Art Tour Bake/Plant Sale and Art Show
Stanwood Farmer’s Market
Art of Beer, Brats and Biz
CASA Car Wash
IGA Pet Food Drive
Twin City Idlers Booth
Summer Art Jam
Stanwood – Rotary Parade
Mutt Strut
Annual Dog Wash
Volunteer Appreciation
Microchip Clinic
Community Appreciation Open House
Heritage Bank
Annual Santa Pictures
Annual Lights of Love
Giving Tuesday
CASA Annual Meeting

2019 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Yacht Club



Top Left: Mug Rugs by Theresa F.
Top Right: Volunteer Cake

Middle: Mug Rugs, John C. and Sara S.,
Flutists - Vicky B., Rickey B.

Bottom Left: Teri S, Mike H.
Bottom Right: Dirk P, Barbara P.



CASA Volunteering During Covid Times

Since March, 2020, CASA fundraising and outreach has drastically changed. While volunteers eagerly wait to participate and spread the word, we have been limited by health restrictions imposed via the various Covid Phases. No longer can we invite people to just "stop by" the shelter or work side by side in close proximity. The major fundraisers such as the Bake and Plant Sale, Car Wash, Dog Wash and Santa Pictures have all been cancelled.

However, the resourceful volunteers still continue to meet monthly as Friends of CASA although the meetings are held via Zoom. The Board meets via Zoom, but has had a few outdoor, "social distancing" meetings. We continue to spread the word via the newsletter and eNews. Access to the shelter is limited and masks are required inside, but that doesn't stop volunteers from helping with the laundry and dishes while the dedicated dog walkers still continue to walk the dogs.

The highlights of this year have been the Pet Food Drive and the Stanwood Farmer's Market. Wearing masks is the norm; reducing paper handouts and providing handwashing stations are some of the ways we have had to adjust. We are thankful, however, that we are still able to reach out to the community. The greatest joy comes from knowing that, in spite of all the restrictions, the shelter continues "Bringing together animals in need and caring people, forever enriching their lives."



Top: 2020 Pet Food Drive
Gloria I., John C., Wish List
Middle:
Dog Walker Yumi P.
Dog Wash Cancellation
Bottom: 2020 Farmer's Market
Left: Thea H., Cathy M.
Middle: Anne S., Debbie M.
Right: Jim H. and handwashing station



A heartfelt THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers!

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th 11AM – 4PM
FREE CAT & DOG MICROCHIP CLINIC
 AT THE CAMANO ANIMAL SHELTER 198 CAN KU RD, CAMANO ISLAND

PLEASE BRING THAT CAT OWNER WHO WANTS TO GET A MICROCHIP AND WISHES THEY HAD DONE THIS EARLIER. CATS AND DOGS MUST BE NEUTERED AND HAVE A COLLAR. CATS MUST BE ON LEASH WITH A COLLAR. CATS MUST ARRIVE IN A CARRIER. DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH WITH A COLLAR. CATS MUST ARRIVE IN A CARRIER. MUST BE 2 LBS AND 2 MONTHS OF AGE - AND BE ABLE TO BE HANDLED. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: 360.387.1902

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 EVERGREEN HOME LOANS | Windermere REALTY
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 Last Dogs of Snohomish County #1 | Windermere REALTY
 Little Whiskers BABY INDOOR / Foul & Supply Drive

SATURDAY - MAY 11th
BAKE & PLANT SALE

10 AM - 3 PM
 AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER
 (The building next to the shelter)
 141 East Camano Dr
 Camano Island, WA

yummy baked goods
 pretty plants, flowers
 tasty hotdogs,
 and more.

FREE COFFEE

DRAW-A-CAT AND DRAW-A-DOG CONTEST
 While visiting, cast your votes for artwork submitted by students from Utsahady and Edger Bay Schools for CASA's Draw-a-Cat and Draw-a-Dog contest.

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Your purchase helps homeless pets

BENEFIT FOR CASA CAR WASH
 Benefit Car Wash for the Camano Animal Shelter Assoc.
 In the Camano Plaza parking lot by the IGA

JUNE 13
11:00 - 4:00

IGA PET FOOD DRIVE
 While you're there, grab a wishlist and shop for homeless pets.

Camano Animal Shelter Association
 CASA 13th Annual
DOG WASH

Saturday August 17th 11 AM - 4 PM

Nail Clipping \$10
 Nail Clipping Dremel \$15
 Dog Baths \$8 - \$10 - \$12 (depending on size)

Taking place at the Shelter
 Corner of East Camano Dr & Can Ku Road

All proceeds benefit the programs and animals at the Camano Animal Shelter
 Call 360.387.1902 for more information - 501(c)(3) organization

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th 11AM – 4PM
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PICTURES WITH SANTA

Saturday November 9th 10 am - 12 pm 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Bring your pets and dogs and other family members too!

Country Store 272nd Street NW Stanwood
 Quality digital pictures of family members with Santa
 Great for personalized holiday gifts
 Only \$20.00* for one CD with four different pictures
 *Cash or check only

All proceeds benefit the programs and animals at the Camano Animal Shelter
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Memories from 2019-2020



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