



## Feline Friends News

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## Mission

Feline Friends, a non-profit Cat Rescue Organization, primarily serving Thurston and Mason Counties, provides care for stray cats and secures permanent quality adoptions.

## "Saving One Life At A Time"

*Feline Friends would like to thank all of the many individuals and organizations that continue to support our efforts. Despite the challenges posed by a difficult economy, your support and financial assistance has been unwavering. As the number of abandoned and neglected cats seems to increase, so does the need for rescue efforts and for loving, adoptive homes. In response to the increased need, over the past year Feline Friends has worked hard to build and expand our capacity including increasing the number of volunteers, increasing donations, and expanded outreach efforts to increase public education and visibility. We could not have done it without your help. We look forward to your continuing support.*

Feline Friends has the BEST ... cats and volunteers!



The volunteers within our organization are all dedicated, loyal and very hard working and we'd like to have you help us thank them all. If you meet anyone from Feline Friends please give them a big thank you and pat them on the back. They are the heart and soul of Feline Friends.



[www.feline-friends.net](http://www.feline-friends.net)

Cat House and Adoption Center

**Adoptions  
Happen  
Here**



Open Saturdays 12 Noon to 5 PM



Feline Friends was notified about cats that were abandoned by an evicted tenant of a trailer home in the Rochester/Grand Mound area.

# Thurston County Rescue - March 2010

# NEWS

Cats leave paw prints on your heart



Faces of Pawfection



Pawsitively Purfect



Mew-sic to your ears

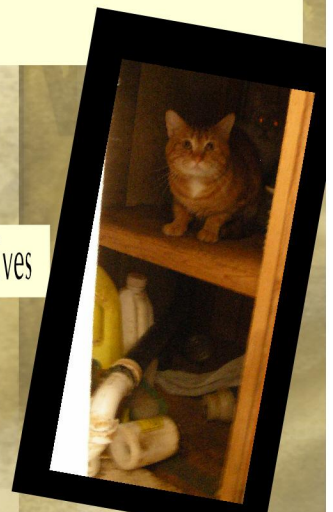


New Beginnings - New Homes - New Lives

Upon arrival at the trailer, we were greeted by a thin tom cat (now named "Wally" , since Wal\*Mart stores have a greeter that is always happy to welcome you, just as Wally did us). Although Wally was happy to have the door opened, there was no way he could prepare us for the vision that was on the other side of the door. The trailer was vacant of humans, but had plenty of gracious felines just awaiting anyone's arrival. The trailer showed no sign of being cleaned or cared for in a long time. The cats were living in unbelievable filth. There was no cat food available for the cats, and the only water source was a dirty toilet that appeared to be running. All they had left was a jar of peanut butter and a can of tomato soup. Neither of these items are typically part of a cat's diet (choosey mothers choose Jif???), but being better than nothing at all, the cats had eaten down the can as far as they could. Although three did not make it due to severely compromised health, over 47 cats have now been rescued from the abandoned home and are out of the deplorable conditions in which they had suffered for too long. All the cats have now been medically evaluated and treated by great veterinarians, and each is now recovering and resting with Feline Friends. These cats are all responding amazingly well and each of them are special, sweet and loving, and craving human affection. They are at YOUR mercy....and, so are we. Feline Friends (and the cats) needs your help and support. Each of these cats deserve the veterinary care that was past due and, homes that supply food, water and love. Please adopt or donate today.

OVER 20 OF THESE CATS HAVE NOW BEEN ADOPTED INTO THERE *FOREVER* HOMES AND WE ARE SO PLEASED AND HAPPY FOR THE CATS. THANK YOU ADOPTERS.

THANK YOU NEWS PURRSONEL



## In Memory of a Long-Term Volunteer, Mary Johnson

**Mother Mary – An animal advocate leaves a legacy of loving by example.**

Mary was active in many areas of cat rescue. Before moving to Olympia, she worked with an organization in Las Vegas, Nevada. By humanely trapping the feral (wild) cats and ensuring they were spayed and neutered, she helped stabilize several colonies through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR).

After arriving in Olympia with her cats and dog and settling into their new home, Mary wanted to continue to help animals. Mary joined the organization in 2004 and spent endless hours of dedication volunteering her services.

Active in many areas of the organization, Mary took her greatest joy in fostering kittens; she also spent many hours caring for the homeless cats at the Cat House and Adoption Center, providing transportation to and from veterinary appointments, participating in community events, and enthusiastically spreading the word about Feline Friends.

The animal lover's day was spent from dawn to dusk caring for cats. She began her day caring for her own cats and tending to her foster kittens before she would go to the Cat House and Adoption Center. Mary made sure that all the bird feeders were full (cats have to have their own form of TV), the laundry done and put away, all the cats were given their own play time and groomed. She would then go home to check on her foster kittens and walk her neighbor's dog, Cooper, and then finish her day with her nightly rounds at home with her own cats. Mary's dedication was a day-long process. Mary was a very special lady with a heart that purred all day long.

Mary also enjoyed sports. Being from Wisconsin, she was a BIG fan of the Green Bay Packers (although when Brett Favre left, she lost some interest in Green Bay). She could watch TV and surround herself with her cats to relax in the evening.

This past October, Mary Johnson passed away after learning she had cancer in September. Mary leaves a legacy of love and heartfelt dedication to all animals.

Thank you Mary.



Edith and Mary at Sand In The City, August '09

It is what it is.

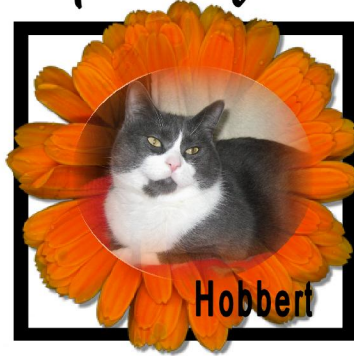
Mary is greatly missed and left big shoes to fill ...





Farrah

## Hope brings Happiness



Hobber

Cats bring us happiness and you bring happiness to the cats. There is no greater reward than knowing that cats that seem to have behavioral challenges or medical issues



Checkers

touch your hearts as they've touched ours. All the work and worry that is given daily by the dedicated volunteers of Feline Friends is rewarded by you seeing what makes each cat we rescue unique and special through your adoptions. Out of sight and no longer in our care but, never out of our hearts. Thank you for adopting one of our very special Feline Friends.



Odyssey



Cats are better than any vice. They're not fattening, dangerous, or expensive. However, they can be addictive.

## Pet Overpopulation

It happens everywhere. The problem is not specific to just our community, it happens in every neighborhood, every county and in every state. Pet overpopulation and homeless animals are not specific to one area or to one breed. There are many homeless and stray animals in every state across the county but, some areas tend to have a greater number of unwanted animals than others.

These animals are not all from stray animals but, many of these homeless animals are from family pets and some of them are Purebreds.

We need to do our part to help to end the overpopulation problem by encouraging people to spay and neuter their pets.

**SAVE LIVES - Spay & Neuter**

**Save A Life  
Adopt An Adult Cat**

[www.feline-friends.net](http://www.feline-friends.net)



### Why control fleas?

While many cats live with fleas and show minimal signs of infestation, control is advisable because:

The cat flea carries the larval stage of the tapeworm. Cats can be infested with these worms by eating fleas during grooming. Fleas have the potential to transmit other infectious agents.

Adult fleas feed on cat blood; in young kittens this can cause weakness, anaemia and death.

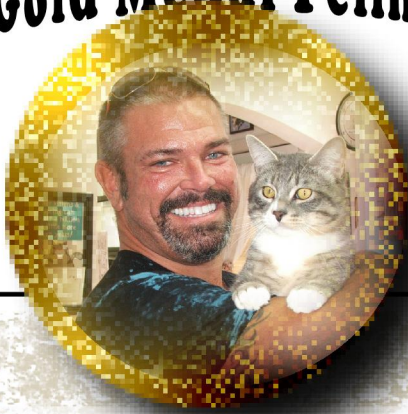
Some dogs and cats develop an allergy to flea bites, which causes them to scratch excessively or develop skin disease. Cat fleas can cause itchy bites on sensitive humans, typically around the ankles.

## Della wants a home



Della . . . I'm a little teapot, short and stout .  
This fine little lady was adopted and came back because of the illness of her owner. She is a very loving little lady that is anxious to have someone to shower her with love and affection. Della is an adorable little girl that just needs a home where she can run, play, have fun and entertain you. Come by and meet Della!

# Gold Medal Feline



Apolo, named after the Olympian that won the gold medal in speed skating, certainly won the heart of this gentleman. But, he wasn't the only winner, "Birdie" got a home with him too. Thank you Toby.



## SEND US YOUR EMAIL!

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Help Feline Friends save costs, save trees, keep you better informed of what's up and special events, and keep as much money as we can going to support the cats and kittens. Send an email to [info@feline-friends.net](mailto:info@feline-friends.net), put "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line, and tell us your NAME and EMAIL ADDRESS in the body of the email message.



**ADOPT ME**



# Donation Enclosed

**(please print)**

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**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Email:**

MAIL TO:  
Feline Friends  
P. O. Box 27  
Shelton, WA 98584



"Double Trouble ... Double Fun"

**ADOPT US**

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# Upcoming EVENTS

## MAY

### Annual Plant Sale

**When:** 5/01/10

**Where:** Griffin School

**Time:** 9AM-3PM

**BEAUTIFUL PLANTS FOR  
LESS ...**

## JUNE

### Close-Out Plant Sale and Garage Sale

**When:** 6/05/10

**Where:** Griffin School

**Time:** 9AM-3PM

**PLANTS FOR MUCH LESS ...  
AND VALUABLE TREASURES  
FOR EVERYONE.**

## JULY

### 2nd Annual Paws for the Cause Event

**When:** 7/11/10

**Where:** Hawk's Prairie Veterinary  
Hospital

**Time:** 10AM-3PM

**LOCAL ANIMAL  
ORGANIZATIONS, SILENT  
AUCTIONS, RAFFLES AND  
ADOPTIONS.**

**FUR AND FAMILY AFFAIR ...  
SEE YOU THERE!**

# Please join us