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## SEATTLE HUMANE SOCIETY RAISES \$730,000 AT TUXES & TAILS

*Special Fund Will Provide Surgery, Medical Care to Adoptable Dogs*

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**SEATTLE, WA** – Animal lovers raised more than \$730,000 for the Seattle Humane Society tonight at the 19th Annual Tuxes & Tails Celebrity and Pet Fashion Show and Auction. Forty local celebrities walked the runway with their own pets and animals available for adoption during the most “barked about” event of the year.

“It was an amazing evening among caring and generous community leaders who attended to have fun and celebrate the magic of the human and animal bond,” said Brenda Barnette, chief executive officer. “We are so grateful to have the wonderful support of our donors and volunteers.”

The special “Fund-a-Need” portion of the live auction raised \$210,000 to provide rescue, surgery and medical care to dogs suffering from broken bones, bite wounds, and infections. This fund allows the Seattle Humane Society to rescue these dogs from public shelters, and provide them with the medical care they need to be healthy, happy and adoptable. The \$50,000 lead gift for this fund came from Jim and Bet Schuler, and is named in memory of their dog Lexus. The Schulers pledged an additional \$80,000 over the next four years to keep the fund going. Donations to the Lexus Fund can be made at [www.seattlehumane.org](http://www.seattlehumane.org).

Tuxes & Tails was presented this year by AlphaGraphics, GoMobile and Laird Norton Tyee. Additional sponsors include Safeway, Jeannie and Bruce Nordstrom, The Seattle Seahawks and Michael David wines.

*The Seattle Humane Society was founded in 1897 to bring people and pets together. The Seattle Humane Society does this today through adoptions, its low-fee spay/neuter surgery program, pet workshops and training, pet food bank, Humane Teen Club, visiting pets program and more. The Seattle Humane Society is located in Bellevue, at 13212 SE Eastgate Way. For directions and more information, visit [www.seattlehumane.org](http://www.seattlehumane.org) or call (425) 641-0080.*

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