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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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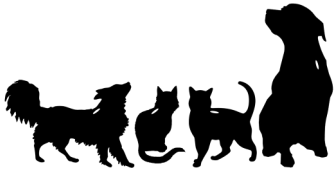
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CASA Vision:

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 Executive Director

I could not be more excited to serve as the new Executive Director of CASA and am honored to be chosen to lead the organization into the future. In just a few months, I have learned an enormous amount about CASA and our community. Throughout my life, I have dedicated my free time to volunteering at large shelters across Washington and California, and am proud to say CASA although small, is mighty and one of the cleanest shelters I have worked at. I attribute that to the dedicated staff and volunteers who put the animals' needs first above even their own.

CASA has seen an increase in large group rescues, surrendered pets, and strays over the last few months. The staff has done an exceptional job managing these sometimes heart-wrenching situations with empathy for the animals and the families who have found themselves in unexpected situations. Working at a shelter is not always cute puppies and kittens, so I commend our staff, volunteers, and community for stepping up when times get tough.

Now that we are operating as we did pre-COVID, CASA's normal events will be happening this year. Even more exciting, CASA is going to be 25 years old this year. Watch for more information about our upcoming celebration.

My heart is warmed every day as I witness the support of our dedicated and generous community. My thanks go out to all our donors, fosters, and adopting families who continue to share their lives and hearts with the animals of CASA. I look forward to meeting more of you!

Cassie Morey, Executive Director of CASA

Eight is Enough

In December, we received a call from a couple on Camano asking if they could surrender 14 Rottweiler/mix 9-week-old puppies. The family's dogs had two accidental pregnancies resulting in having two litters of nine puppies three days apart. They began trying to find homes for the puppies themselves but were overwhelmed by the cost of preparing them for their new homes.

Unsure where to temporarily place this many puppies until they could be adopted, the shelter manager started lining up foster homes. The first step was to visit the home to see the condition of the dogs and then to test them for Parvo. "Parvo in puppies is caused by the canine parvovirus which is highly contagious and spreads through direct contact with an infected dog or by indirect contact with a contaminated object."* Since CASA does not have an isolation area for dogs, we are always hesitant to take dogs/puppies from breeders or rescue missions.

Puppies cannot be vaccinated until they are a certain age. When visiting the home we found 14 healthy, rambunctious almost identical black and brown puppies. The question remained as to where to put 14 dogs while still keeping kennels open for strays and impounds.



Pick me, pick me, pick me... I am cute!

See more on page 2 - Eight is Enough

Mark Your Calendar!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS**Glass Quest**

Friday, February 17th -
Sunday, February 26th

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The puppies tested negative for Parvo, giving us the go-ahead to bring them to CASA. Over the Christmas holiday, some of the puppies found homes and we agreed to take eight puppies. "Eight is Enough" (as in the historic comedy-drama series) became our mantra. The good news was that the puppies were old enough to come to the shelter without having to go into foster homes. While foster homes would be ideal for teaching social skills it was more important to bring them to the shelter to find permanent homes as soon as possible.

On December 31st four females and four males arrived. Since they were so similar, each was given a different color collar. The females were placed in one kennel and the males in the



Puppies just love to play Eight was not enough!

other. Once they were spayed and/or neutered they were placed up for adoption. Since these lovable, exuberant puppies were adopted so quickly we agreed to take three more. Puppies are hard work, but our staff enjoyed the cute puppies' love and energy. All of the puppies have been adopted and we look forward to receiving happy tails from their new families.

*American Kennel Club, www.akc.org

SHELTER WISH LIST

Any Type Basic Cat Litter
Dry and Canned Kitten Food
Kitten Milk Replacement Formula (liquid)
Kirkland Dry Dog & Cat Food (*Costco*)
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Garbage Bags
Standard Size White Copy Paper
Volunteers and Kitten Foster Homes
**more needs on our website*

Message from the Shelter Manager

If you follow CASA on Facebook or watch our website's Adopt page you may have noticed that some of our animals have been staying at CASA a little longer than previously. The last couple of years have brought many challenges. We have seen an increase in animal surrender inquiries, decrease in adoptions and a longer length of stay for animals in our care. Since 2020 our average length of stay for CASA pets has increased by 10 days on average and numerous surrender inquiries are coming in daily.

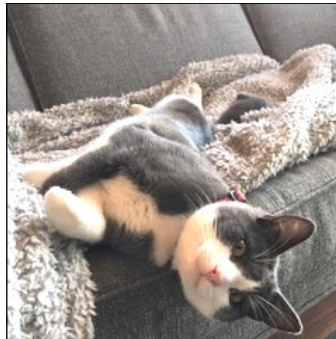
The shelter staff has been working hard caring for the animals, keeping up with incoming inquiries, and counseling pet owners. The new year brings new hope. After the holidays we had an increase in adoption inquiries and adoptions. It has been very busy! We are hopeful that this will be the continued trend into the year. The uptick in adoptions has been good for our souls, as it is the best part of the job. We are working hard to find new ways to reach out to the public and get more adopters into the shelter. Increase in adoptions and decrease in length of stay will allow CASA to help more animals in need!

Rozalynn Muscolo, Shelter Manager

CASA Alumni



Nacho Beitz
Adopted Sept 2022



Mauser Davis
Adopted April 2022



Shelter Banner Sign
ADOPTION.STRAYS.SURRENDER.NO-KILL

Paws for Applause

Davis Sign Company, www.davissign.com for creating and donating Shelter Banner Sign

Utsalady Ladies Aid and **PEO Camano** – for inviting CASA to speak at their meeting

Fluke Electronics, Everett - Employees participating in shelter volunteer work party

Skagit Farmer’s Supply – Stanwood – Pet-a-Palooza - \$6,021.51 Donation

SCGive Giving Tuesday – donors and sponsors – \$10,633 donations, \$1,950 prizes for “Pre-adoption Medical Care for Pets”

Reader Boards – Camano Island Health System, SCAF, Pearson Financial Services publicizing our Free Microchip Clinic

Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians - Grant - \$10,000 for “Improving Community Outreach”

Merchandise Donors and Crafters - for donating items for Markets and the Holiday Bazaar

Thank You - Business Supporters!

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Camano Veterinary Clinic
Cascade Lumber, Inc.
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Darrow’s Carpet
Designs Northwest Architects
Eastside Salon
Edward Jones - Brenna Casey
Glass Tech Stanwood, Inc.
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Happy House Construction Co.
Heritage Bank
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John L. Scott
Krista’s Pet Spaw
Lenz Enterprises
MGM Designs, Inc.
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Movement Arts Yoga and Pilates
Northwest Veterinary Clinic – Stanwood
Papa’s Lockers Self Storage
Pets Ahoy Grooming

Process Solutions, Inc.
Puget Sound Tree Care LLC
Regal Construction
SchaSam Farms LLC
Seven Lakes Dental
Stanwood Hearing
State Farm Ins. – Leslie Tripp Agency
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Stilly River Mechanical
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The Picnic Pantry
Thomas & Lee / Sothebys Realty
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Tulalip Tribes
Twin City Lanes
Twin City Sportsmen’s Club
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Windermere Real Estate
Work of Art Auto Detailing

HAPPY TAILS

Sadie

Senior dogs have always had a special place in my heart, and that only increases as I get older myself. I found Sadie on Petfinder and went to meet her at CASA. When we arrived at the shelter, they asked us to wait in the meet-and-greet area. When they brought Sadie in it was love at first sight.

She is such a joy and one of the most chill dogs I've had. She is quite a large dog, and a breed that people have heard they must be fearful of, but she is changing people's minds one at a time. She loves her walks and greets everyone with a wiggle of the tail. She is very much a lady unless a dog gets too personal, then it doesn't take much more than a little growl to remind them who is in charge. She is fully house-trained, she can sit, shake, and lie down and her recall is excellent.

There is one negative thing, however. She is a true bed hog and once territory is gained; she will NOT give it up easily. She still has lots of life in her and does zoomies, jumps all over my son, and even helps the cat do some cardio throughout the day. Sadie is my shadow. She is so full of love and wants to love everyone around her. She has a genuine sweet disposition and she hasn't met anyone who didn't fall in love with her. If you are considering adopting a pet, please consider a senior dog.



Sadie loves to ride.

~ Kathleen Hannon

Ernie

From the moment I saw Ernie on the CASA site, I knew he was the one for our little family. Three hours away and over the border? No problem! I drove south from Vancouver BC, picked up my mum in Bellingham, and we went to meet him. We were told he could be grouchy, and sure enough, the little guy meowed his head off the whole way back to Canada. The staff prepared us perfectly for the border, but I'd never adopted a 7-year old kitty with a full life of earlier connections. But, I have patience and time and a quiet house.

He sprawls on the couch, loves cushions, blankies, and my housecoat. He instantly adored his new sister Minnow. He chirps and trills and follows her around, pushes his head gently against her, and makes biscuits on her fur. They groom each other, nestle close, tumble around, and watch the birdies on the deck outside. He's less certain about me, but will happily munch treats from my hand, and climb all over my legs, trying to get his head into the treat jar. Thank you for all your work, to help these lovable animals find their forever homes, giving people like me new joy and love and family.



Ernie and Minnow relaxing.

~ Jennifer Conroy

In memory of departed pets:

***"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

- ♥ Abbey Timmol
- ♥ Bailee Meade
- ♥ Bella Spector
- ♥ Buster Boy Schwalm
- ♥ Cooper O'Neill
- ♥ Emma ODaniels
- ♥ London Emsley
- ♥ Olive Farrell
- ♥ Sandi Freeman
- ♥ Sheba DiCintio
- ♥ Sparrow Halladay



Milton

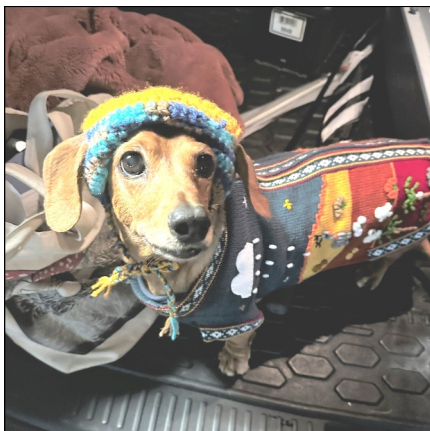
I adopted Milton back in December of 2021 to be my emotional support animal. I was immediately drawn to him because of his adorable face and slightly crossed eyes. His bio said he loved to snuggle on cold days, and they were not wrong! Milton has been such an amazing companion to have this past year as I've gone through a lot of changes in my life that can be super stressful and isolating, such as graduating from college and living alone for the first time.

When I first took Milton home, he was a bit hesitant around others and would hide under my bed for hours. Eventually, he came out of his shell and now loves attention and people! He loves to sit on laps and offer some free cat biscuits if he's petted! My favorite thing he does is when I return home from work, he will meow at me until I pick him up and rub his face against mine while purring. It's hard to imagine my life pre-Milton as he's added so much joy and structure to my life. Thank you so much Camano Animal Shelter Association for all the support and advice you have given me and for introducing this sweet boy into my life!

~ Lizzy Martin



Milton brings comfort.

Oscar

Oscar's ready to ride.

Adopting Oscar was the best decision I have ever made. He is truly the light of my life, such a sweet boy who wants to cuddle and nap all day, and is a true gift. I grew up with many dogs in my life, and I've always wanted a dog of my own, but about three years ago, I got in an accident that left me with some physical limitations, and I was worried that I wouldn't have the energy for a dog anymore. I started looking for an older dog who would move slower and have lower energy, and around that time I happened to be driving past CASA, on my way to visit my parents, and something inside me said "there's someone in there for you."

When I arrived at my parents' house one of the first things my dad said to me is "go look at Oscar, if I was going to get another dog I'd get him." What are the odds? I quickly logged on and when I saw Oscar's face I knew immediately he was my baby! Not only has Oscar brought so much joy, and fulfillment to my life, but having to get up at a certain time, make sure he is taken care of, and go on cute little walks around the neighborhood has been wonderful for my mental and physical health.

He also is the talk of the town. Every time we go out everybody wants to pet him and tell him what a cutie he is. His personality is finally starting to come out and he LOVES attention. He just walks right up to people and gently asks for a pet. I am constantly being stopped on the street by people complimenting him, and when I put him in a sweater?? No way it's a quick walk.

~ Emory LaRose

Legacy of Love

Please remember the animals when you prepare your will or trust documents. Your gift of love and compassion will make a life-saving difference for the animals who are counting on us To leave a bequest, simply write:

"I give to the Camano Animal Shelter Association, 198 Can Ku Road, Camano Island, Washington 98282 (PO Box 1726, Stanwood, Washington 98292), federal tax ID number 91-1913293, (the sum of \$_____ or _____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) for its general purposes." If your gift involves insurance policies, land, stock or other property, please include a description.



CASA - National Organizations



Candid previously Guide Star

Candid, previously known as Guide Star, is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. We recently obtained Gold Transparency which demonstrates that CASA has a deep commitment to transparency, and accountability, and operates from a position of strong financial health.

Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator evaluates the performance of 501(c)3 Public Charities and provides insights into a nonprofit's financial stability. CASA holds the highest rating of four stars, which helps boost our ability to secure donations and grants from donors.

Best Friends Network Partner

Best Friends is the leader in the no-kill movement in America's animal shelters. CASA is a member of their Network Partners which gives our organization access to free programs that directly support our work, such as training and continued education, Grantmaking and fundraising opportunities, and a network to connect with other like-minded shelters.

Shelter Animals Count

Shelter Animals Count is the trusted source for collecting and sharing credible and accessible data to positively impact animals and communities. CASA contributes our data points monthly to ensure the needs of our community are met.

2022 Intake and Outcome Statistics - Over 490 Animals Came to CASA

Intake	Surrender	Return	Seized / Custody	Stray	Transfer In	Total
Cat	110	6	0	138	53	307
Dog	54	9	16	59	42	180
Rabbit	6	0	0	1	0	7
Total	170	15	16	198	95	494

In 2022, 494 animals (including cats, dogs and rabbits) came to CASA. CASA takes strays, impounds and surrenders from Camano Island, but we also bring in dogs and cats from other shelters as space permits and surrenders from elsewhere. We were able to help 42 dogs and 53 cats from other shelters this year that may not have had a chance otherwise. Returns are animals brought back to the shelter within one week.

Out-come	Adoption	Return to Owner	Transfer Out	Died	*DOA	*PTS	Total
Cat	283	11	1	6	6	5	312
Dog	112	48	6	0	0	2	168
Rabbit	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Total	401	59	7	6	6	7	486

As a No-Kill shelter, CASA never puts animals to sleep *PTS for convenience or lack of space. The deaths last year included underage kittens some of whom died in foster care, others who arrived gravely injured and other cats and dogs that had to be put to sleep because they were terminally ill and in the final stages of their illnesses. *DOA – deceased animal brought to shelter. CASA partners with local rescue groups to find homes for animals who are difficult to place or who need more than the shelter can provide.



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\$25 can provide vaccines for one animal or microchip 3 animals

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\$100 can provide two months of basic care for a typical long-term animal or microchip 12 animals

\$250 can provide FIV/FeLV blood tests for 16 cats

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

\$1000 can provide dental cleaning and extractions for an older cat or dog

BUSINESSES — DONATION BOXES!

In 2022 over \$12,063 was collected via 23 donation boxes at Stanwood/Camano Island businesses

Winning locations this year:
Grocery Outlet and Elger Bay Store and IGA
Other lead locations include: Ace Hardware and Camano Commons Marketplace

Thank you to the businesses who host our donation collection boxes.

Amazon Smile—Discontinued

Amazon announced it is discontinuing the Fundraising Program Amazon Smile on February 20th. We are disappointed to see this program end as it has been a great additional income source for small charities like CASA. A massive thank you to everyone that had CASA as their nominated charity on Amazon. You can still continue to support us by making a direct donation on our website or purchasing items off our Amazon wish list (click on Amazon Wish List from our website).



---- YES . . . I WANT TO HELP ANIMALS IN NEED ----

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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.)

I do not need a receipt for my donation.

My employer will match my gift. Enclosed is my completed matching gift form.

I am interested in becoming a volunteer.

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CASA ANIMALS ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES — CASA NEWS



Island County requires all dog owners to license their dogs every year. One time is not enough, you must renew each calendar year; there are no exceptions. The tag helps identify your dog in case he or she is lost. 2023 dog license are now on sale at the Shelter or at the Camano Island Annex on NE Camano Dr. \$10 for spayed/ neutered dogs / \$33 for intact dogs.

Bailey, a 1-year-old New Zealand mix, is a sweetheart who loves people and our free roaming cats. He is outgoing and very adaptable. Bailey would do best in a rabbit savvy home. He is litterbox trained and would love to be free roaming in the future. Bailey would make a great addition to your family. Stop by the shelter to meet him.



GLASS QUEST—February 18^h - 27st

Stop by the shelter during open hours to view the questor map and pick up information about CASA. We welcome you into the shelter.

MONTHLY DONATIONS AN EASY WAY TO DONATE

You can establish monthly donations via Pay Pal. Go to Donate tab on CASA website and decide on monthly payments. Once you join PayPal and provide credit card information, your contributions will be deducted monthly and sent directly to CASA. Think what \$20 per month would do for the animals.



To make a donation from your mobile phone, just scan the QR code.

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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