



Olympic Mountain PET PALS

*Dedicated to better lives
for companion animals.*

Promoting
Spay & Neuter in
Jefferson County
Fall 2016



Kittens Born to Feral Mom Become Adoptable (and Adorable) Pets

In early May, Humane Society of Jefferson County staff member Karynna Eichmann learned of a feral cat having recently given birth to a litter of kittens outside an unoccupied residence in Port Hadlock. She contacted Phyllis Becker, who is the coordinator of our Trap-Neuter-Return program, for advice. Phyllis recommended that the entire cat family be trapped right away, so that mom and the kittens could be in a warm safe environment and the kittens could be socialized.



Momma cat and kitten
photo credit: Phyllis Becker

Karynna and Phyllis used this strategy: The five tiny kittens were retrieved from the blackberry canes where they were born and put into a cat carrier. A trap was attached to the carrier so that the feral mom cat could be contained when she tried to access the kittens. The plan worked! The cat family was then moved to Phyllis's garage, where they lived for two months in a large cage complex.

Mom cat remained feral, but the kittens, who experienced frequent

interactions with humans almost from birth, were never afraid of people. They were spayed/neutered before being taken to the Humane Society's shelter in Port Townsend. Mom was spayed and returned to her old neighborhood where she is being fed by a caring resident.



Trapping the family
photo credit: Phyllis Becker



Two of the adoptable kittens
photo credit: Phyllis Becker

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

From the President

Collaboration, outreach, proven effectiveness and compassion. These are key elements of our work at Olympic Mountain Pet Pals.

OMPP provided financial and volunteer support for the recent "Spay To Save" day at Center Valley Animal Rescue. You'll read more about this effort in another article but this is the latest example of our **collaboration** with other animal organizations and non-profits to further our mission to end animal homelessness in Jefferson County. We are also a proud partner with the Humane Society of Jefferson County, helping to enable our local shelter to sustain a "live release" rate of over 95%.

Dogs and cats are called upon to help humans in numerous ways. Court systems have begun providing canine volunteers to help calm witnesses who are facing difficult testimony in court. Animals give medical alerts to owners, help those with challenges navigate through life, provide prisoners with purpose, and give comfort to hospice patients in addition to bringing joy to their owners in all aspects of daily life. Our own **outreach** programs provide an opportunity for dogs to receive therapy dog training and then to assist kids and seniors through READ to ROVER and Pets to People.

The numbers don't lie, and show the **effectiveness** of our low cost spay/neuter and our feral/community cat trap, neuter and return programs. Since inception of the programs we've provided free spay/neuter services to 4,600 low-income family pets in Jefferson County and provided spay/neuter to 2,179 feral/community cats. Had these services not been provided, the number of homeless pets in the County would be staggering.

And it all adds up to **compassion** – compassion for families who are struggling but want to do the right thing for their pets, compassion for cats that have been abandoned by their owners, feral kittens who are rescued in time to be tamed as pets, and compassion for kids and seniors who benefit from our outreach programs. We appreciate our compassionate veterinarians who work with us to provide services at and below cost through our spay/neuter and Ginger's Fund programs.

Above all, we value the compassion of our supporters. Thank you for recognizing the importance of our programs, for caring about families and animals in Jefferson County. Thank you for supporting local organizations helping local people and pets and recognizing that your funds are administered with the lowest possible overhead by dedicated volunteers. Thank you for remembering your pets and the pets of friends and loved ones through memorial donations. Our gratitude is immense and with your help, we will continue to dedicate ourselves to collaboration, outreach and effectiveness. It's all about making life better for families and companion animals in Jefferson County. **You make it happen!**



Pam and her cat, Ollie

- Pam Kolacy

Fabulous Community Support

Olympic Mountain Pet Pals is extremely gratified by all the support we receive from the local community - often unsolicited. The **Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** designated their offerings from their April 24th services as a donation to Pet Pals. The congregation generously contributed \$818! READ to ROVER dog, Sunny, especially enjoyed attending their morning service and meeting members of the congregation.

In March and April, the Port Townsend **Food Coop** invited Pet Pals to be one of the three non-profits to participate in their Beans for Bags program for those two months. In this program, shoppers who bring their own reusable bags can ask for beans to drop in the jars provided. We are grateful to all the Food Coop shoppers who chose to fill our jar - to the tune of \$577.70!

Pet Pals board member, Kay Adamson, happened upon some art objects that were being discarded. She decided to rescue them and include them in a neighborhood garage sale to benefit Pet Pals. These interesting items, that otherwise would have ended up in the dump, brought in \$175.75. As a side benefit, the sale educated a lot of people about Pet Pals and distributed a bunch of past newsletters. Kay thinks that people may have paid more for this stuff because it was supporting a non-profit and that it was a non-profit for animals. People in our community love helping dogs and cats.

Recently, the **Quilcene-Brinnon Garden Club** invited us to submit a proposal for funding. This was a new opportunity that was presented to us that we hadn't been aware of previously. The garden club membership approved a grant of \$170 to support our spay and neuter operations.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you can read about the creative way that the **Jefferson County Realtors** devised to raise funds for the READ to ROVER program at Chimacum Creek Primary School and the annual fall sale at **Secret Gardens Nursery** to offer discounts on plants for donations to animal groups. Last year, their sale raised \$300 for Pet Pals.

Finally, we again thank the **HTB Family Fund** for continuing to support our low-income Spay/Neuter and Community Cats programs through their annual grants program.

Thank you to everyone in our community for all the many different ways in which you offer your support.



Garage sale items sold for Pet Pals

photo credit: Kay Adamson

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
- **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.
- **The Food Co-op** for including us in their Beans for Bags program.
- **Helmsman Financial** for help with our accounts.
- **Secret Gardens Nursery**, owned by Sheila Piccini, for hosting the annual plant sale to benefit animal groups.

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, Dr. Cindy Alexander and Dr. Melissa Steinmetz of **Hadlock Veterinary Clinic**,

Dr. Jeff Highbarger of **Chimacum Valley Veterinary Hospital**,

Dr. Madelyn Curll of **Oak Bay Animal Hospital**

Pet Pals Collaborates on Spay and Neuter Clinic

Spay To Save, Center Valley Animal Rescue and Olympic Mountain Pet Pals teamed up for the first spay/neuter clinic held at Center Valley Animal Rescue's new medical room. Spay To Save brought their mobile van, their own veterinarian and technician. Dr. Robert Nathan did surgeries in Center Valley's medical room with the help of Sara Penhallegon from Center Valley, as well as Peggy and Alana from Chimacum Valley Vet Clinic.



Inside the van with the Spay To Save team



Spay To Save Van at Center Valley

The clinic was a great success with 35 animals total, 11 dogs and 24 cats. It was great of Spay To Save to be willing to conduct a clinic at Center Valley. The Spay/Neuter van is amazingly equipped with space for two doctors to do surgeries along with "holding" kennels and preparation/recovery space. This was a learning experience for all of us who had not participated in a clinic of this sort.

The pets were dropped off in the morning - 8:45 or so - and picked up in the afternoon. Dogs were to be picked up about an hour earlier than the cats. All pets got plenty of attention both before and after their surgery as there were volunteers to monitor the animals as they were coming out of anesthesia. Even though so many animals were done that day, nothing felt extremely rushed. It was a bit hectic when pets were being dropped off, but everyone was patient and no paperwork was lost.



Dr. Nathan doing a surgery



Inside the new Center Valley medical room with Sara, Alana, and pooch

Along with volunteer time, Olympic Mountain Pet Pals contributed funding for clients who could not pay and for feral cats brought into the clinic. These funds also paid for flea treatments and use of the clinic.

Center Valley plans to offer clinics on a monthly basis in their new facility. Their next clinic is scheduled for October 26. Call 360-765-0598 for information. Pet Pals hopes to establish an on-going partnership with CVAR to offer financial support for their low-income spay/neuter clinics since this event seemed to fill a need, especially for the southern part of East Jefferson County. It was a success and a wonderful learning experience on how to hold such clinics in the future.



Pet Pals volunteer, Donna Regester, monitors a dog during recovery

Fall Gardening Helps Local Animals



Gardening for Pets
photo credit: Helen Williams

Once again, our friends at Secret Gardens Nursery (located at 13570 Airport Cutoff Rd.) are holding a plant sale to raise money for local animal groups, including Pet Pals. All plants will be 20% off whether or not you donate, but with a small donation, you'll reap even more savings.

Donate \$10.00 and receive an additional 10% off (i.e., 30% off) on all plants.

Donate \$20.00 and receive an additional 20% off (i.e., 40% off) on all plants.

Donate \$40.00 and receive an additional 40% off (i.e., 60% off) on all plants.

When you make your purchase, you can specify that you'd like the donation to go to Pet Pals. Donations and discounted plants must be paid for by cash or check. This sale will last until the end of the year and once you make your donation you can return to buy plants as many times as you like and receive your discount. It's a great way to help animals while you brighten up your end of the year garden.

READ to ROVER Dogs Do Shakespeare

Denise Winter, Director & Artistic Director of Key City Public Theatre, selected "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" for this summer's Shakespeare in the Park production. It presented a somewhat unusual casting challenge – a canine to play the role of Crab the Dog who belongs to Launce, one of the gentlemen's manservants. Without doing open auditions in this dog-friendly town, where does one find a candidate pool of well-behaved dogs that fit the character? It's not a minor part – Crab appeared in the opening and closing scenes as well as being a key player in 4 other scenes featuring Launce (played by Lawrason Driscoll). Crab had to look like a servant's dog (not too fancy), be big (to fit the line "a dog as big as ten of yours, and

therefore the gift the greater"), and be immune to distractions like the kids and dogs in the Chetzamoka Park outdoor audience. To find the right kind of dogs, Denise turned to the Pet Pals therapy dog program because of our training and testing requirements as well as the jobs these dogs do on a regular basis interacting with the public.

For the 12 performances during the month of August, the role of Crab was shared by Darby, a Shiloh Shepherd owned by Lana O'Neill, and Sunny, a Golden Retriever owned by Carla Ellis. Lawrie's talent in improvising with the various behaviors offered by the dogs turned them into scene-stealing performances.

Both dogs participate in READ to ROVER at Chimacum Creek Primary School and visit assisted living centers in our Pets to People program. You never know what adventures await when you become a Pet Pals therapy dog team! Now Darby and Sunny can add "Shakespearean actor" to their illustrious resumes.



**Lawrie and Darby,
packed to leave Verona**
photo credit: Carla Ellis



Sunny, with a little help from his friends
photo credit: Carla Ellis

Remember Pet Pals in Your Annual Giving

With the arrival of the holiday season, we hope the spirit of generosity and gratitude will inspire you to include the Olympic Mountain Pet Pals in your charitable giving plans. Your tax-deductible donations will help low-income families in our community take better care of their beloved pets and will sponsor programs that enrich the lives of school children and seniors. Please support Pet Pals as generously as you can. Thank you!

Starting with the Spring 2017 issue of the Pet Pals newsletter, we will list donors for an entire calendar year (e.g., January - December 2016) in the Spring issues only, rather than listing donors in each newsletter for the period covered by that issue.

"In Honor of" and "In Memory of" gifts will continue to be listed in every issue.

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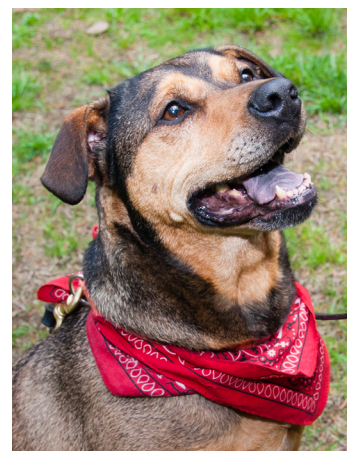
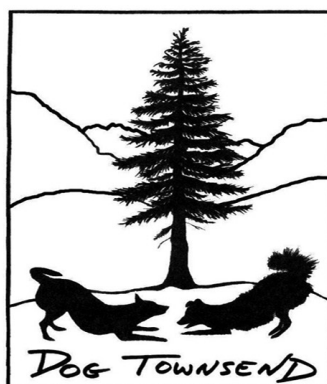


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Corine de Boer and Jak Mang

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Phyllis and Paul Becker

Kea, beloved dog of Rick and Cynthia Landis
Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis

Our Kitty, she came for a visit and never left
Kenneth and Christine Hohman

Lavinia, beloved Pets to People dog of Jay and Cheryl Lowenstein
Carla Ellis and Rick Floyd
Sally Rodgers

Remembering Our Pets

Losing a beloved pet can be devastating but it helps to know that others care about your loss. Contributing a memorial gift to Olympic Mountain Pet Pals in honor of a friend's dear companion both expresses your sympathy and helps local animals. When we receive a gift in memory or in honor of a pet or person, we acknowledge that gift to the family with a personalized Olympic Mountain Pet Pals card. Please include the name of the pet or person to be remembered and the name and address of the person who should be notified of your donation when you make your contribution. Your kindness will be greatly appreciated.

Leia, beloved dog of the Faire Family
Susan and Mort Robinson

My dog, Leica
Elizabeth Reutlinger

Lucy, beloved Baja dog of Elena and Alex Spear
Kathleen Mitchell and Scott Landis
Sally Rodgers

Lucy, our beloved dog
Wendy and Norman Stevens

Luna, beloved dog of Cindy Horsfall
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Cathy and Steve Tucker
Carol Anne Modena
Kate and Ned Schumann

Tacy, beloved dog of Carrie Andrews
Kate and Ned Schumann



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Jefferson County Realtors Throw Pies to Support READ to ROVER

The Jefferson County Realtors Association found a creative and entertaining way to raise money for READ to ROVER at a recent meeting. Raffle tickets were available for purchase to 35 realtors and 15 affiliate members (lenders, photographers, appraisers, home inspectors). The raffle winners were awarded the chance to toss a pie at their choice of one of the following brave volunteers: Steve Crosland (current president of



Volunteer targets, John Eissinger, Steve Crosland, and Steve Kraght



Good throw!

the board and realtor at Windemere Port Townsend), Steve Kraght (past board president and realtor at John L. Scott Port Townsend), and John Eissinger (realtor at Remax First). The

intended target could pay off the potential pie tosser – for example, “I will donate \$25 more if you don’t throw it” – but nobody took that way out. In addition to being great fun, the activity raised \$640 for READ to ROVER at Chimacum Creek Primary School.

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