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Buddy Finds a Forever Home On Lopez



The Gravilles with Buddy

In January of this year, we were asked to find a new home for a two year old yellow Lab/ Shepherd mix. Buddy came to Lopez as a gift to a senior in poor health. When he died, the dog's care fell to a busy family who were not able to give this active, young dog the attention or play time that all young dogs crave. To their credit, they realized that a different situation would benefit all concerned.

Besides being very handsome (just look at that face!), he had a terrific personality and was so eager to please. He also seemed to get

along with other dogs, cats and children. This made us all the more determined to find the forever home he needed and deserved. So after a trip to the vet that included vaccinations and neutering, we began our search.

Fortunately, at about the same time, Iris and Jerry Graville began a search for a dog to add to their household. Iris called LAPS in hopes of finding a dog on Lopez in need of a new home. "Our beloved Golden Retriever, Murphy, died about five years ago," Iris says. Although we had our two lovable cats, Boris and Skoshi, we were missing the companionship of a dog." Within a couple of weeks, Jerry and Iris had an initial meeting with Buddy. It did not take long for them, and their cats, to determine Buddy was a good match. In March, Buddy bounded into their home and hearts.

"We really appreciate the way Buddy was introduced to us and how we were encouraged to take our time to determine if we were right for each other," Jerry says. "Buddy has a sweet personality and seemed quite comfortable in our home right away. We also had a chance to introduce him to our neighbors and the dogs of friends we walk with, and Buddy charmed them all!"



Iris and Jerry are grateful that Buddy's former family cared enough about him to enlist the help of LAPS to find him a new home. "I have a home office and love to take long walks," Iris says. "Buddy is a great companion for me whether I'm at work or out getting some exercise. Everybody who meets him agrees with us that we're lucky to have Buddy in our family."

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Shasta trailer alumni
Agatha and Hercule

Trailer Tales

In 2005, LAPS became the proud owner of a small 1958 Shasta Travel Trailer. It has served us often and well as a foster care facility for kittens awaiting adoption and for lost cats waiting to be claimed. However, we began to realize vintage charm did not compensate for such limited space; the situation became comic when the occupants numbered 9 active kittens!

So, we were on the lookout for a reasonably priced larger and more comfortable model. Luckily, a generous Lopez donor stepped forward and we were able to acquire a 17' 1978 Prowler.

This trailer is adjacent to our secure, fenced outdoor cat play area. It is fun and rewarding to spend time with the appreciative felines housed there. Please let us know if you wish to volunteer.

Thank You, Lopez Community

We continue to be amazed and grateful for your support of our work for over two decades. Your generous gifts of money, pet supplies and time help us every day with our mission: To enhance and protect the lives of domestic animals on Lopez Island.

Lost and Found Department: Sienna and Charlie



Brooke and Sienna

When Brooke Rinehart moved to the Flat Point neighborhood in March, 2008, her cat, Sienna, had other plans. This distinctive Siamese mix disappeared soon after the relocation. Nothing more was seen or heard of her until March, 2009! Then, Tom and Jerry Green reported occasional brief looks at a cat hunting in their field. We set up a feeding station but the cat was elusive. Next, neighbors Steve Horn and Polly Ham noticed a cat with similar characteristics. Luckily, Steve' photographic skills succeeded in a likeness that Brooke identified as her Sienna. After surviving over a year on her own and trekking several miles back to her former mid-island territory, Sienna now seems very content to call Flat Point home.

Young Charlie was a wandering guy, and very gregarious. So when he disappeared in February, 2009, Rita O'Boyle was sad but not totally surprised. You may have



Charlie O'Boyle

noticed her huge sign on Center Road: "Have you seen my ginger cat?" Then four months later, Deanell and Anna Lease reported a lanky orange cat trying to move in with them! We took the cat to our foster care trailer. Thinking it might be Charlie, we emailed his picture to Rita. Bingo! Another happy reunion.

It's so much easier to reunite dogs and cats with their people if just a few steps are taken:

- Place I. D. break-away collars on cats and SJ County license tags on dogs.
- If your pet is missing, please call us, notify neighbors and put up posters with their pictures. For dogs, also call Sheriff's Dispatch (468-2333)
- And, don't give up! We once were able to take a cat back to her amazed people after it had wandered for more than

two years. We had her picture for reference and "lost cat" information on our database. Thank you.

Wanda the Wondercat



Wanda and Ralph

In was nearly dark on the Saturday evening in February when Nancy Greene stopped to investigate an object lying in the road. She found a severely injured cat who had recently been hit by a vehicle. Next Virginia and Ann Palmer tracked down veterinarian Jerry Scherzinger who diagnosed a skull fracture and shattered hind leg.

Thus began almost 4 months of treatment and foster care for "Wanda." This included 3 weeks of caring rehabilitation with volunteer Barbara Carver.

Although this sweet, young feline recovered from her skull injury, her leg could not be saved. Week after week after week, Wanda amazed us with resilience and

will to overcome her injuries and loss. She was a joy to be around.

Within days of her leg amputation, she was getting around well and even being playful. But our concerns continued: who would provide the safe, loving forever home she needed and deserved?

But miracles do happen! After just one visit and some serious contemplation, Phyllis and Ralph Nansen decided to take Wanda on a trial basis on the last day of May. They were worried that she would not get along with Big Boy, their huge handsome black cat.

Fast forward to August: Wanda now runs up and down flights of stairs and tears around the house with ease. She goes for walks outdoors on a harness like a champ. She played a very provocative female and had Big Boy baffled but now they are constant companions. Ralph is her new best friend.

Life is good for Wanda the Lucky Wondercat.



Wanda and Big Boy



In Memoriam Vesla George

*In loving memory
of our dedicated board
member, and friend
to all critters
everywhere.*

Help Available

We offer low cost spaying and neutering for cats and dogs of Lopez Island residents needing a subsidized rate as funds are available. Thanks to a grant from PETCO and community donations, LAPS will sponsor a Fall Spay/Neuter clinic. There will be a minimum fee of \$10 for cats and \$20 for dogs. Call for information; 468-2591 or 468-2258

Announcements

Tune to KLOI on Tuesday's Bulletin Board for LAPS current information. This is repeated on Wednesday's Library News and Reviews by Board member Lou. Other LAPS news is displayed in the glass case on the exterior wall of Lopez Village Market.

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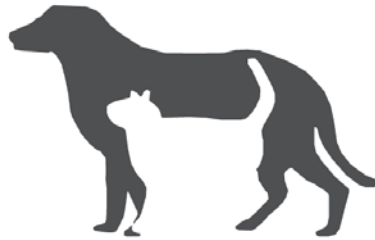
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*"DOGS COME WHEN THEY ARE CALLED;
CATS TAKE A MESSAGE AND GET BACK
TO YOU LATER"*

—Mary Bly



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