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Chico



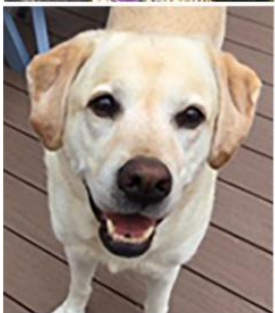
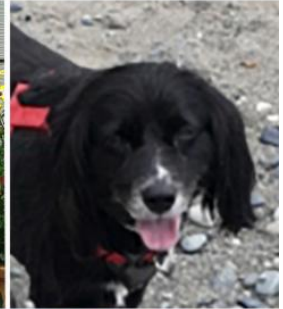
Peetie



Alberta



Miles



Tiki



Cooper



Leo



Belle



Lumie

Honoring the Read to Rover Dogs of Salish Coast Elementary School

Port Townsend Read to Rover Program is Hoping to be Back in the School Library Next Fall

Laura Joshel, who has been coordinating the Read to Rover program at Salish Coast Elementary School for the past three years, is stepping down from this role. She did a wonderful job of revitalizing the Port Townsend program before the COVID shutdowns hit and has continued to contribute virtually with her dog, Chico, in the Zoom-based reading circles. Our thanks to Laura for her excellent volunteer leadership!

We are very pleased to announce that Donna Geer will serve as her replacement. Donna and her dog, Cooper have been a Read to Rover team since the new Salish Coast School opened its doors to volunteers.

Here is what Donna has to say about taking on the coordinator role for Read to Rover at Salish Coast Elementary School:



"I have always wanted to get more involved in this program and while no one can fill Laura's shoes, I am hopeful that I can follow her footsteps and help the Read to Rover program get restarted for in-person reading this fall. It would be great to see all of our volunteer teams (and new ones, as well) back up at the school, listening to the second-graders as they read their books to our dogs, children with one hand turning a page while the other hand is petting the dog that's intently (well, mostly) listening as the child reads out loud. My beagle, Cooper (see him in photo above), and I love Read to Rover and did it for almost two years before we were sidelined due to COVID-19. Children love reading to the dogs and the dogs just love being with the kids. What a treat to witness!

"What gets me up in the morning is volunteering because it's something I can do that's fun for me, uses skills acquired through the years, and hopefully makes a difference in our communities. Isn't that why we all volunteer? I feel so fortunate that I get to do great things like that. So if your dog is looking for a volunteer opportunity and you wouldn't mind coming along for support, we could sure use you! If you and your pup are interested, please contact me at donamgr@gmail.com. We're still figuring out what it will look like this fall, but it's never too early to raise your hand, or paw, to express your interest. Thanks so much for your support and we're hoping to hear from you very soon!"

To learn more about Donna, her interesting pre-retirement background, and her other volunteer activities, please visit our website.

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Our Low-Income Spay and Neuter Partners Can Now Offer Surgeries in Their Own Veterinary Surgical Suites

The Humane Society of Jefferson (HSJC) has finally taken delivery of its newly constructed Veterinary Surgical Trailer. The trailer is located at the animal shelter and is now being used to provide medical care to shelter pets. In addition, HSJC has begun using the facility to offer spay/neuter, vaccination and microchip clinics for lower-income County residents. We are excited to welcome this great new community resource.

Center Valley Animal Rescue (CVAR) continues to provide two or three spay/neuter clinics per month in their on-site surgical unit.



*Dr. Kraft and Devon Carney, LVT
in the HSJC surgical trailer.*

Pet Pals is grateful to our partners for providing this service to the community and happy to provide the funding to sustain these clinics with help from your generous donations.

At our website, you'll find a schedule of upcoming spay and neuter clinics. You can also find the contact information for making an appointment and to determine your eligibility.

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Rave Reviews for Salish Coast Read to Rover Reading Circle

Every Wednesday from October through May, Denise Aedan, Salish Coast School Librarian, invited kids to read their favorite books to a few Read to Rover dogs on Zoom. Over the year, 45 Salish Coast students attended these R2R reading circles!



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Sometimes it is important to have an outlet for expressing your appreciation to a living friend or beloved pet or to express your sympathy when a dear friend experiences a loss of a companion. It helps to know that others care about their loss. Contributing a gift to Olympic Mountain Pet Pals in honor of or in memory of a friend or



*Denise with Lumie, Chico, and Leo on
Zoom.*

Here's what the kids had to say:

"Thank you for being such a good listener! We liked reading to you! You are such good dogs! Woof! Woof!"

"Thank you for bringing all your dogs for us to read to! I like reading better when I can read to a dog!"

"Thank you for participating in Read to Rover. I really love reading to my pets too."

"Thank you for making reading fun! We really like seeing Chico, Lumie, and Leo. We will miss Read to Rover but we will make sure to read to our dogs over the summer."

their animal companion both expresses your feelings and helps local animals.

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