

Olympic Mountain PET PALS

Promoting
Spay & Neuter in
Jefferson County

FALL 2012

\$5,000 Challenge Grant Doubles Your Impact for Animals

Y ou already know that nobody spends your donations more wisely and effectively than Pet Pals. Our focus remains on spay and neuter, the only effort that is proven to reduce pet homelessness. And we work as efficiently as possible, with a small group of dedicated volunteers and no office overhead.

With such low operating costs, we can spend nearly every penny of your donations on the animals. We're determined, too, not to turn anyone away if they need our help. This year, we have a challenge grant that will help us continue to meet that goal. It's the biggest one we've had yet, and we're excited about how much it will help animals in Jefferson County.



A group of Pet Pals members have come together to match all donations received by December 31, 2012 up to \$5,000.

Thank you to Robin Hake, Pam

Kolacy, Ken and Cindy McBride, Ginny Messina, Rhonda Scharf, Berry Shoen, Marsha Weiner and Randi Winter for contributing to this year's challenge grant. 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.

Find Us on the Internet

We love being in touch with our members and there is no better place to say hello and share information than on facebook, twitter, and pinterest. We're on all three, so be sure to "like" or follow us, or just swing by to say hello.

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Olympic Mountain Pet Pals is a 501(c)(3) (nonprofit) 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.ompetpals.org

From the President

f you are an OMPP supporter, I'm sure you have gone through the sadness of losing a beloved pet. Their time with us is all too short but in that short time they make such a difference in our lives, bringing us unconditional love and constant companionship. Many of you may also have had the experience of adopting a pet from a shelter or rescue organization. Others have probably worked for an animal organization. My experience volunteering at local shelters has taught me that virtually every animal in a shelter or rescue situation has the capacity to be



an amazing companion for the right person or family.

That is why our hearts break when we hear of animals being badly treated, left behind, bred for profit by those looking to make a buck, or abandoned. We know that all of these animals have the same capability for love and faithfulness that our own dear pets have and it is very difficult to think about them being euthanized in shelters for lack of space or fending for themselves in an unfriendly world. That is why it is so important that we prevent the birth of unwanted litters. Shelters and rescue organizations can only handle so many animals before their resources are stretched to the limit. As we decrease the number of animals that need these services, we increase the chances for animals to have a loving home. Olympic Mountain Pet Pals uses your dollars in an extremely cost effective manner. Rather than finding a home for one animal, we prevent the birth of literally thousands of animals to ensure that those who remain have the best possible chance of finding a loving home.

Your support of Pet Pals enables a true grass roots effort that makes the world a safer and more loving place for animals just like your dear ones. This year we have a generous group of donors who have stepped up to match your contributions through the end of 2012 dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. Please take advantage of this opportunity and help as much as you can. We are so grateful for your support and thank you on behalf of the families and animals who benefit from our services.





Praise for READ to ROVER

S ince 2005, Pet Pals has been teamed with the Port Townsend Public Library to enhance children's love of reading through the use of therapy dogs. Children participating in the program have the opportunity to come to libraries (both the Port Townsend Library and the Jefferson County Library) to read to dogs during the summer months. During the school year, the READ to ROVER teams work with first and second graders at Grant Street Elementary and Chimacum Creek Primary Schools.

The kids love our program and so do educators and librarians. Here is some of the feedback we recently received.

From Martha Ashenfelter, the Youth Services Manager at Jefferson County Library: *READ to ROVER continues to be a popular and much appreciated program at Jefferson County Library. For the past two summers, the registration has been filled, with a waiting list on several days. In particular, one mother credits the program to her daughter's breakthrough in reading, allowing her to read independently and with fluency. Thanks to all participants -- human and canine!*



Abby Leigh and Steinbeck enjoy hearing a story at the library.

And from **Jean-Marie Tarascio**, Youth Services Librarian at the Port Townsend Public Library: *I want to thank you for working with us this summer in providing a wonderful experience for our kids*, especially for the joy you bring to children through the READ to ROVER program! Children will remember this experience with fond memories for a long time.

Thank Yous

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

- 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
- Steve Gillard for maintenance of our website.
- OlympusNet, owned by Kate and Ned Schumann, for hosting our website
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- Ann Stadnisky and Associates for help with our tax preparation.
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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

Pet Pals Gets a Facelift

on't miss our beautiful new website, designed for us by local graphic artist **Nina Noble**. Nina gave us a brand new look with a webpage that is packed with photos and information about Pet Pals, and is easy to navigate. You'll find back issues of our newsletter there, information about our programs and how to use our services, and all the latest news about Pet Pals. Please visit us soon and often at http://www.ompetpals.org/.





Goodbye to our old logo

New website banner

We've used the site to roll out our wonderful new logo, designed just for us by local artist **Ranie Keithahn**. You can see Ranie's black and white version on the banner of this newsletter, but don't miss the adorable color version on the web and on facebook.

Thank you to Nina and Ranie for making us look good!

Local Businesses Raise Money for Pet Pals

There's nothing better than shopping locally and helping animals at the same time. This fall, two local businesses came forward to raise money for our programs.

Crickett Webster, who manages Sound Storage in Port Townsend, organized her customers for a yard sale to raise money for us and the humane society.

Sheila Piccini, owner of Secret Gardens Nursery also in Port Townsend, created a fall sale that provided special discounts for customers who included a donation to Pet Pals and other local animal groups when they made their purchases.

Thank you to Crickett and Sheila for supporting Pet Pals. If you need a little extra storage room this winter or when you're ready to put in the spring garden, please remember these local animal-friendly businesses.

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.

A Home for Quinlan the Service Dog

et Pals members who attended our performance of PAX last year may remember meeting Quinlan, a canine trainee with the Prison Pet Partnership Program at the Washington Corrections Center for Women (www.prisonpetpartnership.org). Under the direction of executive director Beth Rivard, Quinlan demonstrated some of the skills he was learning in order to become a service dog. A recent update from the PPPP shared the news that Quinlan has settled into a home with a new family, where he helps his wheelchair-bound dad.

Quinlan picks up dropped items, fetches the remote control and opens doors—and is, his family says, a great companion. All of the dogs in this program come from shelters and they are trained by prison inmates, whose lives are enriched by the experience and the bond they make with these animals. Dogs like Quinlan end up in wonderful homes where they in turn provide companionship and are helpers to people with physical or mental disabilities.



Quinlan at home and ready to serve

Everyone at the Pet Pals fundraiser enjoyed meeting Quinlan and we're happy to know that he has a family and a home.

Kissing Booth at Uptown Fair



W e had a great time as always at the Uptown Fair, sharing information about our programs and selling our cookbook, mousepads, and cards. But the star of the show was furry volunteer Lillie, shown here with board members Pam Kolacy (left) and Kate Schumann. Lillie didn't just entice fair-goers our way with her happy smile—she also raised funds for Pet Pals by selling kisses for a dollar!

Need Holiday Shopping Ideas?

Our animal-related merchandise makes it a breeze to tackle your holiday shopping list. There are mouse pads and note cards featuring artwork by Max Grover designed just for Pet Pals. We also have roomy, strong canvas bags and our popular cookbook, Pet Pals' Palate Pleasers. These items are available at Uptown Nutrition (1002 Lawrence St.) in Port Townsend.

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My daughter Rhonda Scharf's birthday; she loves and rescues animals

Eva M. Ahlson

The marriage of Carol and Joe Don and Lois Brewer

My daughter Phyllis Becker's birthday

Dolores M. Harvey

Dr. Madelyn Curll for your expert skills, dedication and compassion, we are so grateful

> Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis

Stephanie Lutgring with gratitude for all of her hard work on our behalf

Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis

Ginny Messina for all that she does for animals

Deborah Hammond

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Ned and Kate Schumann

Beloved cat Smoke

Maria Holtgrave

Bootsie

Bernice Martell

Jazzy, dog of Madelyn Curll

Gary Lemons and Noele Guiliani

B.C. Blue (Beautiful Black Cat) now our x-feral cat

Rosanne Kramnicz and Doug Anable

All animals Patricia Floyd

Cat Mimi

Lynne Teveliet

Dog Lincoln

Patricia Hale

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Robin Hake Roger and Susie Contor Jean and Keith Marzan Randi Winter and Lynne Pattin

Dorothy E. Campbell, my Mother who taught us to love dogs

Sally Rodgers

Mike Michaeledes who loved animals, especially his dear little pooch Charlie

Priscilla Jensen

Tommy Haines

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Michael Leburn

Ingrid and Martin Musson

My parents Marjorie and Ray **Proffitt**

Carolynn Moody

Harvey the Cockatiel

Jane Krabill

Megan, beloved cat of Ginny and Mark Messina

> Phyllis and Paul Becker Deborah Hammond

Sam, Chocolate Lab of Brian and Linda Roe

Taylor Worth

Sweet Peter, beloved dog of Sheryl and Kenneth Klock

Dog Townsend

A wonderful little Maltese, Bear, terribly missed by his owners Gail and Ed Colburn

Priscilla Jensen

Beloved dog Buddy

Vivian LaBonte

Jax, beloved dog of Pam and **Keith Kolacy**

City Administration Gals Jan Schroeder Marsha Wiener

Beloved dog Leia of the Price-**Hoffman Family**

Kate and Ned Schumann

Sunny, "my dog of a lifetime" Marsha Wiener

In honor of Miss Kitty and in memory of cat Ginger, cat Baby Jesus and cat Boy Kitty

Janet Rayl

Lila, beloved dog of Nole **Guiliani and Gary Lemons**

Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis

Sweet Roscoe beloved dog of Laura and Satya Santi

Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis

Dear, sweet Chica, your life was far too short, but you touched us deeply

Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis

Beloved dog Emma of Linda Gerard and Walter Parsons

Bob Podrat

Abby, beloved dog of Jerry and Diane Purdy

Dog Townsend

Best Kitty Cleo

Nancy Stickney

Buddy the well loved and devoted companion of John Woodworth

Madelyn Curll

Chica rescued by Scott Landis who survived only briefly here in the USA

Madelyn Curll

Ginger the Fabulous Poodle of Cynthia and Abby O'Brien

Pam, Ted, Fleurette, and Jeeves Rogge

Gigi, beloved cat of Lee Faulkner

Marcia Jones Hartshorn

Joey, beloved dog of Mary and Roger Dickerson

Carol Anne Modena Judith Ruggles

Lila of Gary Lemons and Noele Guiliani

Madelyn Curll

Lupita beloved dog of Alex and Elena Spear

Kathleen Mitchell and Scott

Mitzi belonging to Cindy Rhoads

Madelyn Curll

Radar, beloved cat of Peach and Steve Stebbins

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Susan and Mort Robinson Ron and Kathy Ryan

A brave and adorable dog names Dolly

Madelyn Curll

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Janet and Mike Mortenson

Beloved dog Ginger of Kim and Erik Pratt

Chimacum Creek READ to ROVER teams

Joey beloved dog of Mary and Roger Dickerson

Kate and Ned Schumann

Beloved dog Pepper of Helen and Mel Williams

Carla Ellis and Rick Floyd

Beloved dog Pete of Sheryl Klock

Carolynn Moody

Beloved dog Sunny of Janet and Mike Mortenson

Kate and Ned Schumann

Cindy beloved dog of Carolyn and John Watts

Kate and Ned Schumann

PJ, beloved cat of Deb Hammond

Kate and Ned Schumann

Our dog Chum and cat Spooky Robert and Alison Capener

Dogs Jamie and Kaitlyn

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Elizabeth Davies

Dandy Lion, an unforgettable prince of a dog of Elizabeth and Jerald Mize

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A Tale of 4 Lucky Kittens

while Pet Pals' main mission is spay/neuter, we also work closely with the animal shelter to help animals find homes. Sometimes, the people who come to us for help are overwhelmed with more pets than they can care for. That was the case earlier this year when board member Phyllis Becker offered to help a family prepare their 5 adult cats for spay/neuter surgery.

The cats needed to be treated for fleas before heading to the vet, so Phyllis went to their home to administer the flea medication. Her ears perked up when she discovered that the family also had four tiny kittens, just six weeks old.

Since Phyllis is a shelter volunteer as well as a Pet Pals volunteer, she knew she could get those kittens ready for adoption



and then into good homes with relative ease. The first step was flea treatment for all nine felines, provided by the shelter and administered by Phyllis. Then she packed them into a sturdy cat carrier and whisked them off to the home of Pet Pals board member Donna Regester. The kittens stayed with Donna for several weeks until they grew big enough to be spayed and neutered. After their surgery, it was off to the next step in their adventure—the shelter run by the Humane Society of Jefferson County. Thanks to Pet Pals and the shelter, all four are now in their loving forever homes.

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