

FRONT COVER



A collection of successful animal stories or "Happy Tails" about abandoned or unwanted animals...brought to you by HAVA—the Harbor Association of Volunteers for Animals.

BACK COVER



BURT



Young Hound Needs Home by Christmas read the sign at Victor's Animal Hospital that sealed the deal for Burt's new family. A young Weimaraner mix, Burt was found wandering lost, cold and confused in December of 2009. When his rescuers brought him into the clinic, the staff fell in love with the friendly, exuberant young hound. They knew he would be a great buddy for someone and spread the word. His soon-to-be mom and dad noticed the sign advertising Burt and had a feeling this would be the new family pet they were looking for. Burt's active fellow with a real sense of doggy humor, in fact his nickname is "Soccer" because he's so silly and always coming up with new antics. He's a much loved member of his new family, bringing a lot of Christmas cheer year round to his home.

JASPER



Jasper was born in a backyard in South Bend. He was a beautiful orange kitten with creamy swirls and stripes, and everyone who saw him on Pefinders was very disappointed to hear he'd been adopted already. Utterly uncoordinated as a little kitten, he fell into this bowl with his favorite ping pong ball and it took every bit of strength he had to get back out. He now shares his happy home in East Raymond with one canine companion and two devoted humans.

TOPAZ



Topaz was born in a backyard in South Bend. A totally irresistible kitten, he'd run so fast he'd fall right over; his little legs too uncoordinated to keep up with his endless energy. This gorgeous little guy was lucky enough to be adopted by a family settling into their very first home... the whole family fell in love with him at a HAVA adoption fair.

NEMAH



Nemah was found out in the woods in the Nemah hills area of Southwest Washington. He was only 4 1/2 pounds and barely weaned. After a little TLC, desliming and falling up at Vetter's Animal Hospital. He was put up for adoption. Within minutes of his listing the phone started ringing. He was first visited by a family with a 14-year-old son who was looking for a companion to train and call his own. It was love at first sight. This boy had been looking for a dog for more than 6 months and turned many others down. Some how he knew this was the one. We couldn't even tell what breed he was or how big he would get. He didn't care. Nemah was his soul mate.

SIR VIVOR



This little guy's story begins on an overcast summer's day when a driver stopped to scoop him up off the way 101 in South Bend, Washington. They saw him get flung across the road by a passing car that didn't even seem to notice his small body as it grazed over him. He was rushed by the concerned couple to Vetters Animal Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries. After he recovered, no one came looking for their little buddy. He was dubbed Sir Vivor and placed in one of HAVA's loving foster homes. Just as soon as his cheerful picture landed on internet he was adopted to a loving home.

STRIPE

Stripe was born outdoors in Raymond, and brought into the foster and adoption system, along with his mom and two sisters, by one of HAVA's faithful volunteer trappers. A sweet kitty, he spent only a short time in a foster home before he was adopted into a loving home in South Bend. You can see the shyness in his beautiful green eyes as he peeks out from behind the peacock feather in this month's Happy Tail photo.



PEARL



Pearl was born in a backyard in South Bend. All spark and wild play energy, she could loaf up her foster home even when she weighed just three pounds. She's now a happy little gal, free to roam the fields by day but safely indoors by night. She may always be a little shy with strangers, but never wants to be too far from the family that opened their hearts and home to her.

JAKE



Jake is a purebred two-year-old Australian Shepherd with a beautiful chestnut, black, and gray marbled coat and loving brown eyes. He has endless energy, and is delightfully playful and affectionate. Jake found the perfect home along Smith Creek with lots of space to run, and spends his time with a variety of both canine and feline companions.

BAILEY



Bailey was lost or possibly dumped out in the woods near Smith Creek Road. She was brought in to Vetter's Animal Hospital for care and holding by the Pacific County Sheriff's Department. When no one came to claim this lovely girl, she was accepted into HAVA's foster care system. She never quite made it into a foster home because the perfect family snatched her up. A client who had recently lost their beloved old dog came in to drop off a stray kitten for HAVA to take in. When Vetter's had Bailey out to play during their lunch hour they suggested to the lady that they had someone they would like her to meet!

CHER



Cher is a loving, playful, and very spoiled princess who brought joy back into the life of a lonely widow. She spends her days on all of her favorite activities: looking out the window, playing with her catnip toys, eating her favorite foods, and precisely at 9:00 each night, settling into her mama's lap for some petting. Cher has her very own room, and is a creature of regular habits - she goes to bed exactly one-half hour after her lap time.

SPARKLES



Sparkles is a beautiful smoke silver-grey tabby that showed up on someone's doorstep. They were in the process of moving and could not keep her, so she went to her foster home. Even though she has quite the cat attitude, she learned to co-exist with 5 other cats and 3 dogs. She soon followed her foster mom from room to room, helped type on the computer, and made sure the printer was working properly. After a time the foster mom could not imagine life without Sparkles, officially adopted her, and now has a full time office assistant.

ANNABELLE



Annabelle was born a runt, the last of her litter, with no one willing to pay the price on her head. Her breeders put the word out that she would be euthanized if someone didn't take her. A kind man paid a token amount to take her off their hands. The problem was he forgot to consult with his wife. He brought her to Velleys Animal hospital to be checked out. He left her there and headed out to "work on my wife". His plans didn't come together so well as he never came back for her. After a day or so barking non-stop, Dr. Lewis begged her husband to come and play with this lonely puppy. She began spending more and more time each day with her husband. After a week, he said we're keeping her. Now they have the best dog any family could hope for.