



# 2022 APS-FH Annual Report

*Providing compassionate care and brighter futures for homeless animals.*

# A letter from our President



Peggy & Sable

Nothing compares to coming home and being greeted by a beloved pet. But, did you also know owning a pet can improve your health? Studies show owning a pet can increase physical fitness, lower stress, lower blood pressure and cholesterol, increase happiness and decrease depression, and improve general childhood development.

In my second year as APS-FH Board President, I remain so proud to be a part of an organization

whose mission is to “provide compassionate care and brighter futures for homeless animals” while at the same time bringing the joy of a pet (and apparently good health!) to folks of all ages.

*I am grateful to the many people who support APS-FH:*

**To our staff**, who provide the “compassionate care” so important in our mission statement.

**To Cristin Felso**, our director, and her fabulous hard working and loving staff put the safety and well-being of our animals above all else. They not only provide extraordinary daily care, but they also are responsible for finding just the “right” home for each of our animals. Our staff also supports our adopting families and our community in so many ways, including education and direct assistance.

**To our Board and Advisory Board members**, whose work helps ensure our “homeless animals have brighter futures.”

Particularly, I'd like to thank outgoing board members **Jon Zerby, Toni Bailey, Claudia Salquist** and **Laurie Sager-Devirian**. Although, I am happy to say several are not going far. Jon along with his wife Kris - “Volunteers of the Year” - will continue to oversee our Pet Food Pantry. Toni will continue her invaluable service as a volunteer at Treasure Hounds (stop by and say hi). Claudia will remain with APS-FH as an ex-officio board member.

I'd like to welcome our two new board members and very special friends to APS-FH, **Martha Salot** and **Cindy Koch**. We look forward to working with them and to the additional contributions they will make. Finally, I'd like to welcome **Susan Mazarella** back to our board as our new Vice President. I know APS-FH holds a special place in Susan's heart and she in ours.

**To our volunteers**, who support APS-FH staff and our animals in so many ways. Please read their stories and learn why volunteering at APS-FH is meaningful and fun - you might find something that interests you!

**To our donors large and small**, whose generous gifts make everything we do, possible.

Thanks to our staff, our board, our volunteers and our donors, we have had an exciting year by successfully completing two major projects:

# Board Members

**Peggy Cregor**, *President*

**Susan Mazarella**, *Vice President*

**Amy Saxe-Eyler**, *Treasurer*

**Cinda Pierce**, *Secretary*

**Patt Aiello**

**Tom Cable**

**Peg Gerlock**

**Cindy Koch**

**Martha Salot**

**Rock Sorensen**

**Claudia Salquist**, *Ex Officio*

*Advisory Board*

**Carolyn Haugen**

**Robert McDowell**

**Rebecca Pohlad**

**Don Pollard**

**David Ralston**



Kumo and Sassy

In our 2021 Annual Report, we highlighted the major health issues with our shelter's dog exercise yards. The problem was poor drainage which could leave our puppies with serious diseases.

Our extensive research revealed that there was only one viable solution – artificial turf. Artificial turf is easy to clean and sanitize, provides good drainage, is soft on paws, and feels natural for playing. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to complete the project in spring of 2022.

Also last year, the building which housed Treasure Hounds, our upscale resale shop, was listed for sale. After much study and deliberation, we purchased the building, thus ensuring this very important funding resource will continue. You can read more about Treasure Hounds later in this report.

I hope our “2022 Annual Report” provides you with more information about all the work we are doing at APS-FH and all of the people who help make it possible.

Please take a special look at the pictures...In the “Happily Home” stories, you can literally see the joy and peace in the animals' faces and the love in the hearts of those who have adopted a pet.

Finally, we hope that you will support APS-FH again this year. We live in a very special place and we are grateful to be a part of it.

*We can't do this without you!*

# A letter from our Executive Director Cristin Felso

Over the past few years, APS-FH has gone through a period of self-reflection and growth. In 2019 during a two-day staff retreat, we reviewed and rated APS-FH shelter operations using a tool for self-assessment and improvement, "The ASV Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters." We found there were things we were doing well and areas where we could improve. Since then, we have developed and written over one hundred policies and procedures that now guide the quality, consistency, and integrity of our service delivery.

We are fortunate to have an incredible team of passionate, skilled, and dedicated staff and volunteers who deliver on the promises we make to our community and our animals we protect. We could not exist without you.

Gratitude goes to those who founded APS-FH, created its mission providing services to our animals and community and helped build this beautiful shelter. From this solid foundation, we have been able to turn our focus outward, developing new and enhancing our existing community services and building partnerships to serve even more companion animals and their humans.

Established in 2021, the APS-FH Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic has become a valuable countywide resource serving animals and people from Orcas, Lopez, and San Juan Islands. In 2023, our goal is to provide twice-a-year Pet Wellness Clinics for qualifying low-income households.

We are proud to be building a network of San Juan County, North Central, and Eastern Washington shelter/rescue partners that is expanding our capacity to save more

animals across Washington State; addressing the significant overpopulation of homeless animals that exists in our state.

In 2022, we embarked on a major fundraising effort to complete the shelter's dog yards as they were originally intended. Thanks to all who supported this campaign. We were able to install high-quality dog turf in the yards and the health, safety, and enjoyment for the dogs is vastly improved.

When the condo that houses our Treasure Hounds store went up for sale, we took out a loan to purchase it. The store is a significant source of funding for APS-FH and a sound investment. Treasure Hounds provides 24% of APS-FH's operating funds. We love that this is funding generated by the community who donate home good items, those who shop with us, and the incredible team of volunteers who help run the store. Thank you for your generosity!

The economy is a bit worrisome this year. We are all facing increasing costs and particularly, for APS-FH, our pet food and medical supply costs have skyrocketed. We have built out our services considerably over the past few years. Our plan for 2023 is to build deep, fine tune operations and assure we are delivering the highest quality of all our services.

Your support is our catalyst. We hope you are inspired by this report to begin, continue, or renew your support of APS-FH. Every gift matters and every gift is appreciated!



APS-FH Staff

Left to right - back row: Diana O'Brian, Megan Perry, Cristin Felso, Dr. Merriss Waters, Beth Anderson  
Left to right - front row: Emily Smith, Brittney DuCote (Willow & Stuart), Alex Forgie-Williams. Not pictured: Skyler Sanders

# Happily Home Stories

## Kumo



Adopted February 2022, Rambunctious Puppy - local stray turned surrender with the rest of his littermates.

Kumo goes by many nicknames, his current name is Papas meaning potatoes in Spanish because he's a total couch potato! He loves snuggling and laying his head on your lap (especially if you have food). He has been so loving and loyal, though currently he is in his prime teen months so can be rebellious at times but is ALWAYS motivated by the right treats.

Right now, we're working on recall, impulse control, and greeting people nicely. Recently he graduated valedictorian in his puppy classes! His love language is nipping your hand softly, but he knows now to greet you with a toy in his mouth.

If you follow Kumo on Instagram, you'll quickly see he loves other dogs. He has lots of friends who luckily live nearby and have backyards. We joke that he has SO many girlfriends because the majority of his closest doggy friends are females who are obsessed with playing with him.

Raising him has been challenging at times but worthwhile! He has been working so hard and adjusting well to the city life. Thank you for our wonderful Kumo!

**Melissa and Adolfo Garcia**

## Bagel



Adopted August 2022, FIV+ Senior Cat - Local surrender who was discovered to be FIV+ after intake. FIV is a contagious autoimmune deficiency virus, but cats can live long, healthy happy lives if given proper care and support.

Bagel came to us as a man of few words. We were worried about how long it would take the newest member of our family to adapt to his surroundings, and we'll admit, it took him a little while. Almost 10 minutes! Bagel brightens our days with lots and lots of energetic talking, headbutts, subsonic rumbling purrs, and the occasional foot in your mouth if you take too long to wake up in the morning. We, in turn, shower him with pets and Greenies, and the attention of two devout cat-lovers. Despite his quirks, such as eating only the geometric center of his food bowl, and lovingly rubbing snot on your arm, we couldn't imagine a better cat.

Bagel will curl up next to you to watch a movie or sit on a chair at the dinner table. He loves being as close to you as he can. We couldn't be happier with this little old man joining our family, and are delighted and honored to be the ones that get to care for him.

Here are some of our favorites of Bagel. Hard to pick just one! We are so delighted with our experience with the animal shelter and are so thankful we found Bagel.

**Alex Love and Cole Bild**

## Dakota



Adopted April 2022, Foster Fail - Local surrender originally adopted from Mexico as a puppy. Dakota waited 4 months at the shelter, until one of the dog walking volunteers decided to take him home for a weekend shelter break... he never came back.

We began fostering Dakota last April in the hopes of helping out APS-FH, but also in the hopes of giving our solo pup (Lucky) another doggy friend to play with. After just a couple days, Dakota quickly worked his way into our hearts, becoming instantaneous best friends with Lucky AND ultimately, an irreplaceable part of our family. We officially adopted him a few weeks later and we are so happy to be his "forever home." This past July, we welcomed another member to our family... this time, a sweet little baby boy. Dakota absolutely adores the baby and insists on giving him kisses and cuddling up next to him whenever possible. We like to jokingly call his behavior "Daycare by Dakota" because he's taken a special interest in loving on our baby any chance he can get. When he's not playing with Lucky, chasing the ball outside, or cuddled up next to the baby, he's usually laying on our laps or snuggled in the covers of our bed. We love him dearly and we are proud to call him our "foster fail."

**Casey, Madigan, and Lucky Stehly**

*The animals pictured were compassionately sheltered and cared for at APS-FH, then adopted into loving homes.*

Their ability to forgive the hardships they have experienced and to open their hearts to love again is remarkable. We stay in touch with their adopters and get to hear about the many ways they touch the lives of the people who take them home.

## Aries & Cassiopeia



*Adopted June 2022, Bonded Pair of Kittens - Originally transferred from Eastern WA rescue with their mama. Aries and Cassiopeia were undersocialized and on top of that had to endure a lengthy Ringworm treatment.*

My brother Aries and I are very content in our new home. We love to spend at least half a day out in our Catio, and we come inside with dirt on our paws. We love it! We wash ourselves with water from the toilet. Both dad and mom aren't too thrilled, but they'll get over it! We love to turbo and chase each other around the house and wrestle a lot. Aries is a fraidy cat, but I am much more outgoing. It's good to be a cat here!

**Love Cassie,  
Joanne and James Richardson**

## Oliver



*Adopted 2021, transported from Texas*

I adopted Oliver (who was about 4 years old at the time) in May 2021. I had put in an order at the shelter for the sort of doggie that I was looking for, and he arrived shortly thereafter. He came to the island as an import from Texas, with a history that appeared to involve some not-so-happy times there. It was love at first sight for both of us, and it even turned out — unlike any other dog I've ever owned — that he also adores my two cats (both rescues from APS as well) and often curls up right next to one or the other of them! He also gives all of us frequent kisses. Oliver definitely seems to have forgotten his troubled Texas past and is forever "happily home" with me.

**Lori Stokes**

## Libby & Hugh



*Adopted August 2022, Bonded pair of senior Poodles - Originally transferred from Texas after they were pulled from a kill shelter as a surrendered bonded pair. Their previous life before entering the shelter system was relatively unknown, but it was clear that they were frightened in their new situation and were in need of some TLC.*

We have been wanting to reach out to convey our gratitude for all the people and other resources that brought Hugh and Libby so safely to us. The dogs love to "go on a trip." They have come to enjoy the finer points of outdoor cafe lounging. As you can imagine, they are oogled by passersby who admire them with delight. Our friends who drink coffee with us on Saturday mornings are jealous of each other depending on whose turn it is to hold a poodle.

One of my favorite sports now is passing poodles back and forth with my hubby as we sit in our side-by-side armchairs. Libby and Hughie want to be conjoined if possible, and so both are either with me in my chair or both are with David in his chair. We snuggle switch, snuggle switch.

Today I found a jogging stroller at Consignment Treasures. This is going to be fun!

Thank you for all your support that makes this possible.

**David and Amy Harold**

## Aurora (aka Timber)



*Adopted 2022, Island kitten - Timber was found at the end of Timber Lane on the Island as a solo kitten begging for help. A local couple rescued her and brought her into the shelter where she was evaluated. Timber may not have lasted another night in the woods alone. She was cold, emaciated, and completely helpless. Her foster mom nursed her back to health and they created such a bond that she never left her home.*

I certainly wasn't intending to adopt a 5th cat, and of course Elphie, Legolas and Weasley can never be replaced. But Timber decided long ago that this is her home, and she isn't going anywhere. Not to mention the fact that she is finally warming up to Kraig (as long as there is food involved), she still has the same adorable high-pitched squeaky meow she had as a tiny kitten, she looks like a fox with her bushy bi-colored tail, and I already changed her name a month ago to Aurora — named after the Finnish legend about how the fox painted the aurora borealis with her tail.

Poor little Timber was such a traumatized, terrified kitten and while she loves all of us, she is still scared of people she doesn't know, or people wearing hats, people wearing shoes, loud noises, the wind, the coffee grinder... While she may have eventually trusted someone else in a new home, she is just so happy here that I never would have forgiven myself if I had sent her away. Besides, the rest of the cats have made it very clear that she is part of the family, and who am I to argue with 4 spoiled felines? So Aurora, welcome, officially, to the family. Bo, Jack, Very Little, and Saturna — you win this one. I hope you enjoy your Halloween present.

**Cindy and Craig Hansen**

## Intake **226**

Dogs **117** Cats **131**

Transferred in:  
Dogs **49**, Cats **58**

Surrendered:  
Dogs **14**, Cats **27**

Strays:  
Dogs **54**, Cats **46**  
(includes island kittens)

## Pet Food Pantry\*

Avg. supported  
monthly  
**67** People  
having **49** Dogs  
& **240** Cats

## Animal Care

Fostered **77**  
Microchipped **167**  
Spayed/Neutered  
Dogs **70**, Cats **168**



Mariner Puppy

## 2022 at a Glance

# Impact

### Spayed/Neutered Breakdown

Shelter Dogs	<b>38</b>	TNR Cats	<b>10</b>	Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic:
Shelter Cats	<b>93</b>	Other Shelter's Cats	<b>16</b>	Owned Dogs <b>32</b> , Owned Cats <b>49</b>

## Outcomes

Adoption  
Dogs **59**, Cats **107**

Transferred Out Dogs **4**, Cats **1**

Strays Reunited Dogs **49**, Cats **4**

Humane Euthanasia Cats **5**

Other Cats **2**

## What's Going on Nationally?

Data from "Shelter Animals Count" - The national database of sheltered animal statistics

### 3rd Quarter Insights:

- There are 7.3% more animals entering shelters than leaving so far this year, up from 6% in the Q2 report (Jan-Jun). While this is forecasted to improve slightly by the end of the year at 5%, this is still the largest gap in the past 4 years
- Stray dogs and owner surrendered cats are entering shelters at their highest rate in 4 years
- Compared to 2019, the number of animals entering shelters has decreased 17%, while total outcomes have decreased at an even higher rate of 20%, meaning more animals are staying in shelters now than before the pandemic

\* Other Pet Food Pantry Stats: program patrons are approx. 50% men/50% women, 50% are age 60+, 1/3 are also served by the Food Bank, 3 people receive food delivered to their homes through a Pet Food Pantry (APS-FH)/Meals on Wheel collaboration

# Adoption Process

We view adoptions as “matchmaking”. We try to make the perfect “match” so the animal has the happily-ever-after home they deserve and you bring home the pet that is the right fit for you, your lifestyle and your family.

Our Adoption Team will advocate for the pet’s needs and be transparent about their medical and behavioral history. The entire process can take some time, but it’s well worth it!

The following is our step-by-step process to adopt a rescue pet from APS-FH.

1. Visit the shelter, social media pages and/or our website to view available pets for adoption.
2. Submit an application online or in person for the pet that interests you.
3. Applications are thoughtfully and

carefully reviewed by our Adoption Team to make the best match possible for both you and the pet.

4. Once the application is reviewed, a meet and greet appointment is made for a one-on-one visit with the dog at APS-FH during business hours. Cats housed at the shelter are available for drop-in visits during business hours. If the dog or cat is with a foster parent, arrangements will be made with the foster parent for you to meet the pet.
5. After the review and initial meet and greet, follow-up conversations and/or counseling sessions with an Adoption Team Member may take place. Additional meet and greet sessions may be required for specific placements or multi-pet households. You may want to come back for another visit with the pet



*Diana O'Brian behind the camera taking a photo of Libby - her gift of photography helps these animals find their way home. "When I can capture the animals greeting, snuggling, and walking with people and kids, it really shows off all their great characteristics."*

6. Final step..Adoption! If we don't have a match, we will keep your application on file until the right pet comes along. Always feel free to come and talk to us about your future pet! We are here to answer all your questions. We love matchmaking!

*APS-FH is committed to providing our shelter pets with loving and forever homes.*



*Elsa Kindelberger*



*Bryce Rhodes*

## Thank You to Our Special Friday Harbor High School Volunteers

Each year we are fortunate to have local high school students select APS-FH as the organization with which to partner for their community service projects. This year, Elsa Kindelberger and Bryce Rhodes chose to do a food drive for the APS-FH Pet Food Pantry (PFP).

The students designed marketing materials, colorfully decorated donation collection boxes, and outreached to local businesses; Kings Market, Friday Harbor Market Place, and Friday Harbor Pet Supplies, who agreed to support their efforts by hosting donation boxes in their stores.

The drive ran for two weeks, culminating in 228 total items donated including 187 cans of cat and dog food, 120.15 pounds of dog and cat kibble, and a variety of other items such as pet supplements, and treats and chews.

Elsa had this to say about her project experience, “I was really happy to see the amount of people willing to donate to help animals and that love animals, just like me. I have adopted multiple pets from the shelter and have always loved animals so I knew I would want my project to be based around helping shelter animals, which I was able to do.”



# Volunteers

We would like to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to all our volunteers. Through your compassionate care, we can fulfill our mission of “providing brighter futures for homeless animals in San Juan County and beyond.”

*We truly can't do this without you!*

Chelsea Alexander  
 Toni Bailey  
 Sam Banry  
 Lilly Bartmasser  
 Richard Bell  
 Peggy Beller  
 Rani Bonnarens  
 Beth Brainerd  
 Stephanie Butler  
 Halley Byrne  
 Barbara Cable  
 Cathryn Campbell  
 Angela Carlson  
 Meadow Carlson  
 McKenna Clark  
 Heidi Corbett  
 Fiona Curliss  
 Jeff Dalbek  
 Merritt Deshon  
 Julie Duke  
 Lisa Duke  
 Paul Felso  
 April Ford  
 Lucille Francis  
 Patty Francisco  
 Pam Fry  
 Kim Gilliland  
 Forest Goodremont  
 Drake Goodrich  
 Kim Grotle  
 Ellie Gull  
 Susie Hale  
 Cindy Hansen  
 Kathryn Hansen  
 David Hassan  
 Lori Haugen  
 Nancy Heacox  
 Katlyn Heck  
 Paxson Heck  
 Merry Helm

Marilyn Howell  
 Amara Johnsen  
 Pema Kitaeff  
 Brittany Koehne  
 Renee Koehne  
 Denny Lehman  
 Deborah Massarat  
 Sarah McCullagh  
 Mac McGehee  
 Karen Meenan  
 Victoria Miller  
 Pam Monin  
 Rebecca Moore  
 Jan Murphy  
 Cathleen Nelson  
 Christine Nelson  
 Jeanetta Noland  
 Katy Nollman  
 Jim O'Brian  
 Marko O'Conner  
 Yoshi O'Conner  
 Melisa Pinnow  
 Linda Pollard  
 Dave Pretz  
 Tim Revercomb  
 Susan Rosenberg  
 Karen Rouleau  
 Addison Sheppard  
 Mary Sly  
 Julie Thompson  
 Amy Traxler  
 Siena Traynor  
 Sandy Urbach  
 Natasha Warmenhoven  
 Chad Warmenhoven  
 Gary Westcott  
 Casey Woods  
 Kris Zerby  
 Jon Zerby



Susan Mazzarella, Yoshi O'Conner, Lisa Duke at Treasure Hounds

Active  
Volunteers  
79

Volunteer  
Hours  
7,647

### Volunteer Hours Breakdown

Shelter Volunteers	1,998	Board Members	1,200
Treasure Hounds	1,166	Trap Neuter Return	51
Pet Food Pantry	246	Foster Care	2,986

## Why Volunteer?

*It's fun, you meet new friends and help our animals!*

Volunteers are so vital to our operations at APS-FH. We are always looking to add to our amazing team! If you like the idea of supporting the work that we do to help our animals, then we can find a task for you!

At the shelter, it takes a lot of helping hands to keep shelter animals well cared for, happy, and healthy, all while keeping daily operations of the shelter moving along. Whether it be spending time with adoptable animals, performing daily chores, assisting staff with animal care needs, or helping in some other way, our volunteers' contribution to APS-FH is vital to our mission.

You can also volunteer at Treasure Hounds, our retail home décor store. When you volunteer at Treasure Hounds, you will be making a difference for all of our animals in need by helping us get the donated items to market and working with the public. The proceeds go directly to the APS-FH.

With many different areas of our work benefiting from volunteer support, we're able to utilize different abilities, skill sets, and schedules. We (humans & animals) at APS-FH greatly value the time, energy, and passion that our volunteers pour into their work. If YOU are someone looking to dedicate some of yourself to bettering the lives of shelter cats and dogs, and are looking to be a part of a team of like-minded individuals, then look no further than APS-FH!

For more information on our Volunteer Program and how you can get involved, please visit [www.apsfh.com](http://www.apsfh.com) or call 360-378-2159.

# Volunteers of the Year 2022



Jon & Kris at the Pet Food Pantry with their rescue dog, June

*Jon and Kris Zerby are this year's Volunteers of the Year because of their long-time dedication, loyalty and years of service to APS-FH.*

Jon served as an APS-FH Board Member from 2016 to 2022, but this husband-wife duo has been volunteering for APS-FH for many years; before Jon served on the board; even before APS-FH had a formal volunteer program! Jon and Kris have volunteered at community gatherings and fundraising events, walked dogs and visited with cats, helped with repairs and ran odd errands and, generally, have jumped in to do whatever was needed over the years.

Their latest volunteer adventure is running our Pet Food Pantry (PFP) with their APS-FH alumni dog, June. The Pet Food Pantry provides free pet food and supplies to pet families in need. Program patrons must be low-income, and their pets spayed or neutered. The Zerby's uphold these program requirements with kindness and diplomacy.

Jon and Kris pick up pantry food and supply donations from the shelter and take them to Treasure Hounds. Here they bag the cat and dog kibble, organize and stock the pantry shelves, work at the pantry handing out food and supplies, and provide extensive statistics to help us fundraise for the program. While doing this work, they are constantly seeking avenues and resources to better meet the needs of the people and pets they serve.

In 2020, the Zerby's advocated for the PFP's hours of operation to be lined up with those of the Food Bank, making it more accessible for patrons of both services.

In 2021, they initiated a collaboration with Meals on Wheels to send Pet Food Pantry food and supplies home to Meals on Wheels patrons with pets.

Recently, the availability of pet food has been inconsistent, and the prices have increased dramatically. Jon and Kris regularly go off island on a nearly all-day hunt to numerous stores for pet food for the program.

"It is the best job I never had. Every related hour is a pleasure," says Kris about their PFP volunteer experience, demonstrating further the incredible spirit the Zerby's bring to the work.

*Thank you, Jon, Kris and June for being the friendly faces and the wagging tail behind the APS-FH Pet Food Pantry and for all your service over the years that has undoubtedly provided hope and happy homes for thousands of dogs and cats!*

## 2022 Volunteers of the Month

Jim O'Brian - January  
Richard Bell - February  
Merry Helm - March  
Cassey Woods - April  
Linda Pollard - May  
Chelsea Alexander - June  
Fiona Curliss - July  
McKenna Clark - August  
Amara Johnsen - September  
Luci Francis - October  
Katlyn and Paxton - November  
Julie Thompson - December

# Why I Volunteer



McKenna Clark & Sable



Mary Helm



Linda Francis & Sable



Linda Pollard

Most of the dogs and cats that I have owned have come from shelters. I firmly believe in the importance of animal adoption; the need is undoubtedly great. The staff here at our shelter are welcoming, knowledgeable, and very caring. They are strong advocates for each cat and dog and work diligently to match them with the best forever homes available. Animals who end up here are lucky. While I have not been a volunteer for very long, it never ceases to amaze me how fast our dogs and cats find homes. It just makes me smile!

~ **Susie Hale**

I love most animals I meet and I really enjoy having multiple animals in my home. If I had unlimited financial means, I would love to adopt cats and dogs whenever the mood strikes! But since I can't financially support more than a few of my own, volunteering for the shelter is a great way to make connections with a lot of animals who need attention.

Then, the biggest reasons to volunteer for anything are always two-fold: the first part has to do with giving and filling an urgent need - providing help when it's needed. And the second part is the selfish aspect, it feels so good to be needed and helping! So isn't it wonderful that one of the things I enjoy most - spending time with cats - is needed and I can help by doing that.

I have strong feelings against dog breeding and puppy mills that treat animals' lives carelessly or as less-than; I see in every animal the chance to have a full and communicative life, feeling secure and able to express their personalities. For every soul that I get to help along that path toward safety and fulfillment, I feel so good and important. That's why it's such a privilege to be on the shelter's call-list, not just for the chance to temporarily have more animals and the fun of spending time with them, but to feel good about being able to provide that kind of help, being a small part of helping each one have a real future.

~ **Pema Kitaeff**

I volunteer because I believe in the mission of the Animal Protection Society, and I want to support the mission. We call on our domesticated friends to enrich our lives, and we in turn must ensure that the vulnerable ones are protected.

~ **Nancy J Heacox**

I have been visiting the shelter cats for a number of years and it has been very rewarding. The kittens are fun, but some of the older cats really need to be given special attention. They are so appreciative to be touched and talked to.

I always leave the shelter feeling better than when I arrived knowing that I have made a difference with benefits going both ways.

~ **Jeannetta Noland, Volunteer since 2016**

Why do I volunteer at Treasure Hounds? Because I LOVE IT. Our volunteers at Treasure Hounds are such a great team and we all have the same goal - to help our animals!

I love being in the position to help people with their "stuff" when they need or want to make a lifestyle change. It's so much easier and, depending on the move, may even be less expensive to donate rather than to hire a moving company to move your furnishings off island. On the other hand, maybe they are just doing a "spring," "summer," "fall" or "winter" clean up.

I love the fact that all the items given to Treasure Hounds are donated with love knowing that the result will help our homeless animals.

I love pricing the items knowing that sometimes the item has been in one's family for years and has been cared for and because of such care, we are able to sell it at Treasure Hounds for someone else to enjoy.

I love pricing and hanging artwork. So many stories are in a piece of art. I enjoy researching the artist and the drawing or painting they did. In researching, I may have



Richard Bell & Esme



Paxson & Katlyn Heck

# Volunteer Opportunities

talked to several people across the nation who were either the artist or familiar with the artist. So interesting!

I love seeing and pricing artifacts that have been purchased from all over the world – places that I will probably never go. So, so incredible!

I love seeing the used dog and cat clothes and items come in. Knowing that each item that belonged to a loved pet may be worn or used by a new pet who will also be loved.

I love seeing that our store is a place where everyone can shop - the young person starting out with their starter home can purchase ALL their kitchen items and furniture and it won't break their bank OR the wealthy can come in and purchase that piece of art or furniture that can go into their beautiful home. I love the fact that we have something for everyone and that all of our volunteers try to have everything clean and sparkling for their new owner.

It's almost like I should pay APS-FH Treasure Hounds for letting me volunteer here.....so much fun!

~ **By Toni Bailey**

My reason for volunteering at Treasure Hounds is simple. When we moved to the island we had some items that were nice but we could not use them and started asking around as to who might want them. Treasure Hound was mentioned. When I came into the store, two women were working and both were enthusiastic and kind. One said she was a volunteer and whatever I donated, 100% of the proceeds went to the animals. It was hard to beat that amount of a donation. I signed right up and I love sharing that information to people shopping in Treasure Hounds. It says a lot about our community.

~ **Heidi Corbett**

I love volunteering at Treasure Hounds because it is very, very fun! In addition to helping generate funds for the animals at the Shelter, I'm seeing old friends, meeting new arrivals to the island, permanent and transitory, and providing a needed business option to the community. It is very fun to receive such fabulous items from our generous donors and then see those donations go to their new homes. It is very fun to come in every week to see the wonderful decorations and new displays the gifted volunteer designers have created. Did I mention it is also very fun?

~ **Cinda Pierce**

## Shelter Volunteer

Assists with general shelter duties including cleaning, organizing, sorting, and helping shelter staff with special projects. May help socialize cats including brushing, petting, and implementing enrichment – our cats love and benefit from playtime. May help take a shelter dog on a long walk and/or play with them in the yard, create and implement enrichment activities, and/or work with dogs on training as guided by our staff.

## Facility Maintenance

General facility maintenance and repairs - we need you at the shelter and Treasure Hounds!

## Clinic Aide

Assists Shelter Vet and Vet Tech pre, during, and post-surgery days, cares for animals recovering from surgery, cleans and maintains surgical suite and equipment.

## Special Events

Helps at fundraising events and assists with set up, tear down, and event promotion.

## Receptionist/Greeter

Greets customers and answers phones - retrieves appropriate staff to assist when necessary. Performs various clerical duties.

## Foster Parent

Our *Foster Program* places current shelter animals in temporary homes. Foster families help to house ill or injured animals, animals stressed by being in a kennel, or underage puppies and kittens with or without a mom. Not only is this in the best interest of the individual animal, but it also provides more room at the shelter for additional animals in need.

## Transport

Using the shelter van or personal vehicle of appropriate size, travels off island to take animals to partner shelters or pick up animals being transferred to our shelter from a partner shelter. Locations for pickups/drop-offs vary from Anacortes, Skagit County, or the Greater Seattle area. Occasionally longer trips are necessary.

## Treasure Hounds

Provides customer service at our upscale resale store - assisting customers while shopping, sorting, cleaning, pricing, setting up displays, and organizing donated merchandise, may assist with delivery and/or procurement of donations.

# Caring for Pets and Our Community Too

## APS-FH is committed to providing programs and services that:

- Reduce pet overpopulation through spay/neuter resources
- Provide a safe haven and care for unwanted pets
- Offer adoption of homeless pets to those who truly care
- Protect animals from neglect abuse and abandonment
- Advance animal welfare through educational and direct assistance
- Promote a stronger sense for animal and human interaction
- Always adhere to our no-kill philosophy

*While our mission is to “provide compassionate care and brighter futures to homeless animals,” our mission naturally extends to pet owners as well.*

## The Pet Food Pantry

The Pet Food Pantry is a community pet food bank to help keep pets in their homes by providing pet food for low-income families in need. The Pet Food Pantry is located at the Treasure Hounds store at 365-C Spring Street in Friday Harbor. Pet food distribution happens every other Wednesday from 11am to 2pm. Both cat and dog food as well as other basic pet supplies are available.



Participants must be 18 years or older to receive goods, have proof of island residency and also have proof that your pets are spayed or neutered. (If they are not, APS-FH can help!)

APS-FH gratefully accepts both cash and pet food donations to keep the program going. Cash donations are great because we have access to buy at a discount rate, however, any non-expired canned and dry pet foods are also desired.

## Foster Care Program

APS-FH's Foster Care Program places orphaned, pregnant, newborn, injured, sick, and under-socialized animals into private homes for temporary housing. Some of the shelter's

most vulnerable residents benefit tremendously from foster care, which provides them with time outside of the shelter for recovery from an illness or injury, or to receive extra attention and socialization. Foster care can also give us an opportunity to learn more about the animals in our care by giving us a glimpse into how they behave in a house setting or with a transition into a home environment (as they will experience upon adoption). The Foster Care Program also allows us to help more animals than we have room to house in our brick and mortar facility.

## Trap, Neuter/Spay, Return (TNR)

APS-FH promotes TNR as the humane solution to the community cat overpopulation problem. TNR is a program that stops the breeding of cats by trapping, spaying or neutering and then returning the cats to their original location (when possible).

### This Program:

- ends the breeding cycle and stabilizes the population
- is more effective and humane than extermination
- eliminates or minimizes annoying behaviors such as spraying, yowling and fighting.
- reduces the number of underage kittens flooding animal shelters.

## How Does it Work?

**TRAP:** The cats are humanely trapped.

**NEUTER:** The cats are taken to APS-FH where our vet then spays/neuters them. The left ear is “tipped” so people will recognize they have been sterilized and not attempt to trap them again.

**RETURN:** The cats are returned to their caregivers, who agree to continue to provide them with food, water and some type of necessary shelter. Other options are to relocate them to properties and barns where they can be “working cats.”

## Why is TNR Important?

Cats can breed as early as four months of age and can produce multiple litters in one year. If nothing is done to sterilize colonies of community cats, the problem will most likely reach unmanageable levels and lead to unnecessary suffering.

## APS-FH Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

Our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic helps provide underserved San Juan County residents with affordable spay/neuter surgery options for their dogs and cats, as well as additional services such as vaccines and microchipping at the time of spay/neuter. The Low-Cost S/N Clinic also assists other local rescue organizations and shelters by providing clinic services for their animals at a discounted rate, relieving the stress of adopting out unspayed/neutered pets into communities.

Our clinic runs once a week, typically on Tuesdays. Low-income community members of San Juan County can call the shelter at (360)378-2158 to get more information, or to put their name on a short waiting list for the clinic.

## Mom's Last Litter

Mom's Last Litter is a free program designed to help pet owners safely and responsibly respond to accidental pregnancies and prevent future pregnancies.

Owners agree to foster the entire litter of puppies and kittens until each reaches the age and size required for spay/neuter surgery. At this time, the entire litter and the mother (as well as father, if owned) come to APS-FH to receive FREE spay/neuter surgeries. After surgery, the parent animals return to the owner, and the entire litter remains at APS-FH to be matched with forever homes.

Additional vaccinations and microchipping services can be purchased for the mom/dad at the time of surgery.

## Senior-to-Senior

This program waives the adoption fee for low-income senior citizens adopting senior pets. The program is for anyone over age 65 who adopts a pet seven years or older and who meets the local threshold as low-income. In addition to a waived adoption fee, the Senior-to-Senior Program will assist senior citizens in keeping their pets happy and healthy with a variety of supportive services that are available upon request. Please contact the shelter if you are a Senior Citizen with an APS-FH adopted senior pet and you need and would like support services.

## Cremation Services

Pet loss can be traumatizing, heartbreaking, stressful, and, sometimes, expensive. APS-FH is proud to announce that we have partnered with Radiant Heart After-Care for Pets to provide compassionate and affordable cremation services to San Juan Island residents. Radiant Heart, located in Bellingham, Washington, is a pet funeral home with on-site cremation,

offering personal and respectful care for you and your pet. They provide eco-friendly cremation and traditional flame cremation as well as many additional products and services to honor your pet. Radiant Heart visits APS-FH multiple times a month, therefore your loved one's cremains are always returned in a timely manner. Cremation services are currently available to all community members regardless of income status; prices range depending on the type of cremation (communal vs. private), size of the pet, and any additional services requested. Call APS-FH to learn more about this new service and visit Radiant Heart's website at <https://radiant-heart.net/> to learn more about their process.

APS-FH does not currently offer euthanasia services to owned pets. Any pets brought in for cremation services will have had to pass away naturally or humanely euthanized by your regular vet.

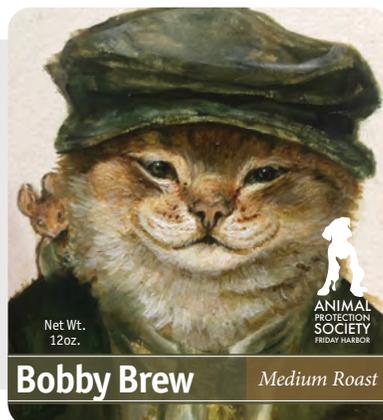
## Missing Pets

Your pet goes missing, what do you do? Let APS-FH know! We are here to assist and offer advice with reuniting pets with their guardians. Here are the steps you should take if your pet goes missing:

1. Check inside/outside your house thoroughly, including closets, crawl spaces, outbuildings, under decks, etc.
2. Check in with your neighbors to see if there have been any recent sightings. If your neighborhood has an HOA or neighborhood email chain, alert the folks living closest to you about your missing pet.
3. Call APS-FH to report your pet missing (360) 378-2158. Your

pet may have been brought into the shelter as a stray. APS-FH also keeps a Missing Pet Log and closely monitors community social media pages for posts on pets if your pet has not already been brought in. We can offer tips to help your pet find its way back home.

4. Call the San Juan County Sheriff Office's non-emergency number to report lost dogs (360) 378-4151. SJCSO is acting animal control and responsible for picking up/assisting with any animals at large. On occasion, they will assist with reuniting dogs with their guardians before bringing them into the shelter.
5. Use community social media pages or post physical signs to help spread the word that your pet is missing. Make a post or poster using a photo of your pet, the area your pet was last seen, your contact information, and any other relevant information about the situation. Facebook groups such as "SJ Pets" and "What's Up Friday Harbor" help spread the word throughout the community that your pet is lost and in need of assistance. APS-FH can also "share" your post on our Facebook page.
6. If your pet is brought into the shelter, APS-FH will do everything in its power to reunite you with your family member. Things you can do to help speed up the reunification process:
  - Ensure your pet is wearing proper identification (SJC license or pet tag).
  - Microchip your pet and make sure the information is up to date.
  - Call APS-FH and report your pet missing.



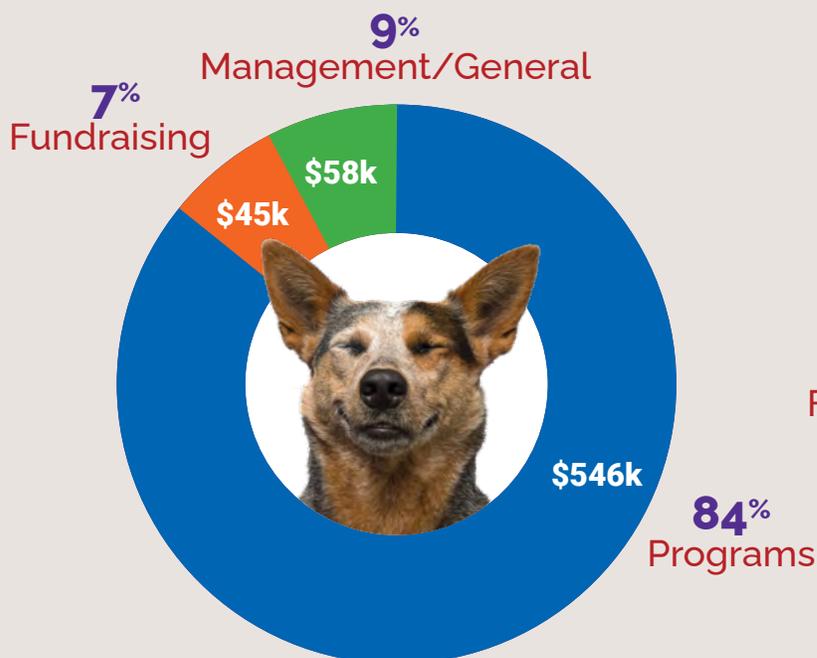
# Coming Soon!

*Cowboy Coffee and Bobby Brew will soon be available at San Juan Coffee Roasting Co.*

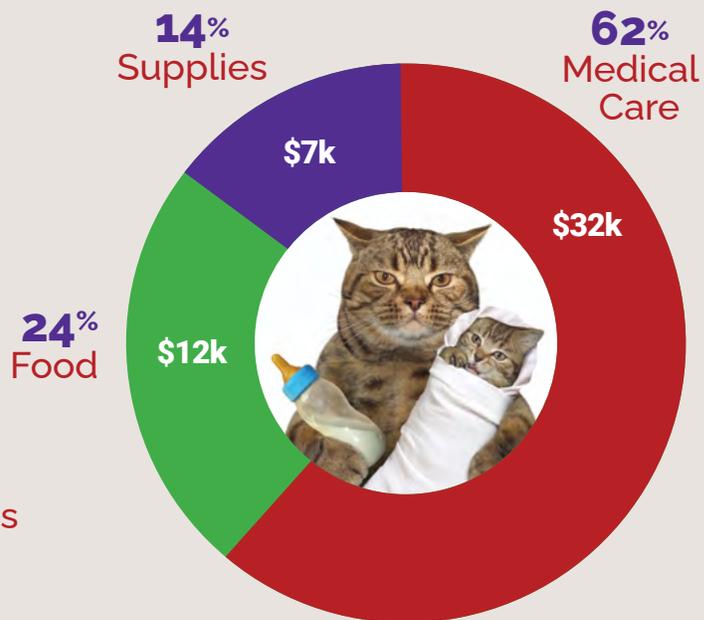
Proceeds will support APS-FH efforts to provide shelter pets with loving and forever homes.

# Funding by the Numbers

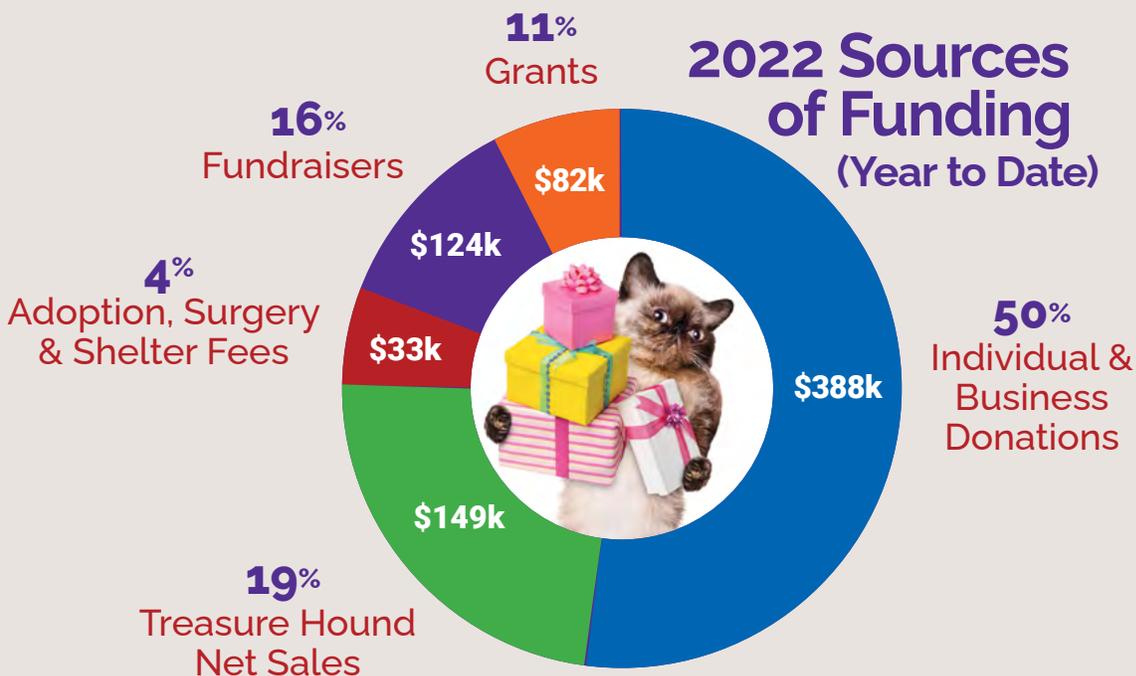
## Your Donations at Work Helping Animals



## The Cost of Caring for Animals



## 2022 Sources of Funding (Year to Date)



# Treasure Hounds Finds a Forever Home

*Treasure Hounds is an upscale resale shop with home décor, furniture, and collectibles that supports the animal shelter by providing 24% of total annual income.*

After five years of renting space in Friday Harbor, the current location at 365-C Spring Street was put on the market. After an unsuccessful search for alternative rental property, the board conducted an in-depth financial analysis of purchasing the condo space. The favorable financial analysis combined with a plan to grow the Treasure Hounds business led to the decision to purchase the unit. Spacious and conveniently located, it is the perfect setting to shop the vast array of gently used treasures. Treasure Hounds is also home to the Pet Food Pantry, a community pet food bank to help keep pets in their homes by providing pet food for families in need.

Many thanks to those in the community who donate their household items and to our dedicated and creative volunteers who run the shop! All proceeds benefit APS-FH, providing general operating income and funding for special community projects such as the Pet Food Pantry, Trap/Neuter/Return program and Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic.

Whether you are redecorating your home, moving, or simply clearing out seldom used items, it might be time to visit (or donate to) Treasure Hounds. Free pickup is available for large items. For more information email [treasurehounds@apsfh.com](mailto:treasurehounds@apsfh.com).

## Some of the new and "gently used" treasures you can find at Treasure Hounds:

- Couch Sets
- Dining Room Sets
- Chairs
- Small Tables
- Plant Stands
- Bookcases
- Desks
- Hutches
- Bedroom Sets
- Dressers
- Collectables
- China
- Knickknacks
- Tools
- Kitchen Appliances
- Small Sports Equipment
- Lamps
- Decorative Pillows
- Linens
- Original Art
- Art Prints



SJJ Chamber of Commerce welcomes Treasure Hounds to its forever home with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

## Always Accepting Donations

Help support APS-FH by sharing your gently used household furnishings, home goods, and decor. We accept donations of lightly used furnishings with no rips or stains. Some scarring or water stains on antique furniture is acceptable.

- **Smaller items** can be brought into the store during open hours.
- **Larger items** may be eligible for free pickup (San Juan Island only). Call to arrange or text photos of items to 707-812-3960.
- **Having an Estate or Garage Sale?** Call us to arrange for pickup of your unsold, Treasure Hounds appropriate items at no charge to you!
- **Realtors, we want to work with you to help you move furniture from sold homes!** Please contact us for details.

## Why Support APS-FH Treasure Hounds?

- All items sold at Treasure Hounds are donated
- Our store clerks are volunteers
- Store proceeds support APS-FH's general operations, special projects, and community-serving programs including our Pet Food Pantry, Trap/Neuter/Return, and Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Programs
- APS-FH is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and can provide you with a donation form for your taxes

## Shop or Donate Items

Thursday through Sunday  
11am to 4:00pm  
365-C Spring Street  
Friday Harbor WA 98250  
(360) 298-9058



HOME DÉCOR STORE

*Thank you for your support!*

# Our Sources of Funding

Fundraisers 11%



## The Betty White Challenge

This past January, a viral phenomenon happened. People around the world donated to their local animal shelters in honor of Betty White's 100th birthday. This worldwide phenomenon came to be known as the "Betty White Challenge."

APS-FH was honored to participate in the challenge. Two of our best friends (and members of our Advisory Board), Don Pollard and Dave Ralston, graciously offered to match all donations up to \$5,000 to help ensure its success.

And a success it was! Thanks to our community, we raised over \$22,800. Worldwide, the "Betty White Challenge" raised over \$12.7 million through Facebook and Instagram.

Thank YOU for being a friend!

## Doggone Good Dinner

The Doggone Good Dinner is our annual fundraising event to support APS's general operations – anywhere from veterinary care to ensuring the lights stay on. As you can imagine, it is a very important resource for us. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold this event for the last two years due to COVID.

But, on a warm evening this past May, many of APS-FH's friends once again gathered at Duck Soup to enjoy a lovely dinner while celebrating and supporting our mission. It was so nice to have everyone together again. In the end, we raised over \$86,800. It was also an opportunity for us to honor three of our special friends Carolyn Haugen, Don Pollard and David Ralston.



Marina

## San Juan Island Community Foundation's County Fair Giving Campaign

APS-FH was excited to once again participate in the San Juan Island Community Foundation's County Fair Giving Campaign to support the many nonprofit organizations in our community.

Each of our 4-legged friends at APS-FH receives special medical care while waiting for their "forever" home - from exams, to vaccinations, to spaying/neutering, to perhaps something more complicated.

Diagnostics, medication, dental work, surgeries, pediatric/geriatric and advanced specialty care adds up for 500 animals - our actual medical budget totals over \$24,000 annually.

This year, thanks to you, APS raised over \$11,000 to help provide medical care for over 500 shelter animals.

Proceeds from the campaign enabled us to purchase an animal incubator, which was put to use within 24 hours of its arrival to save the lives of a litter of neonatal kittens brought in from the island.

Your generosity has always been appreciated, and our furry friends thank you, especially our "marina" kittens.



Doggone Good Dinner 2022

## Grants 7%

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following foundations for awarding grants to APS-FH this past year:

- Bradley Family Foundation
- Honeywell Family Foundation
- San Juan Island Community Foundation
- San Juan Island Community Foundation Women's Fund

### Honeywell Foundation

Through the Honeywell Foundation Grant, we purchased a culture incubator that will give us much more accurate reads on our ringworm cultures. The Culture Incubator was put to immediate use as we had both kittens and puppies with ringworm in the shelter.

Our old makeshift method of running ringworm cultures could not be trusted to produce accurate results. It was a plastic Tupperware box, a heating pad, and a refrigerator thermometer!

## Individual & Business Donations 52%



Ringworm cultures in new culture incubator

# How You Can Help

*It's as easy as 1-2-3-4-5!*

### 1. Donate your in-kind items

- a. Household furnishings and home décor to Treasure Hounds
- b. Pet food and gently used pet care items to the shelter animals or for the Pet Food Pantry
- c. Donate clothes to Girlfriends Consignment and indicate APS-FH as beneficiary (Girlfriends will then donate a percentage of the sale to APS-FH)

### 2. Make a monetary donation

- a. Become a shelter P.A.L. (People Animals Love) by committing to an annual donation in any amount
- b. Make a one-time contribution or choose to make your gift a recurring one by visiting the donor page of our website at [apsfh.com](http://apsfh.com)
- c. Donate in celebration, recognition or in memory of a loved one – an acknowledgement will be sent to your designated recipient
- d. Call us to learn more about the APS-FH Legacy Club for your planned giving: bequests, charitable gift annuities, retirement plan assets, living trusts

### 3. Shop!

- a. Drop off your Kings receipts to APS-FH (APS-FH receives 1% of Kings and Kings Marine receipt totals)
- b. Shop Amazon Smile Foundation (APS-FH receives 0.5% of eligible purchases)
- c. Donate your spare change wherever you see an APS-FH Dog Bank

### 4. Volunteer

- a. At the shelter helping us clean, care for, and provide enrichment for shelter animals
- b. At Treasure Hounds as a Store Clerk
- c. For an APS-FH program including fostering, TNR, transport, Pet Food Pantry, the Medical Clinic and more

### 5. Adopt a shelter animal and give them your love

## Support Local Businesses that Support APS-FH!

- Browne's Home Center
- Cin Cin
- Coldwell Banker San Juan Islands Inc.
- Dog Tag Art
- Duck Soup
- Friday Harbor Drug and Gift
- Friday Harbor Film Festival (FHFF)
- Friday Harbor Pet Supplies
- Friday Harbor Trading Post
- Girlfriends Consignment
- Inn to the Woods
- Island Wine Company
- Islands Janitorial
- Joelle Gillette Artist
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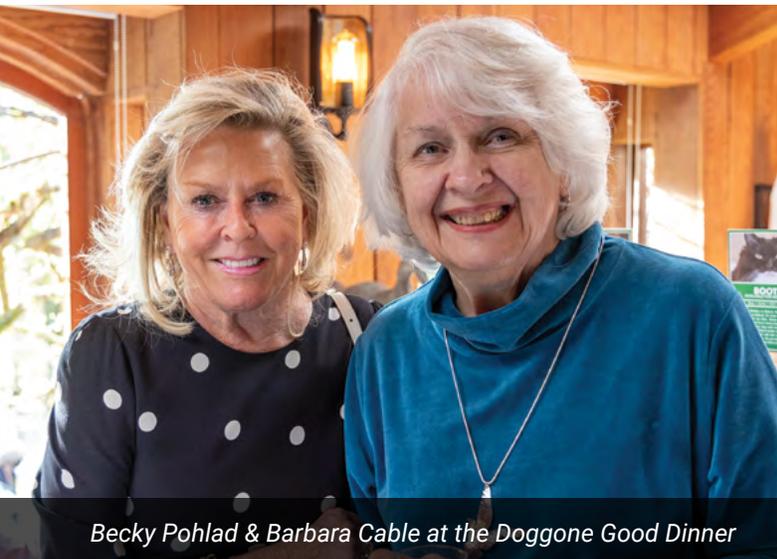
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Carlos Martinez	Bruce Nyden	Martha Salot	Abbigail Vital
Kiersten Marymee	Robin Nye	Roger & Claudia Salquist	Barbara Von Gehr
Dante Aubert & Deborah	Dr. David L. & Sydney L. Olausen	San Juan Island Community	David Von Gehr
Massarat	Neal H. Olsen	Foundation	Suzanne Vulgares
Mathiesen Family Charitable	June Olson	Sue Schindele	Suzy & Jay Wakefield
Fund / Craig & Caryol	Zoraima Onieva	Kelly Schoneberg	Jenny Wangoe
Mathiesen	Deborah Owens	Bob Schwartzberg	Billy Beson Co.
Jimmie Mathis	Amy Pagano	Peter Sciuto	Roseanne Ware
Susan & Stan Matthews	Rita Pampanin	Ed Scripps	Chad & Natasha Warmenhouen
Krista Mattox	Karen Parkey	The Mary See Foundation /	Debbie Warren
Tandi Mauldin	Oliver Parkin	Harry & Maureen See	William & Carol Waxman
Anthony & Susan Mazzarella	Chelsea Parrott	Sarah Severn	Tamara Weaver
Johanna McAdam	John & Ann Patnaude	Joan Sheldon	Sarah Wedemeyer
Scott & Frances McAdams	PayPal Giving Fund	Joan "Mia" Shepard	Jane Weil
Ann McCague	Lin & Pam Pearson	Jeff Shepler	Lindee Weiss
Charles & D.T. McCarty	Richard H. Perry	Ashley Sherlock	Richard N West
Susan McCaull	Petfinder Foundation	Al & Vickie Shilton	Lisa Weston
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Kelly McCutcheon	Stephanie Picconi	Stephen & Nancy Simpson	Chris White
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Andrew McPherson	Christoper & Elizabeth Pope	Deborah Soglin	Dorothy Dean Worthington
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Alexander Medd	Rachel Powers	Michael & Kristen Soltman	Sarah Younglove
Karen Meenan	Therese & Geoffrey Pratt	John Sorensen	Sharon Youngs
Wayne & Pat Megaw	David & Elaine Pretz	Beth Spaulding	Jon and Kris Zerby
Lynn Meredith	Donna Radcliffe	Caroline Spitzer	Steve Ziegler
JT Milford Jr.	Suzanne Ragen	Kristine Springer	Stephanie Zucholson
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Barbara Roark & Mary Miller	Michael L. & Kathleen Raub	Sue Stabley	
Jean Rae Miller	Mary L. Ray	Karen Ste Marie	

# Why I support APS-FH



Becky Pohlad & Barbara Cable at the Doggone Good Dinner

I grew up with dogs and cats. Tom and I have had eight dogs during our marriage (sometimes three at a time). I love all our four-legged friends, to the extent that I cannot watch an animal movie because I am afraid something bad will happen to one of the critters.

But in real life, here on San Juan Island, our four-legged friends have a safe place of their own. Dogs and cats who need forever homes are welcomed and well cared for at APS for as long as it takes to find their new families.

I love that so many islanders have chosen to volunteer at the shelter. They clean the building, bathe and groom the animals, and help with training. Volunteers walk dogs around the property. They play with cats inside the cat area and dogs outside in the lovely, fenced area created just for them. They foster animals that need extra care. They help with medical and surgery recovery. They manage and staff Treasure Hounds, the shelter's upscale resale shop.

But while all that volunteer time is an immense help in keeping costs down, it does not result in the dollars needed for staff salaries, building and grounds maintenance, vet services, or supplies (including dog and cat food).

So, we donate to APS-FH, and I hope you will too. Let's be sure that our furry friends continue to have this safe place if they need it.

*Barbara Cable, APS-FH Volunteer and Donor*



## All I Want for Christmas...

- Treats of any kind for dogs & cats
- Bully sticks & other chews
- Cat wand toys
- Cardboard scratching posts
- Dog toys for big dogs
- Kongs of all sizes
- Fleece blankets/baby blankets
- Dog and cat kibble, canned food & treats of any kind for the Pet Food Pantry
- "Ball Pit" ball set for dog enrichment
- Soft-sided pet play pens for kitten fostering (X-Pen)
- iMarc Dog Tag Engraving Machine (approx. \$6,000)
- Dog Exercise Yard "ForeverLawn" Turf 2x a Year Maintenance (\$2,550)



Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to complete the exercise yard safety and hygiene project in spring of 2022.

Exercise yard before

Brittney DuCote & Charlie in completed exercise yard

# Thank You!