

News from Homeward Pet



Tons of Help for Families in Need

For regular readers of the news, it may seem like people working together for the common good is a thing of the past. But in Woodinville, WA, Homeward Pet Adoption Center shows that bringing people together can still do a world of good.

Homeward Pet has been helping homeless cats and dogs find their forever homes for over 23 years. Last year, we worked on preventing animals from becoming homeless in the first place, and started the Homeward Pet Food Bank.

The Homeward Pet Food Bank brings together compassionate animal lovers, local retailers, area food banks, as well as animal shelters and rescues statewide to help pets in our community. Along with the big-hearted sponsorship of Doggy Haven Resort in Bothell, this collective effort is able to provide pet food and supplies to over 400 family pets in our community every week.



Pets are incredibly important family members and all too often, the difference between a family being able to keep or needing to rehome their pet is just having enough dog or cat food to get to the next pay day. We knew we could help, and have received amazing assistance from our animal-loving connections in the community.

Currently, over 30 pet stores – including larger retailers Pet Pros, Mud Bay, All The Best and Petco as well as independent shops like Dooley's Dog House, Denny's Pet World, and Next

To Nature – collect pet food donations from the public. Plus, distributor Central Pet donates food that they cannot sell. Homeward Pet also recently received over a ton of dog treats directly from Wet Nose Dog Treats in Monroe, and 2500 pounds of dog food from Springfield Natural Foods.

Every week, dedicated volunteers from Homeward Pet collect the donated food, and Facilities Manager, Paul Uhrig, oversees distribution to food banks in Bothell, Maltby, Woodinville and Monroe. The Homeward Pet Food Bank helps restock the shelves of animal welfare groups from West Seattle to Colville, and supports organizations like Stand Up For Kids and the Community Resource Network, who deliver food to housebound people in our community.

In all, the Homeward Pet Food Bank has delivered over 73,000 pounds of pet food to families in need. That's a ton (or, more accurately, over 36 tons!) of help.

Year Round Donation Locations

Homeward Pet Adoption Center

13132 NE 177th Pl
Woodinville, WA 98072

Denny's Pet World

12534 120th Ave. NE
Kirkland, WA 98034

DMarie's Doggie Boutique

9639 Firdale Ave., Suite B
Edmonds, WA 98020

Dooley's Dog House

1421 Market Street
Kirkland, WA 98033

MudBay

22627 Bothell-Everett Hwy
Bothell, WA 98021

MudBay

1018 164th St. SE
Mill Creek, WA 98012

MudBay

2611 California Ave. SW
Seattle, WA 98116

Pet Pros

20631 Bothell-Everett Hwy
Bothell, WA 98012

Pet Pros

13402 Bothell-Everett Hwy
Mill Creek, WA 98012

Pet Pros

19943 SR2
Monroe, WA 98272

Petco

7215 170th Ave. NE
Redmond, WA 98052

Starbucks (in Top Foods)

17641 Garden Way NE
Woodinville, WA 98072

VCA Lynnwood

4426 168th St. SW
Lynnwood, WA 98037

Pet Adventure

22803 44th Ave West E-5
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

Walgreens

20812 Bothell-Everett Hwy
Bothell, WA 98021

Walgreens

17520 Avondale Rd. NE
Woodinville, WA 98077

Interested in having a pet food drive for Homeward Pet? – contact Peggy Noll, Community Development Director at peggy@homewardpet.org

As one of Washington State's leading no-kill animal shelters, Homeward Pet Adoption Center's mission is to give homeless animals a second chance through our rescue, shelter and adoption programs.

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Homeward Pet Adoption Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

From the Operations Director

Time flies. Just two years ago, in September 2011, we were putting the finishing touches on our new facility – painting walls, building desks and installing kennels – and preparing to move into it. For the first time in our more than 20 year history, we'd been able to design and build the kind of shelter we'd always wanted – safe and comfortable for the animals; open and friendly for adopters and visitors. What began as a small, big-hearted cat rescue in 1990, was now going to occupy 11,000 sq. ft. dedicated to helping homeless cats and dogs find their forever homes, and helping the community care for their pets.

Two years later, we're adopting more animals than ever into loving homes, and assisting more members of the community in caring for their four-legged family members.

Last year was our biggest adoption year ever, as we found new homes for over 1400 cats, dogs, puppies and kittens. This year, we're on pace to place 1600 animals with wonderful families. Five of the first seven months this year have been our best-ever, and July 2013 stands as the biggest single adoption month in Homeward Pet's 23 years – 171 animals found their forever homes!

Still, every day brings new challenges. Every success is tempered by reality. As we've grown, so has the number of animals in need of our help – especially those needing extraordinary care. Through Whoopi's Fund and our veterinary partners, we've been able to provide more extensive diagnostics and more major surgeries. We've also been able to place more senior and special needs animals into hospice care, giving them the opportunity to spend their sunset days in the care of a kind and loving home.

Additionally, our clinic staff, operating in The Dunmire Veterinary Clinic at Homeward Pet, is busier than ever. Every animal arriving at Homeward Pet – more every week! – receives a complete vet exam, vaccines, deworming and flea control, is spayed or neutered and gets treated for everything from a minor ear infection to a broken leg prior to adoption. Every Monday the clinic is full, booked a month in advance, as we operate our Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic for the public.

I've been with Homeward Pet Adoption Center for just over four years, and I've seen tremendous growth in this amazing organization. I can only imagine what those staff, volunteers and supporters who've been involved for 10, 15 or even 20 years must be thinking. But one thing remains constant. We're working hard to meet every challenge, to build an even better organization, and we always operate in the best interest of our generous donors and the dogs and cats whom depend on us.



**Thank you for your support,
Jim Keller, Operations Director**

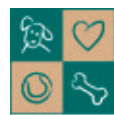
Homeward Pet Calendar

Oct 5	Pawsitive Alliance's 2nd Annual Statewide Shelter Open House Event
Nov 29	Homeward Pet Holiday Pet Food Drive begins
Dec 7	Northwest Cellars Holiday Party
Feb 2014	Homeward Pet's 24th Anniversary
Mar 29, 2014	Homeward Pet Fur Ball Auction and Dinner, Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue



A Dog Walk Like No Other

Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the 1st annual Happy Tails Wine Walk. Your support made it a huge success. Special thanks to our generous animal loving sponsors —



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Sky River Mead
Nine Hats Wine

Board of Directors —

Homeward Pet is seeking candidates for its Board of Directors and we'd love to hear from you.

Prior non-profit Board experience is preferred, however, all interested parties committed to animal welfare are encouraged to respond.

For more information, please contact:

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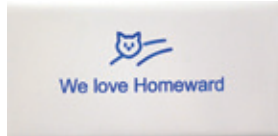
Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Meydenbauer Center
www.homewardpet.org/auction or call (425)488-4444 ext. 406

Ways you can help —



Adopt – Give a homeless animal a second chance at life and love.

Leave a Legacy – Include Homeward Pet in your will.



Sponsor a tile on our **Forever Friends Wall** at Homeward Pet Adoption Center.



Spread the word – Tell your friends, family and coworkers about Homeward Pet and the important work we are doing to care for and find homes for homeless cats and dogs. It is one of the most important things you can do. The more people looking to adopt, donate and get involved, the more we can increase our ability to help in the community.

Plan an event or party to benefit Homeward Pet.

Purchase the **2014 Homeward Pet Calendar**.



Help care for the dogs and cats at Homeward Pet. **Shelter Essentials** are items that we use every day, for every animal

at the shelter. Your donation goes directly to purchase the essential items you designate. You donate, we'll buy, and the animals will benefit!

Foster – Provide a great but temporary home for dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in need of some extra TLC or a break from the shelter.

Have a **business or skill** you would like to donate to Homeward Pet? We are always looking for help with veterinary services, printing, handyman skills and graphic design to name a few.

Guardian Angel Kennel Sponsorship Program. Be there for them every day of the year by sponsoring a kennel.

Sign up to **give a monthly donation**. For only \$25 a month, you can support our efforts to find great homes for animals in need.



Set up a Homeward Pet **Giving Tree** for the 2013 Holiday Season.

To learn more about how you can help, visit our website at www.homewardpet.org, send us an email at info@homewardpet.org or call 425-488-4444.

Grassroots Fundraising Helps Homeless Kittens

Earlier this year, Homeward Pet partnered with the web's premier site for good deals to set up a Groupon Grassroots Campaign to raise money for new cat kennels. With 'kitten season' fast approaching, we were hoping to raise enough to purchase two new kennels, so we could help even more homeless youngsters find their forever homes this year.

Thanks to the amazing contributions of Homeward Pet supporters and Groupon followers – at the grassroots rate of just \$10 each! – along with a generous grant from the Hansel Foundation, we were able to purchase not two, not four, but eight new cat kennels! These custom-built



Shor-Line kennels will provide a safe, sanitary environment for our feline friends, with plenty of space to play, a comfy shelf for sleeping, and a separate, private suite for the litter box! Plus, a port can be opened between units to give a big litter double the play-space!

A huge THANK YOU to Groupon Grassroots and the Hansel Foundation, and to everyone who contributed to the campaign. More homeless kittens will get their second chance thanks to you!



Sometimes it takes a little longer...

At five months old, Cora was found alone in the woods and brought to a municipal shelter. Scabs covered her body and she was physically and emotionally exhausted. Cora also had a Pit Bull label, meaning the odds of getting a second chance weren't in her favor due to the number of Pit Bulls in the county shelter.

Cora arrived at Homeward Pet in 2012 with a severe case of mange. While not deadly, it would take three months to bring her back to health and be ready for adoption.

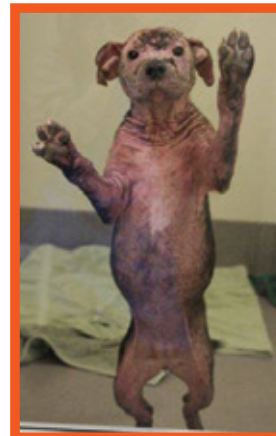
Kimberlee, our wonderful foster caretaker, provided Cora with a home while she recovered. Cora was on the fast track to a successful recovery and able to thrive as the playful puppy we all knew she was.

Cora was adopted just days shy of her one year anniversary at Homeward Pet, and is now flourishing in her new home on 10 acres with her sister Abby, an eight year old Rottweiler/Lab mix. She has numerous play buddies in the neighborhood and is making new friends every day. With little socialization as a puppy, it was hard to tell if she would warm up to other dogs as she got older; however, the love, care, and training her family have provided Cora have enabled her to do wonderfully with others. It was a long journey, but Cora and her forever family have found each other.

Cora is a special girl and her story is just one of many. Your generous support ensures that more homeless animals like her get a second chance at life and love.

Thank you to the Everett Animal Shelter and all the Homeward Pet volunteers, supporters and staff who were a part of Cora's success story! None of this could have been possible without you!

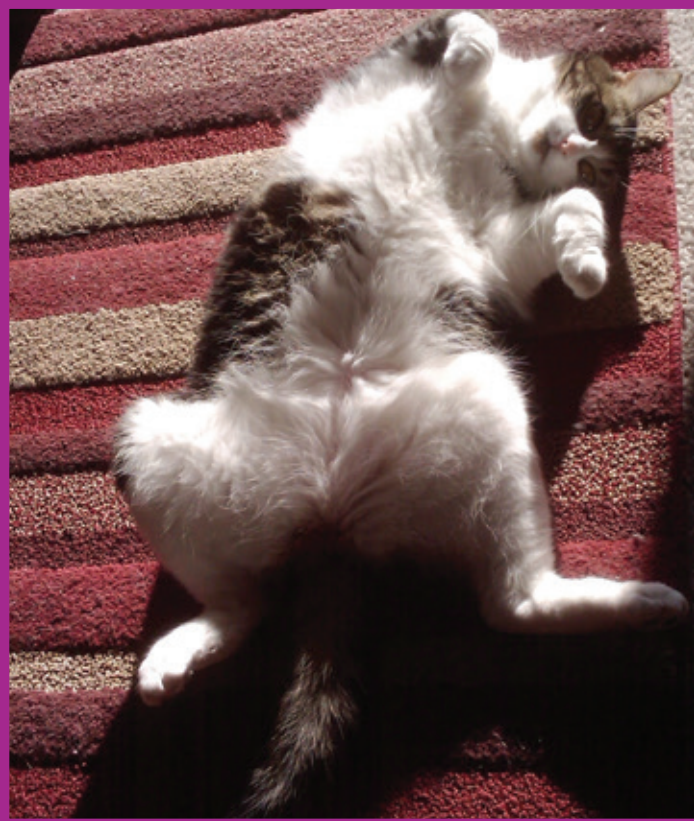
A special thanks to Treva, Brian and Abby for adopting our Cora!



Have you adopted from Homeward Pet?

We love receiving updates on our cats and dogs after they have been adopted. If you would like to share your story with Homeward Pet, please contact adopters@homewardpet.org. Don't forget to include a photo or video. We'll post your update to our blog.





Happy Adoption Tail ~ Little Miss Greta Garbo

"When I first met Garbo, she wasn't too thrilled about shelter life (but who is?) I found her to be grumpy on most Saturdays when I volunteered. She started to warm up to me – but only after about five months. The day I actually heard her purr was the day I decided to do something more. She simply needed just one person to take a chance. She became my foster kitty, which transitioned into a successful adoption. She made her appreciation known immediately. She became a different cat literally overnight and quickly settled into her new life. She wakes up with me each morning, goes to sleep with me each night, and follows me around everywhere in between. Greta is a loving, affectionate, silly girl. Who knew?

There is no greater joy then to be able to provide a safe loving home to an animal that was otherwise overlooked. There is treasure to be found in each and every one.

Thank you Homeward Pet for giving her the second chance she deserves so we could find each other. We couldn't be happier."

~ Anne



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