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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 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

For years I've written these Manager Messages to you, but I'm sad to say this will be the last message from me. After thirteen years serving CASA as Shelter Manager I will be leaving my post May 31st. This was not an easy decision for me, quite emotional to be honest, but I know in my heart I'm making the best choice for myself and for my family. I'm sad to be leaving a job that consisted of work I loved even more than I thought possible, that I truly believe in and will support for years to come. Despite my aching heart I will be focusing on some needed self-care which is so important and that we all should remember to squeeze in when we can. With that I am looking forward to spending the summer creating art with my daughter, enjoying my pets, and spending more time with my family.

The shelter is a completely different place than when I started. I dug up some very old photos and videos reminding me what those first years looked like. I am so proud of our shelter's growth, its accomplishments, the animals (and people) it has helped over the years

and will continue to help in the future. It will be hard to walk out that front door at the end of May, but I know our caring shelter staff will carry on making that machine run as they do every other day. I may be leaving my post, but I will continue as a CASA supporter and will be cheering from the sideline.

I want to thank every one of you for your support of myself, the shelter, and the thousands of animals we have helped as a team these years. It's been filled with memories and has permanently impacted my life. I know a large part of my heart is being left at the shelter and I won't forget that.

Tegan Locker, Shelter Manager



Tegan bonding with Chevy.

One Thousand Words

Life at the shelter can be complex. Understanding the physical and emotional needs of an animal is essential in order to find just the right home. Sometimes this care takes additional time, effort and, when possible, some digging in to their history in order to find just what to do next for them. Understanding what may be needed to help Nikki with her extensive skin issues is an example of the extra efforts needed and also the special care that will likely be needed after Nikki moves on to her forever home.



Nikki wants to play.

"Nikki is a sweet, energetic, 6 year old black lab with lots of love to give. She came to the shelter after a life-long battle with uncontrolled skin issues. It took a few weeks for Nikki to truly open up to us. You could tell that her skin was sensitive and that she was really uncomfortable. The day she arrived we started daily medicated baths and started slowly trying out high quality limitedingredient diets. After long stints of antibiotics, retesting skin samples, rerunning lab work, a lot of trial and error with controlled diet options, and finally two different types of allergy medication she did improve greatly and became much more comfortable in her skin. In the end we did need to move her to an RX hydrolyzed dog food and a daily medication called Atopica for allergy prevention in order to get the best outcome for Nikki. It took some time, but we noticed that as her skin healed, and some hair grew back her true personality came out too. Due to the long-term skin infection a lot of

Mark Your Calendar! **CASA Friends**

Second Thursday at 3 PM Island County Multi-Purpose Building Join us to help plan events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CASA Spring Market Saturday, May 7th Stanwood Farmer's Market First Friday June, Aug, Sept Pet Food/Supply Drive Saturday, June 11th Twin City Idlers Sunday, June 26th Summer Arts Jam Friday - Sunday July 9th-11th

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Saturday, August 20th

CASA Dog Wash

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Nikki's skin is permanently damaged and is not capable of growing hair any more. This really is just an ongoing reminder of the hurdles she has overcome and shows how resilient this girl truly is. They say that scars on people tell a story of our strength and animals are no different."



Nikki's coat when she arrived.

Special care requirements include:

"Nikki will need to stay on the hydrolyzed diet (Royal Canin) that she is on currently. She will need to medicated continue with baths (possibly 1 weekly) as she does get occasional skin flare ups depending



Nikki was so sad.

on the environment. Nikki will need regular vet checkups to maintain the prescription for her food and Atopica medication."

"She will do best with someone that is mindful of what they

are washing dog bedding in, washing floors with, and spraying around their home as these things can cause allergy issues in any pet. Especially ones with severe allergy issues like Nikki. Doing this will be in everyone's best interest and may drastically cut down on new irritations. Nikki also has special dietary requirements and trying anything outside her current diet could lead to additional medical costs if it causes her to temporarily regress."

"One picture is worth a thousand words" and these pictures showing the difference between Nikki when she arrived and Nikki today tell the story. Finding the right home for Nikki is an example of our mission of "Bringing together animals in need and caring people, forever enriching their lives".

Shelter Manager Tribute

As posted in the Manager's Message, Tegan Locker will be leaving as CASA's Shelter Manager. CASA has come far under her guidance in many ways. Most obvious are the shelter building changes - the new dog kennels, the cat room, the catio, the covered dog yard, and the most recent construction have been completed under Tegan's tenure. The shelter management system that allows us to track all animals and CASA's presence on social media were also implemented by Tegan.

Through the years Tegan has learned so much about the medical and physical requirements for the animals and shelter. Tegan is involved with many sheltering organizations and has brought new ideas to CASA based on knowledge she has gained. Most importantly is the culture that has developed under her management. The individual care that is given and the willingness to go the extra mile for each animal has been instilled in the staff and will continue to be the standard by which we operate.

Tegan's forte is the ability to handle the one-off, unusual and challenging interactions with the public. Keeping in mind the well-being of the animal and finding the right solution for the issue at hand can be an emotional challenge.

Tegan has set standards we plan to maintain and improve upon as we move along. Right now we are in the "knowledge transfer" mode. We are focusing on future managerial staffing and will publish updates via our eNews emails. While the immediate future is not known, two things are certain. We pledge to maintain the standards that are in place to care for each and every animal that comes through our doors and we are thankful for you, the generous community/individuals who have been there for CASA both financially and giving of their time. We ask for your continued support for the animals in need.

CASA Board of Directors, Martha Huyler, President

CASA Alumni

Paws for Applause

If your company has a Matching Gift Program you could double, or even triple, your contribution to CASA just by teaming up with your employer. Many companies may also match volunteer hours or gifts from spouses and retirees. You can even have friends and relatives check to see what is available at their places of work.

Companies who matched gifts in 2021-22:

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Lunda Rush Adopted Feb 2020





Gracy Berg Adopted Oct 2018



Luka Doster Adopted July 2019

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Ryker

Prior to Ryker (now known as Hans), we had two German Shepherds. We liked the idea of adopting a Shepherd again and our only requirement really was that the dog needed to be somewhat cat friendly. Our 3-yearold adopted cat had lived with big dogs previously which led us to Hans. What a wonderful dog.

We partitioned half of the house off so the cat could introduce herself at her pace, and Hans handled everything great. He rarely gave her any notice and when he did, a brief "leave it" command would result in him backing off immediately. Skipping ahead a few more weeks and the partition is now removed and both have full access to the entire house. They share the various dog beds scattered around the house and have both slept together on the same bed multiple times. Hans also has a great big backyard to burn off his Zoomies that he gets every now and then, and he loves playing with all of his balls both inside and out. He is wonderful meeting new people both young and old when we go for walks or excursions.



Ryker (Hans) and his best friend

Our only "struggle" so far was when we wanted to give him his first bath. He stared at the tub, not sure as what to do even after throwing some treats in. After a little "help" getting in, he was treated with cheese and meatballs and ended up having a very pleasant experience getting his first bath. He stares into the tub now, hoping to see treats. I'm sure future baths will only get easier over time as he is very quick learning new things and is extremely smart. I have to mention how surprised I was the first time he jumped in my lap when sitting in my recliner chair as he wanted to cuddle. I think he is a lap dog at heart, even at 94 pounds! He has adapted well to his new home and family and is an extremely happy and loving dog.

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~ Tim Weiss

Timmy

Timmy joined our family in early February as a birthday gift for my daughter and he has been a crown jewel ever since. Timmy is a very playful but gentle kitten who loves to be tended and loved. He enjoys playing with my golden retriever and I see them caring for each other every day. He is a very lovable cat and behaves very well. Timmy enjoys sleeping next to me and sometimes with Bella (my dog). His most recent visit to the vet went very well. Under the direction of Timmy's provider we have put him on a minor nutrition diet and is currently is on medication for allergy. Other than that, he is very healthy.



Timmy and Bella relaxing together

Recently, Timmy found a great hiding spot that he made under the couch. When he wants to take a nap, he crawls in there for his own privacy. It is a blessing for our family to have Timmy join us. We keep him strictly inside our house but occasionally I take him out for a brief fresh air visit while carrying him. Timmy enjoys being hugged and falls asleep when you rub his neck and belly. He is very cute and lovable. Thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to have Timmy join our family.

~ Nicholas Chang

* Timmy was featured in the Winter 2002 newsletter as a kitten with allergies.

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.

Milo

We had admired Milo's picture(s) and our hearts went out to him due to his age and the length of time he had not been adopted. When we visited CASA, he was extremely shy and barely showed us his face, but he seemed gentle and even after interacting with all the other cats, we still decided to adopt him. That very first evening we were very pleased that he let both of us pet him and he even purred, and it was obvious that he loved the attention -- all of this while "hiding" in the carrier.

Milo continued to "hide" that first week, but ventured out on his own into other areas of the house and then would go back to where he felt safe. We let him explore at his own pace. It really didn't take long for him to have gone from hiding from us to hiding in plain sight as in he likes visiting each of us off and on all the time now and has integrated into our home and our lives very easily.

Milo is a special joy to both of us and his unique antics make us laugh every day. We got a cat tree for him that we placed next to windows that he uses daily. He is so easy to please and is a very good boy. We weren't completely sure what we were getting as Milo was so scared initially, but he became our forever fur baby in such a short time. All he needed was to be given a chance to show how loving and wonderful he truly is!



Milo relaxing after a busy day.

~ Dick and Judy Rasmussen

Athena and Kona



Athena gives unconditional love.

We have adopted a total of three dogs from CASA and all of them have been Chihuahuas. We have recently acquired two new ones. Athena was 3 1/2 years old when she was adopted in June of 2021. Athena is a dog with unconditional love for us. We knew when we saw her at the shelter that we had made a connection with her. We knew she had to come home with us.

Our newest member of our family is little Miss Kona. She also made a connection with us and again we knew, she had to come home with us, but we had to ensure that Athena and Kona got along, and thankfully they did. Kona is a little over a year old and full of pep. She still has the puppy in her. We have had her a very short time but the two dogs get along well. We got Kona on St. Patrick's Day of 2022. They play all the time and have made games together with their toys and chew sticks. They make us laugh often and bring joy to our home. Our lives are not complete without our Chihuahuas.



Kona is full of pep.

We are extremely thankful to the Camano Animal Shelter Association for what they do and bringing these two wonderful dogs into our lives through the adoption process. They knew we were interested in this breed of dog and kept their eyes open for us. They provide wonderful loving care for these animals that need homes.

 $\sim\,$ Bill and Wendy O'Toole

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- ♥ Tootie



Spring 2022

Shelter Improvements

The new Colony Care Room (formerly known as the "tub room") room serves as the daily feeding and care area where meals and meds are prepared each day for the animals housed in the public areas. To enhance the room appearance, the hot water heater has been enclosed.

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This installation finishes the construction. In reality, the project will be completed once the back room shelves are assembled and the remaining supplies have been stored.

These much needed improvements provide: two new offices, a sanitary isolation (ISO) room, new lobby and ISO floors, a critter room for animals waiting adoption, updated colony care room and an inviting lobby. Interestingly, when you visit, you will realize that CASA is still a tinv, tinv shelter but "CASA is small but determined to save lives and help with new beginnings."



Thank you to the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians grant for the lobby and isolation room cabinets and the new dog tub.



Colony Care Room

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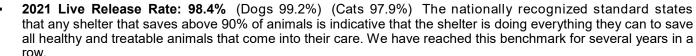
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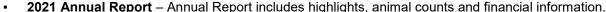
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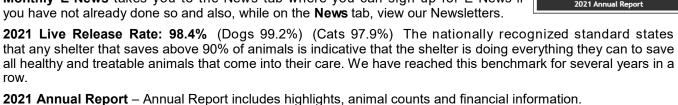
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Our website at www.camanoanimalshelter.org is a treasure house of information. On the Home Page on the upper right you will find this box. Take time to check this out.

- **Shelter Tour** Provides pictures of the shelter upgrades as well as historic pictures.
- Five buttons in a row Pinterest, Facebook, CASA Album, Twitter, YouTube.
- The CASA Album contains Events pictures albums going all the way back to 2008 and is updated frequently throughout the year. Be sure to follow the activities.
- Shelter Statistics lists the Intakes and Outcomes for 2021.
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\$1000 can provide dental cleaning and extractions for an older cat or dog

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Bookkeeper

Bookkeeper, under supervision of the Treasurer, maintains records of financial transactions using Quickbooks Premier Non-Profit (Desktop 2020 Edition), Word and Excel. 2 – 5 hours/week, additional time for reviews, special meetings. Send replies to treasurer@camanoanimalshelter.org.

Shelter Dog Walkers

Important mental stimulation for our dogs, great exercise for volunteers. If you have an hour or two each week to share, come join us! Must be 18 years or older to work with the dogs.

The Friends of CASA

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CASA SPRING MARKET - MAY 7

Come to the CASA Spring Market at the Island County Multi-Purpose Center (11 AM - 3 PM) to see new CASA Gear, Pet-themed items and purchase delicious cookies, brownies and bars. There will be free coffee too. Join us for our first fundraiser of the year!.

JOHN L. SCOTT FREE SHRED EVENT FUNDAISER FOR CASA

May 14th 10 AM – 1 PM. Everyone who donates cash or brings cat/dog food, treats, litter or other pet supplies receives free ticket to a raffle and a Cheese Pit Food Truck sandwich.





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These new zippered fleece vests will keep you warm and also showcase CASA. Available in women's and unisex, the vests will be sold at fundraisers and outreach events. Check them out!

NEW CASA TOTES

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