

Olympic Mountain PET PALS



Fall 2010

Promoting Animal Welfare
in Jefferson County

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our small, local organization depends on supporters for funding the great local programs that directly benefit our neighbors here in Jefferson County. I wanted to recognize some of our "heroes" in this column.

Cathy Tucker organized a huge yard sale that netted money for Pet Pals and the Humane Society of Jefferson County.

Kathleen Mitchell and **Scott Landis** have been our angels for several years, pledging matching funds for our end of year drive which encourages many others to donate.

Betty Kuller, an extraordinary fabric artist, made a gorgeous quilt and donated it to our organization.

Catherine McNabb organized a group of local thespians to perform at our P.T. Short Tails presentation.

The Food Coop has designated Pet Pals again as one of their "Beans for Bags" charities.

The Unitarian Fellowship collected funds for us as their non-profit of the month.

Our sponsors — individuals and local businesses — are recognized in other parts of the newsletter. Please support them!

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The vets and staff at **Hadlock Veterinary Clinic** and **Chimacum Valley Veterinary Hospital** perform all of our low income and feral cat spay/neuters at a cost which barely covers their services. We REALLY couldn't do it without them.

And of course, YOU, **our wonderful members**, who so generously support us with your memorials and donations. Thanks so much for "acting locally" particularly in these hard economic times when there is an even greater need for our services. We know that you are all making careful and deliberate choices about the causes you support.

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Sometimes Feral Cats Just Need a Friend

By Phyllis Becker

"There's a cat that keeps entering our home through the cat door, but he won't let us touch him," Terry and Ginny Albrecht of rural Port Hadlock told me over the phone last November. The Albrechts had called all the neighbors, asking if they were missing a yellow tabby, but no one claimed him.

When I delivered a humane trap to them later that day, I saw the intruder sitting on top of a shelf in the garage. The handsome boy didn't seem bothered by our presence, although he hissed at me when I started to climb a ladder for a closer look. We set and baited the trap, walked away for a few minutes, then heard the unmistakable sound of the trap closing.

"What's going to happen to him?" asked Terry Albrecht, appearing sorry to see the cat trapped. I told them that he

Boomer the
Smiling Cat
Photo credit:
Sarah Becker



would be neutered at Hadlock Veterinary Clinic in the morning. "If he's feral," I said, "I'll try to find a 'barn home' for him. If he's tame he can go to the Jefferson County animal shelter. Either way he'll have a new home."

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

Remembering Dr. Tony



Dr. Tony Rogstad, photo by Jeff Chew/Peninsula Daily News

The animals of Jefferson County, and those of us who care about them, lost a dear friend this past August. Dr. Tony Rogstad died at his home on August 1 at the age of 52.

With his wife Jeannette Rogstad, Doctor Tony owned and operated Chimacum Valley Veterinary Hospital and T.J.'s Wildlife Center. After establishing the Wildlife Center in the 1980s, Dr. Tony enrolled in veterinary school. His veterinary practice gave him a chance to help local pets and also helped fund his work with wildlife.

Dr. Tony was a friend to Pet Pals from the group's earliest days. He was the first veterinarian in our county to participate in our spay/neuter programs, providing low-cost services beginning in 1996. He continued to enthusiastically support our programs up until his death, working with our low-income spay/neuter program, the feral cat program, and Ginger's Fund. He is among the small group of dedicated veterinary professionals who have made this organization possible.

Dr. Tony is remembered as someone who connected deeply with animals, and his work with them was his passion. We at Pet Pals are grateful for his life and his gifts of compassion and generosity.

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We feel very strongly about being good stewards of your funds and keep our overhead as low as possible, with over 90% of our income going directly to our programs. When times are bad there is an even greater need for our services. More and more pets are being given up to the local shelter because people have to move or can't afford them. Part of our mission is to make sure the shelter kennels are not already crowded with litters of puppies and kittens and feral cats so that these deserving pets can find new families. You help us make that happen.

Pam Kolacy
President

Ken on his deck with shelter adoptees Mattie and Coco. Snickers the cat was not in the mood for a photo. Photo credit: Pam Kolacy



Meet Advisory Board Member Ken McBride

About 30 years ago, Ken McBride picked up his date and set out to go dancing. Along the way, he saw a dog lying by the side of the road. The dog had been hit by a car and Ken screeched to a halt in his sports car, wrapped the dog in a blanket and headed to the nearest emergency vet service. Needless to say, he never got to the dance. The girl was history (she DID go to the dance) but “Limpy” the dog was Ken’s beloved companion for many years.

A 20-year resident of Port Townsend and lifelong animal lover, Ken says he has been picking up strays ever since he can remember.

While he was in the art and antique business in Kentucky he spent twelve years traveling extensively and often found lost and injured animals on the highway who needed help. Most of them were transported to the nearest veterinarian and dropped off with a donation for their care. Ken admires the work of Best Friends Animal Society in particular and supports other causes that mean a better life for animals so it was only natural that he was interested in becoming involved with Pet Pals.

As a Pet Pals Advisory Board member, Ken has conducted a successful personal fundraising effort and is excited about seeing the board advise and assist OMPP with program and fundraising ideas.

Ken and his wife Cindy currently live with three of their own pets, all adopted from the local shelter — canine companions Coco and Mattie, and 18-year old Snickers the cat. Despite their intention to “gear down” after moving to Port Townsend, the McBrides operated an art gallery here and Ken ended up having an active new career in local property development.

Ken also spent six years as a member of the Board of Directors for the Northwest Maritime Center. Now that he is truly gearing down, Ken hopes to become more involved with efforts to help local animals. We are very thankful to Ken for his leadership on the Advisory Board, his years of dedication to animal welfare, and his active involvement with our organization.

HELP PREVENT PET OVERPOPULATION — BY HAVING YOUR HOUSE CLEANED!

Here is a deal that is hard to refuse: have your house cleaned and support Pet Pals spay/neuter programs at the same time.

Pam Gray, who coordinates our low income spay/neuter program, has started a housecleaning business. She is offering to dedicate 10% of her \$20 per hour fee directly to Pet Pals. It’s a win-win-win deal for Pam’s customers — a tax credit, a clean house, and the satisfaction of supporting Pet Pals’ lifesaving work for animals.

Pam offers a variety of services and points out that “Even a monthly 2-hour bathroom/kitchen scrub plus floor vacuum/mop would add up to \$48 a year for Pet Pals.”

Whether you need occasional ultra-deep cleaning, a “lick and a promise” panic cleaning before company, or weekly routine maintenance, give Pam a call at 385-7263 to schedule a session. (Or consider dedicating a percentage of your own business income to Pet Pals, too! You might acquire some new pet-loving customers.)

VOLUNTEER GRAPHIC DESIGN OPPORTUNITY

We’ve been fortunate to have Port Townsend designer Valerie Brewster of Scribe Typography produce our professional-looking newsletter for more than eight years. As her own business continues to grow, Valerie needs to devote more attention to other projects and would like to turn this project over to a new volunteer. If you have design experience and would like to help with the production of our newsletter, email Ginny Messina (messina@olympus.net)



Dr. Abbie Doll and Dr. Jeff Highbarger

WELCOME TO OUR NEW VETERINARIANS

Pet Pals offers a warm welcome to Dr. Jeff Highbarger and Dr. Abbie Doll who recently moved to the Olympic Peninsula from central Florida. They have purchased the Chimacum Valley Veterinary Hospital and Pet Townsend Veterinary Clinic, formerly owned by Dr. Tony Rogstad and his wife Jeannette.

Dr. Jeff was born and raised in Columbia, Missouri, where he attended veterinary school at the University of Missouri and practiced at a progressive small animal hospital for thirteen years before moving to Port Townsend. His professional interests include preventative medicine, dentistry, surgery, ultrasonography, dermatology and internal medicine.

Dr. Abbie is a Florida native and a graduate of the University of Florida Veterinary School. She also trained at the Chi Institute to acquire her certification in veterinary acupuncture and she has strong interests in internal medicine, dermatology, dentistry, nutrition and pain management.

Both are committed to our mission of spay/neuter and will be participating in all of our programs — low-income spay/neuter, the feral cat program, and Ginger's Fund. We're pleased to welcome them to Jefferson County and to the Pet Pals team.

Shop with Pet Pals This Holiday Season

It really doesn't get much better than this: Support local businesses, help animals, and find great items for everyone on your holiday shopping list — all without ever leaving home. Our selection of Pet Pals merchandise is growing and it's all available on our website or at select local businesses. Profits go directly to support our programs — and our items are all locally-produced!

Buy the items individually or purchase a holiday gift bag — a roomy Pet Pals canvas bag loaded with goodies — our cookbook, packet of cards, and pet treats including Mac's Macaroon's Take and Bake Treats To Go (for Dogs or Cats).

Here is more about our merchandise:

Hot-Off-the-Press Canvas Bags. These bags are roomy and rugged and they were printed at Badd Habit in Port Townsend. One side of the bag boasts our dog-and-cat logo and the other highlights animal-friendly businesses in our community.

Pet Pals Palate Pleasers: Our cookbook, printed by SOS printing and featuring cover art by local artist Max Grover is packed with our members' favorite recipes for both people and pets. It also features photos of our members' pets.

Blank Dog and Cat Greeting Cards: It's hard to see how pretty these are in our black and white newsletter, so be sure to take a look on the



website. Each of the three cat-and-dog designs — created by local artists Ranie Keithahn, Richard Jesse Watson, and Max Grover — is bright and unique.

You'll find all of these items on our website www.OMPetPals.org. Our canvas bags can also be purchased at Uptown Nutrition on Lawrence Street in Port Townsend.

SOMETIMES FERAL CATS JUST NEED A FRIEND

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When I picked the cat up from the clinic the next day the staff described him as a wonderful cat, "a real lover boy." At the shelter, staff member Sarah Becker took his photo for Petfinder and he almost seemed to be smiling. I emailed the photo of "Golden Boy," the smiling cat to the volunteer group so they could see how cute our new cat was.

When the shelter opened the next morning, volunteer Dinese Christopher and her husband Tom were at the front gate, waiting to meet the golden tabby. Within an hour, Golden Boy — now named Boomer — was in his new home, sprawled on the couch between Dinese and Tom and watching TV as if he had always lived there.


Thanks to our volunteers, the Jefferson County Animal Shelter, the kind actions of people like the Albrechts, our generous veterinarians, and — most importantly — your donations to Pet Pals, cats like Boomer can find their way to a safe and loving home.

The Feral Cat Program spayed/neutered 137 cats in 2009, placing 18 of them in barn homes, and 18 of them, including Boomer, at the animal shelter. Nineteen kittens were fostered, tamed, spay/neutered, and adopted through the animal shelter. The program has volunteers in all areas of Jefferson County.

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Help us save money on postage by sharing your email address. We need to contact you once a year with news about our annual meeting. (It's Washington State law). But stamps and postcards cost money that we'd prefer to spend on the animals. You can share your email address by using the enclosed remittance envelope or sending it to Donna Regester (dregester@gmail.com).

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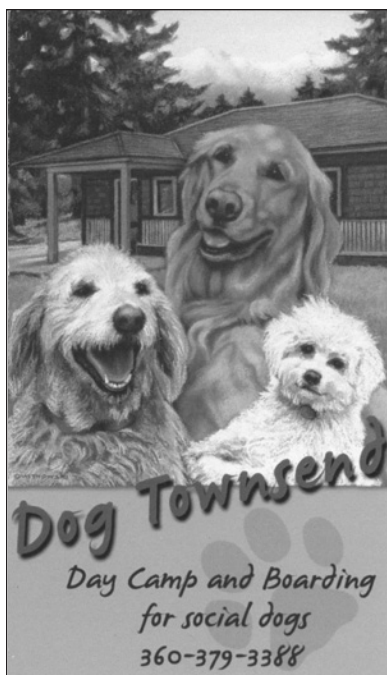
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Thank you once again to Pet Pals advisory board member Kathleen Mitchell and her husband Scott Landis for their generous support of our programs. For the fifth year in a row, Kathleen and Scott have offered to match end-of-the-year donations to our spay/neuter programs up to a total of \$2500.

Our members already know that we spend donations wisely. Our organization is all-volunteer with no office overhead which keeps our operating costs as low as they can possibly get. And we keep our focus on efforts that have been **proven** to be most effective in reducing pet homelessness — spay and neuter. And with this generous gift from Kathleen and Scott, **every dollar you donate to Pet Pals will go twice as far.** Thank you to Kathleen and Scott and thank you to all our members for helping us work toward the day when every cat and dog will have a home.

JOIN US ON THE INTERNET

Stay up-to-date with Pet Pals by becoming a fan on Facebook and following us on Twitter where we're @OMPetPals. We love running into our members on the 'net and it's a fun way to share news about our programs and work.

We're adding a new feature to our Facebook page, too — a memorial album for our members' beloved pets who have gone to Rainbow Bridge. It's easy to participate: When you make a contribution to Pet Pals in memory of a beloved pet, just email the pet's photo with his or her name and any caption you'd like to include to Ginny Messina (messina@olympus.net). We'll add your pet to the memorial book and post the photo on our Facebook page.



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