

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".



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We love to share photos of our animals and updates on events. Post your photos too with our 7,150+ Facebook friends!

www.facebook.com/ camanoshelter

NEW - CASA is now a Facebook Charity -Select CASA as a Fundraiser recipient



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

Animal stray hold periods are always a topic of conversation when an animal is found and taken to a shelter. There is always someone who steps in to say they feel the stray hold isn't long enough. Whether it is Island County's 5 day hold period or the 3 day period for most of neighboring Snohomish County – some feel that just isn't enough. What they do not realize is that shelter statistics show that most pets are reclaimed by owners within the first couple of days and after that the odds are very low, so they just sit and wait for the rest of the period.

The biggest thing that people are forgetting is that one simple choice could make a stray hold period a non-issue. If an animal is wearing current tags on their collar by the time they make it to the shelter or has a microchip which is registered properly and kept current, identification becomes a non-issue. Animal shelters scan each animal for a chip (more than once) and the entire time they scan they are waiting for that scanner to beep at them so they can happily run to the computer and start the process for contacting that animal's owner. But despite the many low-cost and free microchipping options, can you believe many animals are scanned at the shelter and still do not have this small and simple live-saving item implanted between their shoulders! Instead of worrying about how long a stray hold period may be, ask yourself if your pets are all microchipped. When was the last time you called the company of their microchip and made sure the registration information is current? This is the single most important gift you can give your pet. Someone could steal your cat and move to Hawaii – but the day their microchip is scanned it will clearly show they are yours.

Confused about microchips or their registrations? Have an issue with your pet's microchip? Check out our Microchip Info page online (www.camanoanimalshelter.org/microchip) and if you still need help please feel free to email us or stop in for help. Animal Shelters are by far the most knowledgeable when it comes to microchip implantation and registration, so we hope you will lean on us for help in this area.

Tegan Locker Shelter Manager

Black Cats Waiting for You

On April 1st there were nine cats at the CASA shelter; most of them were black cats. At first glance, when visitors arrived, all they saw were black cats everywhere. It seemed as if they were all the same, black, black with a little bit of white, black. They were the same in that they were at CASA waiting for a home. But, they shared another trait, they illustrated how CASA takes strays and surrenders from the public and other shelters and goes over and above to care for them. Each cat at the shelter has his/her own story.

Moe, age 2, was adopted when he was a kitten, but recently returned to CASA. Moe has a history of urinary crystals and is on C/D, a urinary care diet, and will have to stay on that diet. Because of his food requirements (and because he doesn't really like other cats), he is housed in a cat condo in the purple cat room. Since there are not many cats at the shelter, he has two connecting rooms, one for his bed and food and another for his litter box. Plus, he has an upper shelf in each room. While these are great accommodations, it makes it difficult for potential adopters to interact with him and he loves to play.



Moe is waiting for you.

Meanwhile, vocal **JJ** has just moved from isolation to the purple cat room. When he was surrendered he had fleas, a skin condition and was missing most of his fur. While in isolation, he greeted the staff daily with loud meows. He is a sweet cat and gets along with other 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

Bake and Plant Sale Saturday, May 11th

Draw Cat/Dog Art Contest Saturday, May 11th

Car Wash /Pet Food Drive Saturday, June 8th

Dog Wash Saturday, August 11^h

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Pansy's fur is slowly Improving.

Pansy was brought to the shelter with an ear infection and missing hair on her body. Thanks to medication, her ear infection has cleared. We think her missing hair is due to a poor diet and stress. After settling in at CASA, her hair is slowly growing back. She is sometimes overlooked because she is older and her fur is not glossy.

Maisie, black with a little white was dropped off at the shelter. She is not out with the other cats because she is considered a barn cat/mouser, i.e., she is extremely people-shy and would not like to live in a house. Barn cats

are sometimes semi-feral but are "outdoor savvy". As with all cats adopted from CASA, she has been spayed, microchipped, vaccinated and flea treated.

Wyatt came to CASA as a stray and sits atop the Kuranda towers viewing the cat room scene. Although easily approached, he quickly lets folks know that prolonged stroking is not what he likes. Given time, he will probably mellow, but for now he is waiting for his forever home.

Houdini, is completely blind. He was brought in as a stray when he appeared on someone's deck during the February snow storm. Kept in the cat condo at first, he is now in the cat room. He has learned to navigate in the room, but prefers the security of the small enclosures. Visits to the eye specialist show that he suffers from high blood pressure, is



Wyatt waits patiently for a forever home.

truly blind, his retinas are detached and because of this he is not a candidate for surgery. He has eye drops administered twice daily as well as daily blood pressure medication.

Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter all of the cats mentioned will have been adopted. If so, take the time to search out black cats, they are waiting for you.

Volunteer at CASA

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." Elizabeth Andrew

CASA relies on volunteers to function, both inside the shelter and outside. Inside the shelter the opportunities include dog walkers and yard buddies, dog kennel cleaners, cat room/shelter cleaners, cat room attendants. There are no minimum time requirements or required schedules. If you want to help our animals and enjoy being with them, come to the shelter to learn more about how you can help.

If you have ever seen CASA's fundraising and outreach events, you know that "it takes a village" to hold these events. We need volunteers to serve the day of the events for our bake and plant sale, car wash and dog wash. If you can spare a few hours, send an email to <code>casa@camanoanimalshelter.org</code> and the chairperson will be back in touch. You CAN make a difference. The Friends of CASA meets the first Thursday of each month to plan the events and welcomes you.

The list goes on. The garden in front of the shelter requires constant maintenance, the dog yard needs work, help is needed with small maintenance tasks. When you ride by the shelter next time, think about how the animals are relying on you and what you can do to make their lives better. Volunteer!



CASA Alumni

THANK YOU BUSINESS MEMBERS!

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Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans

We appreciate the support of these local businesses.



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Rico Bernstein Adopted July 2018



Sherbie Tankersley Adopted Aug 2018



Katie Wietzke Adopted Nov 2018

Cow Shelters

Since we often visit animal shelters when travelling, when we planned to visit India, we asked about visiting a dog or cat shelter. We were informed that, while there are dog shelters in the country, there are not very many, but we were certainly welcome to visit a cow shelter. We accepted the offer and found similarities between CASA and the cow shelter. The cows are loved and cared for and they rely on the volunteers and community for support.



Calves waiting to be fed at the shelter.

For Hindus in India, cows have a religious significance and to protect abandoned cows there are numerous cow shelters throughout the country. These shelters, called Goshala, focus on housing and treating cows. Goshala, is a Sanskrit word ("Go" means cow and "Shala" means a shelter, the abode or sanctuary for cows, calves and oxen). In many cases non-lactating cows abandoned and such cattle roam around streets and cause accidents. People are urged to surrender their cows to these shelters at no charge.



Cows came walking over as we approached.

We went to the cow shelter on Balkeshwar Road, Agra and were greeted by the shelter manager. He explained that the shelter receives grants from the government, but they also rely on donations and volunteers. This shelter has a doctor and paravet on site. In addition to the older surrendered cows, they also house 250 young cows.

When we approached the first enclosure the cows walked over in hopes of being fed. We walked through the area where they were

milking the cows and later went into the shelter office. Legislation against cattle slaughter is in place throughout most states of India and therefore, the shelter is a no-kill shelter. The staff/volunteers are looking for ways to publicize in hopes of gathering more support for their shelter. Needless to say, visiting a cow shelter is an experience.

~ Martha Huyler, CASA President

HAPPY TAILS

Bruno

Bruno and I are having a blast together!! There has been a bit of a learning curve finding out each other's likes and dislikes. Bruno hates it when I have to head out the door in the morning for work, but he has full run of the house with access to the backyard to keep himself entertained. He has already let me know what is okay to leave on the kitchen counter and what should be kept out of sight. His food, which is kept in a sealable plastic container, is now kept in the closet because he thought it was self-serve since it was on the kitchen floor. Since he was hungry, he helped himself after prying off the top. Not much was eaten and it was an easy fix.

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When I get home, his nose is the first to poke through the door to greet me followed by him flopping on his back to get a belly rub. He loves those. If I sit on the couch and he's on his bed, he jumps right up next to me and wants to give me kisses followed by him rolling over and you guessed it, belly rubs. He loves riding in the car and going on long walks around the island on the weekends. We also go for a short walk every night just before bed which he looks forward to as he hangs out by the front door.



Bruno and Joe, perfect together.

The first night that I adopted Bruno, we went for our walk but he started to whimper a bit. I told him that we just went for a walk and now it's time to lay down. After a few minutes, he reluctantly went downstairs to his bed. This started to happen the second night but then he just jumped up on my bed, did a circle and went to sleep after a few kisses and he got his belly rub! This is his routine and I'm good with it.

Thank you to everyone at CASA for taking such good care of Bruno. He has lifted my spirits a tremendous amount after the loss of my little princess, Autumn, who passed away just before Christmas to cancer. Autumn was a Staffordshire pit bull I adopted from CASA in the spring of 2008. I wasn't looking to adopt so soon, but after seeing Bruno there for so long I decided to take him for a couple of walks, I could see what a sweet boy he was. And thank you to everyone who posted comments on Facebook and followed his Bruno will be seeing everyone at the Dog Wash this August. ~ Joe Collette

Note: Bruno was featured in the Winter, 2018 and Winter, 2019 newsletters and was at CASA since October, 2017; 498 days before being adopted. Special thank you to those individuals who contributed towards Bruno's special diet during his stay.

Lola and Taz



Lola is a well-mannered senior dog.

In October 2016 my husband wanted to take a drive to the mountains, I said, "can we please stop by CASA and see a super cute elder dog?". I fell on love with Lola immediately. Several people stood in line wanting to adopt her, but we were first in line. Our lives became brighter after adopting her. She was 15 years old and she loves to be snuggled.

A couple months later my son came to visit and asked if she fetches sticks. I said "I doubt it, she is a lap dog". Boy o boy was I wrong. He threw a stick and Lola went crazy. We now have several mini tennis balls in the house that she drags out when she wants to play. She suffers some esophageal collapsing, but that does not keep her down. Mark my word there is not a stray cat in the yard. Recently a fox passed by my back glass door and she wanted to eat the glass. We are blessed with her presence. I do not know her past, but I know her previous owner raised her to be a well-mannered lady.

Fast forward, January 2019, I had enough of my husband saving he wanted a cat, I happened across Taz on the CASA website. I knew instantly Taz would be a challenge. He was fearful, and I was fearful of him. I knew in my heart we had a home that was

Lola and Taz (Cont.)

quiet and loving and we could rehabilitate him. When I showed up with a borrowed crate, one of the ladies laughed and said she could not stuff him in that crate and she loaned us a very large crate. I would literally drag him out with his claws digging to the carpet just so I could hug him.

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I have some battle wounds as does my husband, but our determination won. Taz runs through the house like thunder rolling, he chirps like a bird, lays in the window sills, has no desire to escape through an open door AND he aggravates Lola by playing with her balls. Life is good and these fur babies are spoiled!

~ Tammie Orr



Exercise and love have calmed Raider (now Radar)

Note: From Taz's shelter behavior, the staff was worried that he would be a barn cat. It turned out that Taz is "the barn cat who is not a barn cat!"

Note: Raider was also featured in the Winter, 2019 newsletter as a Hard to Adopt animal because of his anxiety and constant licking. It is always a pleasure to "bring together animals in need and caring people, forever enriching their lives". Raider was at the shelter five months before finding his home.



family.

Raider

I did not know what to expect when driving to see Raider at the Camano Animal Shelter. His Taz is relaxing with his new online description was a bit dodgy. I had owned a Golden Retriever and figured there must be something going on with Raider that was different than most Golden Retrievers' personality. They are usually very calm, affectionate, and obedient. I met Raider and he was as described. Quite a handful!

I decided to take a chance on Raider. The ride home with him was a bit of a challenge. He wanted to lay across the gear shift. So the gear shift kept going in neutral. Not such a good thing at freeway speeds. When arriving at home the first thing I did was give him a good bath and grooming. He was perfectly behaved. Although nervous, he settled in guickly. Since he was clean he was allowed to lay on the couch and sleep in the bed. There was not a peep out of him all night.

It's been about a month now. Raider has turned out to be an excellent pal. He is very obedient and knows the most important commands, e.g., sit, stay, heel. He enjoys chasing the ball and bringing it back in a local tennis court. He cannot be let off the leash as he is easily distracted by squirrels and birds. As far as I know, he is housebroken. However, I keep on a regular routine going outside. I have left him alone and there are no issues or separation anxiety.

His licking habit is not as bad as when I brought him home. He responds to "no licking." Plus he gets plenty of exercise and love. With that said, I've been reducing his meds as much as feasible. With anti-depressants and anxiety meds they cannot be simply stopped. No worries. His vet here is aware of the problem.

I have renamed him Radar. He is very affectionate, friendly, and greets people of all ages without all the craziness when I first picked him up. At the end of the day, all he needed was a place to call home. I am proud to have him as my friend and companion.

~ Paul Rigas

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.

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Pet First Aid Program

CASA offered a free Pet First Aid Program with speakers from Northwest Veterinary Clinic. DVM's Steve Boskovich, Alyssa Rasweiler and Andrea Brayko explained when to know your pet's injury is an emergency, what to keep in your first aid kit, how to wrap a wound and the importance of knowing which substances are poisonous to your pets. They provided handed out Pet Disaster Kit Checklists from ASPCA. The presentation was well-received by a large crowd.

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Poison Hotlines

ASPCA: 888-426-4435 (\$65 consultation fee may apply)

Pet Poison Helpline: 800-213-6680 (\$59 per incident fee is charged)



Drs. Alyssa Rasweiler, Andrea Brayko and Steve Boskovich, Northwest Veterinary Clinic

CASA—One of Four Shelters in WA



The Saving 90 website, www.saving90.org, lists communities that self-report placement rates of 90% or more of dogs, cats, rabbits, and other animals. CASA (Camano Island) is one of four communities in the State of Washington that lists their counts.

"The Camano Animal Shelter Association runs the shelter on Camano Island. It serves 16,000 people [on Camano Island alone]. In 2018, it reported a 100% placement rate for dogs, 94% for cats, and 100% for rabbits and other animals."

Although CASA is a no-kill shelter, our goal is to view each animal as an individual with individual needs. We strive to save every one we can, but with this comes cases for which there is no miracle ending and those which we cannot save. It is our duty to allow them a peaceful release from pain and suffering. The only time we realize our own euthanasia statistics is at the end of each year, because focusing on what is best for each animal should be any shelter's actual goal - as it is ours.

No Kill Advocacy Center states that they hope by listing shelter communities with live release rates of 90 - 99% of animals, it will encourage others to try and reach 90% and do so for all animals.

Tax Tip

This year the Federal Income Tax law changes affected everyone. Did you know that if you are over 70 ½ your contribution to CASA can be tax deductible even if you claimed the standard deduction?

"What about giving IRA money to charity? Once you're 70 ½ or older – that is, when you have to start taking your annual required minimum distributions - you can transfer up to \$100,000 per person per year directly from a traditional IRA to a public charity you want to



support, and the money is completely excluded from income taxes. Even better: It's deemed part or all of your minimum mandatory withdrawal for the year. You won't even have to itemize your deductions to gain the tax benefit, since the funds come out of your IRA without any tax consequences." *

"Follow the rules for a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). (This doesn't apply to a Roth IRA, which has tax-free withdrawals and no required distributions.) The gift stays out of your adjusted gross income only if you make a direct transfer from your IRA to the charity. It doesn't count as a tax-free transfer if you withdraw the money first and then make a donation to the charity. Ask your IRA administrator what steps you need to take, because the procedures can vary from firm to firm." **

Not 70 ½ yet? Tell your friends/relatives and/or keep this in mind if you are approaching this age. This is an easy way to continue to contribute to CASA while receiving tax benefits.

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Paws for Applause

- Tyee Store/Camano Marketplace CASA Calendars
- Crab Cracker, SC News, Everett Herald Publicity
- Sandi Evans CASA Pet Photographer
- UPS Printing Services
- Tim Labs (*Tim@TimLabs.Net*) computer services

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

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

Featured location this period:

Movement Arts

"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

Our Shelter Wish List

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

<u>PET FOOD</u>: 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

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!

In memory of departed pets:

- Arthur Rochat
- Missy Knothe
- Autumn Collette
- ♥ Payton Sheaffer
- ♥ Cookie Leibrecht♥ Diesel Peters
- ♥ Smudge Jann♥ Zeke Rommel



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CASA ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES





Evelyn has epilepsy and will need continued medical care the rest of her life. Her medication is not overly expensive. Since she has been in foster we have learned that she is very affectionate, gets along with other cats, is food motivated and playful. If you think she would make a purr-fect addition to your family please call so we can bring her to the shelter.

Pandora is one spunky girl. When she is loose in the shelter with other cats and shelter guests she gets overstimulated and lashes out by scratching if you try to love her. Now that she has her own smaller, low -traffic space she has turned in to a love bug. She loves catnip, playing, and looking out windows and chirping at birds.





Catalina has been through so much and is just looking for a home to love her and see her as a family member not as a guard dog. Catalina cannot live outside or be on a tie out of any kind. Even though she looks like a tough girl she is actually as gentle as they come. Catalina would do best in a home with no other dogs, cats or children. Please come by and see her!

Guinea Pigs: Huckleberry & Finn Huckleberry is a little shy when he first meets new people but warms right up! Finn is the more social one of the two. These boys are extremely bonded and need the company of each other to thrive in their new home. They are receiving medical care and we hope they can go up for adoption soon.





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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

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