Seattle Humane

Humane News

Exciting updates for the friends and supporters of Seattle Humane

Fall 2025

Gunner is Ready to Run Into Fall

Gunner arrived at Seattle Humane from Joint Animal Services back in April with both of his front legs badly broken. It's believed this gentle giant was hit by a car before arriving at the shelter. Gunner had a long road to recovery ahead of him.

Despite the challenge of frequent dressing changes and trying to walk on bandaged legs, Gunner showed remarkable patience and resilience throughout his healing journey. Having casts wasn't easy for a pup who loves to play outside, but his sweet spirit never wavered. We used Svanee's Last Chance Fund to send Gunner to a specialist for more imaging, and his prognosis was positive. Our team decided to keep him splinted for nearly three months while closely monitoring the healing of his bones with additional imaging.

Even while still wearing his casts, Gunner stole the spotlight walking the runway at our Tuxes & Tails gala! Gunner's model moment showcased not just his handsome looks, but his inspiring journey and the strength of our community's support.

Today, we are thrilled to announce that Gunner's legs are completely healed! He has been medically cleared and is now officially available for adoption. Currently enjoying the comfort of a loving foster home, Gunner is ready to bring his gentle nature and boundless spirit to a new family. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible Rescue Squad and everyone who supported Gunner's care every step of the way. Because of you, this brave boy has gone from injury and uncertainty to being healthy, happy and ready for his next big adventure.

Please keep sending Gunner your well wishes as he searches for his new family!

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Get Involved

You are an important part of our team! Looking to do more for pets in need?

Here are a few ways to get involved:

Donate
Your gift provides food, love and care for vulnerable pets.

Volunteer
Share your time and love with shelter pets.

Foster
Become a foster parent and be there for pets when they need you the most.

Adopt
Seattle Humane is open to the public six days a week.

Visit our website to learn more: SeattleHumane.org

Better Together: Two Stories of Lifesaving Generosity

Svanee's Last Chance Fund

Seattle Humane's lifesaving work is strengthened every day by our community coming together around our mission and investing in the programs and services they are most passionate about to help pets and their people.

Svanee and Russ Castner saw a need to increase our ability to address more serious medical cases inside our Schuler Family Medical Center and support people with pets in need of emergency surgeries and other specialized services.

They decided to make a long-term impact for pets here at Seattle Humane and in the community by creating Svanee's Last Chance Fund. Our veterinary team can access this dedicated fund on a case-by-case basis to give shelter and community pets who have run out of other options an opportunity to receive lifesaving treatment.

Oogie's Ohana Pet Food Bank

After several years struggling to keep up with the ever-increasing demand for support through our Pet Food Bank, Kelli and Phil Spencer stepped up for hungry pets across the region and made a $1.25 million gift that will ensure we have a steady and predictable source of food and supplies for years to come.

The Spencers and Seattle Humane were brought together by Oogie, their rescue dog who came from a partner shelter in Hawaii. People and their pets will now receive nutritious food and needed supplies through the Oogie's Ohana Pet Food Bank at Seattle Humane.

Both of these are incredible gifts that allow us to increase our reach and impact in our community. You too can support this important work with a gift of any size! All gifts are meaningful and allow Seattle Humane to continue to serve the pets who need us most. Thank you to everyone we count as part of our Rescue Squad for ensuring we are always better together!

New Beginnings for Rescued Chihuahuas

Back in early April, Seattle Humane welcomed nine frightened chihuahuas who had been seized in an animal cruelty case in Lewis County. After a brief stay with our compassionate partners at Onalaska Farm Sanctuary, these dogs arrived at our shelter underweight and unsure of the world around them. They were placed in quarantine for over a week while being monitored closely for any signs of illness. Slowly, they began to emerge from their shells due to the care and attention of our vets and shelter staff. We're so happy to report that now all nine have been adopted into loving new homes!

Marigold (FKA Thin Mint)

Thin Mint, now known as Marigold, was one of the nine. She is a sweet and sensitive girl whose transformation has been nothing short of inspiring. "Marigold is definitely starting to relax," her adopter shared. "She wags her tail when it's time for food or treats and she loves cuddling up close to our other dog, Winston, for emotional support. She is still skittish around us, but she does love head scratches and is starting to approach us more and more for attention. We love our little peanut, and I can't wait to see what next month holds for us!"

Boss Bit Bit (FKA Trefoil)

Marigold wasn't the only little rescue to land on her feet. Another chihuahua from the group, Boss Bit Bit (formerly Trefoil), has also found comfort and confidence in a new home. "It's amazing how far she's come," her adopter says. "We're loving having our little muscle girl to tell us who rules the house!"

Marigold, Boss Bit Bit and all of the rescued chihuahuas' stories are a powerful reminder that with time, patience and love, even the most fearful animals can begin to feel happy, safe and confident again.

Become a Foster Parent

Save lives by helping pets who need a little extra time and TLC prior to adoption. We supply the resources—you supply the love.
Learn more at SeattleHumane.org/foster.

Tuxes and Tails: A Record-Breaking Paw-ty to Remember

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Rescue Squad, Seattle Humane raised over $1.6 million during our 2025 Tuxes & Tails gala! We surpassed our fundraising goal, and this amazing accomplishment will make a lasting impact on pets in our care and community. These critical funds will support our work year-round, allowing us to serve nearly 100,000 pets and their people through programs that save lives, strengthen bonds and keep families together.

We are deeply grateful to every guest, donor, sponsor and volunteer who made this event possible. Your commitment helps ensure that the most vulnerable members of our community receive the care, compassion and second chances they deserve.

Couldn't attend this year? While the paw-ty may be over, the celebration continues! You can still catch the magic by checking out our highlight reel to relive the excitement and inspiration of the evening at TuxesandTails.org.

Don't forget to mark your calendars: next year's Tuxes & Tails gala will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2026. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You for Making Day of Giving Unforgettable!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Seattle Humane's Day of Giving on September 18! Because of your generosity, we are enabled to provide thousands of animals with the lifesaving care, shelter and love they deserve. From urgent medical treatment to adoption services, education programs and financial support for pet owners in crisis—your donations make it all possible. Every gift makes a world of difference for the pet it helps. We are so deeply grateful to everyone who gave during this important day.

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Day *of* Giving

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Missed out? There's still time! Donate today to join the Rescue Squad and help keep the momentum going. Your support is still needed to ensure we can continue our critical work every day. Every dollar helps ensure futures for pets. Together, we're creating a more compassionate world for animals and the people who love them. Thank you for being part of it.

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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.