



Olympic Mountain PET PALS

Promoting
Spay & Neuter in
Jefferson County
Spring 2014

Veterinarian Ginny Johnson Honored for Her “Heart of Service”

Reducing pet homelessness in our community is a team effort. And Pet Pals is especially fortunate that our team includes Dr. Ginny Johnson, who has one of the most generous hearts for animals we know. With great appreciation, we recently nominated her for Jefferson County’s Heart of Service award. We are thrilled—but not surprised—that she won the award.

Dr. Ginny’s support has been essential to the success of Pet Pals over the past decade. In the time that she has been involved with our programs, she has provided veterinary services for thousands of animals, at a substantial discount to us. Her generous donation of time and services means that we have never had to turn away anyone who applies for help with their pets or for homeless cats in their neighborhood.

Our letter of nomination also recognized her service to other organizations in Jefferson County. Because of her commitment to homeless animals, every dog and cat who arrives at the local animal shelter receives a free medical exam if needed and Dr. Ginny also provides medical care at a discount for these animals. When animals are struggling at the shelter to become socialized or they have other special needs, Dr. Ginny often brings them to her clinic and helps them find homes.

Beyond our own county, she provides medical services for Peninsula Friends of Animals, Rescue Every Dog, and Welfare for Animals Guild. These organizations offered letters of support for our nomination of Dr. Ginny. The many hours she spends volunteering services throughout the Olympic Peninsula are in addition to maintaining her own veterinary practice in Port Hadlock. Those who wrote to support Dr. Ginny’s nomination spoke of the warmth and compassion she brings to that work as well.

At the core of Dr. Johnson’s work with animals is a commitment to the welfare of community pets, support for their families, and advocacy for homeless animals in Jefferson County. When she received her award at a luncheon hosted by the Peninsula Daily News, Pet Pals board members were there to cheer for one of our beloved heroes and to say thank you for her heart of service.



**Veterinarian Dr. Ginny Johnson
receives the Jefferson County Heart
of Service Award**

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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

From the President

As I'm writing for the spring newsletter, I'm thinking about what a great time I had at our annual Short Tails event on April 25. I saw all shapes and sizes of dogs in the audience with their owners, happy pets in loving homes – exactly what our vision is for all animals in our community.

Sharing with the audience the accomplishments of our small organization over the last 12 years always makes me stop and think what a great difference we've made for our community.

- Nearly 3,800 pets from low income families and 2,000 community cats spayed or neutered.
- About \$48,000 to date allocated to Ginger's Fund helping defray expenses for emergency vet bills for low income clients.
- Twenty therapy dogs working at libraries, schools, and assisted living facilities to make learning easier and living a little brighter for kids and seniors.
- A local shelter that acknowledges the vital role we play in making the shelter sustainable so animals do not have to be euthanized or turned away simply because of lack of space.
- Local actors and other artists donating their time and talent to help us in our efforts to fund these services.

It all happens because of our supporters, including the friends who made possible our largest matching grant ever last year. Their \$10,000 pledge was matched and exceeded, making 2013 our best fundraising year ever. Our collaborative efforts with other non-profits were recognized through a \$5,000 grant from P.T. Friends of the Arts. We believe our partnerships with Key City Public Theatre, P.T. Shorts, the Port Townsend Film Festival, local schools and libraries and individual local artists add value to our community on many levels.

Our talented and very much "working" Board of Directors contribute across the board. They raise funds, trap cats, keep books, write press releases, coordinate outreach programs, manage the website and database and write thank-you letters. Our amazing local vets make it all possible. Dr. Ginny Johnson of Hadlock Veterinary Clinic has been with us since the beginning and we are thrilled she was honored with the Jefferson County Heart of Service Award in May. Our spay/neuter coordinator, Pam Gray, is one of a kind and we could never have accomplished this much without her dedication and hard work.

And finally the core of our success is our loyal supporters like you who sustain our efforts with generous donations and kind words. We can't thank you enough for sharing our vision and helping to make it all possible.

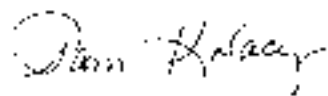



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Celebrating 2,000 Cats!

His name is simply "Outside Kitty," and he has no idea that he is a VIC—a Very Important Cat. But for Pet Pals, this feral cat represents a significant milestone. He's the 2,000th cat to be fixed through our Community Cat Program since we began keeping records 12 years ago.

The homeless cat was lucky enough to wander onto the Quilcene property of 87-year-old Nancy Stickney and her partner Ted Paine. Nancy had trapped a cat several years ago and had him neutered through our Community Cat program. So she knew just what to do when Outside Kitty showed up. Although the gray and white male was "somewhat tame," he avoided the trap for three weeks. Once he was safely inside the humane trap, Nancy took him to Hadlock Veterinary Clinic to be neutered. "He's done fine ever since," Nancy says. "He comes to eat only at night, but I think he's getting tamer as time goes on."

Nancy and Ted's home is definitely a little slice of cat heaven. They have a beautifully landscaped yard complete with a garden shed which has a cat door and custom-built elevated catwalks and sleeping perches inside. Their tame indoor cats are just as spoiled. They include Chloe, who was a Pet Pals feral foster kitten and Mitzi who was adopted from the shelter.

"I really appreciate all that Pet Pals is doing, especially helping with getting feral cats spayed and neutered," says Nancy.

The commitment of supporters like Nancy have helped us make a significant dent in the number of homeless cats in Jefferson County, according to Community Cat Program Coordinator Phyllis Becker. "It took just five years for us to spay and neuter our first 1,000 cats," she said, "but an additional eight years to reach 2000." She says that the number of people who call to borrow traps has declined significantly. It's proof that our TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program works, and it's one of the main reasons that our shelter is not overrun with cats.

Thank you to Nancy and all of our supporters and donors for making a difference in the lives of cats like "Outside Kitty," and all of the cats in Jefferson County.



Long-time Pet Pals supporter Nancy Stickney trapped our 2,000th community cat, "Outside Kitty."
photo credit: Phyllis Becker

Thank You

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 mousepads.
- **SOS Printing** for printing our newsletter and brochures.

- **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!

In 2013 our vets donated time and services to perform nearly 400 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats and pets in low-income families.

Thank you to **Dr. Ginny Johnson** and **Dr. Cindy Alexander** of Hadlock Veterinary Clinic and **Dr. Jeff Highbarger** of Chimacum Valley Veterinary Hospital for providing the low-cost surgery that makes these programs possible.

Meet Kay, Our Newest Board Member

Kay Adamson moved to Port Townsend in 1985. At that time, there were no pets; only two young boys under the age of two! Pretty soon a kitten lost in the woods behind their house found them and Pepper enjoyed a wonderful life for the next 19 years. Over the years, Kay has rescued 6 cats who lived and thrived with them.

When the boys grew up, Kay decided it was time for a dog and got Bella, a Portuguese Water Dog. She heard about Olympic Mountain Pet Pals when Bella passed her Canine Good Citizen course. The READ to ROVER program sounded like a perfect match for Bella and Kay. Bella passed her Therapy Dog test with flying colors. They joined the READ to ROVER group at Grant Street Elementary School and listened to kids read to them for the next two years. Jasper, a Standard Poodle, joined the family two years ago.

Kay brings accounting and bookkeeping experience to Olympic Mountain Pet Pals. Having worked with many Jefferson County businesses in the last 25 years, she has gained knowledge that will assist in all the financial aspects of the organization. Kay has a huge love of animals and is excited to be a part of helping them through Pet Pals. However, she thinks she may be done with rescuing cats herself!

New board member
Kay Adamson
with Bella and Jasper

Photo credit: Carla Ellis



Setting Records and Saving Animals

This past February was a record-setting month for us, according to our spay/neuter program coordinator Pam Gray. In that one month, 49 family pets were spayed or neutered through our organization.

Many of the animals who are helped by our programs are also helped by good Samaritans in the community. A Port Ludlow resident took in three cats who were dumped on her property. She gave the cats a good home and we helped her make sure they got spayed and neutered.

Another flea-bitten, worm-ridden, starving cat was rescued from neglectful owners. Since her new family was dealing with financial issues of their own, our spay/neuter program helped make it possible for them to keep the cat. And one person paid money to rescue a small dog from an abusive situation. We were more than happy to give her some financial support to make sure that the dog was neutered.

Those are just a few of the stories we hear about people who go the extra mile to help animals in our community. We're proud that Pet Pals makes it possible for caring people to give these pets a better life. And you can feel confident that every dollar you give to Pet Pals not only helps to reduce pet overpopulation, but helps many animals find their way to loving, forever homes.

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Friends of the Arts Awards Grant to Pet Pals

We love promoting local artistic talent, and it has allowed us to put on some incredibly fun fundraisers. In the past three years we've collaborated with the Key City Public Theatre to produce Bark! The Musical, with the Port Townsend Film Festival to present PAX, and with the Port Townsend Friends of the Library to offer the classic film The Incredible Journey.

We've featured artwork of many local artists including Liz Reutlinger, Max Grover, Richard Jesse Watson, and Rainie Keithan and our newsletter features animal photography by Deja Webster. Through work with the schools and the libraries in both Port Townsend and Jefferson County, our READ to ROVER program helps children discover the joy of reading.

It's an all-around win. Our programs have introduced new audiences to local arts organizations, while allowing us to put on extraordinary fundraisers. This year, our efforts were recognized by the Port Townsend Friends of the Arts, which awarded us a \$5,000 grant to support and enhance these and other cultural events. The funds will allow us to create more programs that highlight our local artists and arts organizations while helping us achieve our core mission to reduce pet homelessness.



Through our collaboration with local arts organizations, we've been able to offer special events like Bark!, The Musical which was a partnership with Key City Public Theater

READ to ROVER Kids Visit the School Board

This spring, a group of READ to ROVER teams visited the Chimacum School Board to talk about our program. Each team brought one of their second grade readers from Chimacum Creek Primary School. School board members learned about the program and the benefits of therapy dogs in education from Kim Pratt, CCP Speech and Language Pathologist, and Carla Ellis, READ to ROVER coordinator. The kids read stories that they had written about the dogs and then gave board members booklets that they had illustrated with pictures of the dogs. The visit was a success and board members were touched by the obvious affection between the children and their canine reading partners.

Here are some highlights from the READ to ROVER stories



Helen Williams, Dorian,
and Scamper
Photo credit: Kim Pratt

Bryce wrote: Kali was born in Kalispell, Montana. Her first three years she was on a boat. I think she ate fish for three years. Kali hit me with her tail twice one day because she wanted me to stay and read more. I like READ to ROVER because you get to pet the dogs and read to them. It is easier to read in front of dogs and the READ to ROVER people because you get to practice reading in a crowd. Every time I read I learn different words.

Dorian wrote: My READ to ROVER team is Helen and Scamper. I like READ to ROVER because Scamper is always snuggling with me. When I don't know a word, Helen helps me with the word. Scamper likes to listen to chapter books. READ to ROVER helps me with my speech.



Pat Swain, Kali, and Bryce
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Congratulations to Dr. Madelyn Curll, new owner of Oak Bay Animal Hospital
Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis
Deja View Photography
Robert and Barbara Gray
Shary Irwin's 70th Birthday
Jan Schroeder
Kate Schuman and Lillie
Barbara Walker



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The Keough Family

Lani and Greg McCarry
Martha, Grace, Ben and Paul Krabill
Jane Krabill
Phoebe and Darcy from Daily Bird Pottery. After the loss of my beloved dog Capone, they graciously sculpted a beautiful likeness of him for me.

Dave Lindsey
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Lisa Enarson and Randy Kraxberger
Beloved cat Gus of Berry and Sam Shoen

Pam and Keith Kolacy

Cat Bootsie
Bernice Martell

My cat Joey
Sandy Guinup

Our dog Flora
Diane and Clinton Hurd

Our dog Shadow
Susann Meyer and John Raymond

My cat Smoke
Maria Holtgrave

Dog Muffie
Virginia Macher

Cat Mimi
Lynne Teveliet

Chimacum Creek Read to Rover Team members: Laura Tucker and Sparky Shirley Williams and Otis Helen Williams and Scamper Maggie Smith and Franna Felecia Allen and Shakira Pat Swain and Kali Georgia Towle with Liberty, Onxy, and Topaz MJ McCulloch and Franna Ruth Merryman and Sammy Phyllis Taylor and Rudy Connie Jump and Toby

Liz Berman and Dancer Vicki and Gene Cox with Obie Peg Furey and Zyp
Carla Ellis and Rick Floyd
Our Guiding Eyes pups Mokey, Gerald, Fergus, Ralston and especially Lincoln, whose unwillingness to be a guide has been our special gift
Patricia Hale

IN MEMORY OF...

Aunt Audrey

Jan Schroeder
Bob Biffle, beloved father of Robin Biffle
Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis

Donna Puckett
Jan Schroeder

Erica Springstead
Linda Jeannotte

My father-in-law Leonard Moody

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Mengia Obermuller, angel to the street animals of Baja
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Ronald Barclay

Blackberry, beloved cat of Ginny and Mark Messina
Lynn Myhal

Brenna, an adorable and loving Cocker Spaniel who received all of the best attention a dog could ever need from Sandra Peterson

Madelyn Curll
Buster, best friend of John Walsh

Madelyn Curll
Dave Lindsey's dog Capone

Carrie Andrew and Ross Goodwin

Our beloved dog Capt. Hastings

Nancy and Ray Steinberg
Chelsea the lap dog of Michele and Fred Bailey
Christine Adams
Border Collie Robbie
Elaine and Bill Eppick
Buddy, beloved dog of Jessie Short

Madelyn Curll
Buddy
Nels O. Lindh
Butterfly
Claudia and John Davis

Cabo, beloved dog of Margaret Schonfield and Merilee Clunis
John Bodger and Selden McKee
Randi and Lindsay Winter

Charlie Mingus, beloved cat of Priscilla Jensen
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Audrey Pedersen

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Marguerite and Edouard Galfre
Joan Michaeledes
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Chelsea, a wonderful boy cat whose owners Jim and Trish Tyler commend him for his unconditional love
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Cyrus who was affable, happy, and beautiful, of Gayle and Bill Kaune

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Kit Kat of Judith Toledano. No more traumatic loss could any cat lover suffer.
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Kojak of The Monroes, no bigger or sweeter heart ever pumped in a dog's chest
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Louise, a sweet cat belonging to Christal and Ralph Ericksen
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Lulu beloved dog of Sandy White owner of Lulu's B&B
Taylor Worth
Mark and Sandra Tallarico's Maggie; no dog was ever loved more, she left us way too young

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Marsha Wiener's dog Sunny
Roger and Susie Contor

Meko of Robert and Tsugino Schreyer, Meko was a sweet little darling feline..a joy to all who knew her

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Mr. Boots, beloved cat of Todd and Lori Oberlander; no one has ever loved a cat more
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Murphy
Diane Golden
Nick, the best dog in the world, of Tom Dillon
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Pablo, Valerie Vala's beloved Labrador
Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis

Dog Penny, beloved companion of Jennifer Register
Donna Register

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Pippie, wonder dog of Phil and Vera Williams
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Rickles, seeing eye dog of Donna Bodkins
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Pat and Paul Aniotzbehere's dog Spanky
Shirley and George Williams

Spike, the best dog that ever lived of Joy Stewart
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Our beloved Patches
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Nancy and Richard Schneider
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My dog Pinks
Bob Podrat

Dog Ruby "Rubster" of Nancy and Dick Schneider
Jerry and Diane Purdy

Takai, a very patient cat of Sandra Flaherty
Madelyn Curll
Dog Tasha of Chris Taylor and her daughter
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Timber, a beautiful and brave male dog belonging to the McClaves
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Dog Trini
Joyce Malloy

Dog Wolley, best buddy to Dana, Kurt, and Tate Munnich
Cathy and Steve Tucker

Xena, beautiful and sweet doggie companion to Jack O'Connor
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My dogs Oliver, Patches and Happy
Marcia Jones Hartshorn

Rae Watkins' precious dog Ahna Belle
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Our "kids"
Jean and Keith Marzan
Pet Iphigenia
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Pets Emma, Truman and Kritto
Ellen and Larry Crockett

Sweet Ivan
Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis

Missy and Ruthie
Barbara McColgan

Best Corgi ever, Wuffa of Carlyn Stark
Madelyn Curll
Sally Rodgers

Dog Zoe
Macy Galbreath and Bill Rothert

George, a cat with an attitude, but well-loved by Bob Schwiesow & Anne Hironelle
Kate Schumann

Tulip, a dear sweet READ to ROVER dog of Laura Burn
Kate Schumann

Short Tails: A Howling Good Time



Catherine McNabb as Henri gives us some thoughts and all of the attitude of le Chat Noir
photo credit: Carla Ellis

A special thank you to Director Deb Hammond for putting together such an entertaining program and to Craig Dotson of Bonita's Four Legged Friends for providing cat treats.

Dogs and their people enjoyed a fun evening of stories, poems, and treats this past April at Short Tails, Jefferson County's most dog-friendly event.

Local actors Deb-Kat Hammond, Catherine "McCat" McNabb, Marshall "Ruff" Brennan and Andrew "Spot" Tree, all veterans of PT Shorts, read short stories along with poetry by distinguished cat poets.

Highlights of the program included the thoughts of Henri, le Chat Noir, poems by Shakespeare's cat, Longfellow's cat, Elizabeth Barrett Browning's cat, and Kipling's cat, and dog stories by Mary Oliver and James Herriot. Human and canine guests snacked on homemade cookies and we provided takeaway treats for stay-at-home cats.

Audience enjoyment
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Deb Hammond, with Marshall Brennan and Andrew Tree waiting their turns.
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Yummy homemade dog treats
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