

UPCOMING EVENTS

Microchip Clinic,
July 17th at Valley
Feed Belfair

**Putting Fore Pets
Golf Tournament,**
August 13th at Lake-
Land Village

**Strut Your Mutt
Day, October 23rd**

Santa Paws,
November 20th At
McLendon's Belfair

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From The Littered Desk of the President

I have to brag that we have the most amazing group of volunteers who have been really busy. Many pet owners in our community have received assistance in getting their pets spayed or neutered. We not only continue to provide financial assistance for those who may not be able to afford the cost of this surgery; we can also assist in transporting pets (and feral cats) to spay and neuter appointments. Thanks to donations from members of the community and Local Wrench in Belfair (<https://localwrench.com>) we were able to purchase a transport van that provides safe transportation for dogs and cats to and from spay and neuter appointments. We were able to get an awesome vinyl wrap on the van which not only featured the pets of our generous donors but also provides advertising for our organization.

Our **Sails n' Tails Auction** will not happen again in 2021 due to COVID. There are too many unknowns at this time with getting a venue plus with many businesses struggling due to lockdowns that have taken place over the last 15+ months we don't feel comfortable asking for donation items for our auction. We will be working on planning our Auction for 2022.

In lieu of the auction we decided to try a new event this year which is our first annual **"Putting Fore Pets"** fundraising golf tournament (4-person scramble format) on Friday, Au-

gust 13th at 1:00pm (shotgun start) at Lakeland Village Golf Course in Allyn. We are asking for your help in making this a successful fundraising event. If



Tina's home office co-worker Milo soaking up the sun in his catio

you are a golfer we hope you will form a team and golf in our tournament. Not a golfer? Become a hole sponsor for \$250 and your business/name will be displayed at the hole tee-off. Or make a direct donation at the Gold (\$150), Silver (\$100) or Bronze (\$50) level, and your business/name will be displayed on the HSMC Donation Board at the tournament. Visit our events page on our website (www.hsmcwa.org) for more information, tournament registration, and hole sponsorships and donations.

We do wish to acknowledge and thank Bent Bine Brewery in Belfair (<http://bentbine.com>) for once again hosting a fund-raising event to raise funds for the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs of both HSMC and Kitten Rescue in Shelton. The event raised a little over \$1,500 and was held on June 5th.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank North Kitsap Abate (<https://northkitsapabate.com>) for holding a Mutt Putt Poker Run on June 19th raising funds for HSMC, Humane Society of Jefferson County, and Kitsap Humane Society. Their event raised \$610 for HSMC.

We continue to make progress on our future shelter in Belfair, and recently two of our board members met with Shelter Builders of America to tour our property and discuss plans for our site development.

I hope you read this edition of our newsletter from beginning to end to learn about not only how our existing programs are going but the new ones that we have introduced or re-introduced. I am pleased to say that our organization is growing not only in the services that we can provide but in the number of volunteers who are helping us along the way. HSMC still remains a 100% volunteer organization and we are always looking for great people who love to give back to their community by volunteering.

I just want to say thank you to our volunteers and our supporters. We very much appreciate each and every one of you.

Tina Nutt
HSMC President



Belfair Bark Park Grand Opening



Above: HSMC van was on hand for the opening
Below: pet owners and their dogs make their way to the new bark park



Forrest was our honorary cat ambassador at Bent Bine Brew Co

The official opening of the Belfair Bark Park took place at the Salmon Center on Roessel Road in Belfair at 4:00 p.m. on June 30th.

Interest in the event was evident as was indicated by a full parking lot. Salmon Center volunteers welcomed people to the grassy lawn next to the office and to the opening ceremony. Free refreshments, tennis balls and frisbies were available.

Joining the crowd were a few volunteers from The Humane

Society of Mason County. Salmon Center staff had been kind in letting them park HSMC's new van just steps away from their office. After a few introductions, the enthusiastic people and their canines descended some steps and walked out to the grassy field.

There are two sections to the park, one for smaller, more shy dogs and another for those who like to race and chase.

The roam-free park and a trail for leashed dogs will be a popular destination to ensure dogs

are happy and well exercised in our community.

The Salmon Center continues to make improvements to the park and trail. Visit them for more information and to volunteer for upcoming bark park work parties:

www.pnwsalmoncenter.org

Sally Cull
HSMC Board Member

Photos courtesy of Kim Smith
HSMC volunteer

The Unleashing of Sekhmet Red Ale

On Saturday, June 5th, HSMC teamed up with the Kitten Rescue of Mason County (KRMC) to host our first joint event at Bent Bine Brew Co. in Belfair. The event featured the unleashing of our first charity brew, Sekhmet Red, that was brewed by owner Tim Masbruch with some help from HSMC and KRMC volunteers.

The red ale was a big success, selling out in just a few days. The event benefited the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs of both nonprofit organizations and raised over \$1,500 from raffle, food and beer sales. TNR has become near and dear to the heart of many of us, including Colleen Masbruch of Bent Bine

whose latest addition to her family is Deimos, a once feral cat whom she trapped and now enjoys his days living indoors on laps and hanging with his best friend.

The name Sekhmet Red came from the Egyptian goddess of the same name who featured a feline head and was sent to earth to destroy humanity. But when that didn't seem like such a good idea after all, the god Ra had the people pour beer into the streets dyed red with ochre to look like blood. Sekhmet lapped up the 'blood' and left humanity alone as she was satiated from all her drinking. Beer came to rescue then, and it came to rescue again to help our organizations!

Events like this are successful not only because of the people that come out to support us,

but also because of our volunteers and sponsors. For the unleashing of Sekhmet Red, we wish to thank Lynn and Hazel from KRMC for making the delicious food and providing raffle baskets, Katherine and Lynda from HSMC and Mitchell Lumber for additional raffle baskets, which included donations by The Shopper and Hardware Distillery, Colleen for the hourly prizes and inspiration for Sekhmet, and Tim, Colleen and everyone at Bent Bine Brew Co. for always being such gracious and amazing hosts and brewing the purrfect pint, cheers!



Deimos, right, now enjoys a life indoors

Ridin' In Style!



Our new van featuring Mason County pets

In April HSMC purchased a transport van, a much needed vehicle to help us safely transport feral cats and community pets to spay and neuter appointments. We ran a Go Fund Me campaign in hopes of raising \$10,000 to

cover the costs associated with the purchase, cleanup, licensing and ongoing maintenance and upkeep. We came close to this goal thanks to many donations, including generous donors that donated a minimum of \$500 to

feature their pet on the van (you will see six Mason County pets) and to Jeff Baker and his team at Local Wrench who ran a matching campaign and also donated time and services to get the van in tip top shape, thank you all!

The van features built in cages for safe

transport, lighting and air conditioning to keep our furry friends (and driver!) comfortable. We have already utilized the van several times, hosting our first spay/neuter day shortly after purchase, and have since used the van to transport numerous trapped feral cats and community pets to spay/neuter days at Kitsap Humane Society.

In future, we hope to take the van to other areas of the county for pickup/drop offs and for mobile microchip and vaccination clinics. Our first microchip clinic has already been scheduled and will be on July 17th at Valley Feed in Belfair.

First Annual Mutt Putt

On June 19th, 2021 the Humane Society of Mason County's office in Allyn was the first stop for the motorcycle organization: A.B.A.T.E. of North Kitsap. Blue skies and warm breezes prevailed as dozens of riders filed into the parking lot next to our office in Allyn. Our staff of volunteers were on hand to answer questions, offer thanks and offer bottles of cool water if they were needed. This was the A.B.A.T.E. group's first annual Mutt

Putt and it had been well scoped out and planned by members of their ride coordinator's team.

HSMC will be one of several animal care organizations in the tri-county area of Kitsap, Mason and Jefferson to receive the proceeds collected from the day's activities. The run was a 180- mile-long scenic tour through those counties with stops at the various shelters (or office locations as was our case.) The

day's activities culminated with an afternoon stop at the Cloverleaf Bar and Grill in Bremerton. Members of our team were invited to join in drawings for door prizes and raffle baskets. The event is hoped to be an annual event.

Sally Cull
HSMC Board Member



"Believe you can and you're halfway there."
~ Theodore Roosevelt

Feline Fosters & Forever Homes Needed

Kitten season is in full swing! As of this newsletter's printing, we have 32 kittens in foster care with our HSMC volunteers that seek their forever homes, and more foster families are always needed. Our team of volunteers have also been busy trapping feral cats and rescuing their kittens to nurse and socialize them for new homes. We are just over half way through the year, and already we have surpassed our 2020 spay/neuter number of 202 by 100 additional

spay/neuters, that is a lot of unwanted litters being prevented! With so many rural areas in our county, our team often finds themselves on large properties where up to 30 cats may need to be trapped, neutered and returned.

To help make things easier for our community to sign up for TNR and spay/neuter needs, we have introduced online forms via our website and our Director of Spay/Neuter

and Board Secretary keeps in constant contact via FaceBook Messenger with our followers. We have also introduced online volunteer and adoption forms, and feature our adoptable pets on Pet Finder. For more information and to keep up to date on events and services in your area, or to find your new best friend, follow us on Facebook and mark our website as a favorite, www.hsmcwa.org





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**Providing a second chance for our
animal companions**

Our mission statement:

The Humane Society of Mason County is a non-profit organization providing assistance and care to displaced or abused animals including control of pet and feral population. Additionally, the organization is working to provide an animal shelter for unwanted companion animals.

We are an all-volunteer organization, so get involved today! Volunteer or become a supporter.

You can support us year round by shopping at AmazonSmile (www.smile.amazon.com), Fred Meyer (www.fredmeyer.com) or take a ResQWalk with us (bestfriends.org/resqwalk)

Volunteer Spotlight ~ Tim Moloney

Tim Moloney has been great addition to our Volunteer program since his retirement.

Tim's many activities with HSMC include his assisting with the TNR program by trapping feral cats and transporting them to their spay/neuter appointments. And when HSMC wanted to purchase a transport van, Tim did a pre-inspection of a van that had been sitting for over a year and a half in the Pierce County auto yard. He also cleaned the inside and out before taking it to have the new HSMC vinyl wrap placed on the outside.

Weekly Tim drives twice a day to Kitsap Humane Society for our spay/neuter day and transports animals to other shelters when needed. He helps with checking in the cats and

dogs for transport to and from the FIX YOUR PET DAY and cleans up the van and crates after each transport.

After 40 years having an auto repair shop, he has also volunteered to do

the general maintenance for our new transport Van.

On top of all that Tim does for HSMC, his wife Lynda, a member of our board, shared he is also "a wonderful Husband and Dog and Cat Dad!" Thank you Tim for all you do for HSMC and our community pets!



Tim with his friend Dewey

HSMC is an all volunteer organization. If you would like to be a volunteer and join our incredible team, we have lots of opportunities and various needs including feral cat trapping, cat/kitten fostering, office assisting, fundraising and much more. Visit our website today to complete a volunteer application and be a part of our team providing a second chance for companion animals.