

Waggin' Tails Newsletter

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Shelter Building Update

The HSMC Board has hired the well driller Nicholson Drilling and we are waiting on the date that he can proceed. It will probably be in later January as he is booked. The septic designer reviewed our revised site plan and felt we did not need a revision to his original septic design. The power design was completed by PUD3 and that will be installed after the well. The water system engineer is on board and will be working with the well driller. In addition to that, we just received a large donation for the well pump and we are on our way!
Brenda Gardner, Vice President

The HSMC Office has moved!

The HSMC had to move out of Theler Center as they are making some big changes. We really appreciate our time there. We needed an office space to rent and Windermere Real Estate in Allyn offered us a wonderful space at a very economical rate. Price matters, as we are diligently fundraising and saving to build the animal shelter. We are all moved into our great new office space in Allyn. We were very fortunate to be offered this space. Our office is now located at 18400 E. State Route 3, Allyn, WA. As noted above, we are working hard to build the Shelter, do not bring animals to this location. Only the physical address of our office has changed. Mailing address and phone number remain the same. Eventually we will move to the new property. We will let you know when we can make the move. Thank you Windemere Real Estate for so generously offering us an office space to rent.

Thinking about a new PET?

Before you purchase a puppy or kitten from a breeder, please think about what you really need from your fur baby. If you aren't going to show your pet, please rescue. There are so many wonderful pets that need forever homes. Think about your lifestyle and what kind of pet would work for you. Do some research on the breed you want and make sure your new fur baby will be happy living with you and your lifestyle.

The Humane Society of Mason County's mission is to provide a second chance for companion animals.

Acupuncture Has Gone To The Dogs

About two years ago, our then 7 year old dog Emmie started to show the signs of aging. She was getting slower in the getting up and laying down department, along with not being as agile on her runs as she used to be. Her care providers at Cedar Creek Animal Clinic in Port Orchard started her on an anti-inflammatory regimen as needed for those tougher days.

Emmie tolerated the medication well and showed improvement. But then in the spring of this year, she took a sudden turn for the worse. X-rays were done and a pain reliever added to her now twice daily anti-inflammatory dose followed by a third medication for chronic pain when she showed little improvement. Despite the now three medications twice daily, Emmie continued to decline and we feared the worse for our beloved girl. Getting her to eat also became difficult, requiring us to make special meals and trying every trick in the book to get her to take her pills and finish a meal. She was losing so much weight, and her difficulty walking made her favorite task of going for hikes a thing of the past.

Then in June we received a call from one of the veterinarians at Cedar Creek; they were going to be offering a new service, acupuncture, and would we be interested in enrolling Emmie. We were skeptical at first, but then we thought, 'what do we have to lose?'. Our girl meant everything to us, and we were willing to do whatever it took to get her happy again, so we booked her first consultation with Dr. Tomoko Kiyonaga (or Dr. TK as we call her).

We were nervous for Emmie's first appointment, not only thinking about lots of fine needles going into our girl, but Emmie has not always been the most tolerant, shall we say, of doctors and anything related to going to the vet! But Dr. TK was extremely patient with Emmie, making sure the room for Emmie's treatment was as comfortable as possible for her and us, as we got to sit with her during her acupuncture treatment.

Much to our surprise and delight, Emmie did great in her first treatment, and showed some initial signs of improvement. Due to her severe condition, we returned for another session a week later, and again, Emmie did well and showed more signs of improvement. We were amazed and so excited that we were skeptics no more and became hooked on acupuncture.

It's now been six months since Emmie's first treatment, and her turn around has been so incredible, she is 'sticking' with it! She gained her weight back, enjoys her daily walks again, eats normal meals (yeah!) and went from three pills to just one. Emmie currently enjoys a monthly acupuncture visit with Dr. TK, which has proven to be less costly than the previous medications, not to mention better for her; and over time we hope to spread her treatments out even further.

We are so thankful to Dr. TK and the care team at Cedar Creek for giving us our beloved girl back! Acupuncture for dogs... who knew?! Now, anyone know a good acupuncturist for people?

For more information on Cedar Creek Animal Clinic, Dr. TK and acupuncture service, please visit their website at www.cedarcreekwa.com

S. Steck, HSMC Volunteer



Emmie getting ready.



Emmie receiving treatment.



Emmie feeling GOOD!



Auction 2016 Recap!

It was another great Sails 'n Tails auction for HSMC at Alderbrook Resort & Spa! The weather and scenery were second to none at this beautiful Hood Canal resort. It made for a great and generous mood for all of our guests! Our 7th annual event profited over \$29,000 in sales from tickets and our numerous donated items. All proceeds from the event go towards our shelter building campaign for our future home in Belfair.

Thanks to the numerous donations from our auction guests, our "Fund A Need" special appeal to install a well on our property received \$7,450; and our "Fix A Friend" received \$1,470 for our Spay & Neuter Program. This year's lucky Golden Ticket winner was Antonia Gatto—and no surprise, she selected the Maui Trip. Congrats and Aloha to you Antonia!

All guests went home happy after a great meal and fun time; and those going home with some great deals, were even happier—especially the bid winners for the Hawaii trip, Holland America Cruise, limited edition Russell Wilson autographed jersey, and VIP tickets to the upcoming sold out Adele concert in Seattle! Congratulations to all of our lucky winners!

But we know this event would not be a success year after year if it wasn't for the amazing and continued support of our sponsors, volunteers, auction guests, local businesses, friends of HSMC and generous bidders! Please save the date and join us for the next Annual Sails 'n Tails Auction on Saturday, May 13, 2017!

Thank you,
The Humane Society of Mason County

Upcoming Events for 2017

- ◆ **May 13th - 8th Annual Sails 'n Tails Dinner/Auction Gala Event.**
- ◆ **August 5th - Rummage Sale during the Lakeland Village Annual Community Sale. More to come.**
- ◆ **Summer TBD - Annual Pet Fair** at the new property in Belfair, 350 E. North Mason School Road. There will be food, demonstrations, booths to visit and fun for the whole family! Lots of fun! More to come!
- ◆ **November Dates TBD - Santa Paws at Scott McLendon's Hardware in Belfair on Saturday and Santa Paws at Scott McLendon's Hardware in Port Orchard on Sunday** Bring your family and furry (and feathered!) friends to Scott McLendon's for our annual pictures with Santa Paws.
- ◆ **First Saturday of every month - Members Meeting**, 10 AM at the QFC meeting room in Belfair. Please join us and learn about our mission, goals, latest news and event planning. Non-members are welcome.

HSMC Takes Donations



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Tribute/Memorial gifts are a wonderful way to:

- To honor the memory of a loved one or a cherished pet.
- Give the perfect gift for someone who has "everything."
- Honor your parents on Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- Show your beloved pets how much you love them by helping their homeless friends at the shelter.
- Celebrate any special occasion - birthday, anniversary, retirement, holiday gift, etc.

In-Kind Gifts & Sponsorships:

"In-kind" support (contributions of equipment, supplies, or other property as distinct from monetary grants) is often offered by corporate giving programs along with, or in lieu of, cash grants. See our website for more information.

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Would you like to be a sponsor for the 8th annual Sails 'n Tails Auction?

The primary source of funding for our Sails 'n Tails auctions comes from corporate sponsors. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the beautiful Alderbrook Resort & Spa on The Hood Canal. If you would like to be a sponsor for our event, please contact our office at 360-275-9310, or email us at info@humanesocietyofmasoncounty.com

Did you get unwanted gift cards for the holidays?

If so, donate them to HSMC! For more information, please contact our office or visit our donations page.

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