

ISLAND TAILS

ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY FRIDAY HARBOR NEWSLETTER
WINTER 2015



Baby Girl



Igby & Jasper



Vern

It's
About
Saving A
LIFE



Jake

ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY - FRIDAY HARBOR



THE SCOOP

According To BLUE

Seasonal Greetings!
Please let me start with an introduction - I'm Blue, the new APSFH Office Administrator.

I find myself in my new position with an issue that needs immediate

attention.

We need to get the word out about 'New Home New Hope', our capital campaign for the new shelter. Please if you can help in any way, **WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.** Our future depends on it!



GOLDEN YEARS

Oliver was cold, emaciated and sick when the McCullough family found him outside an abandoned Friday Harbor house. Knowing he needed help they delivered him to the shelter. Tess Leonard, DVM determined Oliver was about 17-18 years old and was so underfed and dehydrated that he could barely stand or walk.

While visiting Oliver daily, The McCullough family visited with many adoptable cats and kittens which led them to consider adding another cat to the family. After some deliberation on which cat to adopt, they chose Oliver!

We thank the McCulloughs for making such a kind and compassionate choice, one that has made a world of difference to one very special cat. At this writing, Oliver is living out his golden years the way every cat should-

With a loving, caring family.



DONATION AVENUES

CLEAN out YOUR CLOSETS

If you've been looking for a reason to clean out your closets or bookshelves we have the **PURRfect Incentive!**

APSFH now has accounts with **SECOND ACT** and **GIRLFRIEND'S CONSIGNMENT** for clothing as well as an account for books with **SERENDIPITY, THE USED BOOK PLACE.**



Saphire
APSFH Friends & Family

Simply designate APSFH as the recipient of any new or gently used items to one of these amazing local shelter supporting businesses.

That's all there is to it!

THE ONLY SOLUTION: Responsibility

You ask, "Why is the shelter so focused on Spaying and Neutering Pets and finding them Forever Homes?"



Mae
APSFH Friends & Family

The reason is simple math. The number of loving homes and homeless pets don't match and Responsible Pet Guardians are the only solution to this pet overpopulation crisis.

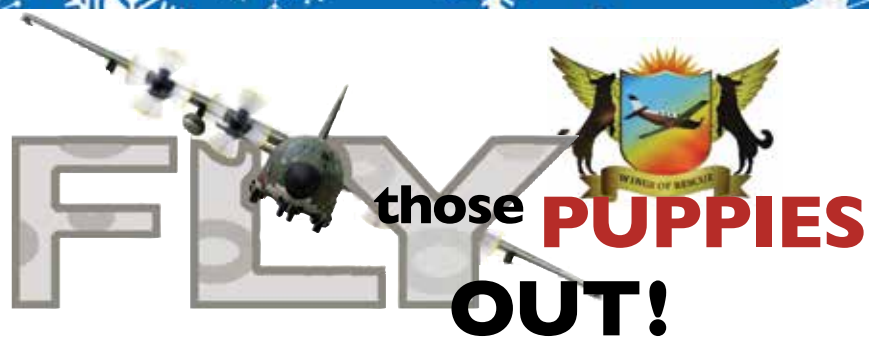
Each year in the U.S. only 50% of the 7 million dogs and cats surrendered to shelters find homes. Altering just one female dog can prevent the birth of 67,000 pups over six years, and altering one cat over the same six can prevent 420,000 kittens born.

In addition to too many born, pets cherished 'Until' humans are bored, find a girl or boyfriend, have a baby, move, are too busy or the pet is too old has a bigger impact on pet homelessness than you may think. Studies show 70% of people who get a pet, surrender, abandon or give them away at an average age of 18 months.

The Only Solution to pet overpopulation is Responsible Pet Guardianship beginning by adopting a pet forever and not 'Until' and choosing to spay or neuter.



DealWagger.com
Wings of Rescue Co-Pilot



Press Release : They've arrived!
Animal Protection Society – Friday Harbor 2014

Our community life saving efforts reached new heights this year helping to save dogs from Southern California to Idaho. In June the APSFH partnered with Wings of Rescue, a non-profit organization based in Van Nuys, California that provides air transport for thousands each year. Wings flies animals from high kill shelters in California to awaiting shelters throughout the Pacific West.

Several of the June transport were flown directly to the San Juan Island Airport in private planes by the Wings volunteer pilots and met by APSFH staff where they were taken to the shelter to their awaiting new island families. Leslie Byron, Director says, "We feel fortunate we are often able to give these dogs and cats an opportunity to find their forever homes in times we find ourselves with room".

APSFH often reaches out to over-crowded shelters and rescue groups to help save pets who need a second chance finding a home. In return, these same organizations help us when we are overloaded or we run out of options for adoptable pets that have not found their 'perfect island match' family. It is a win-win for all involved especially for the animals.



Reno Timmons
APSFH Friends & Family

THE Wishing List { Look for our wishing tree at Islander's Bank }

Everyday supplies are always welcomed and greatly appreciated. Without your kind gifts we could never accomplish our goals. This year we have expanded our donation opportunities to include easy online avenues and below is a short list of immediate need items. If you have an idea for something in addition to the list, please give Leslie a call. She loves to hear from our shelter family and friends.

To Keep Everyone Clean & Healthy

- **Paper Towels**
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **Dishwashing Liquid**
- **Liquid Laundry Soap (HE)**
- **Garbage Bags** Large Outdoor & 13 gallon kitchen w/Handles

To Keep Everyone Happy •

Dog and Cat Food

Dry (Purina One Chicken & Rice, Kirkland Brand)
Canned (Any Flavor - The Animals Love Them All)

- **Kitten Litter** Clumping
- **Toys and Treats**
- **Blankets** Fleece and Receiving

To Keep the Office Rolling

- **Office Supplies and Help**
Pens, Copy Paper, Laminator,
Clear Packing Tape, Staples



Barlow, Tux & Daisy
APSFH Friends & Family

LOCAL**HEROes**

Letter From Our President



The APSFH was founded in 1982 by Mary Tumosa and a caring group dedicated to the welfare of animals. At that time stray animals were kept for three days at the county dump in cages or tied to a wall.

By 1983, Mary and her growing team gathered enough money to lease an old kennel on Wold Rd and opened the first animal shelter on San Juan Island. Space was quickly filled to over capacity with animals and the team again began to seek help in finding a larger home. Our community raised funds to build the current shelter at 111 Shelter Road and the doors opened in December 1992.

Your contributions of food, bedding, supplies, money and labor have kept the shelter open to animals in need for 32 years. Other than a small stipend from the sale of dog licenses the shelter is financially maintained by the generosity of people like you.

With our lease expiring soon, and our dear old building in need of expensive repairs we are happy to announce the APSFH was gifted money, allowing the purchase of a five acre parcel at 991 Cattle Point Road. This kind gift has given a surge of new hope and a new future for the safety and care of unwanted animals. With your help, we will build a permanent, energy efficient, environmentally thoughtful shelter, designed to meet future needs and most importantly provide animals with a healthy, safe and comfortable place to live until they are adopted.

Fundraising has begun and we look forward to showing you all the ideas we have for the new building. **Please visit our New Home New Hope website at : apsfh.com/newhope**

There will be many ways for everyone to be involved with helping to build the shelter from hands on fundraising projects, tax deductible donations and naming opportunities for gifts and remembrances. Please feel free to call Leslie Byron our director for more information at 360-378-2159.

Please join us in providing a permanent home for the APSFH, the animals deserve it!



DID YOU KNOW?

**The APSFH only
Employs Four People**

Fortunately, we have an amazing group of dedicated LOCAL HEROes who are here to help with chores. A few of our outstanding volunteers include Mike MacLellan, our go-to guy for difficult jobs. Mike's last project, an outdoor addition to a

cat room-expanding for more light and space-with private cubbies and sunny platforms for naps has received PURRfect reviews.

Mary WillAllen is another invaluable volunteer and our resident handy person. When Mary shows up with her toolbox amazing things happen!

Special animal care volunteers include Jilly Brandli, who for over three years, has been helping to train dogs and socialize cats. The Eubanks family, also regular volunteers, walk dogs, play with cats and are always willing to fundraise.



On behalf of the animals and staff at the shelter, a warm heartfelt "Thank You APSFH HEROes" to ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR found - onsite



APSFH has a new
Volunteer Coordinator -
#apsfh



Nikki Ruggiero had been volunteering by grooming and bathing elderly cats before she joined the staff in April. A Registered Nurse and Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator, Nikki has over 25 years of experience in animal care, animal welfare and non-profit management. Nikki serves as our animal care supervisor and volunteer coordinator at the shelter. Please give her a call to find out how you might fit into our awesome team of volunteers who help daily at the shelter.



Community Connections

** marks the spot on upcoming events, save those dates

SPAYGHETTI DINNER ** BIG Years to Celebrate



and sauce! Again this year we host the Community Pet Food Drive beginning Valentines Day 2/14.

Help us celebrate World Spay/Neuter day February 24 by joining us for our Annual Spayghetti Dinner at the Mullis Center. Bring the family and help raise funds for controlling our island pet population with noodles

2015 : First PAWJAMABowl **

This year we host the first PAWjamaBowl! It has been a few years since we've bowled, so dust off your shoes jump in your PJ's and join us March 27 at Paradise Lanes. We'll feature prizes for several categories, have lots of fun and most importantly we will help the animals.



2nd Annual Dodie Gann Dog Walk**

The first Dodie Gann Dog Walk was a huge success and a lot of fun! Thank you everyone, especially Jim Stegal who personally brought in over \$1000 in sponsors. This year we are set to celebrate on Saturday May 30, 2015. It is a great chance to get out, walk your dog, honor our dear friend Dodie Gann and raise funds for homeless pets.



Charity Wine Tasting & Art Auction**

Mark your calendar... we host our first Art Auction & Wine Tasting May 16th at Brickworks. We will feature original and pre-owned art, edibles from local restaurants and unveil our custom APSFH labeled wines. **Don't miss it!**

WAGS~2014 Back to OUR ROOTS



PHOTOBark
Wags to Riches 2015 Live Auction

Wags to Riches 2014 was certainly an afternoon to remember. Nearly 200 supporters were treated to Celtic Cowboy's Award Winning BBQ, great local music by the Kubatana Marimba Band and the J-Bots.

Wags was a great start for the 'New Home New Hope' campaign to build a much needed new San Juan Island facility. Our generous hosts, Bob and Lissa McDowell, pledging to match \$50,000 in donations, rallied the crowd to exceed an additional \$85,000!

- Thank You All

Mark Travers, Architect
'New Home-New Hope'



Taffy Corrie
APSFH Family



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left to right: Tucker, Gabe, Joan and Caesar

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