



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.

Jewel's Puppies



Message from the Shelter Manager

It is still shocking when we hear from people who don't know much about CASA. Some people still don't even know we exist and yet they live in the Camano and Stanwood areas. Recently a long-time Camano resident echoed the same thing. She didn't really know what we did, how we differed from other organizations, and that we didn't occupy the entire building structure you see when arriving at CASA. Having someone who has been in our community so long who still didn't realize the scope of our animal welfare organization - was troubling. After hearing this we are on a mission to make sure everyone of you knows who we are, exactly what we do, and why our mission is one that needs your support.

Our website has contained a wealth of information for many years, but we are slowly changing things to showcase our cause in a different way. The website already has new additions like a new virtual shelter tour, information about secure outdoor structure for indoor kitties, more photos of the animals we help, our volunteers and small staff. Keep watching for more changes.

CASA has even more change in store. We have been planning a dog yard remodel which is now getting underway. Our main dog yard where dogs play during the day and visitors meet adoptable dogs is getting a fabulous UV resistant, yet bright and sunny cover over it. It is quite sizable and within that covered section we will be building a secure outdoor "Catio" for our loose colony of adoptable cats. We are so excited for them to have safe outdoor access, with lots of sunshine, fresh northwest air, and places to lounge whenever they like. This is a big change that has been made possible by caring bequests and donations. Please be sure to visit the shelter from time to time and watch us grow as we help more animals.

~ Tegan Locker

Jewel's Journey

Jewel's journey began a year and a half ago when she came into this world. As with other dogs that come to CASA, we do not know her full history. Although CASA primarily takes strays, surrenders and impounds from Camano Island, when there is a need and space permits, we take dogs from other shelters or rescue groups focusing on the ones who need us most.

When the Shelter Manager heard from a Washington rescue group that there was a pregnant Staffordshire terrier that was spending her life strictly outdoors and just weeks from giving birth, she agreed to take Jewel. After finding a foster home, she worked with the rescue group and was directed to a rescue in Seattle who would facilitate Jewel's journey. At this time, however, we learned that Jewel was being transported to Seattle and that she was being flown north from California and then driven by van among other shelter dogs. Our Shelter Manager was instantly worried about a pregnant dog and the high possibility of her getting sick.

Jewel arrived at CASA in poor medical condition. In addition to being very pregnant, she appeared to have kennel cough. She was malnourished and had severe diarrhea. It was impossible to tell if it was stress from transport, her becoming close to giving birth, or something else completely. She was taken to the local veterinarian, Camano Vet, for an examination, medicated and placed on watch. There seemed to be minor improvement and then six days after arriving at her foster home, Jewel went into labor. She was in immediate distress and so the foster mother, accompanied by staff members, rushed her back to the veterinarian just as they were closing. Jewel had an emergency C-section. Two of her nine puppies were stillborn; one of the remaining was struggling and put on oxygen as shelter staff took turns rubbing the puppy and keeping it warm.



Jewel is waiting for her Forever Home.

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After Jewel returned to the foster home with her seven remaining puppies, we knew they were not out of the woods. Jewel's uterus turned out not to be the healthiest place for puppy development. We would be happy if we were able to save any of her pups at this point and also save a very sick Jewel. Motherhood came as a surprise to Jewel, that was clear. In between feedings, Jewel was separated from her puppies.

Time away from her puppies gave Jewel a chance to finally start recuperating, but also meant that the foster mother had to be available all day and night to allow Jewel to be with her puppies every three hours. Sometimes volunteers and staff came to help. Life has gotten easier. The four remaining puppies did battle kennel cough but are growing rapidly and are busy exploring the world. Jewel has slowly fought her way back to health. She is now comfortable with being a mother, her cough has disappeared and she is even gaining weight.

The puppies will be available for adoption when they are large enough to spay and neuter which should be in the beginning of February. At that time, Jewel's journey will continue as she looks for her Forever Home. Jewel is a wonderful dog. Although she has been through much adversity, Jewel remains a dog with tons of love to give. She is still young at about a year and a half old, is always seeking guidance from her "person", and bonds with them tightly. Our goal is to find a loving and caring Forever Home for Jewel to live out the rest of her journey.

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.

Thanks to: **Roberta N. Gill** and **Patricia Michels** for including CASA in their bequests.

2014 Intake and Outcome Statistics - Over 500 Animals Came to CASA

Intake	Total	Stray	Surrender	Transfer In	Impound	Return
Cats	255	161	86	0	2	6
Dogs	261	78	79	58	37	9

In 2014, 528 animals (including cats, dogs, and other pets) 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 58 dogs from other shelters this year who may not have had a chance otherwise.

Outcome	Adopted	RTO	Transfer Out	Died	PTS
Cats	247	4	3	7	5
Dogs	154	85	10	4	3

Of the animals that came into CASA in 2014, the majority were adopted or returned to their owners, 23 cats and 13 dogs 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, 10 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 underage kittens and puppies who died in foster care, 2 who arrived injured and 8 animals 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
Camano Multi-Purpose Building
Join us to help plan events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Glass Quest

Saturday February 13th -
Sunday, February 22nd

Microchip Clinic

Saturday, March 21st

Little Whiskers Open House

Saturday, April 25th

Bake and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9th

Draw-a-Cat Draw-a-Dog Art Contest

Saturday, May 9th

**THANK YOU
BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

- Advantage Accounting & Tax Services
- AWR Inc. / General Contractor
- Bennet and Bennet Law
- Camano Body Shop, Inc.
- Camano Canine Resort
- Camano Island Kennels and Grooming
- Camano Island Pet Grooming Salon
- Camano Storage
- Camano Veterinary Clinic
- Cat Nap Inn, LLC
- Certified Services Auto & Truck Repair
- Coastal Community Bank
- Dog Style Grooming & Pet Sitting
- Edward Jones - Peggy Burr
- Glass Tech Stanwood, Inc.
- Heritage Bank
- Island Critter Sitters
- Krista's Pet Spaw
- K9TWO.com
- Land Title and Escrow
- Mark's Camano Pharmacy
- Movement Arts Yoga and Pilates
- Northwest Veterinary Clinic - Stanwood
- Pet Neuter and Vaccination Clinic
- Pratt Pest Management NW
- Puget Sound Tree Care LLC
- RE/MAX – Brandy Timmer
- State Farm Insur. – Leslie Tripp Agency
- Thomas Assoc - Insurance Brokers, Inc.
- Thorson Pacific, Inc.
- TimLabs
- U.S. Asset Forfeiture and Seizures
- Windermere Real Estate
- Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans

CASA Alumni



Rosa Barrow
Adopted May 2014



Rikki Barrow
Adopted May 2014



Sassy Timmol
Adopted Dec 2014



Tommy Page
Adopted May 2014



Cora Timmol
Adopted Dec 2014



Chicken Baker
Adopted Aug 2014



Shadow Ries
Adopted Oct 2014



Archer Roetcisoender
Adopted Apr 2013



Cosmo Philbrook
Adopted Nov 2011

Visit camanoanimalshelter.org to view and read about all of our adoptable animals.

HAPPY TAILS

Chevy



Chevy snuggles with her friend.

When a friend had sent me a picture of Chevy, I had looked at it briefly and thought she looked very sweet. We were not looking to make any additions to our family. A few days later, I still found myself haunted by the sweet dog in that picture. I had no idea that she was blind. I went back and read the article. Still I kept thinking of her. I convinced my husband and neighbor to go on a field trip to CASA and meet her. The next day we adopted Chevy and we were able to bring her home.

Most people believe that Chevy has many challenges and that we help her continuously with her disability. On the contrary, Chevy makes this very easy for us. Chevy does not let her blindness hold her back from anything. She loves to snuggle, run in the water, play tug of war and with a little help from voice commands she is getting to be an expert playing fetch. Chevy has wonderful neighbors that visit and snuggle her nearly every day. 10 year old Riley likes to walk her or snuggle on the couch. However, 3 year old Sophia is never impressed when Chevy steals her forts to take a catnap.

We knew that there was a vet who had helped Chevy by removing her painful eyes and a tumor. We looked him up and even though he was very busy, Dr. O'Rourke took the time to visit with me. He had explained how loving Chevy was while she stayed at the clinic and trusted people so greatly even with all that she'd been through. His staff also shared with me that Chevy had been a blood donor during her stay and has helped many other animals.

Chevy reminds us that no matter what our challenges are we still have something to offer. No matter what our weaknesses are we can still help and impact others' lives by what we can contribute on a daily basis.

We are thankful to Chevy's previous family for having the courage to give her up when her needs became too great for them to address. My family is grateful to CASA for making exceptions and going out of their way to save an animal that was in need. We are also very impressed by Dr. O'Rourke's generosity by volunteering to help Chevy and giving her a better quality of life. We know that we are a very small part in Chevy's journey and we feel very fortunate to be a part of it.

~ Dan and Cindy Nitsche

Bugsy and Lilly (now Gramps and Chubbs)

My grown daughter and I saw the CASA board outside IGA at Camano Plaza. She encouraged me to go to the shelter just to look. We saw lots of dogs, old and young, and many cats that needed homes. When looking at the dogs we saw two pugs and asked if we could play with them. I fell in love with Gramps, an 11 year-old male, and Lilly aka Chubbs, a 6 year-old female. I returned with my husband and he felt the same.

At Gramps' age he is blind. He may see shadows but follows voices and Lilly. Chubbs has arthritis in her back legs and has some trouble walking. On walks we go at their pace. Slow, slower, and slowest (just my speed). Both pugs respond to red light, green light. We adapt to their needs and finding new ways every day. They are truly lovable and filled with personality and bring great joy to us.

The age of one and the health of the other is not why we adopted them. We adopted them to give them a good home for the rest of their life. When out on one of our walks someone thanked me for adopting them. Really I thank the people at CASA. Their care and dedication to the animals made for a great experience. Now I am encouraging you to go, just to look. You may find a new family member.



Gramps and Chubbs happy together

~ Elaina Johnson

Max and Lobo (now Cinders and Sunshine)



Cinders with heart on chest.

They are my greatest present ever - we had lost our other cat that had grown up with my children, and my husband just happened to stop at CASA. He came running in the door and said "get your coat on I want to show you something". So off we went to CASA to see Max, the tuxedo kitten that played and played and looked a lot like our Pepper we had just lost. So one look and that's all it took. But we couldn't leave Lobo behind who was Max's playmate. So my Christmas present on December 11, 2007 were these two wonderful babies.

That year they made their home in the Christmas tree! They are now called Cinders (my kitty with the heart on his chest) and Sunshine (my big beautiful boy), and they are still best of friends.
~ Dawn Clark



Sunshine is Cinders' playmate.

Missy and Gidgett

We all totally love and adore Missy and Gidgett. They fit right in, and are so patient and gentle with our young children. They seemed to know right away that we are now their "people" and they are part of our life here on the farm and a special part of our family, They specifically want to be with us in particular, although they are very friendly with visitors.

Their favorite thing to do is follow us around while we do various chores, Gidgett wanted to herd the alpacas as soon as she saw them and Missy seems to want to adopt the baby calf for her own. Their next favorite activity is riding in the car with us when we go places. They both think they belong on our laps (right next to a window, of course)! What snugglers they are, and so loving, they sleep in our room right by us every night. They are doing so well with everyone and all the animals here, it feels meant to be! We're so happy to share our home with them and thankful for their constant companionship. Thank you CASA for a wonderful pet adoption experience and everyone who cared for our special ladies!
~ Michelle Zedwick



Gidgett and Missy love the farm.

Zeus and Willow



Willow is the best snuggler.

About three years ago I adopted two kittens from you, a brother and sister. I cannot remember what you called them but I call the orange male Zeus and the tortie female is Willow. I just wanted to say thank you, and every time I even see Camano Island I will think of you (CASA). We love our cats, they complete our family. Zeus can do wheelies and Willow is the best snuggler in the whole world. Without places like yours around I never would have found my two "kids". They are happy cats!! And they bring love and joy to me and my family everyday. We will never be able to thank you enough!
~ Lori Rockwell



Zeus can do wheelies.

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.

20 Essential Facts Dog Lovers Must Always Remember

The print is small and the list is long, but if you love dogs, this article, posted on Facebook and credited to www.dogheirs.com, will give you something to ponder.

1. Don't ignore me for too long. I may only live for 10 to 15 years. It seems like forever when you're away from me and it hurts my heart when I don't know where you are.

2. Take me to new places to meet friendly people and animals. I might be frightened of them at first, but if you hold my paw through these new experiences, I'll learn to be more confident and trusting of others. I really do love to meet new friends.

3. Don't throw me away when new family members arrive. They are my family too and I will love and protect them as much as I love and protect you.

4. Don't get mad at me when I jump up. I love you so much and sometimes I can't help getting excited and wanting to give you a hug.



5. Teach me new things. I love making you happy so teach me what you'd like me to do. Learning is great exercise and I love it just as much as a run at the park

6. Don't get frustrated and give up on me. I don't understand your language, but I'm trying my best to learn. Give me time to understand what you want of me because all I want to do is please you.

7. Don't take out your stress on me. No matter how your day went, I am always happy to see you and will do whatever I can to make your day better.

8. Give me comfort when I'm scared. I always feel better when I'm with you and it may just take a moment before I understand that new things won't hurt me.

9. No matter how busy you are, try to spend a little bit of quality time with me every day. This is truly what I look forward to the most and every minute means so much to me.

10. Don't leave me outside when it's too hot or too cold. I don't have anywhere to go to stay cool or to keep warm and I don't know how to escape if I'm in a desperate situation.

11. Don't forget the little things that keep me healthy and happy. My paws hurt if my toenails are too long and I feel much better after my coat has been brushed free of mats. I could even get sick if my teeth are too dirty. It's only minutes of your time, but it means so much to me.

12. Trust me. I trust you with all my heart, so please trust me too. You mean the world to me.

13. Don't be angry with me for too long. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment. I have only you.

14. Talk to me. I may not understand your words, but I understand your tone and body language.

15. Always treat me with kindness. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it. The more you love me, the stronger our bond will be.

16. Please don't hit me. Remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you because I love you. If I did something wrong, I didn't mean to make you angry, so please help me understand how to not repeat it. I would much rather give you kisses.

17. Let me know whenever I've done something right. Nothing in the world makes me happier. I can tell when you're pleased with me and if I know what I've done to make you smile, you can bet your life that I will try and do it again. And again, and again, and again...

18. Pay attention to me if I'm not being myself. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, please check to see if something might be bothering me. My heart may be getting old, I may be unwell, or I could even be in pain.

19. Take care of me when I get old, just as much as you cared for me when I was a puppy. When I was young, you spent so much time cuddling me and touching my soft fur. My fur might not be as soft and I am no longer small, but my love for you has only grown stronger.

20. Come with me on difficult journeys. I understand that it's hard for you, but please stay with me until the very end. Everything is better, easier and safer for me if you are with me. Remember, I love you.

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Matching Gifts Companies:

Boeing Employee Giving, Cambia Health Foundation, Chevron Humankind, Costco, Google, Microsoft, Russell Investments, Symetra

Wish List

GENERAL SUPPLIES

Liquid Bleach
Dawn Liquid Laundry Detergent



PET FOOD

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

PET SUPPLIES

Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets

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Donation Boxes Winning Locations

CASA has 27 donation boxes at Stanwood and Camano Island businesses and has raised over \$5,000. These boxes bring awareness to the community and provide an easy way for people to donate.

Winning Locations: 1st Place: IGA Camano Plaza, 2nd Place: Ace Hardware Camano Plaza, 3rd Place: Coffee Roasters.

Thank you to the businesses who host our donation boxes.

In memory of departed pets:

- ♥ Amanda Grace Emory
- ♥ Benny and McDuff Dale
- ♥ Brogan Plemons
- ♥ Cami Morrison
- ♥ Casey Brady
- ♥ Cookie Adair
- ♥ Duchess Yassick
- ♥ Gonzo Parker
- ♥ Jake and Victor Timmol
- ♥ Maggie May Ingraffia
- ♥ Maggie May Sale
- ♥ Maizio Viau
- ♥ Phoebe, Rocky and TJ Moore
- ♥ Slim and Spike Moore
- ♥ Zelo and Shadow Romel



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Joanna is five years old. Her neat coat color is called dilute tortoiseshell. Torties are known for their TORTITUDE and Joanna is no exception. This makes for a cat who is independent, full of character, and not the slightest bit boring. And really, who wants a boring cat? Come to CASA and meet her today.



Harley loves to PLAY. Harley needs someone who has the time for basic obedience training because he does not understand how large he is. No cats for Harley, he loves to chase them. Also no children under 14 because of how energetic Harley is. Please come to meet Harley at CASA.

Zeus is an adorable 4 year old Leonberger/Aussie mix who could run and play all day. He needs a home without children, cats or other dogs. He needs someone who will run and throw the ball for him during the day and snuggle at night. Zeus will also need a grain free diet (including his treats). Does Zeus sound perfect for you?



Tamaria would do best in a home with no other cats. "Cat savvy" dogs might be okay. Someone who knows the importance of grooming long hair cats would be absolutely wonderful for her! Her list of requirements is a little long, but she will be worth it to the right home! Please come by the Camano Animal Shelter soon to meet Tamaria.

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