



FOREVER HOME

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CASA Mission Statement:

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



Tetra 2008-2018
Tetra stayed at CASA one year before finding her forever home.



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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

When categorizing shelters, it is important to understand the different intake rules shelters employ. Generally speaking there are only a few entry categories used. "Open Admission" (most difficult) which cannot turn animals away and is normally a contracted shelter. If a dog bites someone while entering the lobby – they still cannot turn it away. "Managed Admission", which might also be contracted, is where the shelter manages the intakes in a way that uses space and resources wisely, helps keep animal personalities evenly meshed in order to maintain low stress and visual adoptability. They will offer alternative resources or assistance when possible. What may take place at a Managed Admission shelter is a dog needs to be surrendered, but is not urgent and can remain in the home for a while. The shelter is pretty full and has many dogs just like this one so the owner is put on a waiting list and is called when an extra space fitting for this dog opens. Meanwhile they are offered additional resources such as courtesy listings where the animal is posted on an adoption site or those in a pet-wanted book are called. The dog might find a home directly and avoid needing to stay at the shelter, but the shelter still helped find this dog a home. Space was kept for very urgent, planned, and contracted stray animals. "Limited Admission" (least difficult) is normally shelters which do not take in strays or have contracts with local governments. They have strict criteria for the animals allowed to enter the shelter. This normally includes, but is not limited to, extensive behavior/temperament tests, breed, age, general adoptability and health status. You may also hear "Closed Admission" and although very close to Limited Admission this is normally reserved for those shelters which do not take animals from the public under any circumstances, but rather from other agencies only – still conducting the strict intake requirements and testing which Limited Admission does.

CASA is a Managed Admission shelter. We started managing admissions in 2009 and it has worked very well for the animals. I urge every reader to inquire at a shelter, ask real questions, and learn more about how they function and not only the numbers they produce at the end of the year.

(More about this topic on our website.)

Tegan Locker
Shelter Manager

CASA's Cats

CASA's mission "Bringing together needy animals and caring people, forever enriching their lives" is utmost in the mind of CASA's personnel and volunteers. Sometimes, however, finding the right home for the "special needs" animals can be difficult. This is particularly true for older cats and cats with physical or emotional issues. One look at the Cat Adoption page on the CASA website tells the story of how CASA cares for these long-term residents.

Kate and her littermate, Dupli-Kate, came to the shelter in March, 2017 when they were 14 years old. They were completely bonded and rely on each other. Kate and Dupli-Kate came from a home where they had lived all of their lives. The woman of the household passed away and eventually her husband followed. Family members could not take the cats and so they brought them to CASA along with a hand-painted portrait of them. They stayed at the shelter awaiting adoption, but the constant activity at the shelter was more than they were used to which was too hard on them. They are adoptable by someone who understands older cats and issues they may have. Until then, however, they have been placed in long-term foster care. There are other animals in this household so they would really prefer their own home.



Portrait of Kate and Dupli-Kate

See more on page 2 - CASA's Cats

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

Car Wash /Pet Food Drive
Saturday, June 16th

Dog Wash
Saturday, August 18th

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Evelyn is a very young, epileptic cat and is essentially in hospice care due to the instability of her epilepsy. She will remain there until she starts having more bad days than good days. Her specific epilepsy case has been hard on her and her caretaker at times, but today she mostly happy and enjoying life like a fairly normal cat. Although her foster home is amazing at keeping up with her ever-changing needs and medications there will come a time where her seizure activity is too much for her body regardless of medications given. CASA will not allow her to suffer and we know some day we will have to make a hard choice on her behalf when her body can no longer handle her condition.

Melanie, a diabetic cat, is also in foster. She has a special diet to control her blood sugar and her glucose levels are checked frequently. She could be brought to the shelter but would have to remain in one of the cat condos to make sure she adheres to her diet. Melanie is adoptable, but, once again, the adopter would have to be prepared for her medical needs.

Finally, there is Ziva. Ziva has some behavior issues that have stumped a number of veterinarians. She has been in a foster home since being surrendered to CASA in August 2017. Ziva is lucky to have such a devoted foster parent as her issues would be hard for most experienced people. She does suffer from anxiety and is currently on anxiety medication which seems to help with some of her odd behaviors. Ziva is adoptable but may provide too much of a challenge for most. Until a good home can be found for her, Ziva will remain in foster. She is waiting for the truly tolerant and "caring person".

These cats truly exemplify the way that CASA cares for our residents and tries to make them comfortable and happy in hopes that they can be eventually adopted and enrich the lives of their new family.

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Evelyn . . .

Melanie . . .

Ziva . . .

have special needs

Volunteering

How old do you have to be to volunteer?

Any age but if you are under 16, you have to have a guardian with you. You must be 18 years old to physically hold a leash and walk a dog. Someone under age can accompany a legal adult (like a parent) while they walk a shelter dog.

Do I have to sign up for a set schedule?

No. Due to our small size we do not require you to schedule ahead, but it is very helpful to know who comes on what days if possible. We welcome volunteers to set a schedule, but it is not required.

How do I sign up to volunteer?

Come in to the shelter in person and get a volunteer packet. The staff is always at shelter so you could ask any further questions not covered in the Volunteer Packet.

Do you have any special opportunities for volunteers?

We are looking for volunteers to help with marketing, graphic design, social media, in particular an email notification system called MailChimp. Also people with experience in construction or animal photography are needed. Gardeners needed to maintain the flower beds.

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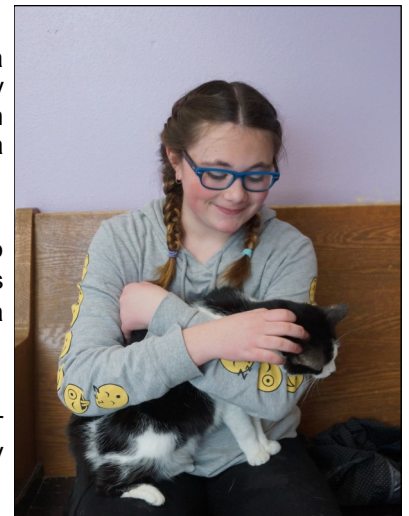
Hours:

Wed - Fri 11 - 3

Sat 11 - 4

Sun 11 - 3

Mon & Tues Closed



This young lady has been volunteering with her grandfather since she was 5.

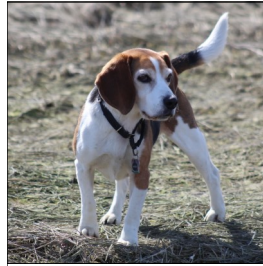
CASA Alumni

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BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

- AAA Backflow Testing & Svc, LLC
- Advantage Accounting & Tax Services
- Affordable Pet Care
- Animal Care Center, Inc.
- Apollo Concrete Sawing, Inc.
- AWR Inc. / General Contractor
- Camano Body Shop, Inc.
- Camano Canine Resort
- Camano Center *
- Camano Storage
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- Jeanne Fay
- Julz Animal Houz - Pet Supply
- KittyStar Services - Diane Venberg*
- Krista's Pet Spaw
- Lenz Enterprises*
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Mark's Camano Pharmacy
- Movement Arts Yoga and Pilates
- North Sound Physical Therapy
- Northwest Veterinary Clinic - Stanwood
- Pratt Pest Management NW
- Pritchard Insurance
- Puget Sound Tree Care LLC
- Rebecca Bowler, LMP
- SchaSam Farms LLC
- Seven Lakes Dental
- Sound Cedar Company
- Starlight Vintage Emporium*
- State Farm Ins. – Leslie Tripp Agency
- TimLabs: Windows Computer Services
- Totally Tails Pet Care Services
- Washington Federal*
- Windermere Real Estate
- Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans
- Windermere Real Estate-Nancy McClure
- Windermere Real Estate-Steve and Julie Love

* New business member

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



Parker Whitney
Adopted Sept. 2016



Spot and Rusty Miller
Adopted Feb 2018



Jenny Ingram
Adopted Feb 2018

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What is involved in fostering?

We place animals that are not currently adoptable into foster homes. This includes animals that are too young, sick, or just need a break from life at the shelter. Our fosters parents provide these animals with the much needed extra love and attention that helps them to thrive. Each animal we send into foster goes with instructions specific to the special needs of that critter. Kittens are usually the most labor-intensive. All animal supplies needed for the animals are provided by CASA.

Who are the Friends of CASA?

The Friends of CASA is a group of supporters who love animals and have the common goal of funding our mission and keeping the shelter doors open. They sponsor fundraising and outreach events and meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the blue building next to the shelter. Come help them plan activities.



HAPPY TAILS

Rascal



Rascal has been a gift.

"Rascal needs a home, mom. You need to come and meet him. You are gonna love him". So that Saturday, I did just that – I met Rascal and I loved him. A blind eleven year old terrier joined our family the next week. We thought we were helping him: nutritious food, a nice warm bed, cool dog toys and LOTS of love. But we are the ones that have been helped, sharing life with him.

Rascal uses his nose as a bumper to feel his way around the house. Even with all his hard work, he is constantly running into obstacles, some repeatedly, and on a daily basis. When these events happen, we watch him take a second to get his bearings, adjust and begin again. He doesn't seem to fear not knowing what is ahead. He just keeps moving – forward, backward, and even a few side steps when needed. What a great way to live! No defensiveness and no attitude, he simply navigates his world with patience, joy and grace – one step at a time. Seeing the world from Rascal's point of view has been a gift. Thank you CASA.

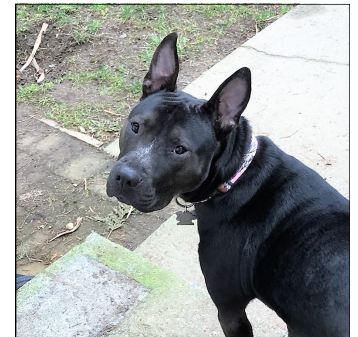
~Leigh Danielson

Annabelle

Since adopting Annabelle we have seen her open up and become an entirely different dog. She has a huge personality and loves to love any one that will accept it. She give lots of kisses and loves to snuggle under the blankies. She gets along great with our other dog Max and they have become the best of friends.

She has grown to love my fiance once she got comfortable around him and is less skeptical of new men being introduced to her; she also has all her hair back and has gained weight to become a beautiful healthy pup! We can't thank CASA enough for giving us the opportunity to love and add another member to our family!

~Miranda Corkum and Nick Becktol



Annabelle is now a beautiful healthy pup.

Brick - the Guinea Pig

We always read the sign as we pass by CASA ... cats, dogs, kittens. One day my son and I saw something different. 1 Guinea Pig ... My son had a run in his room already from when he had a rabbit so there was already a ready-made space and so Brick came to live with us. We gave him a bath in the kitchen sink with oatmeal dog shampoo, and cut his nails and he now lives in a split level run.

He has learned to climb upstairs for his fresh treats every day and when I wake my son up in the morning Brick greets us with squeals and whistles. The Plexiglas on the front of his run lets him peak out at his furry siblings, and the Golden Retrievers in particular love to sit with their noses to the cage watching him run around. In the evenings Brick sits in the family room with us in a small square playpen, and once it finally stops raining, Brick will also have an outdoor run to let him enjoy the grass and breeze.

So, next time you pass by the CASA sign and there is something out of the ordinary needing a home, stop by and say hello.

~Sara Gosnold



Fur babies come in all shapes and sizes.

Cooper (DJ)

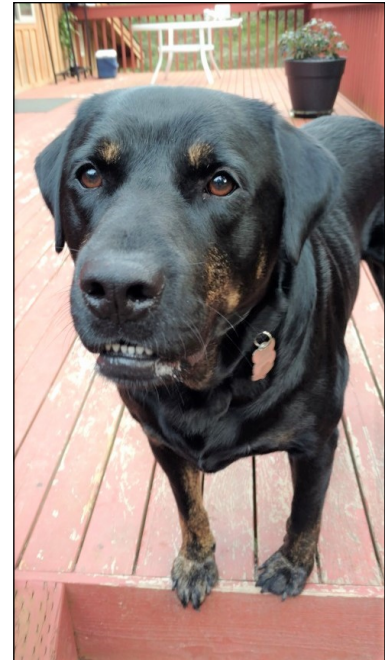
We lost our Lab/Rottie mix due to medical reasons and I was not interested in getting another dog. My granddaughter saw DJ on line so we made the journey to Camano to have a look. In the meet and greet area, DJ wanted nothing to do with us, he wanted to go back to staff members. They suggested we take him for a walk on a leash. I was totally impressed with his change and obedience on our walk. My granddaughter took him for a walk also with the same results. After saying goodbye to the staff, DJ jumped in our truck and we were off to Whidbey Island. He laid his head on my granddaughter's lap the whole way back home. Great, DJ is becoming her dog.

Once at home, he was a little apprehensive of new things but was friendly and quickly became accustomed to us. However, he was stranger aggressive and returned to the shelter for this reason by previous people. We worked with him every way could think of. He was okay on a leash and with calm voice commands and loving, he was fine. He is becoming less 'stranger aggressive', in fact, we had a few friends over for dinner (10 of us) and he was quite well behaved without a leash.

Cooper quickly became my dog, follows me everywhere, loves to go for rides, work on cars and play ball. We live on 11 acres which he has free roaming privileges and explores regularly as long as I am close by. We noticed little quirks in Cooper brought on by possible misunderstandings from previous owners but worked through them and he is now part of the family and a blessing to us.

I encourage anyone to go to a shelter and adopt a dog and don't give up on them. They, like humans have gone through trials and need love and understanding. Give them a chance.

~Wayne Funk



Cooper loves to go for rides.

Jake

Jake has lots of friends.

Jake is doing really well. I don't think I could have asked for a better fit for our family. He has his head in my lap snoring as I am typing this. Makes it a little difficult to type LOL.

My Macaw..... When Jake first arrived was jumping on her cage whenever she made a noise or ruffled her feathers. He is pretty much ignoring her now other than him just looking at her from time to time.

The Cats..... He is very interested in the cats, although the cats have no interest in being friendly at the moment. I think they will come around eventually and I believe he just wants to play. He doesn't bark at them..... he just wants to inspect them.

Harley (the cocker)..... Harley stands his ground with Jake which is funny to watch. It's like watching Gary Coleman scream at Arnold Schwarznegger. Again, Jake wants to play and Harley doesn't.

I have him off leash most of the time when we are outside. He is still learning "COME"..... or he is just ignoring me because he has so much room to run.

Anyways, Thank you again.

~Jared and Tina Lazon

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

Grants and Awards

Miranda Lambert Foundation Awards Mutt Nation

CASA received a “Mutts Across America: 50 states/50 shelters Grant.” MuttNation is a nonprofit organization co-founded by Grammy winning country singer-songwriter Miranda and her mother, Bev Lambert. In 2014 Bev Lambert launched “Mutts Across America: 50 State/50 Shelters” to recognize and honor exemplary shelters in each of the 50 states. The \$3,000 award was accompanied by a certificate designating CASA as the state of Washington recipient. The Selection Criteria included: High Adoption Rate, High Volunteerism, Fiscal Responsibility, High Activity/Fundraising, Specialty, Community Presence, Website and Social Media Presence, Advocacy. Visit <https://muttnation.com/foundation/mutts-across-america/> to see the recipients for each state.



Jeanie Ovenell Award for Community Spirit

Martha Huyler, CASA President, was awarded the Jeanie Ovenell Award for Community Spirit by the Camano Island Chamber of Commerce and Stanwood Chamber of Commerce for community service and volunteerism. The award also highlighted the shelter and its role in the community. Tegan Locker, Shelter Manager and members of the CASA Board were present.

(Tegan Locker and Martha Huyler)

RE/MAX Community Chest Grant

CASA was one of 14 local non-profits receiving a grant from the newly-established Stanwood-Camano Community Chest. The \$2,000 grant will be used to start our new “Fur Keeps” program aimed at helping people keep their pets which they would otherwise surrender. Through counseling and temporary financial assistance the animals will be able to stay in their homes. More information will be provided as the criteria is established. It is wonderful to be part of such a caring community.



Is a “Free” Pet Really Free?

Procedure	Dog/Puppy	Cat/Kitten
Spay	\$93-\$145	\$78-\$95
Neuter	\$81-\$25	\$38-\$78
Basic Combo Vaccine	\$19	\$19
FeLV/FIV		\$35
Distemper (first of 3 shots at \$45)	\$45	\$45
Worming (2 doses at \$6)	\$12	\$12
Rabies	\$45	\$45
Flea treatment (depends on weight)	\$25	\$19
Total “Free” costs	\$227-\$291	\$213-\$270
Shelter Fee**	\$135-\$250+	\$25-\$100

* Weight and other factors affect the costs of Spay/Neuter, worming and flea treatment. Always ask the veterinarian questions about the different price ranges.

Often people ask, “Why should I pay a fee to adopt a pet? It’s cheaper to get one that’s free to a good home.” This may seem so, but consider the costs you will pay to have a vet perform the necessary procedures shown here.

When you adopt a pet from CASA, these routine procedures and vaccines are included in the adoption fee. Currently our fees are \$135 for a dog (includes county fee of \$35), \$250+ for a puppy, \$50 for a cat, and \$100 for a kitten. These fees also include a free microchip and a free vet consultation certificate.

At CASA we provide the medical care and testing needed to give a kitten or puppy a great beginning. Not only are they given appropriate medical care, they are also well socialized. It starts with their loving foster families. Then they come to the shelter where they are exposed to other cats and dogs and people as well. Please encourage your friends to adopt an animal from CASA. Should you decide to adopt a “free” dog or cat, please be a responsible owner and spay or neuter, vaccinate and microchip your pet. All animals deserve a caring and loving home.

Monthly Donations - An Easy Way to Donate

Want to contribute to CASA, but prefer to do so monthly rather than in a single donation? You can establish monthly contributions via Pay Pal. Simply go to PayPal on the Donate tab of the CASA website, www.camanoanimalshelter.org and decide on monthly payments. You will be asked to join PayPal; once you provide your credit card information, your contributions will be deducted monthly and sent directly to CASA.

Think what \$20 per month would do for the animals – and it's such an easy way to provide regular support to CASA.

Wish List

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Liquid Bleach
- Dawn Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Copy paper—Postage stamps

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

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!

Paws for Applause

- Volunteers/community who made the Bake and Plant Sale a success
- Students from Utsalady and Elger Bay – participants in Art Contest
- Grocery Outlet – volunteering and taking leftover plants
- Diane Venberg, www.kittystarservices.com and Nancy Howard, www.thewhole-cat.com Presenters: Cat Behavior and Enrichment program
- Chevron Plaza - Donation canister location



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.

"The first time I laid eyes on you, I knew right from the start, That you were meant for me alone: you left paw prints on my heart."
Anonymous



In memory of departed pets:

- ♥ Babu Anderson
- ♥ Ellie May O'Keefe
- ♥ Goldie Barrett
- ♥ Kiwibunn Hesla
- ♥ Reggie Ingrassia
- ♥ Tetra Boyle

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

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:

\$25 \$40 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

- Single Membership (\$25) Family Membership (\$40)
- Business Membership (\$100) (includes free decals)
- 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.

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. Federal Tax ID #91-1913293

CASA appreciates your generosity. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We will include you in future informative email correspondence about the shelter. You may opt out at any time and we never share your information.



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CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES



Scout is a love bug who thinks he's a lap dog! Scout enjoys long walks, playing fetch and trying to escape. He will need lots of exercise and attention. No cats or other small furry creatures. Scout knows commands and is leash trained. Scout is looking for a home with breed experience and a yard with high fences.

Cash is a sweet lady looking for her forever home. She is super friendly and would love a warm lap to spend her days. if you are looking for a sweet lady who will warm your heart please come in and meet her!



Sassy is a sweet older lady. She has long luscious locks that needs adequate grooming. Sassy is a very quiet and independent cat. She loves to be pet but does not enjoy being held. Sassy tolerates other cats and is not a huge fan of dogs. If you think you can accommodate this pretty lady please come meet her. You are sure to fall in love.

Claire, an active lady, is looking for an equally active home. Shepherd mixes tend to be more high-energy dogs which require lots of exercise, training, and attention. Claire is a big puppy; she still needs to be taught basic manners and commands. Claire needs a confident owner that is able to say no. She would thrive in a home with no small children.



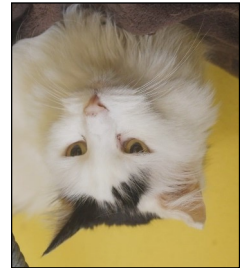
HENRY HOLLOW DOG PARK gives citizens a safe place to have their dogs off leash. The park is on West Camano Drive, just south of Camano Hill. Access is through a driveway across from Camano Chapel. There are two fenced areas one for large dogs (over 20 lbs) and another for small dogs. Pets must be on leash when outside the secure fenced area.

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



See Kate's Story



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