

A Little Dog and a Heart-breaking Note

We'll never know how long she wandered the streets and sidewalks of Ellensburg. A little lhasa apso mix, dragging a tattered red leash behind her. An animal control officer eventually picked her up and discovered a heartbreaking note attached to her collar.

It read: **"Please help! I am 7 years old and potty trained. My human is dead, and I need a home and someone to love again and love me back."**

A member of our Lifesaver Rescue team was at the Ellensburg shelter to pick up some cats when this little dog was brought in. He immediately got on the phone to ask if he could bring Mrs. Mowgly back to Seattle Humane.

Just as the note stated, she did indeed have one eye under her dirty, matted fur. She was friendly and sweet, happily accepting every exam and needle poke, along with a marathon bath and grooming session by a talented volunteer. Through it all, Mrs. Mowgly remained calm, curious and cuddly.

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"She is such a happy girl. She soaks up all the love and cuddles one will give her," says volunteer Kari Skar, who spent time walking Mrs. Mowgly.

Our vets soon discovered



▲ Lhasa apso mix, Mrs. Mowgly, the day she was found and the note attached to her collar. Turn the page to see her today!

Mrs. Mowgly was facing a major medical challenge. She had Grade 2 complex mammary carcinoma. It was decided she would have two surgeries — both successful — which a pathologist later said greatly diminished the chance of a recurrence. With a medical plan in place for her future, it was time to find her a family.

Enter Hannah, an ER nurse who ended up fostering Mrs. Mowgly before deciding she couldn't part with her.

"She truly is a remarkable lady! She goes by Mo Mo or Madame now. She loves to cuddle and go where her humans are. I heard of the note attached to her and it's truly so sad. You can tell at some point someone really loved her."

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Why We're Thankful for Our Pets

"Animals make us human."

Four simple words from the legendary animal behaviorist Temple Grandin — but they speak volumes about our shared love of animals and why we strive every day to connect people with pets and strengthen the human-animal bond.

This holiday season let's give thanks to the pets in our life — for all the cuddles, calming purrs, unconditional love and laughs they give us every day.

Our Pets Give Us Purpose

Alma adopted 14-year-old miniature dachshund Rocky earlier this year and says:

"I am the happiest person with Rocky. He is everything to me. I even enjoy the fact that he wakes me up at 6 a.m. to feed him because he is ready to enjoy the day. He is the most athletic 14-year-old in the world."

Our Pets Give Us Companionship

Ninety-year-old Barbara Green of Bellevue, who adopted her first cat from Seattle Humane in 1976 (and five more over the years), says her 13-year-old cat Muffin is her constant companion, and she wouldn't have it any other way.

"She's always there to help me, even if it's watching me do the dishes or make the bed or snuggling at my feet while I take a nap. She follows me everywhere. It's hard to describe a cat as your companion, but she is. She is something special," says Green.

Our Pets Help Us Cope

Kindra adopted her cat Shadowfax from Seattle Humane as an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) last year. When she needs her spirits lifted, he's there to help.

"He's been amazing as an ESA. He is normally very, very cuddly and loves attention, but if I'm ever in distress or sad, he will come up to me and bury his head in my chest and purr until I feel better," says Kindra.

Our Pets Are Family

They can be our running buddies, our protectors, the smiling face greeting us with a wag or chirp when we get home from work. In short, our pets are family.

Just ask the adopters of Mint, who came to us from Texas earlier this year:

"We learned at our first vet appointment that she was used for breeding puppies. We feel so lucky to have her and want to give her the best life possible. She makes us laugh every day and provides endless amounts of love. She's a member of our family and we can't imagine not having her in our lives."

Animals in our care need your help every day, which is why we're thankful for YOU and all our supporters, volunteers, adopters, board members and donors. If you're feeling thankful for the pet in your life, help change the life of another — and make a donation in their name at SeattleHumane.org or by returning your gift in the envelope enclosed with this newsletter.



Rocky with his mom, Alma.



Barbara Green and Muffin.



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Thanks to you, Mrs. Mowgly and all pets who come to us get the care and compassion they deserve — regardless of age or condition. We'll never know the desperation that led someone to write such a heartbreaking note and attach it to a little dog. But your support gave Mrs. Mowgly the second chance she needed — and she now has a home and someone to love again and love her back.

Mrs. Mowgly (now Mo Mo) with her new mom, Hannah.



One of the pups waiting to be taken off the truck and placed in quarantine.

Your Support Saved These Pups!

All Survived Parvo Scare and Now Living Happy Healthy Lives

Earlier this year, we put out an urgent call for puppy fosters when an out-of-state transfer arrived at Seattle Humane with dozens of dogs, including 37 puppies. Just hours earlier, we'd learned one of the pups on board tested positive for the deadly parvovirus.

Our Rescue Squad rallied and within days we found foster homes where the sickened and exposed puppies could be quarantined. It took weeks of work and TLC, but we're happy to report they all recovered and found homes! Here are just a few of them.



Dwight (now Pip)

"Pip is doing great. He is a little love bug. We fostered him for three weeks before adopting so he was pretty well-adjusted here already. We love him so much. He is sweet and crazy all at once." – **Michelle C.**



Randy

"Randy is doing great!! We sent his DNA test in and while it showed he was 20% cattle dog, he sure acts like he's much more. He likes to herd our cat around the house!" – **Cass S.**



Buffalo (now Daisy)

"Daisy has been a super sweet addition to our family! She loves tug toys, meeting other pups and running on a long leash. She adjusted to her new home very smoothly!" – **Kristina Y.**



Honey Mustard and Sriracha (now Leilani and Luna)

"We are completely in love and enjoying every minute with Leilani. She is the biggest sweetheart. My sister adopted Sriracha, her sister, and has named her Luna. They enjoy playing together. We are so grateful to Seattle Humane." – **Keri B.**

All these pets have happy lives with loving families, thanks to the support of friends like you. Help us save even more pets and visit SeattleHumane.org.

Remembering Jake

Cancer Survivor Shares Impact of Pet Resource Center



Orange tabby Jake and Dillon



Seattle Humane's Pet Food Bank collects and distributes nearly 60,000 meals per month, critical support that keeps families together.

Imagine your dog bringing a newborn kitten to your doorstep. Then, imagine finding a second kitten in your flower bed. That's how Bobbie found her two companions, Jake and Dillon.

"Jake was small but in charge," chuckles Bobbie. "Jake and Dillon brought me joy because they needed me. I had no choice but to keep them."

Bobbie was especially grateful for her sweet, constant companions when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015. But around the same time, little Jake developed kidney disease that required medicine and a special diet.

Bobbie struggled with balancing the costs of her pets with her own medical bills. Sadly, this is an all too common issue for many older adults living on fixed incomes.

Bobbie found veterinary care and pet food support through Seattle Humane's Community Medicine and Pet Food Bank programs. Access to affordable care and nutritious food kept Jake healthy and by Bobbie's side as she bravely battled her cancer diagnosis.

This year, Jake peacefully passed away in Bobbie's arms. Your generous support made it possible for Jake and Bobbie to remain together over the years and will help in keeping Dillon healthy and strong and just where he's needed — with Bobbie.

Help families struggling with unexpected costs challenging their ability to keep their pets healthy and safe at home. Scan to donate:

"Elderly [people] like myself would have to euthanize our aging and ill pets, but Seattle Humane is there for us," says Bobbie



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