

## **Foster Parent Spotlight**

## February 2022 — Season Yoshida

We are excited to introduce this month's foster spotlight, Season Yoshida! Season started fostering with us in June of 2020 and, in the short amount of time since, has been a magical fostering machine. A cat whisperer known for working with adult and senior cats in need of specialized care, Season has already fostered 33 animals with Seattle Humane. Her enthusiasm and passion for supporting cats in need of extra attention and help has been a lifesaver for our animals and staff.

For as long as she can remember, Season has been an animal lover. "Animals are always my focus. I truly believe Immanuel Kant's quote, 'We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals.'"

Over the years, Season has had nine pet cats, three of whom were adopted from Seattle Humane. Of these cats, one that she had an especially close bond with was an SH alumna and calico named Cocoa. "Cocoa still shows up in my dreams. She was the sweetest angel who wanted to share joy with me through her high-pitched meow."

Season says these pets helped prepare her for fostering, teaching her important lessons about different cat personalities and needs. She also learned helpful tips from close friend and fellow SH volunteer, Keiko Swanberg. "We met when I adopted an old cat whom she was fostering." Currently, Season has one pet of her own — Mystery, a cat she adopted from SH in 2011.

When it comes to picking a favorite foster, Season says it's impossible because every foster is her favorite. As for what she likes best about fostering, Season says it's the team element, and that "it's rewarding and emotionally fulfilling to take care of sick animals until they are back on their paws and adopted by a nice family."

Outside of being an incredible foster parent to many of our cats, Season enjoys life as an indie artist, making music and digital art. You can view her amazing artwork on her website, www.seasonzero.net.

Thank you to Season for all the work you do to support our animals and foster team!



Season with previous foster Shaky, who recovered from amputation.



Season's cat, Mystery, who is living large.



Season's artwork featuring previous foster, Sammie.

