



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".



Please join us for our 20th Anniversary Open House!

Saturday, October 20th
11 am—4 pm

Come meet our animals, tour the shelter, enjoy some cake and help us celebrate the first 20 years of the Camano Animal Shelter Association

CASA Vision:

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

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Message from the Shelter Manager

If you have driven or stopped by the shelter recently you may have noticed that something is happening in our dog building. We are in the midst of getting our very old chain link dog kennels replaced - as well as swapping warehouse style heaters for ductless heat/AC units, replacing the weathered dog doors made from old speed limit signs, sealing the existing concrete, and replacing the insulation and wall covering! There was a time when we did not think we would ever see such a project take place and there is one reason this ended up happening even now. A past adopter called saying someone they knew was looking for a "large project" to help animals and asked if we had anything that may fit the bill. I immediately wondered how large a project they were really looking for and soon found that the kennel replacement project that had essentially been collecting everything from dust to hopes and dreams was exactly what they were looking for. Now here we are months later, after planning, ordering, and assembling a team of those wanting to help. By the end of the month our dog kennel building should be unrecognizable to even the most frequent visitors as they enter a new space that feels more open, bright, and showcases wonderful adoptable dogs in comfortable glass suites on new beds and in just the right room temperature.

That is not the only upgrade coming CASA's way. We also have a dog yard expansion project that is slowly coming to light. Already we have moved the fence line back so that the dog yard sections extend to the retaining wall and the unusable blackberry bush haven that was once behind the fence is now additional room for the dogs to enjoy. This has added over ten feet to the length of two long sections and the third section now hosts a shipping container for long overdue, safe, and dry storage for the shelter. Our dog building and main dog yard may have limited access periodically through the month of September, but the surprise at the end for our dogs and those who come to see them will be more than worth it.

Tegan Locker
Shelter Manager

(See more details on page 2)

Condo Cats

If you have ever visited CASA, you may have been surprised to find cats everywhere. They roam freely, in the: lobby, bathroom, medicine room, purple cat room and patio. Sometimes it is like a "Where's Waldo?" book. Allowing the cats this freedom reduces stress and maintains a healthy colony. Any animals showing signs of a cold (upper respiratory infection) are immediately taken to the isolation room for treatment and recovery.

But what about the cats who are in the cat condos, the glass enclosures? We are thankful for the condos, donated by the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, because with the clear glass fronts, the cats are not "behind bars" while they wait for an adopter. If we are not crowded, the cats can have a two-room condo, one for sleeping and another for their litter box.

Cats are placed into condos for multiple reasons.

Sociability – If a cat is uncomfortable around other cats or is aggressive towards them, the cat stays in the condo where they can view the happenings, but not disrupt the other cats. These cats will often go to a home without any other cats. Neither Henry nor Yui care for other cats. Bert hides and if he was not in the condo, he would never be seen by prospective adopters.



Henry (above) and Yui (below) do not like other cats.

See more on page 2 - Condo 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

- Free Microchip Clinic**
Saturday, Oct 6th
- Anniversary Open House**
Saturday, Oct 20th
- Santa Pictures**
Saturday, Nov 10th
- Giving Tuesday**
Tuesday, Nov 27th
- Lights of Love**
Nov. and Dec.
- Annual Meeting**
Monday, Dec 10th

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Sun 11 - 3
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Bert hides

Kittens – Kittens are in the cat condos for their own safety. Kittens are rambunctious; they run, they hide, they disappear, and get underfoot. Keeping a litter together allows them to continue to bond with their siblings while they can play and rest in a confined space. The kittens also provide great entertainment for the staff and visitors.

Special Diets – Cats sometimes require special diets, e.g. weight, digestion, skin sensitivity, urinary tract and/or kidney treatment. These cats are kept in the condos and their food stored in a compartment right next to them for easy access by the staff. This way the cat is assured of having the proper diet.

Health Restrictions – At CASA, as a no-kill shelter, we adopt out FIV positive cats. These cats can live long lives but are often not placed with FIV negative cats since their disease is transmittable through blood contact like fighting, which can happen in all multi-cat homes. Often these cats are very affectionate companions just like other cats, but it is essential they be remain separated from other cats at the shelter. James is FIV positive and semi-feral so he remained in a condo at CASA due to his condition. James is now in a loving indoor home with a human he adores.



James must be confined

As expected, the free roaming cats are often adopted quickly because they can show their affection to visitors. Those in the condos must wait for their prospective family members to approach them. The next time you are at CASA, be sure to stop and learn more about our "Condo Cats". Your future family member is waiting for you.

New Kennels Coming Soon

- New Glass Dog Suites**
(Donor: In memory of Paul & Irene Leslie)
- New Heating & Cooling System**
(Donors: Stilly River Mechanical AND
In memory of Paul & Irene & Leslie)
- Floor Sealing**
(Donor: In memory of Paul & Irene Leslie)
- New Trusscore Wall Covering and Repairs/Prep**
(your name here)

A big thank you to the hard-working volunteers who are also helping to make this possible.



Installation of new kennels underway.

Join the CASA Board of Directors

We are pleased to be recruiting new Board Members to support our organization. We are looking for talented motivated individuals who are enthusiastic about contributing to the well-being of the animal shelter. Our mission is "Bringing together animals in need and caring people forever enriching their lives." Candidates who possess leadership skills and experience and expertise in business administration, accounting, finance, sales, marketing, law, public relations, or current or prior board experience and the ability to operate as part of a team are urged to apply.

All Board Members are expected to attend monthly Board meetings and actively participate on at least one committee.

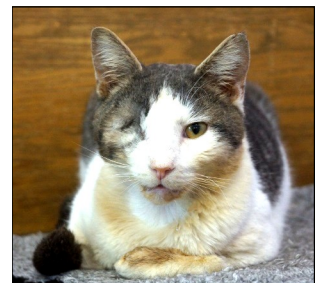
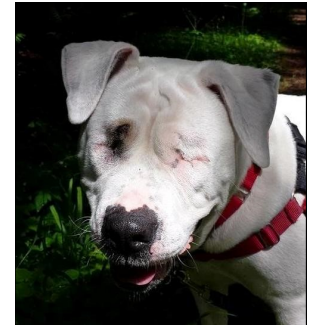
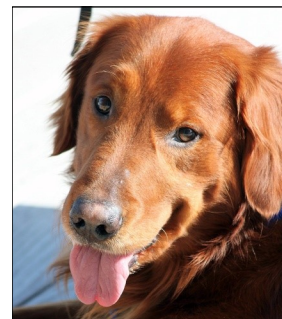
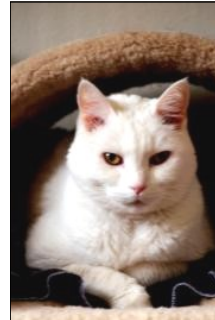
If you are hard working and interested in being considered as a candidate for openings on our Board, please contact Gloria Ingraffia (chairperson) gfabis@wavecable.com

CASA Alumni**THANK YOU
BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

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 Animal Care Center, Inc.
 Apollo Concrete Sawing, Inc.
 AWR Inc. / General Contractor
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 Camano Center
 Camano Storage
 Camano Veterinary Clinic
 Certified Services Auto & Truck Repair
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 SchaSam Farms LLC
 Seven Lakes Dental
 Sound Cedar Company
 Starlight Vintage Emporium
 State Farm Ins. - Leslie Tripp Agency
 Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
 TimLabs: Windows Computer Services
 Totally Tails Pet Care Services
 Twin City Lanes*
 Washington Federal
 Windermere Real Estate
 Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans

* New business member

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



"Shelter dogs aren't broken. They've simply experienced more life than other dogs. If they were human, we would call them wise. They would be the ones with tales to tell and stories to write. The ones dealt a bad hand who responded with courage. Do not pity a shelter dog. Adopt one. And be proud to have their greatness by your side." From www.Dogsrule.com.

Honoring our CASA Alumni who had tales to tell and responded with courage; all found Forever Homes.

Brinx had tumor removed and found a home through Old Dog Haven.

Tom had surgery on his leg and was at the shelter for over a year.

Harley arrived with large tumors, but once removed, recovered completely.

Indira was a Korean meat dog and came to CASA to learn how to act like a dog.

Clifford arrived with a muzzle that had been taped to his nose long term, once it was removed a happy, loving dog emerged.

Chevy had painful glaucoma since puppyhood. After her eyes were removed her personality began to shine.

Snowden had two broken legs, one other foot was broken and a fractured pelvis, but after a lot of care he recovered and was adopted.

NaeNae came to CASA extremely emaciated and with nine nursing puppies.

Lenny was injured by a car had extensive head injuries. After many surgeries and a very long recovery he lives happily with his adopters.

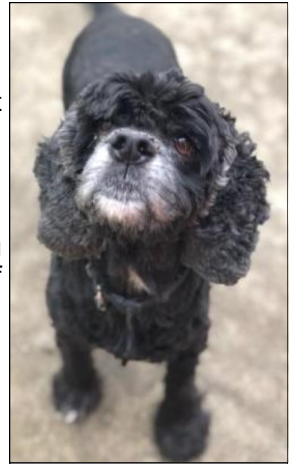
HAPPY TAILS

Bear

After the recent loss of both a canine and feline friend to cancer, we felt such heartfelt grief and loss as so many of us do. I started searching rescue shelters and I came across CASA. I found a picture of Bear and felt his eyes looking as lonely as mine. The caption stated something like this: 'Meet Bear, a beloved American Cocker Spaniel, who recently lost his master'. Knowing that CASA had done all they could to bring him up to adoption health standards, I felt that somehow we could assist and do something to care for him and bring him back to health and happiness.

Bear's veterinarian confided in me that he couldn't promise a positive outcome due to his overall chronic health problems. "However, we will do everything we can." He also told me, "I'm glad you are back in the game, I really like this dog." We proceeded with medical care, several courses of antibiotics, dental cleaning, home routine maintenance care, diet, rest, and LOTS of playtime and love.

He is doing very well and is a happy and healthy dog with a two feline brothers that he enjoys and a little dog friend next door! He is smart, strong, loving and he has a fantastic disposition. We all love him and are SO thankful for him! Thank you, CASA... for taking him in as a surrender so that he can share his life with all of us!
~The James Gang - "Ruff...Purr"



Bear found his Forever Home.

Note: Bear came to the shelter with his brother who was transferred to Old Dog Haven.

Gus

Since I missed the love and companionship my dog, Lucy, had provided before she passed away, I went to CASA to take a look at the small dogs available there, just to see if one might be a good fit for me and my cats. The first dog I saw was being housed in the shelter bathroom. He was a fairly new arrival...transferred in from another shelter that had run out of room...they had taken him in as a stray...he looked a little disheveled and lost and was missing one of his back legs. He was very friendly, he came over to be petted and got up in my lap for some hugs. We cuddled for a while and then I had to go look at the other dogs I was considering so I put him down and left the bathroom. Looking back, I saw him hang his head and lay down right next to the door I had just walked through. I visited with each small dog, each of them had their own gifts and quirks but I didn't connect with any of them the way I had with the little dog in the bathroom named Cactus. He just seemed to need a person to be with more than the others.



Having only three legs does not slow Gus down.

After making sure he liked my two cats and that the cats agreed to let him become part of our family, I adopted him and changed his name from Cactus to Gus. I made his vet appointment and an appointment to finish the grooming they had started at the shelter. Gus is a Havanese mix, so he has a long coat that had been pretty neglected. I could hardly see his face through all the hair, but I knew there was a cute little dog under all of it. After grooming, he was unrecognizable as the Cactus I brought home, so cute this new Gus! The vet gave him a clean bill of health and estimated his age at around 10 years old.

We are enjoying our walks around the neighborhood, he loves sitting in the sun on the back deck next to the cat carrier with his buddy, my cat, Aimee. They sleep on the bed at night, one on each side of me. Gus likes chasing a ball in the backyard and the fact that he only has three legs doesn't slow him down at all. Gus (in his carriage) and I walked with the CASA group and van in the Rotary parade in August. He likes to curl up in my lap at night and watch TV. He has a calm personality, hardly ever barks and really likes people. He gives me as much love back as I give him, he's such a great dog, one that had been passed over...happy that he wants to live with me.



Gus enjoyed his ride in the Rotary Parade.

~Linda Berry

Lily and Bronson

We adopted Lily (golden Pitbull) in summer of 2016. We fell in love with her immediately and she has given us plenty of kisses, affection and unconditional love in the last two years. After one year, we decided that Lily needs a friend and we visited CASA again. The first dog we wanted to adopt did not seem very interested with us so we considered another dog, Bronson (brindle also a Pitbull) who had been in the shelter for seven months. He too did not seem very interested with us but the idea of him being at the shelter that long made us keep trying at building a connection so we could provide him a forever home. We visited him three times over the course of two weeks and brought Lily on the second and third visit to ensure they would get along. No guarantees, we decided to bring him home anyway! We talked with CASA to ensure that if they were not compatible, we could return him.

Fast forward, one year later, Bronson and Lily Suriya are getting along well and are co-conspirators of trouble in our house. They love each other and Lily loves to cuddle up with Bronson. Bronson is energetic and quick to spot a squirrel and go after it. He loves to sit on our lap or just lay his head next to ours and gaze in our eyes. This sweet, handsome boy is adapting in our family very well! We can't imagine life without these two! True to the saying that "Beware of Pitbulls, they will steal your hearts", these two have our hearts forever!

We thank CASA for giving them all the love during their stay at the shelter. Pitbulls are of the most misunderstood dog breeds and we are so privileged to have two of the most adorable, loving, affectionate Pitbulls!

~Cristina Zalavarría



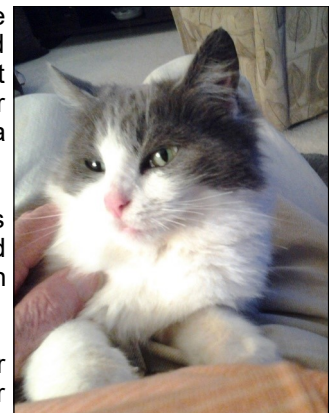
Bronson and Lily are co-conspirators.

Misty

It was more than a year after we had lost our 17 year old Rag-Doll feline companion before we felt ready to invite another pet into our household. Knowing that several of our friends had adopted wonderful household pets from CASA, we ventured in to learn more and see what animals were currently available. We had rather precise criteria for what we were looking for in a cat to join our "senior household", but a couple of more visits to CASA still didn't yield a satisfactory search.

We returned again, hoping that there was a cat who would choose us to take them home. As we wandered the rooms among elderly cats and bouncing kittens, a raggedy-tailed grey and white fur-ball meandered across the floor toward us and allowed us to bestow an ear-scratch and brief pick-me-up. That's all it took --- Misty had found her people!

Our thanks to: the good Samaritan who had found the road-side stray, injured by an encounter with a car, and brought her to CASA; to the vets at Camano Veterinary Clinic who wired her broken jaw together; to the "foster parent" who cared for her during her recovery; and to CASA for making all of this possible! Misty now bounces off of the walls, warms our laps, and generally uses her "cute factor" to totally rule our household!



Misty has recovered and has a "cute factor".

~Bob and Charleigh Grossman

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.

Celebrating our 20th Anniversary

This fall we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Camano Animal Shelter Association. CASA, was incorporated as a Washington non-profit in 1998 and as a non-profit charitable organization in 2000. Guided by our mission statement, "Bringing together animals in need and caring people, forever enriching their lives", CASA is a no-kill shelter with managed admissions to ensure each animal is as comfortable as possible.

Since our inception in 1998, many changes have been made, both to the programs and the physical structure of the shelter. CASA was formed and entered into a contract with the county to provide temporary care, boarding and redemption services for impounded/seized dogs from Camano Island. Now, in addition to the impounded dogs, CASA accepts stray dogs and cats from Camano Island and owner surrendered animals from Camano and beyond as space allows.



CASA helping animals in need.

When possible, we assist other shelters by taking animals that have been at their shelter for a prolonged period of time, are facing euthanasia due to space or difficulty, and/or could really benefit from a change of environment or different exposure. We also work with a variety of rescue groups in order to transfer animals to them when they need more specialized care prior to finding a forever home. Providing a loving home for both cats and dogs while they await adoption or redemption is the primary focus. Although we try to find forever homes in a timely fashion, animals are welcome to stay here as long as they need. We educate the public on the importance of microchipping and thanks to sponsors provide free microchip clinics twice a year. We also try to help people keep their pets rather than being forced to surrender them. All cats coming to the shelter are FeLV and FIV tested. Thanks also to grants, we are able to assist animals with severe medical needs.

The shelter itself consists of the dog kennel building and a small part of the larger structure visible from the road. To make each animal's stay more pleasant, physical improvements have been made. The kennel building was insulated, sound-proof ceilings and new lighting installed. Kuranda beds provide sanitary and comfortable beds for the dogs. Cat condos were donated to provide comfortable quarters for the cats in the office and the cat room. Thanks to a bequest from Roberta Gill, a catio and a free-standing structure with clear, UV resistant roof panels was installed in the dog yard. This permits the light to come in and allows dogs to be in the yard every day. Most importantly, prospective adopters can meet and greet the dogs, regardless of the weather. At the same time, a catio with solid lower walls (to keep the dogs from the cats) and upper wire screening allows the cats access to the outdoors in a safe secure enclosure. More improvements are planned for both the dog yard and the kennels.

New computer systems such as PetPoint Shelter Management, Quick Books financials and Volgistics, for volunteer hours, have been implemented to provide tracking for the over 600 animals per year that come to the shelter. Our website and Facebook page provide information about CASA in a timely fashion. All that has been accomplished could not have happened without the generous support of the community. Thanks go out to the donors, both individuals and businesses, who have donated through the years, the many volunteers who have given their time, and the support and inspiration of the shelter manager since 2009, Tegan Locker. With your help, we look forward to continuing and expanding the role of CASA in helping animals in need.



Original dog yard



Dog yard with catio and covered roof

Paws for Applause

- Donors of Kuranda beds for kennels
- Students of Stanwood-Camano School District - Car Wash volunteers
- Krista's Pet Spaw - Nail clipping at Dog Wash
- Camano Plaza IGA and Grocery Outlet
- Camano Storage, Davis Carlson Memorial
- Stanwood/Camano News, Crab Cracker, Everett Herald, DiscoverStanwoodCamano.com
- UPS Stanwood - printing services
- Volunteers - over 2,400 hours of service this year
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians - Dog Yard Improvements

FREE Microchip Sponsors

- Evergreen Home Loans - Marysville branch
- Lost Dogs of Snohomish County #1
- Windermere Real Estate - Camano/Stanwood
- State Farm Leslie Tripp Agency
- Thomas & Associates
- Windermere - Linda Evans
- Berg's Bookkeeping & Tax Service

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

Featured location this period:

Plaza Chevron

The local businesses who display our donation collection boxes are appreciated!

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 mmeats
- Royal Canin "Babycat" & kitten dry food
- Zignature Dry Dog Food

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!

"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:

- ♥ Big Boy Horvath ♥ Nellie Mae Hyppa
- ♥ Bryce Henwood-Schwander
- ♥ Buddy Barrett ♥ Orca Pang
- ♥ Ginger Stewart ♥ Paco Huyler
- ♥ Gogh St. Clair ♥ Scout Estep-Lund

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

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
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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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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 News



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

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

www.facebook.com/camanoshelter



To make a gift through **King County Employee Giving Program** 2018 Annual Giving Drive Campaign (Oct – Nov) use CASA's Pledge Code 9914



COMING SOON

2019 CASA Calendar

at the shelter

\$15

CASA HATS

New this year coming soon

Hats with CASA Logo

\$20



SUPPORT CASA WHILE YOU SHOP

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.

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

www.donateforcharity.com



See CASA's Condo Cats



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