



## SAVING ANIMALS: 2009 BREAKS RECORDS!

*Seattle Humane Society has most successful year in 112-year history*

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This just in! The Seattle Humane Society found loving homes for 6,091 dogs, cats and critters in 2009, the highest number of placements in the nonprofit's 112-year history.

More animals than ever needed our help: 6,811 abandoned, orphaned and stray animals were brought to us in 2009. That's 1,461 or 27 percent more animals than 2008.

Seattle Humane Society prepared for an influx of animals in 2009 after learning that the county planned to get out of the sheltering business and they reduced their services. Our volunteer foster families cared for more than 3,000 animals last year, and more than 1,400 volunteers helped by walking dogs, brushing cats, assisting veterinary services and helping with office work.

Those preparations paid off. In December alone, Seattle Humane Society placed 601 animals into homes before the holidays...another all-time record for a single month. Nine out of 12 months were adoption record-setters in 2009, thanks to the community's support.

"We couldn't have done it without the help of thousands of animal-lovers in Seattle and King County," said CEO Brenda Barnette. "Our community really stepped up to help during a challenging year, by adopting, by fostering animals, volunteering, and donating. We are counting on their continued help in 2010, and we know the community will be there for the animals."

*Seattle Humane Society has been awarded the coveted 4-star rating by Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. Founded in 1897 to bring people and pets together, Seattle Humane Society provides incredible companion animals for adoption 7 days a week, pet workshops and training, a pet food bank, a low-fee spay/neuter surgery program, humane teen club, a visiting pets program and more. 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.*