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Squishy's Recovery

In November, CASA took in a clearly neglected and abused dog, affectionately named Squishy by our staff. Initially believed to be a “stray” dropped at the shelter, the circumstances surrounding his arrival led us to conclude he had been abandoned. Upon intake, it was evident that Squishy was extremely anxious, tucking his tail and cowering away from staff, though he never displayed aggression. He exhibited bright red, irritated skin, significant hair loss, and bite marks on his back, neck, and face, likely from a previous dog fight. While the details of his past remain unknown, it was clear he had endured a difficult life.

Thanks to a dedicated regimen of a special diet, medicated baths, and antibiotics, Squishy has made a remarkable recovery and regained his beautiful white fur. Although he will face lifelong challenges, such as food sensitivities and a heart murmur, these do not hinder his spirit. He is a delight to all the volunteers and staff, embodying the biggest goofball energy. You would never guess his rough past, given his lively demeanor and affectionate nature. Squishy exemplifies the heartfelt dedication our team puts into caring for those who need it most.



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Uniting animals in need with caring people, forever enriching their lives.

Happy Tails

MARLEY & SCROOGE



Last Autumn, 2025, it came time for us to say goodbye to both of our 14-year-old labs, one in September and the other in December. We were not ready for another dog, but the house was too quiet. I had recently been to CASA and there were two, almost identical, black kittens cruising around the lobby. Marley and Scrooge were about 9 months old. The two were bonded and were very friendly to humans. Growing up with cats it was clear my husband was ready to have some life again in the house and we felt these two would fit the bill.

What a joy they have been! They are funny and so very playful. They love attention and whether we are walking, standing or sitting, they will, in tandem, lay down right in front of us to be acknowledged, usually with some petting and scratching. One of each greets both of us every morning, usually while we are still sleeping, wanting to get some snuggling in before breakfast. They have grown a little and have been re-named. Brother Daryl and his Other Brother Daryl have given us the distraction we needed to make this circle of life transition with our beloved dogs a little easier to process. Unprompted belly laughs caused by their antics and escapades are the best bonus! To the staff at CASA: our cats have adjusted well, and I consider that a reflection of the care given by you to the animals. Thank you for giving us this opportunity.

-Marita

After having my two 19-year-old elder kitties Moxee and Myndee moving on to the Rainbow Bridge in late spring, I stopped by CASA and NOAH animal shelters for nearly 5 months visiting kitties. Dave finally joined me one rainy afternoon in late October and he met one kitty — JOY. He was smitten and we brought JOY home.

This 16-year-old elder kitty is a sweetheart. Her mission is to sit on any lap available and bring joy. My days are now filled with JOY time. I slow down and sit so my little Love JOY can accomplish her mission. She loves to play, cuddle, sleep, eat and find an available lap. She's made herself right at home. JOY's a perfect kitty and at sweet 16, I'm valuing every minute of JOY time I can get.

I didn't really like the name Joy when she was at the shelter. Now I know it's the perfect name for a kitty that spreads total JOY in our home and in my heart.

-Kia , Val, Dave

Have you adopted from CASA?

Send us an email message with a photo of your pet and we will include it in our next newsletter! Please be sure to include the full name of your pet and the month/year adopted. Have a Happy Tail!
casa@camanoanimalshelter.org

Happy Tails
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RED BEAN 



Red bean, now Beanie or Beans, has been living her best life at our home. She loves her siblings especially her big brother Knoxville, who now knows how it feels to constantly be bothered by a younger pup. She is 100% a Daddy's girl follows me everywhere, loves gym day and the dog friends that are at the gym as well. She gets spoiled tons and has everything she ever needs. She has been so good for me mentally, refuses to sleep anywhere else but right next to me in bed. We love her and she has been a great part of the family.

– Sam & Chelsea

Kennel Sponsorships

Sign up to sponsor one of CASA's many Dog or Cat Suites. This is a wonderful way for individuals or businesses to demonstrate their support for the homeless animals in our community. Your kennel sponsorship helps provide the animals with food, shelter, and care while they await their forever home. It is also a tremendous way to advertise your business, honor a loved one, and give back to your community. Our sponsorships will be available for Cat Suites, Dog Suites, Cat Colony, and our Cat/Kitten Suite. They cover a 6 or 12-month period. An engraved plaque with sponsors name and dedication, if any, will be displayed on the suite for the entirety of sponsorship. In addition, you will receive a certificate of appreciation and updates on tenants of your sponsored space.



2026 Service Updates

\$25 Microchip implantation & Registration (By Appointment)

CASA offers low-cost microchip implantation for dogs and cats, by appointment. Microchips provide lifetime identification for your pet. Unlike collars and tags, a microchip cannot be removed. Should your beloved furry friend become lost, a microchip can expedite the return process. Call CASA today to schedule your appointment! The process is relatively quick, and our trained staff will take excellent care to ensure the process is smooth for both owners and pets.

\$25 Cat Trap Rentals

CASA offers local residents humane live trap rentals. Live traps are a great option for escapee cats that have become elusive or become necessary in the spring and summer months when outdoor colony cats and kittens need rescue. Trap rentals can be done in person at the shelter. Fees: \$25 flat rate. Trap must be returned within 30 days.

\$25 Mom's Last Litter Services

The Mom's Last Litter Program is designed to assist community members in addressing accidental and unplanned pregnancies of their companion animals. Owners who request assistance relinquish the mother and her litter to CASA or foster the group until they are ready to find their new homes. The litter is then spayed or neutered and placed for adoption, while the mother is spayed, vaccinated, microchipped and returned to the owner.

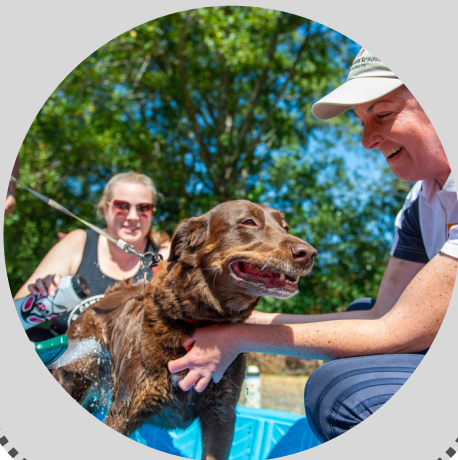
Island County Dog Licensing

Island County requires all dogs to be licensed per pet code 6.08.020.

Dog Licenses can be purchased online via the Island County Website by mail or in person at the Camano Administrative Building (121 NE Camano Drive).

Save The Date

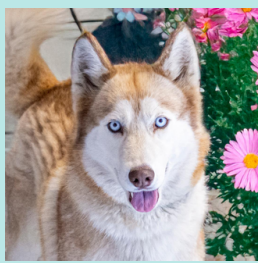
Volunteers needed for
CASA Dog Wash
Saturday August 8th



Message from Our Volunteer Coordinator

I am so excited to have the opportunity to be CASA's new Volunteer Coordinator! Stepping into this role, I hope to create a more organized program for the volunteers, come up with some fresh ideas regarding volunteering opportunities and to hopefully bring in tons of new volunteers to CASA. We just launched a new volunteer software called POINT in place of our current system of using spreadsheets and filing lots of paperwork. It's going a lot smoother already! I'm brainstorming lots of ways to help grow our community and show how much we appreciate our volunteers (we couldn't exist without them!). I am so grateful to take over this position and I couldn't do it without our amazing volunteers! For questions about volunteering or to sign up visit the casa website www.camanoanimalshelter.org or email volunteercoordinator@camanoanimalshelter.org

-Lilly Bledsoe



Join our Volunteer Team Open Opportunities

Foster Homes: Our dedicated volunteer foster families save lives every time they open their homes and hearts to a homeless animal. Fostering is an excellent opportunity to care for a pet without a long-term adoption commitment.

Morning Cleaners: Assist staff with cleaning/feeding duties for cats prior to public hours. Tasks include sweeping, mopping, scooping litter boxes, cleaning cat condos, washing dishes and laundry. Volunteers appreciated 7 days a week, but our greatest need is Friday and Saturday mornings.

Event Volunteers: Friends of CASA meet monthly, plan and participate in community outreach and fundraising events to promote the work of CASA. You do not have to attend the meetings to be on our mailing list or participate in the events. We rely on dedicated individuals to ensure our events run smoothly!

CASA Board of Directors: CASA Board of Directors are recruiting for an open Board position. Board members provide strategic overights. Please reach out to Gloria Ingrassia, Corresponding Secretary for more information! gfabis@wavecable.com

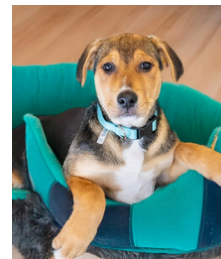
Enrichment in Action at CASA

Enrichment is one of the most effective ways we can support dogs in the shelter. When dogs have opportunities to sniff, shred, forage, and problem-solve, they settle more easily, recover from stress faster, and begin to show us who they truly are. We recently watched a high-energy dog shift from scanning the yard for moving cats to eagerly engaging with a simple treat-filled shred box, working through each layer. Moments like this help us understand what each dog needs and set them up for success in a future home.

This volunteer-led initiative is growing. Our first Volunteer Enrichment Workshop brought together 11 participants who learned about the importance of enrichment and how to create simple enrichment activities. They filled kongs and built destruction boxes for CASA dogs and got to take some home for their own pups.

We are building more regular enrichment sessions and would love support preparing items, freezing Kongs and lick mats at home, and donating wet food or pâté, especially fish-based options.

If you would like to be part of this effort, we would love your help. You can reach out to Anne Marie (chow.anne.marie@gmail.com) and sign up for our next workshop on Saturday, June 13th at 11:00 am. Scan the QR in the right hand corner to learn more.



Upcoming Events



APRIL 25TH FREE MICROCHIP CLINIC 11AM-3PM

All pets must be greater than two pounds, older than eight weeks and easily handled by staff. No appointment necessary! Please arrive prepared with cats secured in carriers and dogs on a well fitted collar or harness and leash.

This event was made possible by the generosity of Shipwreck Coffee!

JUNE 13TH PET FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE 11AM-4PM

Fill the Van!

CASA will be at Camano Plaza for our annual Pet Food and Supply Drive. We will be accepting donations of pet food, litter, laundry soap, bleach, paper towels, dish soap and more. Wish Lists will be passed out at the store front as well as listed on our website!



MAY 9TH CASA SPRING MARKET 10AM-4PM

We will be selling baked goods, pet themed merchandise, plants, CASA gear, and other goodies. All proceeds support the homeless animals in our care. Stop by for a sweet treat! Market will be held next door to CASA at The Camano Multipurpose Center.



June 20TH SUMMER SOLSTICE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR 9AM-4PM AT CAMANO CENTER

Check out the CASA booth and other great vendors at Camano Centers Summer Solstice Arts & Crafts fair. CASA will be selling hand crafted pet and pet themed items!



JUNE 6TH POOCHELLA IN THE PARK 10AM-2PM

Poochella is a dog focused event for frolicking, fun, and festivities. Meet vendors and dog enthusiasts of all kinds. Demonstrations will be throughout the day. Asbery Field Marysville.



June 28TH TWIN CITY IDLERS CAR SHOW

Visit the Annual Twin City Idlers Car show. View the cars, visit some vendors and say Hi at the CASA booth. We will refreshments for people and our furry friends.



Message from the Executive Director

CASA is excitedly planning for 2026, driven by a dedicated team committed to developing and enhancing a range of programs. Their primary focus includes securing additional funding to expand dog enrichment initiatives, enhance volunteer programs, and broaden community education efforts. This progress is supported by advancements in technology and software, which have significantly improved service delivery to the community and care for animals.

CASA has partnered with Shelter Planners of America to embark on an ambitious project: the development of a new facility that adheres to the highest animal shelter standards. This facility will prioritize sustainability and flexibility, providing a safe and humane environment for animals while accommodating staff and program needs. The current facility, aging and unable to expand, underscores the urgency of this project. However, finding suitable property has been challenging due to zoning and infrastructure requirements. Responsible financial stewardship is essential as CASA navigates through the pre-development stages. Community support will be crucial to the project's success, as each planning phase demands significant financial investment. With the invaluable backing of the community, CASA is poised to achieve its goals, ensuring a brighter future for both the organization and the animals it serves.

CASA Alumni

-Rozalynn Muscolo

peep 2026



sushi 2025



sky 2022



In Loving Memory of
Cash Booker
Jackson Clutterbuck
Emma Gardinor
Lady Meece
Apple Pepperl



Paws for Applause

Elizabeth Lenz - Pawsitive State of Mind

Donating, time, space, and knowledge about dog enrichment

Jeanne Polling - Natures Wild Side Prints

Donating time and skills photographing shelter pets

Titos Handmade Vodka & Keller Hospitality

Raising funds for animals in need

The Moss Buster - Big Dog Christmas Lights

Outfitting CASA with Christmas Lights

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Rozalynn Muscolo

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Gillian Trujillo

Volunteer Coordinator

Lilly Bledsoe

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-----YES! I WANT TO HELP ANIMALS IN NEED -----

Did you know you can make a difference?

Veterinary services and all supplies have risen dramatically, but your tax-deductible charitable gift of:

\$25 can provide vaccines for one animal or microchip 3 animals

\$50 can provide KMR milk replacement formula for a litter of kittens or vital blood and urinalysis lab work for one sick and/or senior animal

\$100 can provide two months of basic care for a typical long-term animal or microchip 12 animals

\$250 can provide FIV/FelV blood tests for 16 cats

\$500 can help us spay/neuter one litter of kittens and their moms

\$1000 can provide dental cleaning and extractions for an older cat or dog

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of:

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 Other \$ _____

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☐ My donation is in ☐ Memory ☐ in Honor of a pet (Please include a note with honoree's name and contact person if you want the gift acknowledged)

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☐ I do not need a receipt for my donation.

☐ My employer will match my gift. Enclosed is my completed matching gift form.

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 Dry or Canned Cat Food Friskies, Fancy Feast, Wellness, Pro-plan
 Royal Canin Kitten Food
 Non-Clumping Litter
 Pellet Litter Soft wood pellets from Stanwood Country Store
 Dog & Cat Toys
 Liquid Laundry Detergent
 Liquid Bleach
 Paper Towels
 Garbage Bags
 Printer Paper

Thank you!

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