

Humane News

Exciting updates for the friends and supporters of Seattle Humane

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Smiles Made Possible by You

You can't miss it. And we're not talking about Seattle Humane's bright yellow, 38-foot MaxMobile pulling up to deliver wellness exams and vaccines at a community clinic. You can't miss the smiles on people's faces knowing their pet companions are receiving the quality care and vaccines they need to stay happy and healthy.

These smiles and happy moments are all powered by your support. In fact, your generosity has helped Seattle Humane serve over 88,000 people and pets during our last fiscal year. To put this number into perspective, we could fill every seat

AND the entire turf at Lumen Field in Seattle with the pets and people touched by your compassion!

Nearly 50 million pets in the U.S. cannot access even the most basic veterinary care. Due to cost and other barriers, pets in under-resourced communities often do not receive essential services such as preventative care, vaccinations and other medical treatment. As an animal lover, we know you believe these pets are a part of the family and those families should not have to consider surrendering their pet due to geographical or financial barriers.

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We could not agree more and have been laserfocused on supporting those who wish to have and keep a pet by expanding our lifesaving veterinary services, providing pet food and more to the communities that need them most.

"There is a critical need to break down barriers to veterinary care here in the Pacific Northwest and address existing service gaps, particularly for our low-income neighbors who are not only struggling to access care financially but also due to living far away from these resources," said Dr. Jessica Reed, Vice President of Veterinary Services. "Meeting pets and their people where they are in



"It's a blessing that people care and have compassion." -Maurice, pet parent to Lil' Dude the community, addressing cultural and language barriers and providing quality veterinary care ensures they will age comfortably in loving homes. We never want the cost of care to result in a pet having to be surrendered to a shelter, and our future programming will help prevent this while also reducing the homeless pet population through increased spay and neuter services."

This critical work is keeping families, like Maurice and his sweet pittie Lil' Dude, together. Maurice recently brought Lil' Dude to a wellness clinic held at Ronald Commons in Shoreline, Washington. He was so grateful for Seattle Humane and its generous donors who are supporting pets and pet parents in his community. "It's a blessing that people care and have compassion," says Maurice.

Seattle Humane is also grateful to YOU, our Rescue Squad, whose partnership plays a key role in scaling our programs and delivering community services that support innovations aimed at better serving vulnerable pets throughout our region.

Together, we are creating a more equitable, accessible and humane world.



Watch this short video to see how you are making a profound difference in the lives of pets and people in our community.

We Want to Hear From You Will you share your thoughts by taking our survey? As a valued member of our Rescue Squad, your perspective on how we can create a better donor experience is invaluable. With it, we can ensure we're meeting your needs, upholding our commitment to you, and, of course, building an experience that empowers friends like you to continue to help save lives and complete families.

Please know all responses will be read, valued and taken into consideration as we work on delivering the experience you deserve. If you prefer receiving the survey in the mail, please call (425) 373-5382 to speak with a Donor Services Associate. Thank you!

Scan For Survey:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHDonor2023



Happy Tails from Recent Adoptions

We're celebrating second chances and paw-some adventures made possible by you! These daring dogs and curious cats are enjoying the life they deserve because of our Rescue Squad's caring hearts and the loving families who are always ready for an adventure.



Gabriel

It was love at first snuggle when adopter Sue met Gabriel, who had just arrived with seven other cats from Yakima. With a little guidance from Sue and lots of purractice, Gabriel is now truly an "adventure cat" — enjoying activities both on land and on the water.

Ainsley

Ainsley came to Seattle Humane via a Lifesaver Rescue transfer from a New Mexico shelter. Eager to explore her new surroundings, she put her best paw forward and was adopted three days later. Go Ainsley go!



Spud

After his previous guardian passed away, Spud found himself in an overcrowded California shelter as his surviving family no longer had the means to care for him. Through Seattle Humane's Lifesaver Rescue program, Spud made his way to the Pacific Northwest and into the hearts of adopters Linda and Mitchel.





Boss

Boss was found living outside suffering from a painful eye infection. After spending a few days at Seattle Humane, he quickly became a favorite and was affectionately known by volunteers as a "big cuddly tank." He now makes a big splash anywhere he goes with his adopter and big sister, Juni.



Go Explore the Great Outdoors

Grab your gear and pet companion and visit a national park for FREE on September 23 in celebration of National Public Lands Day!

Visit nps.gov/findapark to plan your next big adventure.





A Legacy of Love

By Leanne Webber

My love for animals has been a constant source of joy and fulfillment throughout my life. From my early years surrounded by furry companions like dogs, cats, gerbils, hamsters and guinea pigs, to my present role as a proud pet parent to two lively dogs, Riley and Buster (both adopted from Seattle Humane), animals have always held a special place in my heart and in my life. It is this passion that has led me to support Seattle Humane through planned giving, ensuring my love and support for animals will endure long after I'm gone.

I was introduced to Seattle Humane by my late mother, Barbara, who was a dedicated volunteer. I fondly recall accompanying her on the MaxMobile, Seattle Humane's mobile education and outreach vehicle. The experience was transformative, witnessing the tireless efforts of the staff and volunteers connecting with communities across the region. Inspired by my mother's commitment, I took up volunteering a few years ago and soon after joined Seattle Humane's board of directors.

What inspires me most about Seattle Humane is their unwavering dedication to their mission. Unlike many shelters, there are no time limits imposed on the animals waiting for new homes. Each animal, no matter their circumstances, is provided with individualized care and support to help them find a



loving family of their own. Seattle Humane's impact in the Puget Sound and across the nation is a testament to their commitment to saving lives and completing families.

By including Seattle Humane in my estate plans, I am able to leave a legacy of love and support for animals even after I have passed on. Knowing I am contributing to an organization I deeply care about, for years to come, brings immense comfort to both me and my family.

Seattle Humane's lifesaving work is made possible by support from the community. By making a planned gift, you have the power to demonstrate your love and commitment to animals, now and in the future. As the chair of Seattle Humane's Board of Directors, I can attest to the critical importance of planned gifts for the long-term sustainability of the organization.

I invite you to join me in supporting Seattle Humane through planned giving and take part in the Legacy Challenge. Through the Legacy Challenge, when you name Seattle Humane as a beneficiary of your will, trust or financial account, your generosity will unlock a gift to help pets immediately. Together, let's leave a lasting impact on the well-being of animals in our community.



Learn more about leaving a legacy of love and support for animals by visiting www.seattlehumane.org/legacychallenge.





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Our Mission

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