

2012 – A Record Year



Terri with Jojo and Grimm



Thank you to PCG for helping us complete our office project!

Thanks to **YOU**, our loyal supporters, 2012 was Homeward Pet's best year ever! Our first full year in our new facility was an exciting one with so many successes to celebrate.

- We adopted a record number of animals into new homes - 639 dogs and 775 cats – a total of **1,414 adoptions**.
- With your generous support we raised approximately **\$1,063,000** – helping HPAC provide general animal care with food, vaccinations, microchips, spay & neuter as well as special need services and treatments for those dogs and cats in need of a little extra care.
- The Homeward Pet Volunteer Program increased to approximately **400 active volunteers**, who donated over **45,000 hours of service**.
- HPAC provided over **40,000 lbs of pet food to help support families with pets in need** through the Homeward Pet Food Bank, sponsored by Doggy Haven Resort, and partnerships with area food banks.

- Our Low Cost Spay and Neuter program **altered over 500 pets for our community** – doing our part to help reduce pet overpopulation in our area.
- We began a new program offering **FREE microchips, chipping 156 pets** for local families to provide them with a better chance of being returned home if ever lost.
- With the Parvo scare at area off leash parks, HPAC provided **FREE Parvo combination vaccines** to 88 dogs within our community.

We are so grateful for the support of our community and to the many generous supporters who help us care for the homeless dogs and cats that count on us.

We look forward to an even more successful 2013!

Thank you,

Terri Inglis
Executive Director

Celebrating 23 Years!

Homeward Pet Adoption Center was founded in 1990 as Hooterville Pet Safehaus. Since then, we've changed our name once, moved three times, and found new homes for more than 21,000 companion animals. Every February, we celebrate another year as one of Washington's leading no-kill shelters.

February 2013 marks our 23rd Anniversary, and with your help, we're setting our sights on helping even more animals by collecting 230 donations of \$23. Donations of just \$23 will help provide vaccinations, food, microchips, FeLV/FIV tests, and more. Look for the thermometer on our website as we track your life-saving donations all month long.

Plus, on February 23rd, we'll hold our special Anniversary Adoption Event. All adoptions will be just \$23, and we hope to send a record number of animals home with wonderful new families!

Working together, there's so much we can do.



Peggy Noll – Turning a passion for animals into a 20-year journey



"On the way to dinner, a friend suggested we make a quick visit to Hooterville Pet Safehaus. I never made it to dinner but Hooterville, now Homeward Pet, gained a new volunteer and my journey began. Little did I know just how much my life would change.

I have been privileged to personally experience how Homeward Pet has impacted the lives of over 20,000 animals that have come through our doors. Like Vinnie, an abandoned cat who lost both ears to cancer, or Ruby a deaf and blind senior dog who still had a zest for life. If it weren't for HPAC's commitment to helping the most needy, no matter what their condition, many animals would never have a second chance. This is what has kept me involved for 20 years.

The Homeward Pet team dedicates their time and skills to help make a difference in the lives of those in our community. It takes a village and I am glad to be a villager."

Please help us in congratulating Peggy Noll. If you have any photos and/or stories for Peggy's scrapbook, please contact Peggy@homewardpet.org.

◀ *Peggy Noll with Whoopi who inspired Whoopi's Fund for Special Needs Pets.*

Have you ever seen a group of grown-ups so excited about laundry?

The staff and volunteers were literally cheering after Homeward Pet received the most generous gift of a commercial grade washer and dryer. Our previous machines ran 24/7 to keep our dog and cat residents with clean bedding and volunteers stocked with towels for cleaning. Our new machines are so efficient, we now only need to do six loads a day – giving our staff and volunteers more time to spend caring for the animals.

Thank you Weidner Foundation for helping HPAC keep our dogs and cats supplied with clean, cozy bedding!



Homeward Pet Calendar

Feb 10	Heart to Heart Fundraiser, Northwest Cellars, Kirkland
Feb 23	23rd Anniversary Adoption Event
Feb 26	World Spay Day
March 2	Annual Fur Ball Auction and Dinner, Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
March 30	Annual Easter b-Egg Hunt, Camp Charlie, Duvall

Thinking Inside the Box – A Success Story



instead we try to solve the behavior problem.

Peyton was returned to Homeward Pet for that reason. Her litter box habits were flawless here at the shelter so we wanted to see how she would do in a low stress household. Peyton went into a foster home for a few weeks to test our theory that if we eliminate the stressor the problem often goes away. As it turned out, Peyton proved us right so when Gloria and Ron, a quiet retired couple, came in to adopt a cat, we introduced them to Peyton. We are always honest about a cat's past but knowing that Peyton was a perfect cat in a quieter household, we convinced them to give her a chance. We are happy to report that a few months later, she is described as the best cat in the world, can't get enough lap time and has brought joy back into their lives. And yes, by the way, she has impeccable litter box habits!

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Ending up at a municipal shelter is not an uncommon fate for cats who don't consistently use a litter box. Many are euthanized because of this. The problem can often be solved by changing the type of litter box or litter being used, or even changing the location of the box. Stressors in the household like other cats, dogs or even active children can also contribute to the problem. A change in a feline's living arrangement to a lower stress environment can frequently solve this issue. At Homeward Pet, we never give up on any cat —

Happy Adoption Tail



Dear Peggy and everyone at Homeward Pet,

We just wanted to thank you for giving us our wonderful bloodhound Floyd. He is such a sweet dog and we love him very much! He gets two long walks a day and plenty of training and treats. He is a very happy boy.

About two weeks after we got Floyd we decided he needed a buddy because he LOVES other dogs. So we rescued a one-year-old Bichon Frisee that we named Philbert, and they are now the best of friends. Obviously there is a size difference, but Floyd is such a sweet big brother and is so gentle with Philbert. They play tug of war, snuggle, and romp around outside together. They are very good boys when we leave them home alone, and we can't imagine Floyd being a more perfect gentle dog.

We love Floyd so much! Thanks for all of the wonderful work you are doing!

The Hattwig Family