



Olympic Mountain PET PALS

Promoting
Spay & Neuter in
Jefferson County
FALL 2013

\$10,000 Challenge Grant Doubles Your Impact for Animals

We're excited to announce our biggest challenge grant ever! A group of loyal Pet Pals members has offered to match all donations made by December 31, 2013 up to \$10,000 dollars.

Not only will your donations go twice as far in helping local animals but, because our overhead remains so low (we rent no office space and our organization is run by a group of dedicated volunteers) you can count on Pet Pals to spend your contributions wisely and efficiently.



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We keep our focus on spay and neuter, the only proven way to end pet homelessness, and you'll read stories in this issue about how those efforts make such a huge difference in the lives of individual animals. As we remain committed to assisting every animal who needs our help, we're grateful to those who express their support of our work through such generous donations.

Our challenge grant this year is made possible by **Robin Hake, Marsha Wiener, Phyllis and Paul Becker, Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis, Bob Podrat, Pam and Keith Kolacy** plus one local member who wishes to remain anonymous.

Please give as generously as you can this holiday season to help us meet this fundraising challenge. Your money will go twice as far, helping us move toward the goal of a home for every dog and cat in Jefferson County.



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Turn Clothes into Cash for the Animals

Did you know that Pet Pals has an account at Fancy Feathers, Port Townsend's clothing resale store? Take your gently-used clothing to them and ask to have them sold on the Pet Pals account. Call Kirsten Boulter at 360-531-3939 to schedule an appointment and tell her it is for Pet Pals. They'll send the commission directly to us. Fancy Feathers is located at 910 Water Street on the lower level.

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Olympic Mountain Pet Pals is a 501(c)(3) (non-profit) organization whose mission is to prevent the birth of unwanted pets and feral cats through our spay and neuter programs. We are funded by donations and grants.

For more information about Olympic Mountain Pet Pals, visit our website at www.ompetspals.org

From the President

My last message was devoted to the wonderful dogs in my life, and I promised a next installment devoted to cats. We've said sad goodbyes to three beautiful girls – Binky, Della and Jazmin and three sweet boys – Otto, Laszlo and Emmett, over our 36 year of marriage. They came to us in California, Wyoming and Washington and were different as they could be in appearance. All were rescues from various situations, and each had their own distinctive, exasperating, and totally lovable kitty personalities.

They brought us great joy and a million funny stories which would take up far too much room for one President's message. Our current kitty in residence is the amazing Ollie, adopted from the local shelter in 2009. Ollie is a former stray and resided at the shelter for nearly three months before I came looking. She evidently had a bad habit of giving "love bites" to prospective adopters. I am so thankful that our shelter is able to keep animals long enough to find just the right owner. Ollie is a "stitch" as my mom would say, the perfect cat for us, she is beautiful, cuddly, endlessly entertaining, and above all, a life worth saving.

Olympic Mountain Pet Pals saves lives like my dear Ollie's by working with our local vets to provide free spay/neuter services for low income residents and by actively promoting trap/neuter and return for our community cat population. If a shelter is flooded with animals, there are usually two choices – turn animals away or euthanize healthy residents to make room for new animals. This is a situation we never want to see and we are determined to keep up our efforts so all the deserving animals who already need homes for one reason or another have a chance at happiness.

You can help us help animals. We are thrilled and delighted to offer a \$10,000 matching grant challenge this year, proof that some of our wonderful supporters believe in our mission so deeply they are willing to give generously from their hearts to inspire others to give as well. Also keep in mind that sometimes the perfect gift is a donation to Pet Pals in honor of a special person or pet. Just provide the name and contact information on your donation envelope and we will send a personal notification of your thoughtfulness to the recipient on a Pet Pals logo note card. We wish you happy holidays and a new year that will bring us closer to the goal of a happy ending for all companion animals in our county.



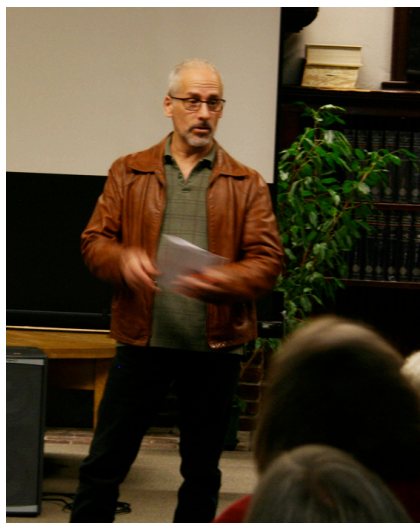
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Our Incredible Journey Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who attended our Incredible Journey fundraiser and to the local businesses who helped us raise money for our programs. We raised \$1427 in the silent auction and cash donations.

The evening was sponsored by Pet Pals and Friends of the Library and was a community affair with wonderful artwork and pet-related items donated by local businesses and individuals for our silent auction.

A special thank you to animal trainer Steve Duno, who shared fascinating insights on how the animals in this 1963 film might have been trained. He provided tips on what to look for while watching the animal actors and then followed the movie with a lively discussion about what's involved in working with Hollywood dogs and cats.



Steve Duno shares his insights about training animal actors

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Attendees bid on a variety of wonderful art and pet-related items donated by local businesses

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The following businesses and individuals donated items or services for the auction:

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| Abracadabra | Bonita's Four Legged Friends |
| Dog Townsend | Dogspaw and Cats Too, |
| Diane Gale | Getables Gourmet and Gifts to Go |
| Max Grover | Deborah Hammond |
| Ranie Keithahn | La Paw Spa |
| Lucky Dog Training Center | Mac's Macaroons Bakery and Boutique, |
| Pet Town | Pooches |
| Secret Gardens Nursery | Bev Shelton |
| Kate Snow | Richard Jesse Watson |

Finally, we are grateful to the Friends of the Library, Nina Noble Design, and First Baptist Church for their support in promoting and holding the event.

Thank You

Olympic Mountain Pet Pals Thanks These Local Businesses for Their In-Kind Contributions:

- **Kathy Stanger of Macs Macaroons** for making our READ to ROVER scarves and tasty dog treats
- **Ranie Keithahn** for design of our new logo.
- **Nina Noble** for design of our new website.
- **Lucky Dog Training Center**, owned by Georgia Towle, for therapy dog testing
- **OlympusNet**, owned by Kate and Ned Schumann, for hosting our website
- **Olympic Mailing Service**, owned by Caroline Stuckey, for handling the mailing of our newsletter.
- **Uptown Nutrition** for carrying our *Pet Pals Palate Pleasers* cookbook and our Max Grover mousepads.

- **SOS Printing** for printing our newsletter and brochures.
- **The Food Co-op** for carrying our *Pet Pals Palate Pleasers* cookbook and including us in their *Beans for Bags* program.
- **Uptown Dental Clinic** for including us in their patient donation program.
- **Helmsman Financial** for help with our accounts.

Thank You to the World's Best Veterinarians!

Our spay/neuter programs depend on the generous help of our veterinarians and their staffs:

Dr Ginny Johnson and **Dr. Cindy Alexander**, Hadlock Veterinary Clinic
Dr. Jeff Highbarger and **Dr. Abbie Doll**, Chimacum Valley Veterinary Hospital

Help Rufus (and Secret Gardens Nursery) Raise Money for Homeless Animals

Rufus is the newest feline resident at Secret Gardens Nursery in Port Townsend. He showed up as a stray at the Olympic Music Festival in Quilcene this past summer looking for food and a place to sleep. With the help of our Community Cat program, he was trapped and taken to Hadlock Vet Clinic to be neutered. By all appearances, Rufus was feral and not interested in human contact.

Fortunately, Sheila Piccini was looking for a new cat for rodent patrol at her nursery. She contacted Phyllis Becker, director of our Community Cats program since Phyllis had found cats for Secret Gardens in the past. It seemed like the perfect spot for Rufus. He spent a week in the nursery's storage shed, learning to feel comfortable with his new surroundings before being released to roam the nursery.

Rufus not only loves his new home, but within a couple of months he decided that he wasn't feral after all. According to Sheila, he has turned into "a talker and a snuggler."

If you head to Secret Gardens to visit Rufus and do a little shopping, you can help raise money for our spay/neuter programs at the same time. Sheila is raising money for three local animal groups including Pet Pals. Make a \$10 donation and you'll get 30% off your entire purchase. A \$20 donation earns 30% off your purchase and if you donate \$30, you'll get a whopping 60% off your entire purchase. The fundraiser runs through the end of the year and all donations must be cash or check.

Thank you to Sheila and Secret Gardens for supporting local animal groups and for giving a wonderful home to Rufus.



Sheila Piccini with Rufus the Secret Gardens Cat

Photo credit: Paul Becker

Spay and Neuter Saves Lives — in More Ways than One

At Pet Pals, we work hard to promote spay and neuter because it is the single most effective way to combat pet over-population and animal homelessness. But there is another side to the story, and that is that spaying and neutering animals is good for their overall health.

This year, we contributed money through Ginger's Fund—our program to help offset costs for emergency medical care—for a young cat who had become very sick, racking up more than \$600 in vet bills for her family. At just 10 months old, the cat was already a mom. When she became extremely ill while nursing her kittens, the vet determined that she either had a retained fetus from her previous litter or had developed pyometra.

Pyometra, a severe infection of the uterus that occurs in both dogs and cats, is a life-threatening, emergency situation. Cats and dogs who develop the infection can die if they don't get treatment quickly. Any animal who is not spayed can develop pyometra.

It's really true that spay and neuter save lives. These simple procedures are the most important way we have of making sure that—some day—every cat and dog will have a safe and warm home. And even for animals who are already fortunate enough to live with loving families, spaying cats and dogs can reduce their risk of developing deadly and expensive illnesses.

Working Like a Dog

by Mary Jane McCulloch, Guest Writer

This summer, I happened to overhear a conversation between two of our local Port Ludlow dogs, Franna, a beautiful black lab, and Rudy, a large and rare Heinz 57.

“Wassup, dawg?” drawled Rudy.

“Well,” said Franna primly, “I’m having kind of a quiet summer. You know, the usual – vacations on the boat, baby patrol, fruit foraging, lots of naps. What about you?”

Rudy replied, “I’m having kind of a laid back summer myself, although I’m staying in shape what with my daily five-miler and constant patrolling of the skies for predators looking to eat the baby birds nesting on my property. But I’m really looking forward to school starting soon. Gives your life more of a purpose, you know what I mean?”

“I certainly do,” Franna agreed. “I was really bred to be a working dog. Originally, when I was a puppy. I was aspiring to be a Guide Dog, but then had a change of heart and decided to be a READ to ROVER dog at Chimacum Creek School instead. It’s immensely satisfying, not only because it involves helping second grade kids learn to read, but more importantly, dog cookies. I’ve only been in the program for a year, but I understand you are a veteran, Rudy, of several years.”

“Yeah kid, I didn’t come from such a high class background as yourself, but my owner, who adopted me from the Jefferson County Humane Society as a youngster, saw I had great potential as a quick learner and as a dog who was really good with kids and other dogs, so I’ve been doing this for a while now. I did have to be certified a therapy dog first though.”

“Oh yes,” Franna shuddered, “I remember that test with all the clanging of pots and people jumping out and speaking loudly. It was a little disconcerting, but I did manage to keep my composure.”

“And I do love those Chimacum kids,” sighed Franna, “They always bring me one of those delicious heart-shaped dog cookies, and they are so adorable the way they hold my paw while they read to me or use my tail for a pointer.”

“And apparently,” Rudy said, “when kids are just learning how to read, if they read aloud to such non-judgmental doggie types as you and me, it helps them gain tons of confidence and skill.”

“What a win-win situation,” exclaimed Franna, “those darling kids get confidence and reading skills, and we get hugs and cookies. The READ to ROVER Program is the best.”

“Yup,” Rudy replied, “and they don’t even mind if you take a little cat nap (if you’ll excuse the expression) while you’re on the job.”

“Yes, yet another perk of this kind of work,” yawned Franna “As a matter of fact, I think I feel a nap coming on right now.”

For more information on the READ to ROVER program go to <http://ompetpals.org/read-to-rover>

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READ to ROVER dogs, Rudy and Franna

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Dog Max and cat Shanna
June Sinclair

IN MEMORY OF...

Linda Hayes's husband, George, owner of dog, Rex
Dog Townsend
Eliana Rose's husband, Doug, owner of dog, Ruby
Dog Townsend
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Patricia Horvath
Dion Portwood
Mildred and James Mitchell
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Diane Wilkerson
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Cheryl Buckland
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Madelyn Curll
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Dianne and Jerry Purdy's dog, Abby P.
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Edwin and Judy McCutchen's dog, Murphy
Dog Townsend



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Gary and Nilah Smith's dog, Partner
Dog Townsend
JD and Kim Gordon's dog, Maggie G.
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Janice and Clarence Cheatham's dog, Ginger
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Susan Zoya's dog, Jasper Z.
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Angus, an adorable and loving cat belonging to the Goudie Family
Madelyn Curll

Beloved dog, Emmett
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Frodo, beloved cat of Bonnie and Nelson Ludlow
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Jackson a troubled dog who gave great joy and sadness to his people, Jan Stone and Gail Krentzman
Madelyn Curll

Maui, a well-loved cat in the Davis household
Madelyn Curll

Missy, a dog agility champion in her youth of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner
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Misty, the sweetest miniature schnauzer belonging to equally sweet and loving dog owners, Ron and Barbara Way
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Moxie a beautiful little cat and dog Riley of The Heim Family
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Ruff, an unforgettable dog who was cherished and treated with the greatest care by his friend
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T.J. beloved cat of Gabriel and Denise Tonan
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A beloved brave dog, Curly, of Judy Kellam
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Kitty Ozzie, an adorable fuzzball of love of Patrick Genness and Tanya Ferguson
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Treasured Labrador Brewster of Ellen Mooney and Roger Doughty
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Baci of Margaret Schonfield and D. Merilee Clunis
Margaret Schonfield & D. Merilee Clunis

Bernie
Bonnie Masi

Cabo, beloved dog of Margaret Schonfield and Merilee Clunis
Randi and Lindsay Winter

Donna Bodkin's well-loved READ to ROVER dog, Millie
Kate Schumann

Katie Whitman's wise and wonderful READ to ROVER dog, Theo
Kate Schumann

Blackberry, beloved cat of Ginny and Mark Messina
Ginny and Mark Messina
Phyllis and Paul Becker

Cider, beloved companion for 14 years of Bernie and Bev Kessler
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Dogs Barkley and Sassy of Carol and Joe Baque
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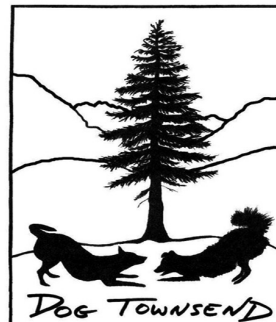
Horse Annie of Judi Smith
Diane Golden

Our Grand Dog Barney of Angela Dodd
Jim and Debbie Dodd

The most dignified and special pooch, Carson, of Bonnie and Jack Lambton
Priscilla Jensen

Remembering Our Pets

Have you ever wondered how to express your sympathy for someone who has lost a beloved pet? A donation to Olympic Mountain Pet Pals is a kind expression of your concern. You can indicate on your donation form the pet's name and the person to whom we should acknowledge your gift. The acknowledgement is sent on a lovely Pet Pals note card and shows that you understand how deeply missed a companion animal will be. It is a gesture that is deeply appreciated and also helps less fortunate animals in our county.



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Helping Shelter Dogs and Cats through Spay and Neuter

We can't directly measure the effects of our spay and neuter programs, but we can see their impact at our local shelter.

Recently, when the shelter had a few empty cages, the Humane Society of Jefferson County offered to take in four cats from a more crowded shelter. Two of the cats were a bonded pair of tabbies, Butterfly and Grasshopper. Grasshopper was in good shape, but Butterfly was struggling. She was depressed and thin, and she refused to eat.

Shelter volunteer and Pet Pals supporter Sharon Railey came in every morning to feed Butterfly a special cat food "soup" through a syringe and to give her lots of TLC with cuddling and therapy with warm, wet towels. No one was really sure when and if Butterfly would turn around, but she seemed to like the attention, and to slowly gain strength from her special meals.

Then, one morning she woke up and began eating on her own. Butterfly started to put on some weight and to enjoy cuddle time with Grasshopper and with shelter volunteers. She went from being skinny and sick to a sleek, friendly, adoptable kitty.

Most shelters would not have been able to give Butterfly a chance. They are too overcrowded to care for a sick cat. Your donations to Pet Pals help us help the local shelter keep its doors open to animals who need them, including the neediest ones like Butterfly.



Butterfly

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