



# FOREVER HOME

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Camano Animal Shelter Newsletter

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## CASA Mission Statement:

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



**COMING SOON!**  
**2018 CASA CALENDAR**  
**AT THE SHELTER**  
**\$15**



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We love to share photos of our animals and updates on events. Post your photos too with our 5,500+ Facebook friends!

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## Message from the Shelter Manager

Summer has come to a close, along with the shelter's busiest season of the year. However, that doesn't mean the shelter will not be busy now that fall is here; we simply switch gears a bit. We will still be receiving litters of kittens, stray animals, ones that cannot stay in their homes, and other various animals in need of our help. Children have headed back to school, leaving some parents longing for additional things to do during the school day. Wherever your road leads you this fall do not forget about your favorite little shelter that never stops - not even for holidays.

This is a great time to think about volunteering. Extend your reach, by signing up to help with fundraising events and other events that raise awareness and help animals. We have a number of opportunities that can showcase your talents. We are also in need of help within the shelter. There are so many things inside the shelter that you could help with. Although we would love to see you more than an hour each week, we are thankful for any amount of shelter assistance. Join the staff in the morning to help feed our animals and spruce up their living areas while enjoying a little music and affection from your furry friends.

If you are interested in getting into an animal care field there is no better way than joining our volunteer team. The staff would love an assistant and at the same time you can get training on the various medical care and wellness testing we do within the walls of our shelter. We do understand that donating time is not for everyone and we truly appreciate however you choose to contribute. We want to thank each and every one of you for supporting CASA. We hope you have a great and fulfilling fall season.

- Tegan Locker

## Animals in Need

The new CASA Mission Statement, "Bringing together animals in need and caring people, forever enriching their lives", was composed with care. Rather than describe the mechanics of "what" and "how" CASA functions, we wanted to say "why" we function as we do.

While the dogs, cats and other animals wait to be adopted or returned to their current homes, CASA provides a temporary home. The emphasis on "bringing together" in the mission statement focuses on the primary goal of the uniting of animals and people. When deciding on how to describe the animals, we vacillated between "needy animals" which implies a small subset of the animals and "animals in need", which refers to all of the animals who come through our doors. All of the animals need food, water, housing and most of all love. Each animal comes to the shelter not knowing what to expect and is in need of loving care. In some cases, they have additional medical and/or emotional needs.

Tillie and Rufus arrived with dry, scaly skin where mange had resulted in hair loss and skin infections. As part of their treatment, they are now given a high quality diet to boost the immune system, while also being treated for mange itself. Even after they have been scraped clear for mange, they will have to be on a specific monthly flea treatment that also covers demodex mange. They



Tillie's coat is improving



Rufus continues to battle mange

See more on page 2 - Animals in Need

**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**

**Free Microchip Clinic**

*Saturday, Oct 7th*

**Santa Pictures**

*Saturday, Nov 11th*

**Giving Tuesday**

*Tuesday, Nov 28th*

**Lights of Love**

*Nov. and Dec.*

**Annual Meeting**

*Monday, Dec 11th*

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need to continue with a high quality diet to maintain overall system health for the rest of their lives. This is a commitment for the new family.

Anthony, a lively 2 year old Dachshund mix, had a very rough life at the hands of a cruel person and is extremely fearful of strangers. He is staying in the Cat ISO/office area of the shelter so that he can interact with people. Although he is afraid of all strangers, he is particularly fearful of men/children and hides under the cat cages when they come into the room. With the people he has come to know and who maintain his trust, he is very affectionate, greets them with a wagging tail, bounces, and even some squeals of delight when they arrive in the morning. The joy is short-lived if there is a sudden noise or if his old fears surface. There has been a lot of progress, but he has a very long way to go. Anthony is still an "animal in need."



Anthony fears strangers

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Toni Fenley

No matter the circumstance, the goal is always to find "caring people." These are the people who are willing to make a commitment to their pets. The commitment might be providing special food or medicine, but always includes the promise to provide love and care for their pets. At CASA we want to bring together the "animals in need and caring people" to "forever enrich their lives." Often we think in terms of the animal's life being enriched once adopted, but more often than not, the adopter's life is also enriched. Just reading the Happy Tails that appear in each newsletter confirms that the pets bring joy and happiness to their new family. Often people stop by the shelter to say how their pet has helped them through difficult times, being there when they were most needed. Ideally, the commitment is for "forever."

The new mission statement is easy to remember; just think of each of the phrases, and remember why CASA exists.

**CASA Staff**

**Shelter Manager:**

Tegan Locker

**Assistant Manager:**

Anna D.

**Shelter Staff:**

Hollie D.  
Rozalynn M.  
Trisha T.



**CASA Van Tells the Story**

The newly-decorated CASA Van, sporting CASA animals, broadcasts the new CASA mission.

The van shows the services that CASA provides: **adoptions, surrenders, stray services, education and microchipping.**

Also how you can help: **volunteer, foster, donate, adopt and save a life.**

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**Hours:**

Wed - Fri 11 - 3  
Sat 11 - 4  
Sun 11 - 3  
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- Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans
- Windermere Real Estate-Nancy McClure\*
- Windernere Real Estate-Steve and Julie Love\*

\* New business member

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

***CASA Alumni***



Lilly Sanders  
Adopted April 2012



Lulu Yeannakis  
Adopted July 2017



Gatsby Robinson  
Adopted Nov 2016



Sadie Muller  
Adopted May 2017



Layla Carter and Friend  
Adopted Feb 2017

**Wish List**

**GENERAL SUPPLIES**

- Liquid Bleach
- Dawn Liquid Dish Detergent
- Copy paper
- Ziploc bags (snack/gallon)

**PET FOOD**

- Canned Cat and Kitten Food (not 9-Lives)
- KMR - Kitten Milk Replacement
- Baby Food - small jars of puree meats
- Royal Canin "Babycat" & kitten dry food
- Zignature Dry Dog Food - turkey, duck or fish (local store option—Julz Animal Houz, Marysville)

**PET SUPPLIES**

Non-clumping/Clay cat litter or pellets

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](http://www.smile.amazon.com).

**NEW: Look at the NestCam Security Cameras!**  
(We are able to watch the animals at the shelter 24/7 with one of these cameras)



*Visit Amazon.com or Smile.Amazon.com. Enter "Camano Animal Shelter" to see our Wish List or Click on Amazon Wish List from our website. When you place an order from our Amazon.com wish list, your donations will be shipped directly to our shelter!*



## HAPPY TAILS

### Fonse

When my black cat buddy Cyrus passed away, there was a giant house panther-shaped hole in my heart. Sifting through pages of online classifieds, a photo of a small, particularly sheepish looking snowshoe Siamese caught my eye immediately. The Craigslist post said "Alfonse: 3-year-old boy", depicting the handsome Siamese looking cross-eyed at the camera.

I drove to CASA immediately and asked for him by name. A shelter worker returned with him and Alfonse jumped right up on my lap and aggressively nuzzled me, purring. I could see that the former "not a lap cat" who was found lost on Camano, scared, hungry and missing a lot of fur had already come a long way in the care of the fantastic CASA staff. His undercoat had already grown back. He spent a brief adjustment time hiding under an antique wardrobe and periodically sticking his paw out for treats, but once he got the confidence to come out and explore his new home, there was no looking back.

Alfy (also known as Fonse) is now the delightfully bossy Siamese guard cat of the house, and in traditional Siamese fashion, opens and unlocks doors, is very vocal and follows us everywhere. Alfonse enjoys gardening, catnip, licking only the gravy off of his wet food, drinking water from the bathtub, sleeping on welcome mats, eating fettuccini noodles and playing chase. I am honored to be Alfonse's human, and his endearing innocent foolishness and love inspires me. Thank you Camano Island Animal Shelter for uniting me with Alfonse, and for all the good that you do.

~ Elizabeth McDevitt



Fonse, the Siamese guard cat

### Lenny

Lenny is awesome! My boyfriend and I saw him online and fell in love. We both went to CASA to check him out. Once we heard about his story and needs we decided he would fit perfectly in our family.

Lenny is very happy at home. Every day I get home he talks to me for about 20 minutes about his day and just wants love. He also follows us from the moment we get up till we go to sleep at night. Lenny loves watching Netflix and cuddling on the end of the bed at night. He has turned out to be quite the character and I'm so glad we have him around.

~ Katelyn Marlow

*Note: Lenny has had a remarkable story. He was featured in the Spring, 2015 edition of the CASA newsletter that told the story of his will to live in spite of his injuries after being hit by a car. After all the trauma in his life, knowing that he has found such a caring home is even more touching.*



Lenny loves to watch Netflix and cuddle

### 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)**

**Isabelle**



Isabelle, the boat cat

My dear Isabelle, whom I met at CASA in 2011 when she was named Grayberry, continues to be my best friend, and we live aboard a 50-foot boat in Friday Harbor. Thought you might like to see her facilities... a cat door under my desk opens into a little room with litter box, LED lighting, air cleaner with carbon filter, convective airflow, paw-cleaning mat, and a webcam so I can check status from any browser. This has completely solved the smell and tracking issues of her litterbox, and it doubles as a comfy seat on my afterdeck. Thanks again for introducing me to the most amazing cat ever.

~ Steven K. Roberts

*Note: To learn more about Isabelle/Grayberry's facilities visit*

[www.microship.com/feline-outhouse/](http://www.microship.com/feline-outhouse/)  
*Building a Feline Outhouse – Nomadic Research Labs*



Isabelle's little room

**Volunteers Needed! Will You Help Us Help Cats and Dogs?**

**Cat Care and Cleaning**

- Cleaning cat rooms including changing litter boxes, replacing laundry, wiping down surfaces, etc.
- Providing fresh food and water for our cats
- Interacting/socializing with cats which makes them more adoptable
- Providing feedback on their health and behavior

**Dog Walking and Care**

- Assist staff cleaning kennels, replacing bedding so their stay is as comfortable as possible
- Providing fresh food and water for our dogs
- Walking dogs or spending quality time with them in the dog yard (must be 18 years old)

**Fostering**

- Providing a temporary home for kittens/puppies and/or cats and dogs needing a home away from the shelter and who are not ready for adoption
- CASA provides veterinary care, medications, food, litter, beds, and other items

We also need volunteers with special skills and experience to assist us with projects.

**Marketing and Fundraising**

- Graphic Design (Web and/or Print)
- Social Media and PR
- Animal Photography
- Selling items on eBay
- Participate and plan Outreach Events -  
Come to the Friends of CASA meetings

**Professional Experience**

- Pro-bono auditor
- Policy and procedure writer

**Questions?** Send email to:  
[casa@camanoanimalshelter.org](mailto:casa@camanoanimalshelter.org)



Inside the shelter



Fundraising and Outreach Events



Walking dogs

"CASA is happy to announce that we have just been awarded a grant from the Nysether Family Foundation Fund, through the Community Foundation of Snohomish County. This award, in the amount of \$5,000, will help pay for disease testing, vaccinations and microchipping for animals coming into our shelter, as well as to purchase a small refrigerator to be used for storing animal medications."

A Day in the Life of a CASA Cat



Princess tells her story

8 AM It's morning, I hear the jingling of keys and the door knob turning, then this annoying beeping starts, but not for long because once the human comes in she presses some buttons and the beeping stops. Oh Boy I am so excited. I jump down from my nice cozy bed up on the counter. YES!! She sees me and comes over and gives me a pet. Purrrrrrrr! I love that she greets me first..... What is she doing now?

She goes into the back and comes out with a bucket, shovel, and another bucket of cleaning cloths. She starts getting busy and scoops my litter and cleans the kennels in the front lobby. She grabs a broom and sweeps up all the dirt and hair from all of us felines. After she sweeps, she then mops the floor. I don't like it when she mops because when I jump down my paws get wet, but it does dry fairly quickly. The front office smells so much better after the cleaning is done.

11 AM The front door then gets unlocked and people start coming in. Pick me Pick me! That's what I am saying to them but all they hear is Meow. I don't understand why they don't understand me. I wish they would pick me. I may not like other felines, but I sure do love humans... but the right human that knows me and loves me for my sassy attitude.

My Neighbors Walking around the front lobby, I see a funny looking cat in one of the cat condos, It hops around and has two really tall ears. Wait, that is not a cat, it's a bunny.

It's kitten season now. When those cute yet obnoxious little creatures come in the staff takes them to the back (ISO/office) to get vaccinated, dewormed, Felv/FIV testing and flea treated. Sometimes if they are too young they go into foster until they are old enough to be vaccinated and spayed or neutered. When they are finally ready for adoption they get put in one of the kitty condos and sometimes they jump around so much they spill their food. Silly kids don't know how to keep their bedroom clean. I feel bad for the staff that has to clean up after them. So glad I'm such a clean girl.

There was this cat named Lucy who had FIV, and was contagious from feline to feline. She had to stay in a kennel. I can't imagine having to stay in a kennel the whole time she was at the shelter. At least I get to roam free. The weather is beautiful and I love to go outside in the catio, but there are some kitties in the cat room which is how to get to the catio. For a while the cat room was reserved for the kitties that came to the shelter from a home that had too many kitties. They were in pretty bad shape but are fine now. The staff keeps the door to the cat room closed so people can find them.

3 PM Oh my!!! I hear the wonderful sound of the can opening. I hope she gives me first dibs on that soft delicious treat. I will nag her until she does. Some of the other cats have to be on special food for urinary crystals, kidney, liver issues even thyroid. There are so many different types of food. I'm glad I get the good stuff and a variety. Those poor kitties only get one type of food their whole lives.

3:30 PM Well, the humans are packing up and getting ready to leave for the evening. I really miss them when they are gone. Oh goodie, I get once last pet before she goes. Purrrrrrrr! I'm so thankful I have them to take such good care of me and the others. I can't wait for morning to see them again and hope that someone comes to adopt me tomorrow. My name is Princess and this is my life at the Camano Animal Shelter.

Story as told to Trisha Tankersly, staff member



EVENT SPONSORS



**Paws for Applause to ....**

- **Movement Arts** – sponsoring the Doga Event
- **IGA** - Pet Food Drive and Car Wash
- **Ace-Stanwood and Ace-Camano** - Car Wash supplies
- **Krista's Pet Spaw** - nail clipping services at Dog Wash
- **Grocery Outlet** - posting the Dog Wash Banner
- **Camano Storage** - posting events on reader board
- **Skagit Country Store** - Paws for a Cause
- **UPS-Stanwood** - printing services

**BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!**  
 Featured location this period:  
**Grocery Outlet**  
 The local businesses who display our donation collection boxes are appreciated!

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:**  
 ♥ Atreyu Ordal            ♥ Luna Keating  
 ♥ Bella McKinley        ♥ Zazu Curtis  
 ♥ Elko Richards

**Did you know?**

That your tax-deductible charitable gift of:

- \$50** can provide KMR milk replacement formula for a litter of kittens or vital blood and urinalysis lab work for one sick and/or senior animal
- \$100** can provide three months of basic care for a typical long-term animal
- \$250** can provide dental cleaning and extractions for an older cat/dog or provide a FIV/FeLV blood tests for 17 cats.
- \$500** can help us spay/neuter two litters of kittens and their moms or provide a FIV/FeLV blood tests for 35 cats

**CASA Membership – Time to Renew**

Annual CASA membership for 2018 is due by January 1<sup>st</sup>, but you can become a 2018 member now.

Not only does your CASA membership help support the animals at CASA, there are other benefits of membership:

- Subscription to CASA Newsletter mailed three times a year and two other informational mailings
- CASA eNews informative emails sent periodically
- High-strength vinyl decals (one for single membership, two for family) to show your support

----- **YES . . . I WANT TO HELP**

**Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:**  
 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$500 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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.)*

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

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CASA does not share/sell donor information, and every dollar you give makes a difference. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare organization and no-kill shelter.  
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CASA appreciates your generosity. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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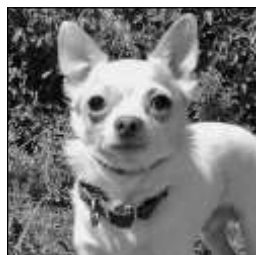


## CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES



**Serena** is a beautiful, lean, and agile cat. High places are her favorite spots to rest so she can keep an eye on everything that is going on. She can be shy at first, but is a wonderful companion. She gets along well with the other cats and was surrendered to the shelter with another kitty named Snarky. Come meet her at the Shelter!

**Zeus** is a sweet 10 yr old boy. He needs a cat-free home and prefers female dogs. His new home should be prepared for a large and strong dog. He is eating a limited-ingredient food and is recovering from skin issues, but will have to remain on this diet due to allergies. Bring your dogs to meet Zeus to be sure they are a good match.



**Gilbert** was very scared when he arrived at the shelter, but is settling in well now. He is a very small Chihuahua, but has the spirit of a large dog. He has never lived with cats, but has had no issues with CASA cats. Although he likes other small dogs he is bossy and likes to take all the attention for himself. He is excited to be your shadow and join you on adventures.

**Nahko** is a vocal cat that loves everyone. If you are looking for a furry welcoming committee in your home, he is your man. He loves visitors and happily chases those toys on a stick. He likes to be petted everywhere except his stomach. This handsome orange male is ready to be your best friend.



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

### New - CASA Decals - \$4 each

Use these outdoor-quality vinyl pieces for anything from car decals to window decorations!

- Weatherproof and tear-resistant
- Suitable For Outdoor As Well As Indoor Use
- Each Has One Pre-Glued Side For An Easy Peel-And-Stick Application
- Can Be Used On A Variety Of Surfaces Like Painted Wood, Plastic, Metal, Steel And Glass.



*See Our Story*



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