

Olympic Mountain Pro Spay & PET PALS SPRI

Promoting Spay & Neuter in Jefferson County SPRING 2013

Kitten Season is Upon Us!

very year, we see our spay/neuter efforts making a dent in the population of homeless animals. But at this time of year, especially, Pet Pals is reminded that there is still work to be done. Board members Donna Regester and Phyllis Becker have

recently been helping a volunteer trap a pregnant cat. The cat is now a mother of five kittens and all are being fostered at Phyllis' home.

Phyllis and her husband, Paul, spend time every day handling the kittens so that they become sociable and adoptable—not an easy task with a not-quite-tame mama cat standing guard! Once the kittens are weaned, they will spend time being further socialized at the home of board member Connie Graham, and then will be off to the shelter for adoption. Mama cat will be spayed and returned to her familiar territory. With regular feeding, and her parenting days behind her, she'll have a happier life.

It's a reminder to us, though, that it costs money and lots of volunteer time to provide these feline families with the best homes possible. Please make sure that all of the cats in your neighborhood are spayed and neutered. Call Phyllis at 437-9085 if you need help with homeless cats. For families who need financial help for their own pets, you can download our application form from the Pet Pals website http://ompetpals.org/12-2/spay-neuter-request.



Currently being fostered by Pet Pals, this little kitten will eventually be neutered and then will head to the shelter to be adopted.

Photo by Phyllis Becker

Local Artist Liz Reutlinger Raised Funds for Our Spay/Neuter Programs

P et Pals member and local artist Liz Reutlinger combined her two passions—art and animals—into a very special fundraiser for Pet Pals this spring. Liz displayed fifty-five original oil paintings in the lobby of the Uptown Dental Clinic and donated 50 percent of all proceeds to Pet Pals. The show raised more than \$3,200 for our spay/neuter programs.

Liz told us that she feels lucky to be able to indulge her love of painting and to be able to help us combat pet homelessness at the same time. We feel lucky to have Liz as a member of our organization and an advocate for animals! We're also grateful to the Uptown Dental Clinic for hosting the art show and for their continued support of our organization. You can see samples of Liz's paintings on our website.

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

From the President

T oday I'm remembering the pets in our family who have made such a difference in our lives. Jack, a shepherd mix, was abandoned when his family moved from our Wyoming neighborhood. We invited him to move in and he became our first devoted dog. Jack loved us so much he wanted to protect us from everything. But aside from a run-in with the mailman, he brought a great deal of joy to us for the next 12 years.



When we moved to Port Townsend, we

started looking for a friend for Jack and for us. I called the local shelter (the old, decrepit one that existed before the County took over) to ask about an "Aussie mix" who was currently in residence. They said I should come and see her as soon as possible because there were no guarantees she would still be there in a week. (We all know what THAT means). "Audrey" was named for the kind woman who picked up the four month old dog running along the highway near Quilcene and brought her to the shelter. We brought the thin frightened dog home and changed her name to Kirby. She took care of Jack and charmed everyone who met her for the next 14 years.

We lost Jack, and a friend told us of a young dog who had been picked up by a friend's daughter while hiking. The little guy was all alone on an island in the Olympic National Park. The family already had two dogs and the girl was leaving for college so Jax became our next dog. He was a dog's dog – sweet, loyal, accommodating and all around wonderful. And now Kirby had someone to boss around.

That was it for dogs, or so we thought until there was a crisis at the shelter (now the County-run facility). A hoarding situation caused an influx of animals, and a long term resident would be sacrificed to make room. So Mingus came home with us. He had been in three homes before ending up at the shelter. He is the only dog left at our house now and we are savoring every minute with this big cuddle bunny.

The point is that any one of these wonderful animals could have perished early in life because they were abandoned. Millions of these stories do not have happy endings. We can't change the world but we can make Jefferson County a place where no animal is turned away from the local shelter or is abandoned in a scary world. An active spay/neuter program is the start and finish of this dream we have that all animals deserve happiness with loving families. Thanks again for your kind hearts and for continuing to give support in any way you can.

Dam Kalacy

P.S. Next president's message I will tell you about our cats!

Our 2012 Accomplishments

O ur organization continues to grow and to make a difference for animals in our community. At the Pet Pals annual meeting on March 20, 2013, president Pam Kolacy reported on our accomplishments for 2012. Here are some of the highlights.

We established these ongoing goals for our organization:

- Raise enough money to pay for all requested spay/neuter of pets in low-income families and community cats
- Help defray costs of emergency medical care for pets in low-income families through Ginger's Fund
- Build financial reserves
- Promote our message in the community
- Communicate our activities and successes with our members
- Foster human-animal bonds

In pursuit of those goals, we engaged in these activities

- Semi-annual newsletter
- PT Short Tails
- Social networking through facebook, twitter, and pinterest
- Read to Rover and Pets to People
- Uptown Fair Booth
- Development of a new logo and website
- Ongoing administration of our spay/neuter programs



2012 READ to ROVER volunteers at Grant Street Elementary

The Outcome of Our Efforts

- 319 pets in low income families were spayed or neutered in 2012 (for a grand total of 3,022 pets since 2001).
- 66 community cats were spayed and neutered in 2012. (grand total of 1922 since the program began in June 2001).
- 43 animals were given medical treatment through Ginger's Fund in 2012 for a total of 421 animals since that project began.
- In addition, we placed a number of feral cats in barn homes, and placed feral kittens in foster care.
- Our Pets to People volunteers made regular visits to assisted living centers and our READ to ROVER dogs were busy at schools and libraries, with regular teams in rotation.

Thank Yous

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 mouse pads.
- SOS Printing for printing our newsletter.

- **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

When Pets Lose their Families

P ets arrive at the Jefferson County Shelter for many different reasons. Some are strays and some are turned in by families who can no longer care for them. Often, the shelter provides a safe haven for pets whose owners have died. Many are older animals who were used to living in a quiet home with one adult. The shelter can be an especially bewildering place for these animals.

Most of us would prefer to see our pets go directly into loving homes without spending time at the shelter. Have you made plans for your pets in case they outlive you? Take these three important steps to make sure your pets have a safe place to go should you no longer be able to care for them.



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Identify a committed caregiver.

Write up a pet dossier that summarizes care-giving instructions for your pet, information about food preferences, allergies, necessary medications, behavior around other animals, and veterinary records.

Take legal steps to leave both your pet and a sum of money to your designated caregiver. The easiest way is to make provisions through your will. You can find sample language to include through the Humane Society of the U.S.
http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/providing_for_pets_future_without_you.html.
A less expensive option for those who don't have a will is a Pet Protection Agreement which can be obtained through http://www.legalzoom.com/pet-trust-agreement/pet-protection-overview.html.

Making a plan for your pet is important for everyone no matter your age or circumstances. It will give you the peace of mind that comes from knowing your pet's future is safe.

Dog Licenses Protect Your Pet and Help Homeless Animals

Is your dog licensed? It's a legal requirement for all dogs over the age of six months who live in Jefferson County. (The city of Port Townsend has the same licensing requirements.) If your dog is lost and gets turned into the shelter, a current license will reunite you and your pet quickly. Just as important, all license fees support the local animal shelter, operated by the Humane Society of Jefferson County. The funds are used to house and care for homeless animals.

License forms are available at the shelter, at local veterinary clinics, at the police department, the sheriff's department, the court house, and City Hall. You can also download a form at the humane society website, jeffersoncountyhumanesociety. org or receive one by calling 385-3292. The shelter is open from Tuesday thru Saturday from 12:00 - 5:00pm.

Pets to People is all about Sharing

n the Pets to People program, volunteers share their own dogs with the residents of three assisted living centers in Port Townsend – Life Care Center, Seaport Landing, and Victoria House.

While most Pets to People volunteers are initially motivated to help seniors through the well-known benefits of pet therapy, they soon come to realize that the sharing goes both ways. Visiting with our dogs provides an opportunity for the residents to remember and share stories about the dogs they have owned in their lives. One man relates how he took a dog to college with him and how that dog got more photos in the college yearbook than he did. A woman tells how her Border Collie was so smart that she could bring in particular cows, by name, that she was asked to fetch. A blind resident tells of his initial meeting with his very first seeing-eye dog at the facility where he was trained. Residents fondly relate these stories from their pasts while stroking the silky fur of our dogs who are clearly showing appreciation for all the attention they receive. Everyone wins!

The experience is very rewarding for the Pets to People volunteers. They get to share their love for dogs and see the joy they bring to the residents. Ruth Merryman, who accompanies her dog, Sammy, each week to both Life Care Center and Victoria House, says "Volunteering with my senior dog Sammy has brought so much joy and laughter to both the residents we visit in the nursing homes and to us. Sammy knows who she can approach and touch and she leads the way. One resident calls Sammy `her dog' and talks about her all week with the staff. "

The dogs in the Pets to People program have been certified as therapy dogs by Olympic Mountain Pets Pals. Therapy dogs must be calm, gentle, and love attention. They should

also be comfortable with wheel chairs, walkers, and the various distractions that can arise in an assisted living center. If you have a well-behaved, friendly dog and you are interested in taking the time to share your pet with residents at these homes, please contact Carla Ellis at 360-385-3950 or email carla@cs.duke.edu.

Pet Pals and Key City Public Theatre Team Up Again for the Animals



Corine de Boer and Pat Swain enjoy champagne during the intermission

O ur members enjoyed another wonderful evening at the theatre and, once again, the animals benefited. Thanks to the generosity of Key City Public Theatre, our organization received all proceeds from the preview performance of George Bernard Shaw's Heartbreak House, directed by Denise Winter. Attendees enjoyed the usual stellar performance by the Key City Players, along with complimentary wine and appetizers before the performance and champagne and dessert during intermission. Best of all, we raised more than \$1,500 for our programs to help local animals. Thank you to everyone who attended and to KCPT.

> President Pam Kolacy shares stories about Pet Pals before the Heartbreak House Performance



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Randy Marshall and Willow at Seaport Landing

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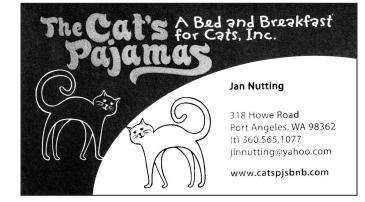
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Snapshots of PT Short Tails

ogs love our PT Short Tails programs, and so do their people! Thank you to Sue Gillard, Mike James, and Catherine McNabb for another wonderful evening of pet-related stories and songs.



Dogs can even bring their people! Dr. Madelyn Curll comes with Toto.

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Mike James plays, sings and sometimes howls with the audience.

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Danny Boy and Jennie, shelties belonging to Kay Thorson, enjoy the show and the socializing.

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