



FOREVER HOME

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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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

Thank you to all of those who celebrated the last 25 years of saving animals at our October breakfast. I'm always thankful to see how our community comes together and supports animals in need.

CASA has started the new year with a positive outlook for 2024, we briefly saw an uptick in adoptions in November and December. We hope that will continue into the year as our staff begins to prepare for the upcoming kitten season. We also saw some exciting adoptions for long stay residents such as Nikki, you can read her happy tail on page 4.

I have exciting news to announce, we are working hard on updating our website, the site refresh is currently underway, we ask for your patience during this time while we transition from our old website to our new website. The new site will be easier to navigate and will have some new features such as being able to submit adoption, volunteer and foster applications directly on the website. Be on the lookout for an eNews announcement when the new site launches, we hope you are all excited as we are.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, staff and donors. We are happy to see your continued support as we enter 2024!

- Cassie Morey, Executive Director

Large Dogs Overlooked Time and Time Again

CASA is seeing a new trend form in the shelter sector, large dogs with long waits. We are not immune to this nationwide trend. Shelters across Washington state are struggling to get large dogs adopted. Shelter Animals Count, a national database of shelter statistics, estimates that the U.S. shelter population grew by nearly a quarter-million animals in 2023 with a large percentage of those animals being large hard to adopt dogs.

The issue is sometimes blamed on owners abandoning "pandemic puppies" purchased during the COVID-19. But animal welfare advocates say the evidence actually points to economic factors such as higher pet care costs such as food and litter, lack of affordable vet care, and housing insecurity. The issue seems to always come back to large dogs and their adoptability. At CASA we have seen firsthand how housing insecurity directly affects large dogs. Our current surrender requests are about 65% due to housing issues while having large dogs.

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Dario - 545 Days



Schmidt - 183 Days



Korra - 180 Days

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Mark Your Calendar!

CASA Friends

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Free Microchip Clinic**
Saturday, April 27th
- Spring Market & Bake Sale**
Saturday, May 11th
- Farmers Market Booth**
Friday, June 7th
- IGA Pet Food Drive**
Saturday, June 8th



Sheldon - 167 Days

Some of our long stay large dogs include Dario who has been at the shelter since October of 2022. He is a sweet boy but full of energy needing a large yard or active family. Then there is Sheldon, who can be picky with his dog friends and is not fond of the feline variety causing him to get overlooked time and time again.

Korra the sweet blue pitty who only wants to give kisses and keep a couch warm has seen her smaller friends leave the shelter. We know her perfect home is out there. We hope she finds it soon.

As a shelter we will always come up against new challenges in animal welfare but how we react to those challenges is what matters. These big dogs with sometimes even bigger personalities will always have a home at CASA, they have no limit on their stay. We continue to promote these animals heavily on social media to spread the word and hope someone looking for their new big friend finds their way to our little shelter.

How can you help? Continue to talk about CASA and spread the word about these amazing dogs waiting for their homes. I hope the next newsletter is full of big dog happy tails.

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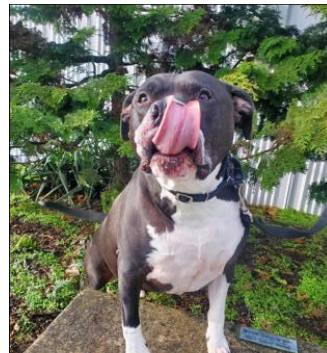
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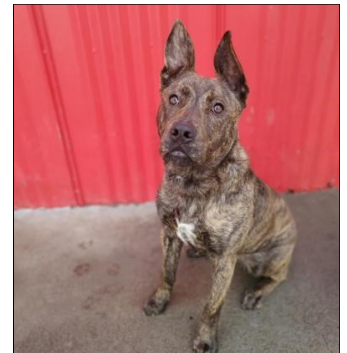
Gillian, Lilly, Kyle, Emerson



Samson- 32 Days



Ozzy Pawsborne - 58 Days



Zeppelin- 31 Days

To learn more about these pups and other CASA animals available for adoption visit our website or stop by the shelter: www.camanoanimalshelter.org

Message from the Shelter Assistant Manager

At CASA the winter is a time to slow down and reflect back on the prior year's intake and adoptions. We pause and take a breath from kitten season and begin to prepare the shelter for the coming new kitten and puppy season. In 2023 we continued to see a trend of large dogs sitting and getting overlooked. Dario, a sweet but big boy has now been with CASA since October of 2022. We keep asking ourselves "Why not Dario?" As frustrating as it sometimes feels we know these large dogs will find their forever home eventually, but until that day they can continue to amuse us with their silly personalities and sometimes annoying but mostly cute loud barks and howls. Going into 2024 I hope our large dogs find their furever home, but until then they will be patiently waiting at CASA!

- Rebecca Stone, Assistant Manager

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Hours*:

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Sat 11 - 4
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CASA Alumni



Felix
Adopted Dec 2023



Tom DeLonge
Adopted Jan 2024



Zek
Adopted Nov 2023



Twizzler
Adopted Feb 2024

Paws for Applause

- Camano Center - Donating Event Room for 25th Anniversary Celebration
- 25th Anniversary Sponsors - S&S Roofing, Camano Chamber of Commerce, Cat Nap Inn, Gilbertson Funeral, Good Knight Homes, Lenz Enterprises, Titos Vodka, Seattle Credit Union, Stanwood Hearing, Studio 271, TimLabs, Washington Federal, Work of Art Professional Auto Detailing, and Windermere Real Estate
- Davis Signs - www.davissign.com creating and donating 25th Anniversary Banners
- Camano Canine Resort - Providing CASA with a temporary Washing Machine
- Country Store - Stanwood - Pet-a-Palooza Round-Up
- Camaloch Lassies - Golf Tournament Donation
- Donation Box Locations – Elger Bay Store, IGA Camano Plaza, Grocery Outlet Stanwood
- Stanwood Hearing – Month of Giving
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HAPPY TAILS



Nikki

Nikki

I first came across Nikki through a Facebook post, where she was seeking a forever home after spending two years at CASA. Nikki looked so happy and her eyes expressed the hope of finding a living forever family soon. During our visits to CASA we learned from Gillian and Becca about Nikki's health needs and her fear of dogs. I understood that CASA was searching for a patient family committed to meeting her medical needs. Nikki, full of energy, eagerly shared her favorite blue ball during our playtime, as if saying, "I like you" and "I hope you choose me!"

It became evident that CASA invested significant time in Nikki, supporting her health needs through community donations for specialized medical care. Nikki endured the amputation of two toes, numerous ear infections, and frequent vet appointments along with medication for her allergies to promote hair growth after substantial loss of fur. Through all of this Nikki has remained a happy, spirited, and loving companion while CASA worked hard to make sure she felt safe and loved.

Since adopting Nikki, we've continued to prioritize her medical care by collaborating with a dermatology focused veterinarian and a dog trainer to address her fear of other dogs. We love our daily walks with her, allowing Nikki to explore the neighborhood, discover new smells, interact with people, and safely encounter other dogs. Nikki is an absolute joy and a loving companion for us. She enjoys her daily naps, cuddling on the couch, sitting by the fireplace, going on car rides, eating sweet potatoes, pumpkin puree, and pears, chewing on her many stuffed animals

that squeak, and wrapping herself up in her blankets. Nikki's love for playing ball and her knack for inventing games keeps us entertained. She has absolutely become an integral part of our family.

A heartfelt thank you to CASA for facilitating Nikki's successful adoption and bringing immense joy to our lives!

~ Darla and Matt

Chevy and Bean

We were perusing the CASA website one day dreaming of a house cat to share our home with when we saw Bean and she intrigued us and then we learned that she wasn't alone and would come with her soul mate Chevy. We learned that they had been in shelter for quite a while and felt they were ready for a forever home. In a way they already had one, when we arrived they were at the front desk to greet us. We thought they would make a great pair for our home.

We were warned they were a sassy pair but no matter, we thought that would not be a problem. After a few days of pokes and scratches they settled in and found their favorite lounging spots. It's been a few weeks now and Bean (we kept their unusual names), will sleep on our bed sometimes and always wakes us up with a kiss for breakfast. Chevy remains a bit standoffish but can't resist having her tummy rubbed. Bean is the climber and jumper, she likes to jump up on our glass wall shower and can jump nearly shoulder high trying to catch birds on our french door bird feeder, which can be quite comical since they are on different sides of the door. While Chevy has found hiding places we didn't even know existed.



Chevy and Bean

We could tell they were well cared for while at CASA although Chevy may be a bit overweight and noticed all the cats there seemed well adjusted waiting for their forever homes. They are filling a void that we actually were a bit unaware of. Thank you so much CASA for our gifts and know that you will continue to give the deserving animals left in your care new homes in their future.

~ Dodey and Jim

Romeo

I received a phone call from my wife one day saying "I found a kitty that needs to come home". She told me about how Romeo had been living at CASA for over a year and still hadn't found his forever retirement home.

Romeo is a 13 year old grumpy old man....unless he blesses you with permission to cuddle and give him loves.

The first few days in his new home, he wanted nothing to do with his new feline family members. We always joked that he is like the old man sitting on the porch yelling at the young kids to get off his lawn. Every time they would walk near him he would meow really loud. He took up residence in our closet and has made this into his very own little apartment.

He gets very lonely in the middle of the night and likes to wake everybody up by meowing very loud sounding like he's saying "hello". He will continue to do this until one of us comes in and lays on the floor with him for a couple hours. We made a cushion of pillows and blankets on the floor so that when he is lonely, we could come lay down with him. Four months later, and he is still the same grumpy old man who wants attention in the middle of the night. His temporary bed of pillows and blankets has turned into a luxurious memory foam floor mat and an oversized pet heated pad with a faux fur blanket, which is where I am sitting while writing this. During Christmas he even had a little Christmas tree in the closet with him.

He now allows his feline family to visit for short periods of time. Though we do have a cat Dudley, who bonded quickly with Romeo, and they share the floor mat during the day and cuddle.

We have two catteries that he loves to go out and sit in mostly at night. One is 15x20 with all the room to move around and see the north side of the property where we have pond and deer hang out. The other is 10x10 with a view of the west side of the property where he watches the birds.

We are so blessed to have this very vocal grumpy old man sharing our home with us. We love our little Romy very much! Thank you CASA for caring for all of these misplaced babies.

~ Rebecca and Kim



Romeo

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.

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 2023 Highlights

25th Anniversary Celebration

In October of 2023 we came together to celebrate the last 25 years of saving animals. We thank our community, dedicated volunteers and staff who have worked tirelessly to make our mission a reality.

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.

2023 Intake and Outcome Statistics - 516 Animals Came to CASA

Intake	Surrender	Return	Seized / Custody	Stray	Transfer In	Total
Cat	135	6	0	159	8	308
Dog	77	20	10	38	58	203
Other	2	0	0	3	0	5
Total	214	26	10	200	66	516

In 2023, 516 animals (including cats, dogs and rabbits, guinea pigs, ferret) 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 58 dogs and 8 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.

Outcome	Adoption	Return to Owner	Transfer Out	Died	*DOA	*PTS	Total
Cat	272	19	0	9	5	7	312
Dog	171	35	1	0	1	4	212
Other	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
Total	447	56	1	9	6	11	530

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.

Join the CASA Board of Directors

We are pleased to be recruiting new Board Members to support our organization. We are looking for talented motivated individuals who are enthusiastic about contributing to the well-being of the animal shelter. Our mission is “Bringing together animals in need and caring people forever enriching their lives.” Candidates who possess leadership skills and experience and expertise in business administration, accounting, finance, sales, marketing, law, public relations, or current or prior board experience and the ability to operate as part of a team are urged to apply. All Board Members are expected to attend monthly Board meetings and actively participate on at least one committee. If you are hardworking and interested in being considered as a candidate for openings on our Board, please contact Gloria Ingrassia (chairperson) gfabis@wavecable.com



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

"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

- ♥ Bagel Stone
♥ Captain Mackey
♥ Elliott Grone
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CASA ANIMALS ARE ALWAYS IN NEED FOREVER HOME — CASA NEWS



FREE MICROCHIP CLINIC
Save the date April 27th
11 AM– 4 PM at the shelter

No appointment necessary. Dogs and cats must be privately owned, able to be handled, cats in carrier, dogs on a leash, and be at least 2 lbs and 2 months old.

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In loving memory of Sammy

Cooper is a 2 year old Chihuahua/Staffordshire terrier/Chow Chow mix who is looking for his forever home. Cooper is a sweet guy who loves people and getting attention. He is playful and loves his toys. Cooper can be dog selective, but does best with like-sized females. A meet and greet is required with any dog in the home.



SHELTER WISH LIST—Supplies Needed!

- 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



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.



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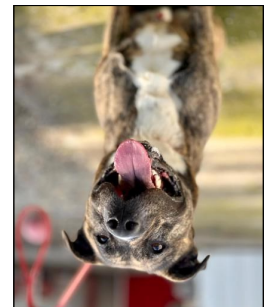
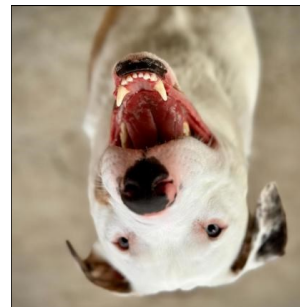
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