Olympic Mountain PET PALS

Promoting Animal Welfare in Jefferson County

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BARK! The Musical (and a Chance to Make Your Dog a Star!)

• wowlingly Funny!" said the LA Times and awarded it 'Critic's Choice'. "Two Paws Up" enthused the Humane Society of the US (Hollywood Office). It's kind of like *Chorus Line*, only with dogs, according to composer David Troy Francis.

So what's up? **BARK! The Musical** is coming to Port Townsend! **BARK!** follows six canine characters for one day at Deena's Doggy Daycare. From the little puppy who yearns to bark like a real dog, to the opera singing poodle and the street mutt who raps — this musical possesses the huge heart and the playful joyfulness present in man's truest friends.

Olympic Mountain Pet Pals is proud to be the first non-profit partner to collaborate with Key City Public Theatre to present a show that will delight the audience and benefit local animals. We helped sponsor **BARK!** and in return, Key City is giving Pet Pals the profits from the entire house for a special preview performance of this joyful show. Join us for a pre-show reception with refreshments and lap up champagne and sample splendid desserts at the intermission on Thursday, August 18. Tickets are \$40 per person, a great deal for tasty treats, champagne, delightful entertainment, and support for a worthy cause.

In addition to sponsoring **BARK! The Musical**, Olympic Mountain Pet Pals is searching for a Poster Dog for the show your dog could be it! A photo shoot will be held May 7th and May 14th, at Mt. View Commons, 1925 Blaine St, in Port Townsend. There are a limited number of appointments, so call 360-344-4431 soon to reserve your spot. The \$25 fee includes a digital photo for all contestants. The winner will receive a copy of the headshot and a framed poster; the four runners-up, a framed photo of their head shots and all five will be displayed in the lobby of Key City Public Theatre during the run of the performance. For an additional \$15 any contestant's photo will be included in the program.

The photographers for this photo shoot will be Deborah Hammond and Sheila Lauder. Both women are known for their fine photography, Hammond for her elegant photos that grace the pages of The Paradise Theatre & School's 2011 Calendar and Lauder for winning Kodak's "Photograph Of The Day" contest with her picture, 'Rocky's Nose,' that was on the Kodak Billboard in Times Square.

So, unleash your dog's star quality and give him a chance to become a Poster Dog for **BARK! The Musical**.

Look for more details on our website, www.ompetpals.org and watch for e-mails coming soon.



Photo by Mike Watters

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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

t was great to see the turnout at our 2011 fundraisers so far. Short Tails was a blast! We promise to provide more room next year and if possible, a program that is even more fun. Our film program at the Rose Theatre sold out and we truly enjoyed introducing you to these great films and a glimpse into the Prisoner Pet Partnership at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor. (See the photos on pages 4 and 5 of both events.)



In case you think we are all about dogs, we are equally dedicated to our feline friends and are committed to making life better for all our community cats. We realize that there is a thin line between feral (implying "wild") cats, and other lost and abandoned cats. Each of these cats may have a different level of domestication although all are the result of desertion by humans. Some are newly abandoned, and some have managed to survive long enough to begin breeding. Some are the offspring of abandoned cats who have never known human contact. We also know that all of these cats deserve food and shelter and simple kindness.

Our featured story about Ben is a great example of why we are embracing the idea of community cats. No matter how they ended up struggling to survive, they need our help to ensure they will not breed or that they will be rescued in time to contribute their love to a family or individual.

The bottom line is that we value both dogs and cats. Your support helps us to stop the over-breeding that leads to crowded shelters and the consequent killing of innocent animals. It helps to give community cats like Ben a chance. It helps save lives!

For the animals,

Pam Kolacy

Thank Yous

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

- **Steve Gillard** for maintenance of our website.
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• **The Food Co-op** for carrying our Pet Pals Palate Pleasers cookbook and including us in their Beans for Bags program.

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, Hadlock Veterinary Clinic
- Dr. Jeff Highbarger and Dr. Abbie Doll, Chimacum Valley Veterinary Hospital

Remembering Inka Schlicht-Macklin

e have been honored to have Inka Schlicht-Macklin as a loyal and generous supporter of our organization for many years. Inka, who was a resident of Port Hadlock, died in October, 2010 at the age of 88.

Inka worked with Pet Pals' community cats program over a period of several years, helping to get cats in her neighborhood spayed and neutered. A kind and gentle woman who was devoted to her own cats, Felix and Kater, Inka was distressed when animals were not being cared for, and often sought help and advice from board members in her efforts to advocate for local animals. When Inka died, she left a bequest of \$10,000 to Pet Pals. It's because of the support of people like Inka that we are able to continue helping dogs and cats in Jefferson County.

Pet Pals Helps Community Cats

hen Ben first showed up on Sharon Commander's deck, he didn't make a very good impression. The unneutered golden tabby wouldn't let any humans near him, and he fought with the



Photo by Phyllis Becker Ben relaxes on his cozy bed at the shelter.

neighborhood cats. On his own, and trying to find enough food and a warm place to sleep, Ben was very much on his guard.

With equipment borrowed from Olympic Mountain Pet Pals, Sharon was able to humanely trap Ben quickly. When our community cat program coordinator Phyllis Becker picked him up, she was cautiously optimistic to hear Ben meow at her instead of hissing and lunging. If Ben was indeed feral, he'd need to go to a barn home, and those were currently in short supply. But cats who talk are more likely to be tame, so Phyllis had hopes that Ben might have a future as a pet.

Ben spent a few nights in the Beckers' garage, with food, water, and a heated bed. He was quickly upgraded from a feral cat cage to a larger one meant to house tame cats as Phyllis saw that Ben loved being petted. "He was protective of his cozy shelter and especially his food supply, giving me a nip if he thought I was taking away his food," she said. "But I knew that neutering and a sense of safety would take care of that."

Ben was neutered at Hadlock Veterinary Clinic and went straight to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter afterwards. He happily settled right into his cozy cage. Within days he was sitting on volunteers' laps to be brushed and petted. Now that Ben doesn't worry about where his next meal is coming from, he even seems peaceful and calm in the presence of other cats.

Phyllis says that Ben's experience isn't that unusual. "Many of the cats living outdoors are tame; they seem feral only because they're hungry and scared."

Pet Pals is committed to helping all homeless cats in Jefferson County, and we recognize that their needs and experiences are diverse. Our community cat program—formerly the feral cat program—provides assistance for humane management of feral cat populations, uses volunteers to tame feral kittens, and works to find homes for cats like Ben.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Join Pets to People

Do you share your home with a calm, sociable and friendly dog who is eager to hop into the car and set forth on an adventure involving meeting new people, receiving lots of admiration and praise and brightening the lives of others?

If this is you, perhaps and your four-legged pal would be interested in become part of our Pets to People outreach program, in which people and their dogs visit the residents of Seaport Landing, Victoria House or the Life Care Center of Port Townsend (formerly known as Kah Tai Care Center). Requirements are minimal: Your dog must be gentle, calm and friendly and have been vaccinated against rabies.

Our teams make regularly scheduled visits of approximately one hour on a weekly or semi-weekly basis. Many residents of these facilities have had companion animals at other times in their lives, and having a visit from a dog does much to brighten their spirits. Please contact our Pets to People Coordinator, Marsha Wiener, at (360) 385-4187 or marshab@olympus.net for more information.

shorttails

It was standing room only at our recent Short Tails event. Local actors Consuelo Aduviso, Lawrason Driscoll, Sheila Khalov, Catherine McNabb, Zach Nesmith, and Don White entertained the dogs and their people with funny and heartwarming stories and skits about dogs and cats. Everyone—including the dogs—enjoyed homemade treats and a chance to browse Pet Pals merchandise.



Photos by Ned Schumann



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Beth Rivard, Executive Director of the Prison Pet Partnership Program at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor, and program trainee Quinlan

An Afternoon at the Movies: PAX and Lucky Dog

O lympic Mountain Pet Pals teamed up with the Port Townsend Film Institute to present the unforgettable and inspiring film PAX at the Rose Theatre this past March. Produced by actress Glenn Close and Sarah Harvey, the documentary followed the relationship between a service dog and all the people whose lives he transforms—in particular, his trainer, an inmate at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in New York, and the wounded Iraqi war veteran who received PAX as a service dog. PAX was the first graduate of the Puppies Behind Bars' Dog-Tag program created specifically for veterans.

Attendees also viewed the film Lucky Dog, produced locally by David Cascadden and filmed in part at the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Following the films, Beth Rivard, Executive Director of the Prison Pet Partnership Program at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor, and canine trainee Quinlan shared information about their program.



Mac, the inspiration behind Mac's Macaroons

Mac's Macaroons Supports Pet Pals with Yummy Dog Treats

f Jefferson County dogs could vote for their favorite local business, no doubt it would be Mac's Macaroons. Kathy Stanger founded her pet-focused bakery, which produces homemade treats for dogs, in 2005 and named it for the 13-year-old dog whom she adopted from a terminally ill friend. Mac oversaw business operations for three years before he died.

In addition to baked dog treats, Mac's Macaroons offers handmade canine kerchiefs (which Kathy says are a stylish addition to every dog's wardrobe), Take & Bake Dog Treats to Go, pet placemats hand painted on recycled vinyl flooring, and hand-knit dog sweaters. Kathy sells her wares at local events like the Uptown Street Fair, Rhody Festival, and local holiday fairs and offers them through Bonita's Pet Food Store, Uptown Nutrition, and Dream City Café.

Kathy is also a long-time supporter of Pet Pals. She made the kerchiefs for the dogs participating in our READ to ROVER program, donated dog treats for our holiday gift basket and has donated both treats and kerchiefs for our fundraisers. Kathy says that supporting good causes like Pet Pals is a way for Mac to live on and to help other animals in need.

Look for Mac's Macaroons this summer at the Port Ludlow Friday market and Chimacum Sunday market. Dog treats can also be shipped nationally. For more information, visit www.macsmacaroons.com.

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go are much more likely to find an open spot





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