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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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> CASA is now a Facebook Charity



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

With everything going on in the world today, it is of added importance that pet owners create a plan for their pets should they not be able to provide their care directly at any point.

Making a plan for your pet is commonly talked about with senior owners or those who know they will be facing medical hurdles, but unexpected tragedy can hit anyone at any time in our life. The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us that we should "never say never" and having a plan in place no matter now far off you feel the need is - is just plain smart.

What should your plan look like? It doesn't have to be fancy. Pretend you're going on a three week vacation and you're leaving care notes for someone watching your pet(s). This would include identifying each pet clearly, writing up a feeding and medication/supplement schedule, what their daily activity looks like, their favorite things, their dislikes, and any warnings needed. Include contact info for your regular veterinarian, contact info for your preferred emergency clinic, pet insurance plan details if your pet has it, and additional friends or family the caretaker can call in the event of an emergency and not being able to reach you.

Note clearly the people you have talked to about continuing care for your pets if something were to happen to you. If you have no one you wish to select, you can also write that if permanent placement is required you wish for your pets to go to a specific shelter or rescue; list at least two. Make sure your closest people know where your plan can be found, you can make a note in your phone's emergency contact info about where to find it, etc.

We love our pets dearly and even if the unspeakable were to happen to you, creating a detailed plan like this will allow your love for them to still be there through a well thought out

Tegan Locker Shelter Manager

Sheltering at Home

As we have been "sheltering at home" and practicing "social distancing", life has been busy for Nala and her kittens. Their foster mom has shared what life is like with six bouncy, enthusiastic and lovable visitors. Nala was at their home for three weeks before her six kittens arrived. She provided their nourishment as the foster parent watched the kittens as they expanded their horizons.

"Soon kittens were climbing the curtains and I would just sit back in awe, thinking wow they couldn't do that yesterday and I'm so proud! They had figured out how to climb up on the bed, the problem was they could get up but couldn't jump down. Or the time when I heard splashing in the bathroom and knew no human was in there. I ran in to find a kitten swimming in the toilet bowl. From that point on the toilet seat was always closed.

Nala, being an excellent Mama, would sound the alarm (constant loud meowing) if one of the kiddos was not joining her on the quest for new skills, e.g. climbing stairs. One kitten remained sleeping soundly on the bed. Nala not wanting to



Nala and her kittens relax while sheltering at home

See more on page 2 - Sheltering at Home

Mark Your Calendar!

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CASA Friends

First Thursday of each month at 7 PM Island County Multi-Purpose Building Cancelled temporarily

UPCOMING EVENTS

#Giving Tuesday—SCGive Tuesday, May 5th

Pet Food Drive* Saturday, June 13th

Dog Wash*

Saturday, August 15th

* Dates to be confirmed in the future

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have any of her kittens miss out on the experience went to find that kitten, woke him, and dragged him out to experience the stairs for the first time. By this time the two most confident females had mastered going up and down the staircase at full speed.



What's going on out there?

We have a small dog (11 pounds) named Lucy who is always looking for a playmate. Nala was extremely tolerant of Lucy. Now that the kittens are older, they play with everything, including Lucy's toys. Lucy will wait patiently watching the kitten who has stolen her toy until she sees her opportunity, then she steals it away. The kittens usually react like, "what just happened?" We also have an anti-social 8 year old male cat, Jojo. Now that the kittens have free range, he has a fan club watching him eat, drink, sleep. Although I wouldn't say he is FRIENDLY with them, he is enjoying the stardom, I know this because he is around A LOT more often!

The "thunder" as I call it has to be the favorite part of my day. "Thunder" happens when the kittens start to run

from one side of the room to another as a pack of wild beasts can. Each morning there is a flood from my bathroom (where they have spent the night) and they come pouring out! And immediately the "thunder" begins, up and back, round and round, jumping leaping, challenging each other!

Sometimes I feel like a drill sergeant constantly taking roll, "ok there is 1,2,3,4,5 ...where's 6?" or "I only see 2 girls and 2 boys... where are my missing kittens?" and every one in the room starts to look carefully for the escapee." ~ Megan Gilday, Foster Parent



Social distancing kitten style

Hopefully, reading about life with the kittens brought a smile to your face and joy to your heart. We thank Megan for her generosity in opening her home to Nala and her family. Soon these kittens will be available for adoption and you can open your home and your heart to them.

Our Shelter Wish List

PET SUPPLIES: Cat litter or pellets (our greatest need)

GENERAL SUPPLIES: 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

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!





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AAA Backflow Testing & Svc, LLC Advantage Accounting & Tax Services Affordable Pet Care

Apollo Concrete Sawing, Inc.

AWR Inc. / General Contractor

Berg's Bookkeeping & Tax Service

*Bigfoot Lock Service

Camano Body Shop, Inc.

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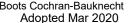
Windermere Real Estate - Linda Evans

* New Business Member

We appreciate the support of these local businesses.

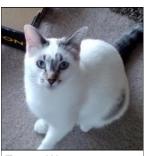
CASA Alumni







Pepper Norwood Adopted Feb 2020



Tractor West Adopted Nov 2011

Fostering - Saving Lives One by One

The lifeline for the kittens who come to the shelter is a dedicated network of foster parents. Foster parents are there when the shelter calls to say they have a pregnant cat needing a temporary home, litter of kittens that was found in a box and also the newborns who have no mother. Fostering can be light-hearted and fun, but it is also challenging and rewarding. Are you willing to foster?

"Most of what I do is hard work, dedication and not giving up. Most of my fosters are bottle babies. There is no glamor in getting up every 2 hours round the clock for the first two weeks, then every 3-4 hours for the third and fourth weeks to bottle feed them. Being the person that makes them pee and poop for the first 4 weeks, worrying about wormy bellies as they are too young to deworm, combating diarrhea, weepy eyes and sneezing. Teaching them to use the litter box for potty, not playing in. Staying strong the first 4-5 days after weaning them off the bottle, even though they beg profusely for it. Weeks 6-8 are full of fun and playtime. Learning boundaries, proper kitty manners. Growth spurt is huge during this time.

Plain and simple. Fostering saves lives. I have people ask me all the time: "How can you do it? How can you give them up?" I tell them if I kept them, I could not help the others. I never call myself "mommy" to them. It helps keep a little distance. I feel more like I am their auntie. The kittens are not mine to keep. I have been entrusted by the shelter and God to care for his little creatures.

I have loved, laughed, beamed with pride, cried, gotten angry and felt the deepest depth of helplessness while caring for them. It can be a whole array of emotions fostering, based on their needs, the situation they came from and what is happening medically. I have bawled like a baby when I have brought back my fosters because it is time for them to go up for adoption. Every little kitten holds a place in my heart and I hope they take a little piece of my heart with them."







HAPPY TAILS

Luna (now Sage)



Sage and her sister, Ron.

Having already perfected her tennis ball skills while at CASA, Sage, a German Shepherd, is now adopted into her forever home, happily pursuing her new dream of becoming a lap dog! The 'little puppy' side of her is emerging as she gains a sense of security and trust with us. Sweetness just oozes out of this girl, replacing the wild child that she was. Of course she definitely loves to run, and she tears around the back yard like it's a race course! She spends her days chasing balls, chewing sticks and carrying her stuffed toys around, then following up with long naps flat out on her bed. We manage to fit leash training in there somewhere (right, Sage?).

Sage has caught on to the routine here by intently watching her older doggie sisters, and following along with what they do. She's learned all about how supper time works, how we go for rides in the car, how we take turns getting a treat, and much, much more, just by watching them. It's pretty heartwarming to see her blending into her new pack. She seems to love her sister Ron (also a CASA alumni!) the most. Even though Ron weighs in at only ten pounds, Sage seems most at ease when Ron is keeping watch nearby. The funniest thing about these two is that they jockey for position when I get out the dog brush. Ron really loves to be brushed, so Sage

figures that she herself absolutely loves to be brushed. Of course we have yet to tackle bath day, so check back later for that update.....

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I want to sincerely express my deepest thanks to each and every one at CASA, for matching me with the most wonderful dogs. I know how much the staff at CASA cares for the animals and personally works to find the best home for each one. They take it to heart and it definitely has made a difference in my life. I can't imagine life without my dogs - so again, thank you all. I am incredibly lucky because of the great people, and dogs, at CASA.

~ Joan M.

Mimsey (now Maisey)



Mimsey the day she was adopted

We have always had "rescue" dogs since there are so many that need homes. So when we saw a posting for six year old Mimsy (now known as Maisy), we immediately called and spoke to the most wonderful person, Becca who told us all about her. She sounded like a perfect fit for us. When we arrived, Becca brought Maisy out to us. Maisy was so shy and kept clinging to Becca. We were assured that she had only been at the shelter a few days, so we were hopeful that connection could happen with us. We eventually introduced her to our 12 year old Maltipoo Molly and all went well.

While our "meet and greet" was with a very shy, nervous and timid girl, we knew we had five days to see how she would do with our family. Well, she wasn't even five minutes in the car that she



Maisey is enjoying life.

started to perk up. The minute she arrived at our house she was wagging her tail and excited to be held and petted.

It has been a month since her adoption and we don't know what we would do without her. We are smiling and laughing with all her little doggy antics. She is sweet and cuddly and every day more of her personality is showing as she is trusting us. We now see her playing, giving kisses and will snuggle with everyone in the house. She loves to go on walks and at the park she will run as fast as she can. Although we have been sheltering in place, we recently found out she absolutely loves car rides. So, any trip to the store, she gets to go!

We want to thank the CASA shelter for their hard work matching animals with families. Although technically it was Maisy who needed us to be adopted, we now realize that it was actually us that truly needed rescuing!

~ Jerry, Sherri and Christian Simonson Molly and Maisy too!

Ice Cube (now Macey)

Macey spent the first few days in the laundry room but has been starting to get curious as to what's going on in the rest of the house. We've got a single level, open concept place so she's got room to explore. So far she's comfortable hanging out in the kitchen/laundry area and just this morning I found her and my senior boy Miko playing in the dining room. They hang out at night when I'm asleep.

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All said, she's coming out of her shell and is a sweetie! A most wonderful addition to the family! This little girl is quite the talker! We are having conversations daily.

~ Catherine Weymouth



Macey and her new friend hang out at night.

Adonis (now Andy)



"Handy-Andy" loves to help with everything.

In 2015 we adopted a scruffy mixed up breed that had been passed over so many times. In the 5 years since Sookie came into our home, she has blossomed into an amazing member of our family. We call her Grandma, because she rules with love and sternness. We had been keeping an eye on Adonis for several months, knowing he would be adopted. When we saw that he had been adopted and returned to the shelter, we knew we had to act. We came to meet him, knowing ahead of time that we would take him home.

Adonis became Andy in our home. We call him "Handy-Andy" because he will "help" you do EVERYTHING!!!! Sandwich on the table, No problem, Andy can help you. Shoes need to be chewed? Handy Andy is your man. Whew! What a bundle of goofy, sweet, stubborn puppy energy! We could not love him more! Andy needed some structure, some routine, a job or two or twenty, and lots of consistency. Andy has learned so many things! Come, sit, stay (this is HARD!), down, go to bed, go to rug, back up, wait, off...etc. PLUS, how to settle down, how to not be so rude, and also how to meet guests in the house. Andy is a great dog.

Thank you for all you do to protect and serve the animals in our community. We love CASA an appreciate all you do!!! ~ Theresa Thompson

Bozena (now Bo)

Bozena is doing so well in her new home! She was shy at first and took a bit to get used to her new surroundings but now she runs the place. She has so many toys and loves to play. She mainly sleeps during the day and comes out at night. She loves sitting in the windows and climbing up on her playhouse so she can lay in the sun. Bo has already brought so much love and joy into my Grandma's life.

My Grandma told me that Bo gives her a reason to get up in the mornings. The two of them have already bonded and Bo has so many others that love her. Bo really is a cuddle bug and my sisters and I love spending time with her when we visit. She tends to give nervous when too many people visit at once or when someone she doesn't know comes around. However, she is



Bo enjoys the sun.

warming up more and more each day. She is now sleeping on my Grandma at night which makes her so happy. She seems to really love her new home and we are very glad we can give her all of the love and attention she deserves.

~ Diane Norton's Granddaughter

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.

Door to the Future

When people ride by CASA, they see the large grey building. Unless they have visited the shelter, they don't realize that CASA only occupies a small portion of the large county-owned structure. The limited footprint has led to a creative use of space. Although not ideal at all, this has created more and more struggles as we grow. The cat intake/isolation room doubles as an office; the small desk in the corner of the room and array of large file cabinets are shared by the shelter manager, volunteer bookkeeper and treasurer. The space we refer to as the laundry room also houses cats not ready for adoption, daily cleaning supplies, linen and supply storage, cold storage and more.

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This year the Parks Department moved to a building at Barnum Point. Up until that time, they occupied about 70 percent of the tall building. The county has now offered CASA part of the vacated space so we can provide more dedicated office areas for the critical administrators who have been sharing the single makeshift office. The added space will also allow for a small staff/volunteer break area, an expanded footprint for the laundry room, and possibly even a quarantine addition to the current isolation room. There are plans to improve the isolation room with new flooring and medical storage.

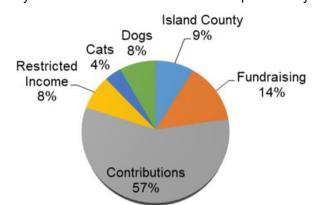


New door from Laundry Room

Since gaining access to the new area the old commercial bay door was removed and an interior access door has been installed connecting the laundry room and the new space. Everything is on hold, however, until we resume more normal operations at the shelter and we know the financial ramifications of reduced income in the wake of the pandemic. Until then, the door in the laundry room is CASA's "Door to the Future."

Did You Know?

CASA relies on your contributions and support of our fundraising activities to cover the shelter expenses. The CASA staff is dedicated strictly to the care and well-being of the animals. Volunteers organize outreach and fundraising events, dedicate time at the shelter and provide bookkeeping and administrative services. We are grateful for our volunteers and to the many businesses and individuals who help us each year. Please continue to support the animals at CASA.



CASA Income for 2019

Island County funds provided for contracted services for impounded dogs

Dog, Cat/Other Animal Income includes stray, surrender, boarding and adoption fees

Contributions include contributions, memberships.

donation boxes, memorials and bequests

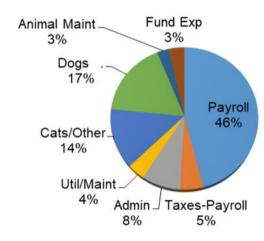
Fundraising income from CASA sponsored events, Facebook, Donate for Charity (gross), Amazon Smile, merchandise sales Restricted Income includes grants, Giving Tuesday

CASA Expenses for 2019

Dog, Cat/Other Animals Expenses include medicine, vaccines, flea and worm treatments, spay/neuter, food, litter, special diets, urgent care and other medical treatment Utilities/Maintenance includes repairs telephone/internet connectivity, insurance, garbage, appliance/van maintenance Administrative Expenses includes financial software, credit card fees, web hosting, professional fees, office supplies and copying Personnel includes shelter manager and 5 staff animal caregivers (all part-time)

Payroll Taxes - FICA, Medicare, SUI, SDI, sick leave Fundraising – Donate for Charity (fees), booth and permit fees, posters, merchandise

Animal/Maintenance includes shelter supplies and microchips



Other Income/Expenses

- Island County provides the shelter building, heat, electricity, water and maintenance
- Non-monetary contributions from the public food, litter, bedding, cleaning supplies and paper products substantially reduce our expenses
- Fees collected on behalf of Island County and returned to the county licenses, impounds, boarding, surrenders and adoptions

In memory of departed pets:

- ♥ Benji Stone
- Brooklyn M.
- Diesel Peters
- Digger West
- Dutchess Hierholzer ♥ Misha
- Flip Hausmann
- Gracie Mieger
- Hammer Locker

- ♥ Hermes' Kohl
- Jolie Hesla
- ♥ Kicia SadowskiMoore
- Mia Bauknecht
- Murfy Locker
- ♥ Spryte Massimino
- ♥ Tessa Massimino



"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

Did you know you can make a difference?

That your tax-deductible charitable gift of:

\$50 can provide KMR milk replacement formula for a litter of kittens or vital blood and urinalysis lab work for one sick and/or senior animal

\$100 can provide three months of basic care for a typical long-term animal

\$250 can provide dental cleaning and extractions for an older cat/dog or provide a FIV/FeLV blood tests for 17 cats.

\$500 can help us spay/neuter two litters of kittens and their moms or provide a FIV/FeLV blood tests for 35 cats

Paws for Applause

Dear CASA, My name is B. and I live in Edmonds, WA. My birthday was March 16 and I wasn't able to have a party due to COVID-19, so I wanted to give my party money to the animals. I hope this will help the shelter. I hope I can come and visit soon.

To the volunteers who had begun planning for our fundraisers and outreach programs. Social distancing guidelines have caused CASA to cancel many of our yearly fundraisers and outreach programs, i.e. Microchip Clinic, Plant and Bake Sale, Children's Art Show, Women's Expo and Twin City Idler's Car Show.

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

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:\$25\$40\$100\$250\$500 Other \$	Single Membership (\$25) Family Membership (\$40) Business Membership (\$100) (includes free decals)
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Address:	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.)
City: State: Zip:	I do not need a receipt for my donation.
Telephone:	My employer will match my gift. Enclosed is my completed matching gift form.
Email:	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 ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES—CASA NEWS







On April 1st some unknown person brightened our day by updating our reader board. Imagine how surprised the staff they was when started receiving calls asking about the monkey!

Thanks for bringing smiles to our faces.

On Tuesday, May 5th, support CASA by donating online via www.scgive.org. This provides a way for you to help CASA recover funds lost because of cancelled fundraisers. In addition to any #GivingTuesday prizes, thanks to anonymous donors, after the event we will randomly draw the names of eight CASA donors who will each receive \$25 certificates to local establishments.

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

Featured location this period:

IGA Camano Plaza





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



What's Happening?



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