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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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Courtesy Walking Cat Design

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

Learning a new way of life is hard for many animals that find their way into shelters across the globe. Change is always uncomfortable, because it's outside of what one comes to know as normal which makes them comfortable. Both inside the shelter and out the changes have been rough, rapid, and forced over the last year. As much as we could focus on the negatives which are still impacting both animals and staff, we try to remember the positives that snuck their way in with little notice. For one, we are thankful that CASA is still here to help the community, when so many businesses have had to close their doors permanently.

Last year so many shelters were forced to cut back drastically and only take in a fraction of what they normally would as they lost staff and support. At the same time we took in more transferred pets than ever before as we desperately tried to help them - knowing they were struggling even more than we were. At the end of 2019 we had taken in a total of 611 animals, and in 2020 we still had 596 come through by the end of that terribly hard year. Our tiny staff rose up and persevered. It didn't come without its own silent damage though. We are still navigating through operational changes. The staff, as well as other people who work within the functional parts of our organization, are now trying to find their way back from a year that took almost everything out of them.

The animals of 2021 have faced new struggles. The main issue revolves around lower adoption rates. As people start to make up for lost time doing things they haven't been able to do – they are not adopting new pets nearly as much. This has a trickle effect with a huge impact on the number of animals we can help inside the shelter. An animal needs to be adopted in order to have that space open up for a new animal. We have always worried about available space since our facility is so small, but this new loss of adopters has been hitting us even harder.

Although time has passed, the changes have been so great that we are still adjusting to "the new." We have had stages just like a newly adopted animal may experience coming to the shelter and then going into their new life. Initially you're hit with major change; some rebel

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Helping These Animals

JR (Dipper), Scout and Mozie are all waiting for homes for at least four months. Since the shelter is closed for browsing, the only way to promote these loveable dogs is via their picture and introductory write-ups (bios) on the website. Previously visitors to CASA might stop at their kennel, meet them, and hopefully bond with them. There is just something about meeting in person to tug at the heartstrings. Since in person time has been limited, the introductory write-ups are more important than ever when making the right match.

As with any promotional ad, the bio identifies the positive characteristics of the dog:

JR (Dipper) - "This handsome boy is JR! JR is a little over 2 years old and at his full adult size. He is a bit shy at first but becomes very affectionate and cuddly fast. JR loves his people..."

Scout - "This loveable goofball has it all! ... sweet guy with a tough guy exterior ... great dog to go hiking, biking, or just a best friend to hang out"

Mozie - "He is an adorable 8 month old Pit Bull mix. Mozie is a smart boy and he knows some commands"



JR (Dipper) came in March

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Mark Your Calendar!**CASA Friends**

Currently meets monthly
via Zoom.

To be placed on call list,
send email to

friends@camanoanimal
shelter.org with
name, telephone and email.

UPCOMING EVENTS**Heritage Bank - Display**

November

Santa Pictures

Canceled

Lights of Love -

ReMax/Elevate

Camano Plaza

November - December

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against it, and later some begin to conform realizing they can't truly go backwards and that overall they are okay. Eventually, when we are all finally nestled deep within the future we couldn't see, we may learn it's even better than what we longed to go back to.

So as we continue to ride this wave together, and maybe your new pet is also riding a wave of their own, remember to be understanding and patient. Change commonly causes a struggle inside and every person or pet will adjust in their own way and in their own time. Do your best to let them know you are there for them if they need you and that you care enough to stay by their side as they try to figure out the new normal. The grass may not *always* be greener on the other side, but maybe it actually is this time. Last but not least, if you have been thinking about adding a pet to your home or know friend who is make sure to tell them about CASA and the pets waiting for them inside. Wading though change might be more fun with a furry friend.

Tegan Locker
Shelter Manager

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Scout came in
January

But, unlike typical advertisements, we identify any requirements for a successful match up front.

JR (Dipper) - "does not like being left alone ... He has met a few dogs since being in the shelter and has been socially awkward... he will require a very secure yard. JR will not be able to be left unattended - even in a fully fenced yard ... home with seasoned ... dog handling experience."

Scout - "He is a big boy at 84 pounds so he will need a strong, confident handler... He tends to get excited and jumps up on people and that might be too much for smaller kids."

Mozie - "Mozie is very strong and rambunctious so he will need a confident handler who is prepared to teach him some manners. He would do best as an only pet as he tends to chase cats and other animals."



Mozie came in May

It is extremely difficult and humbling to be their spokesperson. As a prospective adopter, it is important that you not only know as much as possible about the dog, but also know yourself and what you can offer. Are you willing to provide what is needed? Are you truly "confident"? Are you willing to spend the time? Remember that adoption is a partnership. CASA always takes their animals back no matter how long, but it is best for all concerned if the adoption works. Remember that they have already had one previous home.

Meanwhile, as mentioned in the Manager's message in the Winter 2020 newsletter: "It is critical for us to publicize our adoptable pets, but cannot do it alone - we need your help.. Some of the most effective ways to help us get pets adopted is word of mouth. That could be as simple as telling one person about pet at the shelter or going to the website and choosing one to share on social media with your friends. Are you a business owner? Print one of those adoptable pets and put it on your door that week, you may be surprised how one simple share could lead to an animal finally leaving the shelter." Can you help Dipper, Scout and Mozie find a home?

CASA Alumni

**THANK YOU
BUSINESS MEMBERS!**

- AAA Camano Heated Storage
- Advantage Accounting & Tax Services
- Affordable Pet Care
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- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
- Stilly River Mechanical
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- Thomas & Lee / Sothebys Realty
- TimLabs: Windows Computer Services
- Tulalip Tribes
- Twin City Lanes
- Washington Federal
- Windermere Real Estate

* **New Business Member**



Majic (Groot) Dinzi-Pederson
Adopted Dec 2019



Spock (Cameo) Krishnan
Adopted July 2020



Nataska Johnson
Adopted Dec 2019



Odin Isabelle and Friend
Adopted Jan 2020

Paws for Applause

With gratitude...
we thank the late
Kat Loranger,
a former Board Member,
for her continuing support of CASA
through a bequest from her estate.



Artwork by Kat Loranger

- IGA - Pet Food Drive
- IGA - "Round Up for CASA"
- Heritage Bank – Sponsorship – Animal Event \$500
- John L. Scott organizing and hosting the Shredding Event
- Dogless Dog Wash Donors who contributed over \$6,500.
- Companies sponsoring - Matching Gift and Giving Programs

<p><i>3 days</i> decompress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will most likely hide • May feel overwhelmed, scared or unsure • May not want to eat or drink • May not be comfortable enough to "be himself" and could appear shut down 	<p><i>3 weeks</i> learn routine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start settling in • Feel more comfortable • Gets into a routine • Learns environment • Lets guard down • May begin to show true personality • Behavior issues may start to appear 	<p><i>3 months</i> start to feel at home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finally feels completely comfortable in home • Begins to build trust and bond • Gains complete sense of security with new family • Sets into a routine
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Your new rescue cat and the 3/3/3 rule*

The 3/3/3 rule is a general guideline for the adjustment period of a cat after adoption.

*Everett Animal Shelter

HAPPY TAILS

Petey

When our dog, Ozzie, a CASA alumni, passed away, we knew we wanted another dog in our family, but planned to wait a few months. The house was so quiet that we contacted CASA and asked them to look for a dog that would fit with us and our lifestyle. Within a short time, the staff called saying they had a dog from Everett that we should meet. It was love at first sight. We spent fifteen minutes and adopted him right then.

Don says Petey is named after his brother-in-law. With his grey whiskers Petey even looks like him. It was amazing how quickly he adjusted. He is smart, very trainable and loves to play and go for walks. Petey loves to look out the windows, loves belly rubs and is an acrobat (we find him in high places). He likes to stand on the back of the "kissing couch", named that way because we give him kisses as we walk by.

With my recent back surgery, Petey was there to keep me company. He knew I didn't feel well, but stayed right next to me looking up with his soulful eyes to see if I was okay. Petey came from a homeless camp and knows he has a forever home here. Tegan, the shelter manager, explained that dogs from homeless camps make great pets because they have always had companionship. A DNA test shows that Petey is primarily Lhasa Apso with Papillon, Schnauzer and Cairn Terrier mixed in, what a wonderful mix. Petey is such good company. In fact, we talk to him more than we talk to each other. Thanks to CASA for finding a perfect match.

~ Jean and Don Petroskie



Petey and Jean spending quality time together.

Ahsoka (formerly Oreo)



Ahsoka love cats.

Our family talked about getting a dog for a little while last summer, but realized it might not be a good idea having just moved into our brand new home with lots of new furniture and three older cats that were set in their ways. Having never been a dog owner, I was worried the cats would be constantly stressed out and that they wouldn't be able to enjoy their golden years with an energetic dog running around the house.

One day while scrolling Facebook, saw a post that read: "1.5 year old female lab mix, Unicorn dog (too good to be true kind of dog), LOVES CATS!!" Before I knew it, I was filling out an adoption form and we were scheduled to "meet" her the very next weekend. Of course we loved her right away. We couldn't believe we were about to bring a dog home!

I think in the first two weeks we questioned if we made the right decision on numerous occasions. We got through those challenges and Oreo, now named Ahsoka, has completely stolen our hearts. It took the cats some time to get used to her but they surprised us all and adapted to her so well. Ahsoka loves to jump playfully at them; trying to taunt them to play with her, she'll roll around on the floor being coy with them. The cats usually just stare at her, hiss or run away but Ahsoka continues to try every

single day.

It's been so much fun watching her personality come out as she's grown more comfortable and confident in her environment. She loves to go for walks to get all the sniffs, she enjoys chasing her ball but isn't the best at bringing it back to us yet. She made a best friend with another black lab named Luna who lives near us. They will play and wrestle with each other all day until they can't play anymore. We already can't imagine our lives without Ahsoka in it, she is always there to greet us at the door with her full body wiggle and wagging tail and right next to you in bed splayed out flat on her back ready for bedtime tummy rubs. We had no idea how much fun and love we were missing out on until Ahsoka joined our family.

~ Jessica Hopkins

Enzo (formerly Chavo)



Enzo is a partner in crime.

I recently had to put my 22 year old cat, Joey, to sleep and this left an empty space in my home and in me. So I searched for Enzo (a.k.a. Chavo). When I heard Enzo had some feisty issues, I knew immediately he would fit in my home, only because my Joey was a rescue and had the same issues.

On to Enzo! I had forgotten what it's like to have a one year old terrorizing my home. This guy came out of his shell after about six hours and started investigating everything. On day #2, I woke up and saw black paw prints on my kitchen counter, the stove, the fridge etc. and I knew that he found the fireplace (that I thought I had closed up good enough). My new mission is to Enzo proof everything! I love it! Enzo keeps me on my toes and is real aggressively feisty, but in a very playful way.

To sum it all up... Enzo and I, play hard, rest well and even get some cuddle time in. I can honestly say he is my new P.I.C. (partner in crime) and he is already running the game.

~ Frank Sherman

Steele (formerly Ajax)

What can I say about Steele, formerly Ajax, other than he has stolen my heart!

It is hard to believe how much he has grown. He has brought joy and happiness back to my older Chihuahua who was mourning after the death of his sister. Steele has a ferocious appetite, loves to play with toys, plays endlessly with his dog brother, and also attempts to play/chase his cat brothers.

Due to the color dilute alopecia* he does not have any hair on his neck, and has a roughly inch and a half wide stripe down his back where the hair is gone. He does not want to walk long distances during the day, which I feel is due to the alopecia, but he does love a good walk in the early morning and late evening.

I look forward to years of happiness with Steele.

~ Christine J. Kelsey

***Alopecia in Dogs ...** Hair loss (alopecia) is a common disorder in dogs which causes the animal to have partial or complete hair loss.



Steele (right) brought joy to his brother.

Batman



Batman enjoys watching the world.

When my partner and I decided to find a friend for my tuxedo cat I knew I wanted another tuxedo. as.they.are.the.friendliest.cats.

I saw Batman's listing on CASA's site and his picture tugged at my heart. He was listed as having feline stomatitis and had all of his teeth removed while at CASA so I discussed the condition with the vets at the clinic I work at. They all said that Batman could indeed have a.long.happy.life.

When I met Batman I knew he would be a great addition to our household. He enjoys climbing and lounging on the two cat trees we have. He also has many windows to sit in with his brother Boo-Boo while watching the world go by. He loves to be petted and even puts up with our energetic puppy. He is a perfect addition to the family.

~ Christine J. Kelsey

***Feline Stomatitis ...** Feline stomatitis is a painful, inflammatory disease of a cat's gums and mouth.

Shelter Improvement Update

Since the last update in the Spring Newsletter, the cat intake/isolation room (ISO) has been completely renovated. The biggest change is the new easy to clean floor. While a new floor might not sound glamorous, it is critical to providing a clean, sanitary environment. Two additional banks of cages (donated from another shelter) have been installed. A new wall cabinet, thanks to a grant from the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, houses equipment and supplies. With all the non-medical/animal supplies removed and a new coat of paint, ISO looks like a new room.

A large dog bathing tub, thanks again to the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, replaced the small sink in the laundry room and provides easy access for the dogs being bathed. In preparation for the next phase, the old full-sized tub and the wall cabinets next to the cat room have been removed. The next phase, which is underway, includes the installation of a new floor in the front office, bathroom and tub area. This will be followed by installation of a front desk and new cabinets to replace the old (seasoned by the cats) cabinets.

If you have ever experienced a renovation or even just cleaned out a closet, you will understand the challenges these updates provide. Imagine functioning as an animal shelter to fulfill our mission of “bringing together animals in need and caring people...” while everything is in a state of flux. Progress is slow but worth the effort. We welcome the time when we can invite you to visit.



** Keep checking our Amazon Wish List, Facebook and website to see how you can continue to help furnish the offices, and other remodeled areas.*



Not only is the shelter area being improved, but we are constructing a new easy-to-use website to replace the website created over ten years ago. While we are proud of our current site and its content, the technology and website structures have changed over time. We are trying to make your visits to our site more streamlined and allow you to easily navigate all of the great information we have to offer.

This project is more difficult than anticipated because we have so much information on the current site. Our manager, as a member of a team, is providing input on content and placement of the information based on knowledge of how the staff relies on the website to direct callers to pertinent information, e.g., “My dog is missing, what should I do?”

We are working with the professional design team at Camano Island’s own **Puget Tech** website design services for this project. Once completed, in future newsletters we will focus on a separate section of the website with the goal of familiarizing you with what is available. You will be amazed at what you can learn. Until the new website is available, visit www.camanoanimalshelter.org to learn more about CASA.

In loving memory of departed pets

- ♥ Beepers Hansen
- ♥ Biggs Manning
- ♥ Boots Cochran-Bauknecht
- ♥ Brian Moyer
- ♥ Diego Templin-Imel
- ♥ Diesel Peters
- ♥ Ernie Manning
- ♥ Everything Sontag
- ♥ Gabby Sundblom
- ♥ Kicia Sadowski-Moore
- ♥ Lionel Perkins
- ♥ Macie Carroll
- ♥ Ozzy Whitmore
- ♥ Shaddoe Hotter
- ♥ Spike Rouble-Kilduff
- ♥ Vinnie Salisbury
- ♥ Willie James
- ♥ Zoey Whitmore





- Shelter volunteers who walk dogs, spend endless hours doing laundry and dishes, and weeding the garden.
- The volunteer bookkeeper, treasurer, and secretary who devote hours per week on CASA administrative work.

- Those who spread the word via: the reader board, hanging posters, addressing mailings, eNews.
- Friends of CASA who plan and participate in events.

Did you know you can make a difference?

That your tax-deductible charitable gift of:

- \$25** can provide vaccines for one animal
- \$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.

Our Shelter Wish List

- PET SUPPLIES: Cat litter or pellets (our greatest need)
- GENERAL SUPPLIES: Dryer sheets, Liquid dish soap (no anti-bacterial)
- OFFICE SUPPLIES: Standard letter size white copy paper, US Postal stamps
- 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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BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

Featured location this period:

Grocery Outlet

Luna is four years old and loves to sit and chat with people. She enjoys being the center of attention and does great with other cats. Luna is very cuddly and would make an excellent lap cat. Please send an application by email if you would like to meet Luna.



Daisy is a quiet cat who enjoys snuggles and naps. She would enjoy a quiet home with lots of lap time and brushing sessions. She is not a fan of dogs. She is overweight (18 pounds) and will need to be on C/D food to prevent crystals. If Daisy seems like the cat for you, please send an application via email.

Percy is a sweet guy who loves attention. He would prefer to be the only pet in the home. Percy has a history of ruptured ear drums. Although it is not a problem at this time, he is still sensitive about his ears. He will need vet rechecks in the future. Please send an application via email if Percy interests you.



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