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It was the largest pyometra many of the vet staff had ever seen, weighing two and a half pounds — almost 40% of her total body weight.



Saving Bella

The Peña family arrived at Seattle Humane’s Schuler Family Medical Clinic, cradling Bella, a big-eyed, chestnut-colored chihuahua, in their arms. Bella was diagnosed with pyometra, a serious and life-threatening infection in her uterus. Bella was very ill as her body tried to fight off the infection and her enlarged uterus pushed on other vital organs. Bella needed medical intervention immediately, but the surgery quote from the clinics the family contacted was prohibitively expensive and out of reach. Like so many of our neighbors, the Peña family was confronted with a lack of resources or options for low-cost veterinary care in our region.

The Peñas came to Seattle Humane to surrender Bella, heartbroken to lose their companion but knowing she would receive the lifesaving care she needed. The veterinary services team was able to

make space in their surgery schedule that day for Bella at an affordable cost for the family, saving Bella and keeping the Peña family together.

After a successful surgery and supportive post-operation care in the clinic, Bella was reunited with her family the same day. Her family was overjoyed that their beloved dog was alive and soon to be back to her energetic self.

Seattle Humane is grateful to all the helping hands and caring hearts that keep community pets like Bella healthy, happy and in their home. Your support matters to over 88,000 pets and people who rely on Seattle Humane for compassionate care. Thank you!

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More Than a Shelter

Seattle Humane is best known for adoptions, which will always remain at our core. In addition, we offer a wide array of other services and quality veterinary care to thousands of adoptable and community pets across the region annually.

Nolan's Lifesaving Surgery

Two-month-old Nolan was brought to Seattle Humane last winter as a pet surrender with his littermates. Nolan's littermates were all healthy and ready for adoption, but little Nolan was diagnosed with Pectus Excavatum, also known as sunken chest, and needed medical intervention. Seattle Humane's veterinary team brought in a board-certified surgeon, Dr. Duane Robinson, DVM, to perform an innovative surgical correction. The surgical procedure affixes a plastic plate (splint) to the outside of the kitten's skin. The splint resembles a turtle shell, only it's on the kitten's chest instead of their back.

Nolan spent the next two months with a foster family where he stole their hearts and officially became part of the family this year. Nolan is now named Stitch, inspired by the mischievous and playful Disney character and the lifesaving operation he received at Seattle Humane.



Nolan (now Stitch) wore his "turtle shell" for two months.

Fur-ever Friends

Seattle Humane's intake team received a call from an animal control officer about a group of cats living outside with their family. The family had recently lost their home and was staying nearby with their eight cats. The officer confiscated the cats and called Seattle Humane to see if we could provide temporary foster care for three of the beloved senior cats, Tweety, Kiki and Little Ruthie, while the family secured housing.

Through our Supporting Pet Owners in Transition (SPOT) program, the cats were lovingly cared for until they were reunited with their family a few months later. Families belong together, and the SPOT program is here to support every client with compassion and care — one sweet reunion at a time.

The senior kitties received lots of love in foster care.



Your Impact at a Glance

Your support creates a better future for pets and people in our region.

Here is a snapshot of the lives you touched in 2022.



5,578
Pets found families through our adoption program



720,000
Meals distributed through the Pet Food Bank



109
Pets received temporary foster care through our SPOT program



3,985
Wellness exams provided to community pets

Happy Tails from Recent Adoptions

No matter how young or old, big or small, it's a joyful moment when shelter pets find families to love them. The warm nuzzles, wagging tails and sweet adoption updates are all the proof we need. We want to share some of that joy with you, so here are a few notes and photos we received this year from happy families whose lives are a little fuller with their new companions.

Tess

These early months with her have been so special and precious to me and Tess's dad. As first-time dog guardians with a puppy, it's been challenging at times, but the more we learn, the more we fall in love with her and the bond we get to build with her.



We love how brave, sweet, curious, affectionate and independent she is. We love her early-morning wiggle-butt tail wags! We love being there for each "first-time" and for building daily routines and trust together. We love how having her in our lives has opened us up to an amazing community of fellow rescue pup guardians, how we get to share knowing smiles with the other people walking their big pups out in the crummy Seattle winter weather when no one else is out. We love her soft little ears, we love her fascination with squeaky toys, we love how she pounces on falling leaves and we love how she invites everyone she meets to be a little warmer and sillier with her friendliness. We just love her madly.

We're so grateful to be her guardians and we'll absolutely be by for training classes and continue to support Seattle Humane!

- Alissa S.

Emmy

When she's not at the park, she loves walks in the woods behind our house and snuggling on the couch with her family. Thank you, Seattle Humane, for bringing joy into our lives!

- Christin C.



Moose

Our kitty Moose is learning to walk with a harness and leash and goes on occasional walks outside with his big sister to see the world. He's the best thing to happen to us besides getting his sister!

-Marianne D.



Iris

I'm grateful to have adopted Iris and gained such a beautiful and friendly companion to spend my days with. We had a little celebration [for her birthday] where she enjoyed lickable treats and got a bunch of new string toys.

- Anh C.



VISION 2026

Supporting Pets for a Lifetime



Seattle Humane strives to be a champion for pets and their people, even those who never enter the shelter. With this vision, we are committed to building a community of animal welfare advocates united in working together to create a system able to deliver equitable access to compassionate care for companion animals and families from all walks of life.

We invite you to learn more about our vision for the future and how you can be a champion for pets and people in our community.

Visit our website for an interactive experience:



Set Your Love in Stone

Treat your special pet or person with a made-to-order brick or paver in their honor.

Seattle Humane's Walk of Fame, the front pathway to the shelter, is inlaid with customized bricks, each representing a meaningful and timeless tribute, honoring family and other milestone events. With a tax-deductible donation of \$500 for a brick and \$1,000 for a paver, you can honor a loved one and support Seattle Humane's lifesaving work.

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Our Mission

Seattle Humane promotes the human-animal bond by saving and serving pets in need, regardless of age, ability, circumstance or geography.