

# Olympic Mountain PET PALS



## Promoting Animal Welfare in Jefferson County

SPRING 2012

# Your Donations Fight Pet Homelessness

**T**he word around town is that Pet Pals has the best animal-themed events. In the past year, we brought you two fun and funny (and dog-friendly!) Short Tails programs, the heartwarming film PAX, and an unforgettable three weeks of Key City Players performance of BARK! The Musical, including our opening night gala.

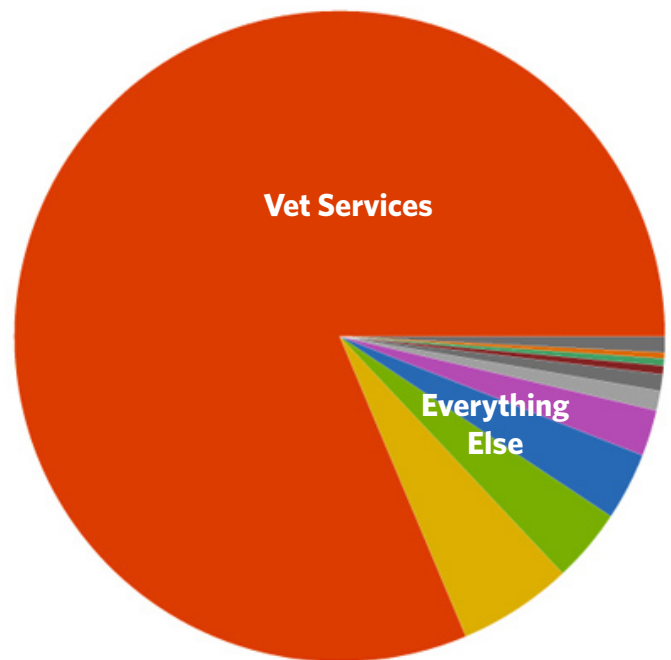
We're proud of the efforts we put into fund raising, because we know that they pay off in terms of great community entertainment, fun ways to celebrate animals, and in money raised to help animals. But they take a lot of time and they don't generate enough funds to cover our programs. The truth is that we—and the animals—would be nowhere without you and your generous donations.

As you can see from the pie chart, the vast majority of the money we spend goes to vet bills. And even with incredibly generous rates from our vets—barely enough to cover their out of pocket costs—our programs are expensive. But we also get incredible bang for every buck spent. That's because for every animal spayed or neutered, we prevent literally hundreds of dogs and cats, puppies and kittens from becoming homeless. Animal welfare experts are in complete agreement that the only way to prevent pet homelessness is to spay and neuter. If it weren't for our programs, the local shelter and other rescue organizations would be over-run with animals. There wouldn't be enough room for all of them and there would be more sad and hungry animals trying to make it without families to care for them.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every dog and cat in Jefferson County had a safe home, enough food, and access to veterinary care? That's our dream for the animals, and we're grateful to you for sharing and supporting our efforts.

### Spending by Category - Last year

1/1/2011 through 12/31/2011



Vet Services	\$33,722.09	81.34%
Fundraising Expenses	\$2,356.86	5.68%
News Letter	\$1,516.51	3.66%
Insurance	\$1,394.69	3.36%
Contract Labor	\$950.00	2.29%
Postcards	\$403.52	0.97%
Postage	\$342.20	0.83%
Membership Dues	\$175.00	0.42%
Advertising	\$144.00	0.35%
Internet & Web Site	\$122.00	0.29%
Other	\$333.51	0.80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,460.38</b>	

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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](http://www.ompetspals.org)

## From the President

A small non-profit volunteer board puts in a lot of hard work. OMPP was “found” by Marsha Wiener when she and her late husband Sol moved from Santa Fe to Port Townsend. After spending years of involvement with animal groups in Santa Fe, Marsha offered her services to our small group. We had no idea what an incredible woman we were getting! Marsha and Sol founded and have continued to support “Ginger’s Fund” in honor of their beloved golden retriever.



“Ginger’s Fund” provides funding to local vets to help defray expenses for low income families whose pets need emergency care. Marsha has served as our secretary for almost eight years, taking minutes at all our meetings, handling our correspondence, sending thank you letters to our donors, and storing our “archives” in her garage. That, however, was not enough, and she proceeded to take over our “Pets to People” program which has earned accolades at Kah Tai Care Center, Victoria House, and Seaport Landing.

Her pet family included dogs Bonnie and Partner, who were adopted from a Santa Fe shelter. These days she takes long walks with Sunny, who was adopted from the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Marsha has been an excellent ambassador for Pet Pals, attending weekly Chamber meetings on our behalf and spreading the word throughout the community about our organization. She has made her home available on numerous occasions for meetings, mailings, and events. In addition to everything she has done for Pet Pals, she has been the animal shelter’s volunteer coordinator and is active in a number of other community groups.

Marsha used her experience with larger and more sophisticated animal welfare organizations to take Olympic Mountain Pet Pals to a new level. She has retired from our board but continues her many other activities. I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of our members, to thank her for her truly significant contributions to OMPP and her efforts to make life better for animals in Jefferson County. Marsha, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving your time, talent, and heart to Olympic Mountain Pet Pals.

*Pam Kolacy*

## Thank You to the Uptown Dental Clinic

If you’re a patient at the Uptown Dental Clinic, then your next visit there could help raise money for our organization. Patients can fill out a ballot to vote for their favorite local non-profit organization. We were proud to hear that Pet Pals was among the top eight vote-getting charities, making us eligible for donations. To make sure that the clinic continues to support our program, remember to ask for a ballot the next time you pay them a visit. And vote for Pet Pals!

# New Space for Hadlock Veterinary Clinic

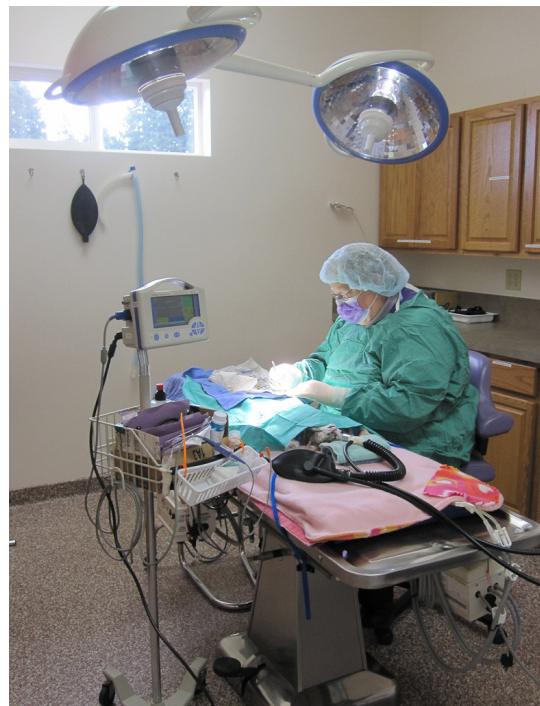
**O**ur friends at the Hadlock Veterinary Clinic are an important part of the Pet Pals team. In addition to their own bustling practice, they provide veterinary services to animals from the county animal shelter and provide spay/neuter surgery for cats and dogs helped by Pet Pals.

With all those animals coming through their doors, it's no wonder the clinic needed more space! So late last year, the Hadlock Veterinary Clinic, owned by Dr. Ginny Johnson, and the Olympic Animal Eye Clinic owned by Dr. Joyce Murphy, moved into a bright and spacious new facility. The new clinic has a bigger waiting area and more space to treat and house animals, with separate wards for cats and dogs.

With a bigger and more modern space, the clinic was able to add an additional anesthesia monitor that measures oxygen blood levels, heart rate, carbon dioxide blood levels, and body temperature, making it easier to monitor the most critical surgical patients. Other new equipment allows immediate blood analyses on sick animals. And surgeries are now performed under state of the art lights that make it easy for the surgeon to see without overheating the patient.

**Dr. Ginny Johnson performs surgery in new clinic.**

Photo by Ned Schumann



## Thank You

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

- **Steve Gillard** for maintenance of our website.
- **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.
- **SOS Printing**, for printing our newsletter.
- **The Bishop Hotel**, owned by Joe and Cindy Finnie, for providing space for annual meetings.
- **Uptown Nutrition** for carrying our Pet Pals Palate Pleasers cookbook and our new canvas bags.

- **The Food Co-op** for carrying our Pet Pals Palate Pleasers cookbook and including us in their Beans for Bags program.

- **Ann Stadnisky and Associates** for help with our tax preparation.

- **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



Our Community Cat volunteers are staying busy this spring with TNR (Trap, Neuter, and Release) —the only proven way to help feral cats. This tabby kitty isn't too happy about being in a trap, but without kittens to care for, her life is going to be much easier.

Photo by Phyllis Becker



# Short Tails, A Success!

**D**ogs and their people love our Short Tails programs. This past February, our team of talented actors brought something a little different—a classic radio show with excerpts from well-known shows like “Sergeant Preston of the Yukon” and “Father Knows Best.” The readings, skits, and songs were performed by **Robert Richardson, Frank McNabb, Catherine McNabb, Lawrason Driscoll, William Marlow, David Schroeder, Zach Nesmith, Deborah Hammond, Mike James and Consuelo Aduiso** with live music performed by the “Howlers” also known as “Captain Fever.”

Local pet food baker **Kathy Stanger of Mac’s Macaroons**, made sure that every dog attendee received a homemade “pup cake” and also had an assortment of treats and gifts for cats and dogs for sale.

Thank you to everyone who made Short Tails a success!



**Lawrason Driscoll and Catherine McNabb in Sergeant Preston of the Yukon.**

Photo by Nicholas Johnson



**Kathy Stanger brought Pupcakes, treats, and colorful dog scarves.**

Photo by Ned Schumann



**Making new friends**

Photo by Ned Schumann



**Henry and a friend waiting for the show to start.**

Photo by Ned Schumann

## 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.

# Meet Our New Board Members Carla and Connie



**Carla Ellis (left) with Sunny and  
Connie Graham with Huxley.**

Photo by Ned Schumann

We're pleased to welcome two new members to our board of directors.

**Carla Ellis** retired to Port Townsend from North Carolina with her husband, Rick, and her two Golden Retrievers, Sunny and Dilly, in 2008. She first learned about Olympic Mountain Pet Pals while seeking therapy dog jobs for Sunny and discovered the Pet to People program at assisted living homes in the area. "Sunny and I immediately started visiting residents at Seaport Landing, and we've been there ever since." Carla then joined the READ to ROVER program at Grant Street Elementary School that fall and later organized READ to ROVER at Chimacum Creek Primary School starting in 2009.

Carla says that she's excited to have the opportunity to get more involved in Pet Pals. She brings experience serving in other non-profit and volunteer-run organizations during her former career as a university professor. She is particularly proud of her contributions as co-chair of the Computing Research Association's committee that is dedicated to increasing the number of young women pursuing research careers in computing. She remains an active board member, working on communications and fund-raising. While Carla is a true dog-person, she figures her career in academia has taught her something about herding cats.

**Connie Graham** and her husband Jeff moved to Jefferson County in 1988 from Terrebonne, Oregon. "We'd bought a wooden sailboat in Port Madison and eventually found Port Townsend by

just sailing in!" They currently split their time between Port Townsend and Terrebonne where they do custom programming for school districts in the Nutrition Services department of the schools.

Connie and her husband had their first experience with community cats when they moved into a house with 14 untouchable feral cats living on the property. With the help of a local veterinarian, they had them spayed and neutered. It was an interesting process, Connie said, since all 14 were black! Three of them still live with her along with other dogs and cats plus horses, donkeys, llamas, ducks and chickens. Connie says it's "a wonderful group that keeps us probably too occupied."

Connie learned of Pet Pals last year when an unsprayed cat showed up in her barn. The cat turned out to be the mother and grandmother of a whole crew of kitties. With the help of Pet Pals, the cats were all spayed and neutered, and kittens were adopted out through the shelter. Connie said the experience, and firsthand knowledge of Pet Pals' valuable services, made her want to get involved with the group.

## *Pet Portraits Help Local Animals*

**L**ocal artist Liz Reutlinger is going the extra mile to help Jefferson County animals. When you commission an oil painting portrait of your pet from Liz, she will donate 50% of her fee to us.

Liz meets with the animal first and then works from photos she takes as well as those provided by the family if they wish. She invites her clients to view the painting before it is completed to make sure it meets their expectations and captures their pet as they envision. Liz says that any commission work she does is guaranteed. "The person is not obligated in any way to purchase the portrait if they are not happy with it," she says. "It is something they will have for a long time, and it's extremely important to me that they are happy with it."

You can view samples of Liz's oil paintings on the Pet Pals website or call or email her to see samples. 360-385-6602 or [ElizabethReutlinger@gmail.com](mailto:ElizabethReutlinger@gmail.com).



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Laurie Mattson

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John Bodger and Seldon McKee  
Mari Friend

**Dog Bosun**  
Jan Schroeder

**Claudia Davis for investing in those whose needs are the greatest**  
Madelyn Curll

**Beloved dog Piper**  
Corine de Boer and Jak Mang

**The Keough family dogs, Enzo, Arthur and Sheila**  
Lani and Greg McCarry

**Dogs Ebony, Oreo and Buddy**  
Gigi Callaizakis

**The family you helped me rescue**  
Barbara Moore-Lewis

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Carol Winjum

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Ellen and Larry Crockett

**Mike and Wanda Goldman's cat Reuben**  
Ginny and Mark Messina

**Cat Sam-I-Am**  
Sharon McKenzie

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Sandra Van Wagenen and Bill Bailey

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Catharine Robinson  
Erin Lundgren  
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Carla Ellis and Rick Floyd  
Pamela Rogge

**Johanna E. Goering's beloved dog Kiana who died in just 3 weeks, way too soon and too fast.**  
Johanna E. Goering  
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Shirley and George Williams  
Ron and Kathy Ryan

**Bailey, beloved dog of John and Isabel Goepford**  
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Ron and Kathy Ryan

**Shirley and George Williams' beloved dog Max**  
Ron and Kathy Ryan

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Diane Golden

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Dolores Stewart

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Marsha Wiener

**Ruby, beloved dog of Matt and Mortensen and Andrea Knutson**  
Peter and Glenda Geerlofs

**Smokey**  
Robert and Barbara Gray

**Sunny, beloved dog of Janet and Mike Mortenson**  
Celia Hartley  
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**The Contor's sweet dog Abby**  
Lisa Enarson and Randy Kraxberger

**Aleta and Will Anderson's pet Arlo**  
Madelyn Curll

**Samantha, beloved pet of the LeTrent family**  
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**Deb Hammond's Cat PJ**  
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# Come On Over and READ to ROVER

**W**hat could be more fun and rewarding than spending an hour with your dog helping first and second grade kids learn to read? That is exactly what the READ to ROVER program offers to the children, to the schools and libraries, and to human and canine volunteers in our community.

Kate Schumann started READ to ROVER in 2005 as a summer program with the Port Townsend Library to encourage children to come to the library and experience the fun of reading to dogs. READ to ROVER has grown to include the Jefferson County Library each summer as well as programs during the school year at several local schools including Grant Street Elementary and Chimacum Creek Primary. Since its inception, thirty dog-handler teams have contributed to the programs.

Olympic Mountain Pet Pals provides the testing and registration of therapy dogs to participate in READ to ROVER. If you have a well-mannered dog who likes kids and you have a passion for reading that you'd like to share, contact Kate Schumann at 360-385-4896 or Carla Ellis at 360-385-3950 to become a READ to ROVER volunteer.



**Felecia Allen and Shakira READING with  
Chimacum Creek Primary Students**

Photo by Kim Pratt

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