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## FROM HOMeward PET

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## 25 Years of Memories

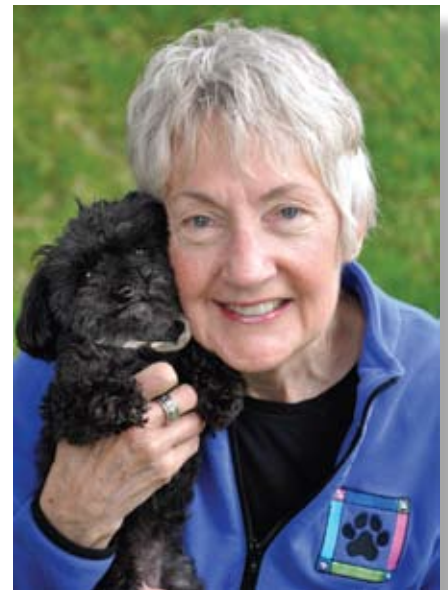
**One of Homeward Pet's treasured leaders reflects on our journey of rescue, shelter, and adoption.**

I first started volunteering at Hooterville Pet Safehaus in 1993. What impressed me most about this small, struggling, no-kill shelter was the steadfast commitment of founder, Peggy Barnish. She had created, with the help of the community and a handful of volunteers and supporters, a safehaus - a halfway house for cats and dogs. With a handful of volunteers and supporters, and in four years more than 3,000 cats and dogs found loving homes.

The original shelter was located across from the railroad tracks along Woodinville Drive (thus the name Hooterville Pet Safehaus and logo taken from a comic strip popular at the time). Space was limited at this location and the cats' kennels, much to their dislike, were placed on top of the dogs' kennels. Back then, the shelter depended on a local veterinary clinic for medical care, including spay and neuter surgeries. There was one onsite, make-shift clinic in which a school teacher provided basic medical attention such as treating fleas and ear mites on a part-time volunteer basis.

It never ceased to amaze me how Hooterville Pet Safehaus survived many lean years of operation. As Peggy Barnish

would say, it happened on a Prayer and a Paw. Throughout the 22 years I have been involved with Homeward Pet, I have seen this once small, local shelter transformed into one of the largest, no-kill shelters in the state of Washington. I would have never imagined that three years ago Homeward Pet would move into a facility capable of housing more than 45 cats and 35 dogs at a time, and then in 2013, we had the best year in our history, finding homes for 1,690 cats and dogs. I am so proud to be a part of the dedicated and committed staff and volunteers that continue to make a difference in the lives of so many homeless animals deserving a second chance in life. Thanks for the road well-traveled everyone!



*Peggy Noll, Community Development Director, and her Precious*



## Happy Adoption Tail - Lucy

"She is an absolute LOVE! We often call her Lucy Goosy and say 'Lucy, you got some 'splainin to do.' We all laugh as everything she does is just so cute! Lucy is not shy at all and has an enormous amount of kitten energy! She loves to climb on and in everything. Our lab Emmie just loves her and searches the house constantly for her. Emmie is Lucy's Big Sister.

I think Lucy's favorite thing to do is chew on Emmie's ears and face flab. It's the cutest thing I've ever seen! Emmie just sits there and tolerates it. Lucy's other favorites are sitting on the window sill, hiding under blankets and sleeping with our son every night.

Thank you so much for taking such good care of her when she was so little. She is a happy, healthy, energetic, loving kitten and we are so blessed to have found her at Homeward Pet. She is a wonderful addition to our family!" - Dorothy

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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# From the Executive Director

## 2014 in Review

As I reflect over the last year, I am so very proud of all that we have accomplished in helping over 1,647 dogs and cats that came through our doors find their forever homes — all made possible by supporters like **YOU!**

You helped provide each and every one of our animals with vaccinations, de-worming and flea medication, a microchip, and if needed, spay or neuter surgeries. You also helped supply us with over 25,000 pounds of pet food that kept them fed while in our care.

A couple exceptional highlights that positively affected our animals: Our kennels are now at full capacity, thanks to a generous grant from The Handsel Foundation, who provided the means to complete our cat room with custom-built kennels.

With an increase in the number of dogs and cats we can now help, we have seen a rise in special needs health issues. Thanks to our supporters who dedicated their donations to our Whoopi's Fund - Special Needs animals. Of the 1,647 adopted, 629 required more than standard clinic care and we provided joint medication for seniors with arthritis, biopsies for lumps and tumors, as well as amputations, repairs and much more.

We created The Dog Behavior Team to work with our canine residents on basic handling, general commands, and safe leash walking. Through positive training, the team members work on challenging behaviors to help the dogs with their adoptability and also with becoming successful in their new homes and the community.

Most importantly, the care given to each and every dog, puppy, cat and kitten is the same care we would provide to our own companions. We want all of our animals to feel loved while they are with us—which carries over to their new forever homes.

Thank you for your important part in helping these amazing creatures receive a second chance at life and love! Wishing you all the most wonderful New Year!

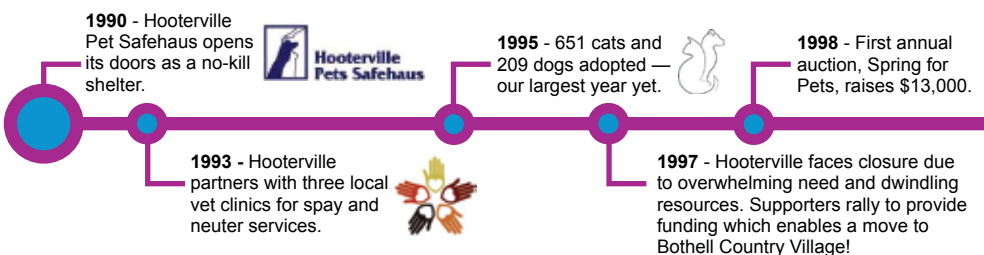
Warmest regards,

Terri Inglis

Executive Director



*Terri Inglis, Executive Director, with Grimm, her rescue.*



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# Homeward Pet Calendar

- February 28** 25th Anniversary Adoption Event
- March 28** Homeward Pet Fur Ball Auction and Dinner
- April 4** Easter b'Egg Hunt
- July 17-19** Kirkland Uncorked
- September 19** Happy Tails Wine Walk



**You're Invited!**

**FUR BALL AUCTION  
& DINNER 2015**

Saturday, March 28  
at the Meydenbauer Center

[www.homewardpet.org/auction](http://www.homewardpet.org/auction) or call 425.488.4444



Early Bird discount tickets are available through February 28  
Register Today! [www.homewardpet.org/auction](http://www.homewardpet.org/auction)

## Gifts That Keep on Giving!

### Shelter Essentials

You donate, we'll buy, and the animals will benefit!



For details on how you can help, visit  
[www.homewardpet.org/shelteressentials](http://www.homewardpet.org/shelteressentials)

### Does your dog or cat require medication?

Give back to homeless animals by  
ordering through Pet Rescue RX!



Get started now: [www.petrescuerrx.com](http://www.petrescuerrx.com)

## Be There For Them Every Day of the Year

Thank you to our Guardian Angel Kennel Sponsors!

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**2003** - Hooterville Pet Safehaus becomes Homeward Pet Adoption Center and relocates to the Clearwater Spas building with an in-house veterinary clinic.



**2010** - Whoopi's Fund created to help special needs animals.

**2010** - Homeward Pet offers a public day for low-cost spay and neuter services.



**1999** - Hooterville expands its feral cat sanctuary to include a barn cat adoption program.



**2005** - Homeward Pet takes in 35 animals displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

**2009** - Homeward Pet named Top 3 in "Best Favorite Local Charity" of Best of Western Washington.



**2011** - Homeward Pet moves to current, 11,000 sq. ft. building, with increased capacity to help more animals and more statewide rescues.

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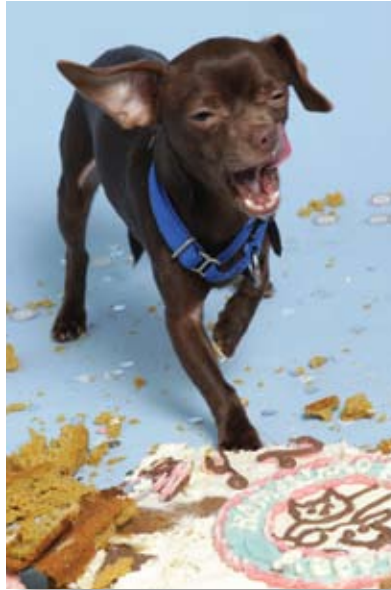


# Homeward Pet Turns 25!

As 2015 begins, we celebrate 25 years of helping people and animals find that special bond. With your generous support, we've found forever homes for over 24,500 cats and dogs...so far. For this year's silver anniversary, your \$25 donation will help us provide essential vaccinations, food, microchips, FeLV/FIV tests, leashes and collars for even more homeless animals. Track our progress at **[www.homewardpet.org](http://www.homewardpet.org)** as we set our sights on collecting 250 life-saving donations through the month of February.

Plus, on Saturday February 28th, we'll hold our one-day, 25th Anniversary Adoption Event! All dog, cat, puppy and kitten adoptions will be just \$25! We hope to make this anniversary event the best day ever for even more cats and dogs and their wonderful new families!

**Donate! Adopt! Celebrate!** Join us for another year of giving homeless animals a second chance.



## Cherishing Forever Friends

It all started with an ad in the Everett Herald. A small, local animal shelter called Hooterville Safehaus was looking for volunteers to help walk dogs. Community member, Anne Winskie, was looking for a way to give back and thought, "I think I can do that."

That day marked the beginning of a 19 year commitment Anne and her husband, John, have made to Homeward Pet Adoption Center. Together they have filled every role: adopter, donor, foster, volunteer, advocate and friend.

The part of the shelter closest to the Winskie's hearts is our Forever Friends Wall, filled with heartfelt and sentimental messages inscribed on tiles that pay tribute to two-legged and four-legged loved ones.

When Homeward Pet moved into our current facility in 2011, Anne and John used the Forever Friends Wall as a way to memorialize the lives of the six beloved dogs they've adopted over the years (five were Homeward Pet alumni). The wall is now a place where the Winskies stop to visit with their cherished pets every time they walk through the shelter.

As Anne recently shared with staff, "The Forever Friends Wall is such a wonderful way to pay tribute to the animals we love and help out Homeward Pet at the same time! ...Everyone is so creative; it's always fun to read the new tiles when they go up."

Thank you Anne and John for making such meaningful contributions to Homeward Pet and the homeless animals we care for. We could not do this work without you!

If you would like to learn more about our Forever Friends Wall please visit our website at [www.homewardpet.net/donate/sponsor-a-tile/](http://www.homewardpet.net/donate/sponsor-a-tile/)



*John and Anne next to their 'Forever Friends' tiles.*

**2011** - Homeward Pet Food Bank debuts, providing pet food and supplies to families and pets in need.

**2012** - Low-cost spay and neuter program alters over 500 pets.

**2013** - Free micro chipping becomes an annual Fourth of July event.

**2013** - Homeward Pet adopts a "best ever" 1,690 dogs and cats into forever homes.



**2013** - 1st annual Happy Tails Wine Walk takes over the Woodinville Hollywood Wine District.



**2014** - 350+ volunteers donate 33,000+ hours to care for our animals.

**2014** - Homeward Pet supporters raise an incredible \$346,000 at the Fur Ball Auction.

**2014** - Cat room completed with custom-built kennels through grassroots fundraising and a generous grant from The Handsel Foundation

Looking forward to 25 more years!

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# Homeward Pet Food Bank Helps People & Pets

Last October, Homeward Pet was thrilled to add Hopelink in Kirkland as a Homeward Pet Food Bank partner. Hopelink offers a variety of programs that enable families in crisis to make progress toward, and achieve self-sufficiency, including emergency family shelter and transitional housing, food deliveries to elderly and disabled individuals, transportation, adult education and much more. Now, we'll be able to help Hopelink families with pets keep their valued family member as they work to get back on their feet.

By adding Hopelink to our valued network of Homeward Pet Food Bank partners – including the Storehouse in Woodinville, and food banks in Maltby, Monroe-Sky Valley, Mill Creek and Canyon Hills Community Church in Bothell – we've more than doubled the assistance we're able to offer families with pets, and have over 700 families each week, all year round, receiving food and supplies for their four-legged family member.

The day after Thanksgiving, we kicked off our own holiday tradition – The Homeward Pet Holiday Pet Food Drive! Our new partnership with Hopelink gave us extra incentive to collect as much pet food as possible, to help as many families as possible, and with the enthusiastic support of our retail drop-off locations, we rang in the New Year with 95,558 pounds of donated food — more than ever before!

A special thanks to you for showing tons of holiday spirit, donating to the Holiday Pet Food Drive, and helping more families than ever before this holiday season!



*Paul Uhrig, Facilities Manager, with Ted and Tom of Hopelink.*

## Keeping our Cats and Canines Cozy

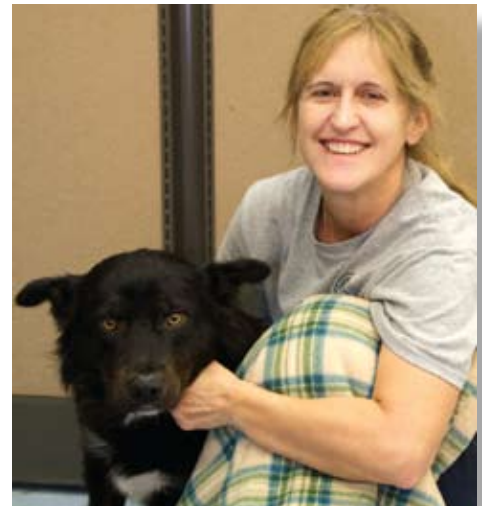
Through the eyes of a frightened animal, security and comfort are not always common at a shelter. Many of our resident dogs and cats come in unsure of their surroundings and reason for being here. Knowing this, Carolyn and Bernice, two of our dedicated, longtime volunteers, started making blankets - from scratch and with scrap materials - for our homeless animals while they are in our care.

Seeing tattered blankets, beds and towels in the garbage and wanting nothing to go to waste, Bernice decided to take the worn items home to repair, and bring them back to the shelter restored and ready to use again. This evolved into creating blankets from the scrap materials of old items left to be thrown away.



*Carolyn with Ms. Saunders*

Piecing these scraps together, Bernice is able to make blankets of a usable size to accommodate the different shapes and sizes of dogs that come through our doors on a weekly basis. Many incoming canines have Bernice's blankets in their kennels upon arrival – adding a special, personal touch to their time with us.



*Bernice with Gomer*

Carolyn creates blankets for our fabulous felines from scratch, using different fleece patterns while cutting and tying the edges to make fringe borders. Upon entering the cat room, Carolyn's blankets can be seen in most of our cats' kennels – a heartfelt gesture for our current and incoming cats as they begin their journey to a new life.

The results of Bernice and Carolyn's generous gifts extend far beyond the physical effects. Extra warmth of course, but also providing a simple, yet necessary source of comfort and security for our animals during their stay with us, and sometimes for the first time in their lives.

Thank you Carolyn and Bernice – our animals' lives are enriched because of your thoughtful, compassionate work. You are Homeward Heroes!



## Happy Adoption Tail - Jewel

"We were expecting to come home with a cat or two, but instead fell in love with Jewel. She was very skittish and shy at first, but has transitioned very well into our family. She loves to snuggle and prefers to be where her family is; preferably in their laps. She is obsessed with playing catch and will be your best friend if you toss her a ball.

Jewel was very afraid at first to ride in the car, but it is now one of her favorite things to do. She is such a love and thinks everyone should love her just as much. She is a bit of a bed hog, though, and makes it a point to position herself in between my husband and I whenever she can. We can't help but let her because she is so cute. She also has our boys wrapped around her paws.

She is a very good dog and we could not have asked for a better addition to our family. She is truly a blessing."

- Sam

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