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ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY FRIDAY HARBOR NEWSLETTER  
WINTER 2017 "OPERATION OPERATIONS"



Happy Holidays



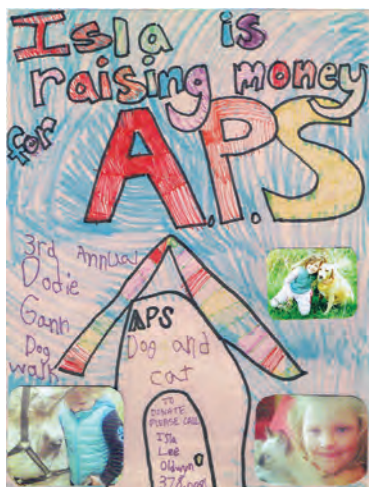


# Community Connections

**\*\* DATES TO SAVE \*\***

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **DODIE GANN** dog walk

The weather was perfect for umbrellas, raincoats and our third annual Dodie Gann Dog Walk. APS-FH friends, family and supporters gathered at the site of our new shelter on Cattle Point Road, walked two miles and raised \$2300 to provide food, shelter and medical a.k.a. Shelter Operational Expenses.



Grand prizes were awarded for the most money raised, with Marilyn Corrie our grand prizewinner; bringing in \$1455, second place prize, a Go-Pro Hero awarded to John Byron who gathered over \$300 and third place was Isla Oldwyn raising over \$200 for The Animal Protection Society. Thanks everyone who participated, sponsored and volunteered. Please watch for the 2017 Walk in May.

**WE NEED  
YOU@APS-FH**  
Events AND/OR Shelter  
**VOLUNTEER  
ORIENTATIONS**

Fundraising, shelter maintenance, dog walking, cat cuddling, office help – these are just a few jobs we need volunteer help with at the animal shelter. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please join us at an

orientation workshop in January. We'll have two different orientations – if you'd like to help at the shelter doing hands-on work with the animals, we'll meet January 18th at the current shelter from 5:30 to 7:00. The second, for those who prefer to help with fundraising, events and outreach will take place on the 19th, also at the animal shelter from 5:30 to 7:00. Of course, you are welcome to attend both.

Questions? Can't make those dates? Call Jan Murphy for more information at 378-2158.



## **WAGS2016**



Wags to Riches 2016 returned to the home of our gracious supporters, Lissa and Bob McDowell for an

incredible "Luau on the Lawn". In addition to celebrity guest Neal McDonough and his family, Polynesian dancers and a fabulous luau buffet, guests enjoyed silent and live auctions, as well as a sand-pail auction featuring many valuable prizes. Thanks to those in attendance, over \$200,000 was raised at the event, helping bring us closer to our groundbreaking goal of 80% of our capital campaign and within walking distance of our new home.

Mahalo to everyone who joined us!

## **SPAYGHETTI & MARDI GRAS DINNER \*\***

Tuesday, February 28

You won't want to miss our annual Spay-getti Dinner, scheduled for February 28, to coincide with "World Spay Day".

This fun community event is our way of commemorating this special day, observed annually around the globe to shine a light on the tragedy of pet over-population and the importance of spaying and neutering pets. This year's dinner falls on Fat Tuesday and will feature a festive Mardi Gras theme as well as our ever-popular dessert auction. Be sure to save the date.



## PEE-MAIL w/ CHESTER "Operation Operations" *YES VINCE!*



CHESTER

Hi there! I'm APS-FH Alumni member, Chester here to answer what "Operation Operations" is and what does Vince have to do with it?

The answer is simple – Vince Dauciunas has been a loyal board member and APS-FH treasurer for many years. Donations from last year's newsletter went to our capital campaign to help raise funds for our new shelter. Vince has asked that proceeds from this year's newsletter go to our "Operations" Fund to help provide the long list of necessities that go into running our shelter. So, "Yes, Vince", the money generated by this newsletter will go directly to food, shelter, treats, beds, heat, leashes, medications, medical treatment, rent, utilities and all the other things my friends at the animal shelter need.

## DONATION AVENUES THE APS-FH *new* MEDICAL FUND



ZUMA

A huge part of the work done at APS involves making sure animals in our care are healthy, up-to-date on vaccines, flea-free, wormed and of course, spayed or neutered. Throw in dental care or the

occasional necessary surgical procedure and the costs quickly add up. It may surprise you to know that on any given single month our veterinary expenses can be as high as \$3,500.

We have established a medical fund to help with these costs. The next time you're gifting to the shelter, please consider specifying you would like your gift to go to the medical fund – and together we can ensure that APS -FH pets go to their new forever homes healthy and happy.

## CAT & DOG BLOGGING ALONG



### BLACK PAWS MATTER

"BPS"; Black Pet Syndrome is a term used in animal rescue referring to the phenomenon when black dogs or cats are passed over in favor of animals with lighter or different colored coats. Researchers found many reasons why, but often it's due to black animals portrayed as aggressive, spooky or dangerous in media and popular culture. As silly as it sounds, people still associate black dogs and cats with evil or misfortune from the old cultural myth. Overlooking black animals can also be due to their facial features being harder to distinguish.

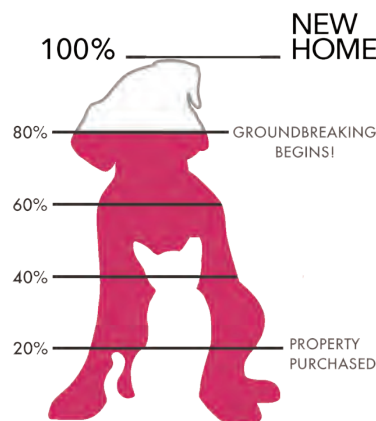
Whatever the reasons, we say, "Nonsense" we've never met a dog or cat we didn't like, regardless of the color of their coat.

We invite you to help us break this trend by considering adopting a magnificent black dog or cat the next time you adopt.



NANETTE

## New Home- New Hope Happily & Gratefully 80% HOME





# JOY unleashed



My name is Deanna, and my family of eight, six humans and two of the furry variety thank you each and every day for the amazing three pounds of joy known as Bertie. In the summer of 2012 my son Clayton, 28 had a major heart attack requiring an emergency flight to Seattle and was later diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Catastrophic feelings overwhelmed our family, especially Clayton's greatest companion, Sam, 26, my other son with whom faces and shares all the same obstacles. Their companionship has manifested a phrase to which consolidates and honors their friendship, many refer to them as "the boys."



That fall, Clayton and I had been home from University Hospital for less than a month, after a long stay to stabilize his failing heart. The heartache in our family was lingering as we grieved the process of Clayton's illness. Sam has volunteered at APS-FH for six or more years and a date in Sam's favor always consists of a visit to the shelter. In attempts to escape the tension, Lindsey my daughter and Sam decided to go visit. The staff always quick to help him through the door welcomed his arrival. Later at dinner, Sam could not stop talking about a three-pound terrier mix. I let the idea simmer and tickle my interest because the twinkle in Sam's eye was undeniable and the first sign of healing we'd seen.

By Tuesday morning I was at the shelter before they opened to inquire about the terrier. Leslie told me the puppy was the last from a litter rescued from a hoarder. As I found her it took just a few licks and her altruistic gaze to identify what Sam was enchanted by. In a week she was home and we named her Liberty Bell, in honor of being born on the 4th of July. Liberty has become a significant source of love and comfort for Sam and Clayton. While my motives to adopt her came from my own interest, within moments of being home, Bertie had proven her true calling. Though she is too small to protect them physically, she is never too small to help clean feet, hop into bed for morning snuggles, ride in wheelchairs to keep them company or even find them to calm their anxious hearts. Bertie has achieved healing that supersedes our tragedy. Bertie seeks to heal their hearts through her love and loyalty. We thank the APS-FH friends, family, staff, board and supporters greatly for the opportunity to save a puppy to save our boys.



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## THE WishingList



We greatly appreciate the kind gifts we receive from our wonderful supporters, we could not accomplish the APS-FH Mission without you.

- Gift Cards (PetSmart, Petco, Amazon.com, Visa, Gas)
- Paper Towels and Toilet Paper
- Office Supplies
- Antibacterial Hand Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Liquid Laundry Soap (HE)
- Liquid Auto Dishwasher Soap
- Clorox Bleach
- Premium Dog and Cat Food
- Greenies Pill Pockets, Peanut Butter
- Toys and Treats



SPRUCE & PINE

### aWord from the President

What a wonderful year, sharing the passion we all have for our dogs and cats. Our APS-FH Forever home is closer than it has ever been. We broke our fundraising records to make this year's Wags to Riches our largest single fundraising event in our history. Wags also gave me the opportunity to visit with a very special supporter Randa Bouton, a past APS-FH Board Member. To quote Randa,

*"Accomplishing these steps toward realizing our ultimate dream is truly heartfelt joy for my fellow shelter founders and me. 'Back in the day' we rarely allowed ourselves to envision reaching such a lofty goal...to ultimately own the shelter and the land! Thank you for your donations, dedication and continued work to complete this arduous task."*



JULIE & RANDA

We are truly fortunate to have such a generous and dedicated community, volunteers, staff and board. It is an honor to be part of this amazing history. - Julie Corey

## "Amy Lear Compassion in Action" VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

#apsfhSUPERHEROes



Nancy and Dave Harvey were awarded the first ever Amy Lear "Compassion In Action" Volunteer of



DAVE & NANCY HARVEY

the Year Award during our Wags to Riches Celebration. They are frequent visitors to the shelter where they spend time visiting the many cats in our care, taking a special interest in each one and making sure they get the special attention they need. Whether it's lap time, cuddling, a quiet conversation or a good brushing, our Dave and Nancy are there for the job.

The Amy Lear "Compassion in Action" Volunteer of the Year Award will be given every year at future Wags to Riches events, as a way of fondly remembering Amy Lear, who served as an APS-FH board member for several years, as well as a way of honoring volunteers who go above and beyond.



## HONORING MISSION

All non-profit organizations are required to have a mission statement. It's how agencies describe what they do, who they do it for and why. Our mission statement is simple and heartfelt.

- To Reduce Pet Overpopulation
- To Adopt Homeless Pets
- To Protect Animals
- To Advocate for Animal Welfare
- To Promote Human/Animal Ties



MANAGER JAN MURPHY  
& STAR

From time to time we are asked why we transport from other rescues, there are many reasons but the number one is to honor our mission alleviating pet overpopulation.

By working together with NOAH, Seattle Humane and Yakima Valley Pet Rescue we are able to find quality homes for pets who in the past would not have been rescued due to location or individual circumstances, allowing us to save more lives than ever before.





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