

News for the friends and supporters of Seattle Humane



Skylar, the first of many office fosters for Seattle Humane CEO Christopher Ross. Later in the day, he helped with Skylar's curbside adoption. To see how Skylar (now named Misha) is doing today, turn to page 3!

## Our Compass for the Future

**Summer is in full swing and there is so much to be optimistic about here at Seattle Humane!** From what I have experienced during my first few months with the organization, it is clear we are doing a ton of things right and, in many cases, best of class. The potential for us to make an even more significant impact is right in front of us.

For the past decade, Seattle Humane has been laser focused on the development of the beautiful new campus. The building is a state-of-the-art facility devoted to the care of animals. Now it is time to develop the next big thing for sheltering. It starts by creating a new strategic plan — one that will guide our actions for the next five years.

Having our strategic plan in place will better guide our work and redefine how we can best live our mission for the pets, staff, volunteers and the communities we serve.

With every step, the principles of Compassion. Care. Community. will guide this important work, as it has long been our approach in all we do here at Seattle Humane.

So many team members and stakeholders contributed their talents and insights during the strategic development process, to help us create a multi-year plan to continue to innovate and stand out as a national leader in animal welfare.

Seattle Humane has a rich past and even brighter future, and this strategic plan will provide a compass we can call upon to ensure we stay the course and never lose our way.

Onward.



Christopher Ross, CEO

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### MISSION

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

# A Solution That Is “SPOT” On

## New Temporary Care Program Keeping Pets and Families Together



Angela is reunited with her beloved dog Moe, after he spent some time in a temporary foster home through Seattle Humane's SPOT program.

In January 2021, Angela found herself in a desperate situation. She'd lost her job the previous summer, and needed to move back to Arizona to help her mother who was recovering from a recent surgery.

But she couldn't take her beloved dog Moe, a 4-year-old Shepherd mix she adopted from Seattle Humane in 2019 – at least, not yet. She needed time to tend to her mother and find a place of her own in Arizona.

“The week before moving, I tried every friend and family member to see if I could get somebody to foster him, and I couldn't find anyone. I was heartbroken. I was looking up Seattle Humane's surrender information online when I found the link to the SPOT program. This was a Godsent miracle!” Angela said.

SPOT – Supporting Pet Owners in Transition – was launched last year with the goal of helping pet owners, like Angela, facing a life event where they need temporary care for a pet. These are pet parents facing loss of housing, hospitalization or other major transitions. Rather than surrendering the pet they love, SPOT provides the one thing needed most in situations like this – time.

“When Angela reached out to us, she was elated to learn about the SPOT program,” said Pet Resource Center Manager Julie McCabe. “The program allowed Moe to be placed in a safe and loving environment, so Angela could focus on helping her mother and getting settled into her own place.”

Thanks to SPOT and Seattle Humane's community of dedicated supporters, Moe was able to stay with a loving foster family, who gladly took him on lots of walks and hikes, and even a camping trip. Photos and updates on Moe sent by Seattle Humane's Pet Resource Center to Angela thousands of miles of away kept her positive and relieved.

After finding work in February, she flew back to Seattle a few weeks later to collect Moe and take him back to Arizona. The tears she shed in January saying goodbye to Moe returned – but this time they were tears of joy.

“I am so grateful for all the angels who work for, volunteer with, and support Seattle Humane. Without the SPOT program, my family and my heart would not be whole again. We don't rescue pets, they rescue us,” Angela said.

Your gift can help more families like Angela and Moe stay together. Please visit [seattlehumane.org](http://seattlehumane.org) to help support SPOT and other programs keeping pets with their loving families. **If you or someone you know needs to find temporary shelter for their pets, contact Seattle Humane's Pet Resource Center at 425-649-7561 or email [SPOT@seattlehumane.org](mailto:SPOT@seattlehumane.org).**

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## Thank You for Supporting Our 2nd Annual Day of Giving on July 16!

We've expanded our approach to our lifesaving mission, reaching beyond the shelter to connect pets — and the families who love them — with services that preserve and strengthen the human-animal bond. Whatever the challenges may be, Seattle Humane is there to lift up our community, always with compassion and the highest quality care.

**It's not too late to make a gift to help pets in need. Please visit [seattlehumane.org](http://seattlehumane.org).**

## Adoption Updates

# The Happy Families Made Possible with Your Support

### Honey Boy (now named Flan)

#### Lifesaver transfer from Maui

"We would like to thank you and the rest of the team at Seattle Humane for saving Flan twice — once when you brought him over from Hawaii, and a second time when you treated him for a URI he only started showing symptoms for after he came home with us. He is a perfect, talkative, active boy prince. We absolutely adore him and are made happier every single day because he's in our lives. Thank you again to the amazing team of vets, employees and volunteers at Seattle Humane for connecting us with the cat of our dreams." — **Daniela C.**



### Nala (now Lavender)

#### Lifesaver transfer from Quincy Animal Shelter



"Lavender is doing wonderful. We have definitely built a strong bond. She is starting to come out of her shell and trusts us more and more every day! My vet and I actually figured out what exactly caused her eye problems — we found numerous bb pellets in her head that caused the trauma to the eye. But we are so glad we found her and can give her the

home she deserves. We absolutely adore her, she's the best dog ever. We can't thank you enough for helping us adopt her. Your staff is so amazing!" — **Jayme S.**

### Bumper

"He definitely likes to always be nearby and loves his head rubs. He's a real ladykiller with those moody blue eyes. I have my work cut out for me, trying to keep him from becoming a chunky boy; he loves the food dish and is a seasoned pro at human-herding to let you know he wants to eat. Now.

"Bumper says, 'Cheers' and 'Thanks for all your hard work as animal angels' but most of all, 'Thanks for finding a human that takes orders well. I believe he is trainable.'" — **Rob W.**



### Crimson and Aggie

#### Texas Lifesaver transfers

Their backstory: "They were dumped in my neighborhood and were seen around for over a week, in freezing temperatures, sleeping in open garages and barns before people started to realize they may have been dumped. They made their way to my house and just came in my garage and laid down, they were so tired and hungry. Their bond stole my heart. I'm beyond ecstatic they were adopted together with a very loving family."

— **Kim Wiley, Atascosa Animal Allies**

Today: "They are doing FANTASTIC. They are practically perfect. There isn't a person they don't love . . . and it is fully mutual!" — **Melissa D.**



### Marie (now Inu)



One of three cats found abandoned in Yakima after their owners moved and left them behind

"We are so over the moon happy that she has chosen us and called us home. She brings us joooy and silliness, and she loves her older brother! We love her and we are so grateful that you rescued her!" — **The Garcias**

### Skylar (now Misha)

"Our new best friend, who we have renamed Misha, has been doing very well! She has amazed us with how calm she is in the car when we drive to the trail. Thank you again for bringing Misha to us." — **Nickole and Orion**



**All of these pets are living happily with loving families, thanks to the support of friends like you. Help us save even more pets and visit [seattlehumane.org](http://seattlehumane.org).**

# “If You Love the World, You Love Animals”

## Donor Shiao-Yen Wu Reflects on a Life Spent Helping Animals



George Stapp with dogs Hank and Kiza and Shiao-Yen Wu holding Mouse and Lancelot. All four dogs are rescues.



Senior Pomeranian, Lancelot, is Shiao-Yen's constant companion.

Shiao-Yen Wu and her longtime friend and business partner, George Stapp, are successful real estate entrepreneurs. **They are also generous supporters of animal rescue. Not only do they give financially, but they have opened their homes to stray and abandoned animals.**

They have four dogs between them: Kiza was a street dog rescued from Taiwan; Mouse and Lancelot were adopted from a local rescue group; and Hank was abandoned by his former family.

We recently sat down with Shiao-Yen to chat about her lifelong love for animals.

### Have animals always been important to you?

I have been an animal lover since I was young. I was the kid who would see an abandoned cat or dog in the street, and would take it home and try to help. That kind of feeling stays with you all your life. I've never been able to stand seeing an animal suffer.

### Why is animal welfare important to you?

Pets can't speak for themselves. They bring love into our lives and they rely on humans to care for them. I believe all animals' lives are important. If you love the world, you love animals — all animals are part of the environment, are part of the world, part of what makes the world go round.

### What motivates you to give?

There is a Chinese saying, “If you always give, you will always have.” You go through different stages in your life, you do different things, and you have different goals. At this stage in my life, I'm 77 now, I have everything I need and I have a good life. Now, I want to put my money to good use and help others.

**Find out how to help pets in need, visit [seattlehumane.org](http://seattlehumane.org). Thank you for your generous support.**

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## THE IMPACT WE MAKE TOGETHER

\$25 = 


Two weeks of a prescription diet.

\$50 = 

One month of medicine for a pet in foster care.

\$100 = 

One tank of gas for a Lifesaver Rescue.

\$500 = 

Emergency vet care for a low-income family.



To learn more about how you can help local pets in need, please visit [seattlehumane.org](http://seattlehumane.org).

