



# Humane Society of Mason County

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## From the Littered Desk of the President

Well 2020 certainly hasn't been the year we all had hoped for. Our organization, along with many others, has canceled or postponed our fund-raising events. We closed our office doors when the stay at home order went into place in March, but our wonderful volunteers, Sally and Judy, continued to respond to voice and email messages. Our office has reopened as of July 6<sup>th</sup> with the hours of 9:00a – 1:00p on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with our volunteers Sally, Judy, and Mary manning the office.

Even though we have not been able to operate as usual, I am pleased to report that through our Spay and Neuter Program we have financially assisted in the spaying or neutering of 31 pets so far this year. The activity for this program has slowed down as veterinary facilities have limited their services, but hopefully we will see this activity

pick up again soon so we can continue to do our part in



**Tina's work from home co-workers, Milo (above) & Otis**

assisting with reducing the number of unwanted litters of puppies and kittens.

In late April there was a plea from the North Mason Food bank for pet food donations. Our board agreed to donate the food supply we had on hand which resulted in over 350 pounds of dog and cat food being provided to our local community. Not only are people struggling to feed themselves, but their pets too. We were so glad we were

able to help.

We have also been able to assist those in our community with the Trap, Neuter, and Returning (TNR) of 11 feral cats. TNR is the most humane and effective method for stabilizing and eventually reducing outdoor cat populations. Left unsterilized, the feral cats and their offspring would continue to reproduce, potentially introducing thousands of unwanted cats into the community. Currently this program is on hold, but hopefully we will be able to resume providing this assistance in the near future.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our TNR program, in particular, transporting cats to and from appointments. If you are interested, please contact us for more information.

The improvements on our property where we plan to build a shelter are in the works.

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

The Humane Society of Mason County (HSMC) is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization founded in 1986. We provide assistance and care to displaced, abandoned, and abused animals. We are committed to offering alternatives to euthanizing adoptable pets. We provide education about animal care and treatment to promote responsible animal ownership and the prevention of cruel, neglectful, or inhumane treatment of animals.

**Get involved! Volunteer and become a supporter today.**

You can support us year round by shopping at AmazonSmile ([www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)), Fred Meyer ([www.fredmeyer.com](http://www.fredmeyer.com)) or taking your Walk For A Dog ([www.wooftrax.com](http://www.wooftrax.com))

# President, continued

Some minor clearing and cleaning of the property have begun, and we have contacted the local company who will be doing our major excavation work to see when they can fit us into their schedule. We are so excited that we will be starting to see some more progress soon!

We recently received a donation to our organization from the Estate of William Maxson. We are honored and very appreciative to have been the recipient of these funds which will assist us with our shelter building campaign. In his honor, we plan to commemorate his support by placing a plaque in our shelter.

We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to help support our organization. Volunteer opportunities include:

- ~ Office help
- ~ Board members
- ~ TNR program
- ~ Event and fundraising



**Future home of our shelter in  
Belfair** 🐾

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please call 360-275-9310 or email us at [info@hsmcwa.org](mailto:info@hsmcwa.org).

The Board of Directors and myself hope you stay safe and healthy and we are looking forward to the time when we can all get together for fund-raising events again. In the meantime, the Board is working on ideas of ways we can do some fund-raising that is fun, but doesn't require gatherings. We will have more information for you soon.

~ Tina Nutt, HSMC President