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In this season of giving, consider making a donation to APS-FH. Here are a few ways you can help us continue to enrich, improve and save hundreds of animal lives each year:

CLEAN YOUR "CLOSETS": The APS-FH Treasure Hounds boutique is our largest funding source, providing 30% of operating expenses through the sale of donated home décor, furnishings, art and collectibles. Whenever you find yourself with spare items contact Treasure Hounds at (360)298-9058. We will turn your unused items into resources for pets on San Juan Island.

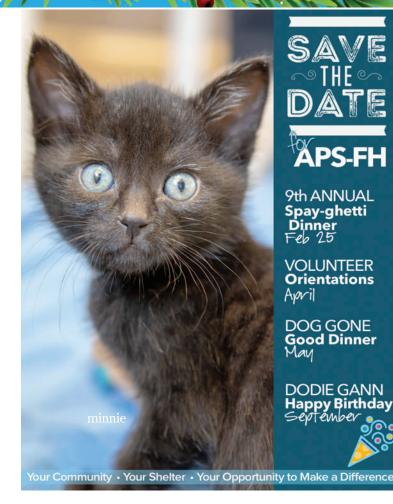
STOCK THE SHELVES: The APS-FH Pet Food Pantry provides 250 lbs. of dog and cat food to over 40 families each Wednesday. The Pet Food Pantry exists to help low-income families, elderly and the homeless feed and care for their animals. To help us keep the pantry shelves stocked, please contact the APS-FH shelter office at (360)378-2159.

DESIGNATE APS-FH FOR LEGACY GIFTS AND **MEMORIAL BEQUESTS:** This is a thoughtful way to support the mission of APS-FH. Heartfelt thanks to Merri Ann Campbell for her legacy gift and to the families of Judy Cox, Norman Helland, Bruce Hansen,



Janet Williamson, and Linda Lush for designating APS-FH for memorial bequests.

Many gifts also arrived in name of these beloved pets that have crossed the rainbow bridge: Hannah Pohlad, Tula Ellsworth, Molly Mazzarella, Hoover Byron, Pi Anderson Gross, Mattie Cregor and Huey Broxon Rollins.



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We are delighted to introduce Dr. Merriss

Waters as our Shelter Veterinarian. Dr. Waters settled into San Juan Island last year with her husband, two young daughters, two shelter dogs and four goats. Dr. Waters comes to the APS-FH clinic with an extensive background in veterinary medicine and a master's in shelter medicine and will work to implement and operate our on-site shelter clinic. Should you see Dr. Waters around the island, please offer a warm welcome and thank her for helping APS-FH to save even more lives.



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DEAR SANTA-PAWS



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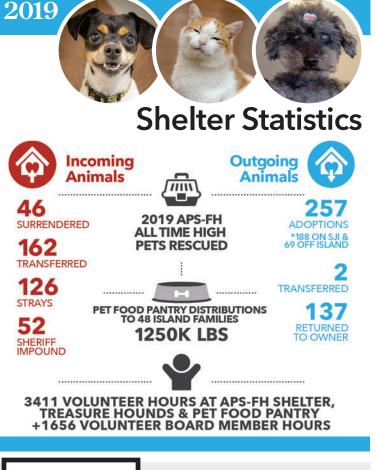
Our Executive Director, Cristin, asked that I present this year's APS-FH Wish List . In doing so, I was surprised to learn that it requires a ginormous amount of supplies to keep us comfy, healthy and well fed. If you'd like to help, you can find many of our greatest needs listed on our "APS-FH Amazon Wish List" or at one of these wonderful island businesses:

- GIFT CARDS FROM ANY LOCAL BUSINESSthe perfect gift for our island community
- FRIDAY HARBOR PET SUPPLY toys, bones, chewies, bully sticks, duck/potato food, treats, slip leashes, collars and harnesses
- ACE HARDWARE mop heads, garbage bags, paper towels, sponges, bathroom cleaner and dog poop bags
- MARKETPLACE Friskies cat food (meat pate)
- BROWNE'S HOME CENTER mop heads, scrub brush for broom handle, garbage bags, paper towels, sponges and bathroom cleaner
- GAS/FERRY CARDS from local gas stations and Washington State Ferries
- LOCAL VETERINARIANS gift certificates for medical services

MUCHAS GRACIAS Dr. Haugen



Blessed was the day when Carolyn Haugen took the lead at APS-FH while chairing our New Home New Hope Campaign. We heartily thank you for three years as our President and for your adept guidance seeing us move into our dream home.





Being dependent on the generosity of donors, we send a special thank you to our APS-FH 2019 PALS.

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CHLOE: This 5-year old Rottweiler mix was surrendered to APS-FH because her

medical expenses were more than her family could manage. Chloe had a birth defect and was looking for a family that loved unconditionally. Despite her unique appearance, Chloe found that home and has become a local celebrity in her new town; where she even has a burger named after her at the local Burger King.

CONNER: Came in during a 2018 winter storm; he had been left nearto-death in a ditch. Conner's diabetic condition required round-the-clock care. His health was up and down but he developed a special bond



with shelter volunteer Kim Grottle. Kim agreed to foster Conner in her home. Now Conner is living his best toes-in-the-grass life, and Kim has learned Conner loves being vacuumed!

JORDY: A 9-year old Chihuahua mix with a bite history and two previous surrenders, Jordy transferred into APS-FH from an overcrowded shelter. Eight months later, in walked his saving grace, an Orcas woman with a history of rehabbing dogs. Jordie now lives joyously with three dogs, a few goats and a miniature horse and is cautiously working his way into the bedroom to sleep with his new family.

LADY JANE: This 7-year old sweetheart of a cat, Lady Jane was transferred to APS-FH from Hope 4 Paws. She was found on the side of the highway in a taped-shut box, but she hit the lottery at APS-FH when adopted by one of the shelter's founders, Jean Thomas. Lady Jane now lives a life of luxury and love that her sweet heart deserves.



YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR SHELTER, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



from OUR NEW PRESIDENT

As your new APS-FH President, I am following in the very dedicated and capable footsteps of Carolyn Haugen, and therefore have some very big shoes to fill. After serving on several local nonprofit boards, it was Carolyn, Don Pollard, and Molly -- a sweet dog I adopted from APS-FH -- that inspired me to join our board five years ago. Every time I look into the eyes of pets in our care, I am moved in the deepest parts of my heart to make their lives better by finding each a forever home.

I am pleased to report that exciting things are happening under our roof. For years our wonderful local vets have helped us care for our animals, and we're so grateful for their consistent love and support. In order to make it easier for all, we'll soon be opening a shelter clinic, enabling us to spay/ neuter on-site, and to treat a kitten's sniffles without having to leave the shelter. We also hope to offer a low-cost community spay/neuter and vaccine clinic, eventually providing these services to financially disadvantaged members in our community.

All pets that come to APS-FH deserve a loving home, something we simply can't accomplish on our own. Huge thanks go to all our board members who, over the years, have brought us to where we are, and to our staff and volunteers who help daily. And last but not least, because pets can't raise funds themselves, we thank all the generous donors who enabled us to build our new home and continue to help us keep the love flowing. From our biggest donors to the kids who gave us the proceeds from their lemonade stand, we thank each and every person who has helped, is helping, or will help us! Pets' love for us crosses all barriers, as does our love for them. It is a bond of great strength. So let's do this together and make their lives better. Please help us help them.

•• Amy Lear Compassion in Action ** **VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR**



Lynda Howell & Jan Sowder

Volunteers are our lifeblood and giving special honors to just one or two of our all-star volunteers is as tricky as picking a favorite pet.

Lynda came onboard in 2004 as a volunteer and Leslie Byron's right hand. She has lovingly given a soft place to land for many of our senior dogs on their way to the Rainbow Bridge. Additionally, Linda has been the face of the Pet Food Pantry each Wednesday since the doors opened in March 2018.

Jan, our second volunteer of the year, has been a fixture at the shelter and events for three years. She comes several days a week to do laundry, wash pet dishes, and spend time cuddling our shyer quests, helping to pull them from their shells, and learn to trust. Jan also nurtures staff and fellow volunteers with homemade treats.

Thank you, Linda and Jan, for your commitment. Your dedication to our shelter family and to creating a better world for pets goes above and beyond. We cannot accomplish all we do without you!





We'd like to send a warm welcome to Cinda Pierce and Lauri Sager-Devirian as our newest board members. Cheers to saving lives...

Susan Mazzarella APS-FH Board President



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