Live Save Rate: 98.8% — one of the highest in the nation

170,659 volunteer hours

Our Mission

We proudly promote the human-animal bond by saving and serving pets in need, regardless of age, ability, circumstance or geography.

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What sets Seattle Humane apart? You do!

Seattle Humane is a private, not-for-profit animal shelter that receives no local, state, or federal funding. Thanks to your support, we can save thousands of orphaned and abandoned animals each year and dedicate the majority of funds to their care.

Life-saving Programs

Seattle Humane continues to find creative solutions to care for as many animals as possible. Operating as an informed shelter, these programs are examples of how we save lives with the support of our community.

Placements: 8,437 pets
This number includes pets adopted, returned to their owners, or transferred to partner shelters. In short — all positive outcomes.

Working Cat Adoptions: 119
Feral cats are spayed or neutered and adopted to private homes, barns, and local businesses like wineries as working cats. This program saves the lives of community cats who can’t be adopted as indoor companions.

Foster Program: 4,643 pets
4,643 pets benefited from volunteer foster care. Our dedicated network of volunteers care for a wide variety of animals including kittens, puppies, cats, dogs, rabbits, and other small critters.

FeLV/FIV+ Adoptions: 110 cats
We push boundaries and find loving families for healthy cats who test positive for Feline Leukemia or Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, both diseases that can be easily managed.

Fanta’s Future is 20/20

Fanta was transferred to Seattle Humane from another shelter where she was found as a stray with an injured eye that had to be removed. After recovering in a loving foster home, she was formally adopted and renamed Grace O’Malley (after the Irish Pirate). Her adopter writes, “We couldn’t imagine life without her. She loves her basket in the sun, soft blankets, and her siblings.”
Providing Extra Care for Fragile Animals

Seattle Humane is a safety net for pets and the people who love them. We provide sick, injured, and elderly animals with the extra care they need to thrive in a new home.

- Senior pets benefited from Sammie’s Fund for elderly shelter animals. Seattle Humane cared for a total of 636 pets, age seven or older, last year.
- Dogs benefited from the Lexus Fund, a medical fund for shelter dogs to help them get the extra care they need to be adoptable.
- Cats benefited from the Grinstein Fund, a medical fund for shelter cats.

Pet Adoption: 7,066 matches

Our Customer Care Specialists help adopters find their perfect pet companion based on their lifestyle.

Spay & Neuter: 6,205 pets

This year 6,205 animals were spayed or neutered, preventing unwanted litters. The shelter’s Schuler Family Medical Center is a high-volume teaching hospital. In addition to spaying and neutering shelter pets, Seattle Humane provides affordable spay and neuter surgery, vaccinations, and microchips to pets of low-income guardians.

Transfer: 4,862 pets

We drove, flew and shuttled to safety 4,862 pets from overcrowded shelters. This is known as the Life-Saver Rescue Program. Pets are transferred to Seattle Humane from shelters lacking the resources — time, space, or population — to care for them.

Helping Our Community

By offering free or low-fee community services, we help our most vulnerable community members keep and care for their pets when they need them most.

Pet Food Bank

The Pet Food Bank helps low-income pet owners and families in crisis keep their pets by providing monthly pet food.

- 18,484 — lbs. of food distributed monthly
- 2,426 — pets fed monthly

Pet Project

Our Pet Project helps low-income pet owners living with AIDS or cancer with pet food, supplies, and veterinary care.

- 92 — pets helped monthly

Humane Education for Kids of All Ages

The MaxMobile, our bright yellow bus for animals, brings humane education to the community every week, visiting local schools, community centers and festivals. We also provide a reading program called Kitty Literature, a summer camp for kids, and a teen leadership club to prepare teenagers for volunteerism at Seattle Humane. Our education programs reached nearly 10,000 kids and teens last year.

Bulldogs Enjoy New Leash on Life

Bonded Bulldog sisters Blue and Little T were surrendered to Seattle Humane when their person became ill and could no longer care for them. The girls were extremely shy and fearful but are now thriving together in their new home. Adopter Caroline tells us, “We are so blessed to have them in our family. Buzz (formerly Little T) has come out of her shell like a rocket. They are both very affectionate, and we are showing them that new places and experiences don’t have to be scary. They are slobbery, snoring little bundles of joy!”
Financial Highlights

Without donor restrictions, property & equipment:

- Property & equipment:
  - Total net assets: $27,014,100.00
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- Donations & fundraising:
  - $6,241,135.00
  - Bequests & planned gifts:
    - $2,276,115.00
  - Program revenue:
    - $1,455,819.00
  - Investment & misc. revenue, net:
    - $878,561.00
- Total revenue:
  - $10,851,630.00

Income:

- Total revenue:
  - $10,851,630.00
  - Total expenses:
    - $9,761,283.00
  - Change in net assets:
    - $1,090,347.00
  - Without donor restrictions, property & equipment:
    - $11,402,253.00
  - Without donor restrictions:
    - $6,857,698.00
  - With donor restrictions:
    - $4,544,555.00

Endowed Funds

An endowment fund is an investment in which only earnings are spent on a specific — often restricted — cause or program. The original funds that anchor the investment are kept intact and used to grow additional interest funds.

Leah Buhner Veterinary Endowment
Annual earnings are used to cover ongoing veterinary care expenses.

James A. Gilruth, Jr. and Nettie Jim Leeper Gilruth Memorial Endowment Fund
Established to provide spay/neuter services for cats and dogs.

Sammie’s Fund Endowment
Established in honor of Wendy Moss and her first dog to support the care of older animals awaiting adoption at Seattle Humane.

Seattle Humane Endowment
Established by Seattle Humane’s Board of Directors.