



# 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".



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We love to share photos of our animals and updates on events. Post your photos too with our 7,350+ Facebook friends!  
[www.facebook.com/camanoshelter](http://www.facebook.com/camanoshelter)

**NEW - CASA is now a Facebook Charity**  
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## CASA Vision:

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

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[www.camanoanimalshelter.org](http://www.camanoanimalshelter.org)

## CASA E-Mail:

[casa@camanoanimalshelter.org](mailto:casa@camanoanimalshelter.org)

## Message from the Shelter Manager

Taking an adopted pet home is an exciting and fulfilling experience, but we want to make sure that adopters don't become consumed by this excitement. Adopters must remember that to an animal the act of going home with an adopter is just another "change" which is stressful. There are simple steps to take which will help your new pet lessen the stress of "change" and adjust to their new life quicker.

Your first goal is to build trust. The fastest way to lose trust is to push the animal to do things at your pace when they should be allowed to adjust at a pace that is comfortable for them. Allow them to start with the basics – show them where the yard/potty area is, walk them through your home, give them some water and a treat, then find a place you can just sit together and relax. The animal will use that time to further analyze things about you and your home – smells, sounds, sights. If you have other animals they will also be smelling and hearing them. If you can wait to introduce (or reintroduce) your existing pets to the new one, then wait. Allow new things to come as slow as possible so the new animal is not overwhelmed. If it was a dog you adopted, your existing dogs should have already met your new dog at the shelter on-leash. In that case the second time won't be totally foreign, but existing pets in the home can be territorial so this is a completely different type of meeting. When the times comes, do it one at a time in an area least likely to bring out poor behaviors like guarding toys/beds/food, etc. Cats can be harder to introduce so we recommend having extra litterboxes, areas where the cats can eat and sleep away from each other, maybe a newly added cat tree, and the biggest thing is time. Cats generally need more time to accept other cats.

The other major stressor for dogs is taking your newly adopted dog out to meet your friends and relatives right away. There is nothing more stressful than being forced to meet even more strangers, hearing them all repeat your name and reach down trying to touch. Your dog might now be putting on a good front, but this is incredibly stressful. You want them to look to you for safety and security, not look at you as the person who brings on stress. Make your first impression count and remember to put yourself in your new animal's "shoes" while they try and navigate this whole new world you have brought them into. The success of your initial days will help shape the weeks and years to come.

Tegan Locker, Shelter Manager



Athena had difficulty in Walking when she arrived.

## Athena's Journey

Athena, a four year old Australian Shepherd, illustrates the commitment CASA has to our animals. When Athena was surrendered, her owner said that Athena had difficulty in walking as a result of a previous injury. When the shelter manager saw Athena's pain filled eyes and how poor her gait was, she knew that something had to be done. Athena was taken to an orthopedic surgeon and it was determined that to alleviate her pain and help her run and play again, surgery was needed.

The Facebook request for donations towards this expensive surgery explained: "In Athena's past life she was badly injured which led to reparative surgery for both rear legs. For an unknown reason her post-surgical state did not end well and she was left with chronic pain and mobility issues from things not healing properly. She has pins in her left leg, and wire in the right leg where her femur healed incorrectly. This is causing her pain and mobility issues which need to be addressed.... They will operate on the right leg to remove the old wire, re-break and clean up the femur, and install a plate and screws to stabilize it. They will also be fixing the kneecap since this is also out of place and adding to the issues. Because Athena's left rear leg was also previously damaged she cannot simply have the more problematic leg amputated."

See more on page 2 - Athena's Journey

**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 5th

**Community Open House**

Saturday, Oct 19th

**Santa Pictures**

Saturday, Nov 9th

**Giving Tuesday**

Tuesday, Dec 3rd

**Lights of Love**

Nov. and Dec.

**Annual Meeting**

Monday, Dec 9th

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Thanks to generous donors and funds already at CASA, the surgery was scheduled. Surgery was performed at the Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle in Lynnwood and Athena was taken to a foster home to recover. The surgery was successful and Athena improved steadily. In no time she had good range of motion and could put weight on the leg. She is now through the toughest part of her recovery and will continue to improve over time. She is a totally different dog than the one who walked into CASA originally. Athena had her big follow-up appointment where they x-rayed her one last time to make sure she was ready to move forward with her next phase of life. After she got the all-clear, her foster parents officially adopted her knowing they fell in love with her on day one. We wish Athena the best in her new life where we now know she will be happy and truly more comfortable.



Athena's recovery is underway.

**Fostering Works Magic**

Houdini was brought to the shelter as a stray in February when he appeared on someone's deck during the snow storm. Visits to the eye specialist show that he suffers from high blood pressure, is truly blind and his retinas are detached. Because of this he is not a candidate for surgery. Houdini is underweight, has kidney disease and ear infections. Although he managed at the shelter and was a favorite of visitors to the shelter, it became apparent that Houdini needed some time away from the shelter and was an ideal candidate as a foster.



Houdini is enjoying his foster home.

Foster care is vital for animals like Houdini, because it provides a calmer and quieter environment, without the constant change of people and animals that come in and out of any shelter. Foster care also offers the kind of individual attention that animals like Houdini need, including the guarantee of ear drops, eye drops, and blood pressure medication at the same time every day, extra feedings throughout the day and into the evening, special attention to grooming needs, and an abundance of human companionship and petting.

Houdini is beginning to respond to the change in his environment. He's eating well, enjoys exploring his foster home, and loves every minute of lap time and petting that is lavished upon him. Because CASA pays all expenses related to his care, Houdini's foster family does not have to be concerned about cost. Houdini will not recover his eyesight, nor can his kidney disease be cured; however, when his blood pressure returns to normal and he has gained weight, he will be ready for the next stage of his journey: a permanent and loving home where he will never again be lost and neglected. Meanwhile, as a foster parent the greatest reward is seeing an animal recuperate from surgery or recover from illness, knowing that the foster home played a crucial role in that happening and that animal's future is more hopeful because of that temporary care.

To learn more about fostering, visit the CASA website, [www.camanoanimalshelter.org](http://www.camanoanimalshelter.org), Volunteer tab. Download a Foster Home Application and bring it to the shelter.

*Both Athena and Houdini will be CASA's "poster pets" for CASA's Giving Tuesday campaign this year.*

***CASA Alumni***

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



Riley (Frannie) Buchanan  
Adopted March 2019



Olive and Fern Munro  
Adopted Dec 2018



Maisie aka Mystic White  
Adopted 2008

**All Creatures Great and Small**

“All Creatures Great and Small.” We’re all familiar with that phrase. When it comes to animal shelters, it’s really true – there are safe havens for every size animal. Recently I was able to tour the “1 Horse At A Time Draft Horse Rescue” in Corvallis, Montana. The Draft Horse Rescue is driven by a single goal: to save unwanted, neglected and abused draft horses from going to slaughter! The rescue wants to do its part in making the world a better place for all, even if it can only be done “1 Horse At A Time.” They seek out unwanted old, injured or sick draft horses being sold at auction that would otherwise be purchased and killed for meat.



Rescue provides safe haven for draft horses.

Rescued horses are provided veterinary care, training, food and shelter – and ultimately, forever homes with people prepared to provide the often expensive care these gentle giants need. They also accept draft horses that people are no longer able to care for. Although the animals are very different, the goal is the same as CASA’s: to rescue and care for animals in need and find forever homes for them, forever enriching the lives of both animals and people. It’s heart-warming to know that the love for animals transcends species and size, and that there are people everywhere dedicated to the rescue and care of needy animals.

~ Carolyn Spector, CASA Volunteer

**I’m a “forever dog”, not an “until dog”**

I am not an “until you have a baby” dog  
 “until you move” dog  
 “until you have no time” dog  
 “until I get old” dog  
 “until I make a mess” dog.

If you can’t give me forever, I’m not your dog. **It’s really that simple.**

*Remember though, that if “until” does happen and you need to rehome your adopted CASA pet, CASA urges you to return that animal to the shelter. We always welcome our previous pets.*

## HAPPY TAILS



Bella and her best friend

### Bella

Originally named Annie Bell, we renamed her Bella to shorten up her name. She warmed right up to our home. She has 5 acres to run on. She is friendly with all the extended family members. She plays a little rough with our 7 year old chihuahua but they get along very well. Overall she has been an awesome addition and I'm glad she is happy.

She became best friends with our 2 year old daughter. They follow each other around everywhere. Bella is only a couple months younger than her. It's nice that they get to grow up together. It has been wonderful having her here with us.

~ Jeremy and Rachel Ball

*This is a truly "happy tail", because when Annie Bell was at CASA she had "stranger danger", barked loudly and was afraid of visitors coming to the kennel. She has found her forever home.*

### Noodle

We welcomed 7 year old Noodle to our home in February 2019. This little ball of energy is all love, cuddles and play. From the very first morning, he and our 7 year old, Smokey, have been long lost brothers from another mother. Obedience is a work in progress, but he is a willing student. We had no idea how much Smokey loved to play! Noodle is non-stop play and it is a real hoot to watch. This is a complete success for all of us. Thank you, CASA.

~ Stephany Watson



Noodle and his "brother", Smokey



Nacho watching for wildlife

### Nacho

We love Nacho (formerly Jo-Jo) to pieces! He goes everywhere with us and even sits on my lap while I hand embroider. Loves everybody. Loves the cat and the cat loves him. She cleans his ears for him. He has a bed in all his favorite spots. Likes to join my sewing group and be right in the midst of things. He plays with cat toys too. His fur is much softer now, he likes baths and having his teeth brushed.

All the neighbors on our private drive love him. They leave their doors open and if I am out in the yard and gardens, he goes to visit them. We even have neighbors that want to babysit him any time we leave, but we always take him with us. He has also figured out who gives out dog treats (bank, pharmacy, latte stand). Thank you so many times over for letting us adopt him!

~ Kathy Sanchez

### 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).

**Petey**

Hello everyone! Petey (formerly Pablo) is doing very well here with us! He spends his days playing fetch or hide and go bury with his extra strength rubber balls or just watching the neighborhood.

At night he sleeps with our daughter and keeps away the monsters! :) There's also plenty of time for naps on the couch! Although Petey is 8 years old and deaf, it has no effect on his playful puppy spirit! We are so happy to call him part of our family!

~ Lenise Tetter



Being deaf does not affect Petey's puppy spirit



Murphy is enjoying his new family and loves to swim.

**Murphy**

Just wanted to thank you for the new addition to our family! Murphy has been such a blessing. He fits in so well with the kids and all the other dogs in the family. We have taken him camping and found out that he loves to swim and wade in the water :)

He sometimes dances and "smiles" at us and makes our day. Thanks again so much for such a great lil buddy...

~ Nicole and Kyle Hill

*When Murphy came to CASA he was extremely overweight but thanks to his new family, he's active and fit.*

**Tortellini and Bowtie**

When I first met Tortellini, she was 4 months old, very weak and ill. I could see that CASA staff had tried several concoctions in an effort to get her to eat. Upon holding her she would just roll up in a ball, not unlike a potato bug. It was the saddest sight. Her fur was un-kept as she was too weak to clean herself. As a CASA volunteer, I was able to get her to eat a little wet food by hand. I decided I was up for another foster.

In the days ahead Tortellini began to thrive, doing all the things a healthy kitten would. She got to the point where she was practically swinging from the chandelier as it were. My two older cats and I were soon being entertained by boisterous bouts of high spirited play. Everything in the house became a toy. It has been so long since there was a young kitten in the house.

As time passed I read about single kitten syndrome and inquired about her siblings. Bowtie, her litter-mate, was also available for foster. Just recently I officially adopted them and they are the best of buds and keep each, other as well as the household, wildly-entertained. Thank you CASA!

~ Arjin Combs



Tortellini and Bowtie are best buds and keep everyone entertained.

## Cats and Dogs and Guinea Pigs Too!

Those who drive by the reader board sign in front of the shelter know how long the bonded brothers have been at CASA. They were brought to CASA by their owner who could no longer care for them. The staff quickly realized something wasn't quite right; they had mites. Over time, thanks to very aggressive medical care, they have recovered and their coats glisten. They are extremely social, love being held by adults and children and do not mind the cats walking by their cage in the front office.

Normally, Guinea Pigs are adopted quickly. In this case, however, potential adopters must have thorough knowledge of Guinea Pigs and access to an exotic animal veterinarian. As a bonded pair, Huckleberry and Finn must remain together because they rely on each other for companionship. Guinea Pigs with mites can develop seizures and this was the case with these boys. Unfortunately Huckleberry has residual seizure activity from his fight with mites. These seizures are very short. He is left unharmed, but this makes prior knowledge and experience essential.



Huckleberry and Finn are waiting for just the right home.

Also, as unneutered males (for medical reasons), they should not be in the company of other Guinea Pigs. While they are content at the shelter, they are waiting for someone to adopt them and give them a loving and real home. Until that time, they will remain at CASA.

## Leave a Legacy—Planned Giving

With a planned gift to CASA, you can combine your desire to help animals in need with your overall financial, tax, and estate planning goals. Whether you would like to put your donation to work today or after your lifetime, you can find a plan that fits your needs. There are many ways to give. Contributions of any size are always appreciated.

**Will or Trust** – Making a gift through your will or revocable living trust is a simple and flexible way to save the lives of pets for years to come.

- **Specific gifts:** You describe exactly what kind of gift you want to leave and designate the source. You can leave a specific dollar amount or a specific piece of property.
- **Residuary Gifts:** This type of bequest is honored after all other bequests have been made, and all debts, expenses and taxes have been paid.
- **Contingent Gifts:** This type of bequest is fulfilled if certain conditions are met. For instance, if your primary beneficiary does not survive you, you can indicated your next choice through a contingent bequest.

**Retirement Assets** – A gift of your retirement assets, such as a gift from your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), pension or other tax-deferred plan, is an excellent way to make a planned gift to CASA.

**Life Insurance** – You can name CASA as the primary beneficiary or as a contingent beneficiary should your other beneficiaries not survive you. To make this gift, simply contact your insurance carrier and request a beneficiary form.

Ask your attorney or financial advisor to include CASA in your estate charitable giving plans.

### *Bequest Language:*

"I give to the Camano Animal Shelter Association, 198 Can Ku Road, Camano Island, WA 98282, federal tax ID 91-1913293 (the sum of \$ \_\_\_ or % of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) for its general purposes."

*"A legacy is planting seeds in a garden you never get to see." That line from the musical Hamilton is poignant, but not entirely accurate. As you consider your own legacy, you can see the garden. You can envision how CASA could make a significant impact on the animals who pass through these doors.*

**Paws for Applause**

- RE/MAX Stanwood-Camano Community Chest for the Cat Shelter Space Enrichment Project
- CPI Plumbing Golden Wrench Award
- Bequest from Leonard Murr
- Camano Island Yacht Club for providing a venue for our CASA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.
- Northwest Canine Coalition and King 5 News for showcasing CASA dogs.
- Facebook donors who have contributed to CASA as a Facebook charity.
- Individuals who donate via Amazon - we always smile when these gifts appear at the shelter.
- Camano Plaza and IGA for Car Wash and Pet Food Drive.
- Camano Island Fire and Rescue for assistance with Dog Wash.
- Volunteers who marched in the Rotary Parade.

**Our Shelter Wish List**

PET SUPPLIES: Cat litter or pellets (our greatest need)  
GENERAL SUPPLIES: Liquid bleach, Liquid laundry detergent, Dryer sheets, Liquid dish soap (no antibacterial)  
OFFICE SUPPLIES: Standard letter size white copy paper

PET FOOD: KMR – Liquid Kitten Milk Replacement, Baby food (small jars of pureed meats)  
 Royal Canin “Babycat” and Kitten dry food, Canned kitten food, Dry Kirkland cat food (Costco), Canned cat food (no 9 Lives)  
 Dry Grain-Free Zignature Whitefish Dog Food (Julz Animal Houz), Large raw knuckle bones (from butcher), Soft treats and grain-free treats

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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:

♥ Baxter Spector	♥ Portia Krick
♥ Cody Hildreth	♥ Raven Magill



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

**Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:**

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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



*Before you recycle your newsletter consider sharing it with a friend or leaving it for others to read at the places you visit. Introducing others to CASA is a great way to help the animals at the shelter.*

## FREE Microchip Sponsors

- Evergreen Home Loans - Marysville Branch
- Lost Dogs of Snohomish County #1— Facebook group
- Windermere Real Estate - Camano/Stanwood
- Windermere - Linda Evans
- Berg's Bookkeeping & Tax Service
- In honor of Buddy
- In memory of Precious, Spryte, Tessa



**COMING SOON**  
**2020 CASA Calendar**  
 at the shelter  
**\$15**

## BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

Featured location this period:  
**Elger Bay Store**



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

## DONATE YOUR CAR

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See Athena's Journey . . .



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