



Seattle
Humane

2026 Mid-Year Impact Report

Gratitude from Jessie



Seattle Humane is a lifeline for pets and the people who love them—**and you make that possible**. Because of you, families stay together, animals with the greatest needs receive vital care, and our community is met with compassion at every turn. As we look ahead, your generosity fuels everything we do and moves us closer to a kinder world for every pet.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jessie

Jessie Swisher Spiers
Executive Director, Seattle Humane



Babu



Ripple



Rocko

Increasing Access for Neighbors in Need



Seattle Humane partners with the City of Burien for community vaccine clinics, held monthly at the Burien Community Center.

Christina Charlton, Veterinary & Community Programs Director, shared her perspective on Seattle Humane’s work with the Latino community in South Seattle.

For the past four years, Seattle Humane has been supporting the South Seattle Latino community by hosting veterinary clinics every other month at the Burien Community Center. Through a multi-year grant provided by PetSmart Charities, vaccines provided by Petco Love and with support from Humane World for Animals and their Pets For Life program, Seattle Humane is providing ongoing veterinary care for pet owners in an area we’ve identified has the greatest need. Through expanded veterinary clinics, holistic support services and community-centered programs, Seattle Humane is poised to scale and meet the growing and evolving needs of our neighbors as we look to operationalize and expand this program work in the years ahead.”

1,200

PETS FOR LIFE CLIENTS AFTER TWO YEARS OF THE PROGRAM

1,500

UNIQUE PETS SERVED AT MOBILE VETERINARY CLINICS

50

PETS SERVED AND 35 CLIENTS PER CLINIC, ON AVERAGE



Celebrating a Life of Compassion

At 103 years old, Margarita Kjerbol has lived through a century of history, and through it all, one constant has remained: her profound love for animals.

Born Margarita Belzig von Kreutz, she spent her early years in Russia and Europe, witnessing the upheaval of World War II before building a new life in Venezuela. It was there she met and married Georg Kjerbol, a Danish civil engineer whose very first gift to her was a dog named Douchka.

As Georg's distinguished engineering career carried them first to Uruguay and then to Seattle, Douchka was a beloved companion and always by Margarita's side. After Douchka passed, Margarita never stopped finding joy in animals, befriending the pets of neighbors and loved ones.

"The genuine love and joy shown by happy pets cannot be compared. People often go through tough times and emotions, but pets so often show their love and basic sense to comfort and cheer us up again."

Margarita's enduring belief in the power of pets inspired her to include a generous gift to Seattle Humane in her will. Planned gifts from donors like Margarita make it possible for Seattle Humane to provide shelter, lifesaving medical care and adoption services for thousands of animals every year.

As for her upcoming birthday, Margarita has no shortage of plans. "Having many good friends and a few four-legged animals come to visit me through the whole week for good conversation, lots of laughs and, hopefully, some delicious chocolate cake!"



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Reuniting a Family

When DJ the kitty was adopted by his new family, he became his human brother Derrick's best friend. Then DJ went missing last December. In January, DJ was part of an animal transfer, and because he was microchipped, Seattle Humane was able to reunite him with his family! **Microchipping is a routine service offered at Seattle Humane for shelter and community pets.**



Derrick and DJ reunited.

FY2026

6,555

PETS RECEIVED MICROCHIPS

FY2026

16%

INCREASE FROM FY2025

Championing Affordable Care

Seattle Humane is actively working to reduce affordability barriers that prevent families from having or caring for their pets. Our Pet Resource Center provided nearly 1 million meals for community pets last year through Oogie's Ohana Pet Food Bank and \$210,000 in financial assistance to pet owners facing hardship through Polly's Pocket, Pet Owner Assistance and Kodiak Care funds.

We also advanced statewide advocacy efforts in launching our Take Action tool earlier this year, which resulted in nearly 1,000 actions taken by advocates in support of five different

pieces of legislation. A major victory this session was the passage of HB 2247, which increases telemedicine options and makes veterinary care more accessible for pet owners across Washington.



Reaching a Major Milestone: 10,000 Surgeries

Seattle Humane performed 10,000 surgeries in our fiscal year that ended March 31, 2026! This is the first time in Seattle Humane's history we've reached this number in a single year, and it's roughly three times the volume from previous years. This achievement is a testament to the dedication and skill of our Veterinary Services team, and to every team across the organization that helps make this lifesaving work possible. Fittingly, our 10,000th surgery was a spay for a resilient cat named Seis, who had just been cleared of ringworm and was ready for her next chapter. She was adopted and went to her new home soon after. Seis now goes by Lily, and her mom says she is a playful, curious, adorable addition to their family!



Seattle Humane completes 10,000 surgeries in a year with the spay of kitten Seis.

All of the teams at Seattle Humane contributed to us achieving this milestone. It was a collaborative effort with many moving pieces every day that required lots of communication and efficiency, as well as kindness and consideration for those we serve, both pets and people. We perform surgery for both shelter animals and animals that are owned by the public, many of the surgeries are spay and neuter, but other procedures are done as well. Guiding this many animals through anesthesia and surgery safely is no small task, and each component is important to accomplishing this goal. We were able to do this because of the hard work of everyone in the shelter and because we share the vision of helping as many pets as possible."

– Dr. Restis, Senior Staff Veterinarian

Advancing Animal Welfare Through Education

Seattle Humane is supporting the next generation of veterinary professionals and scaling our work through partnerships with the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine and Pima Medical Institute. Working in the Schuler Family Medical Center, fourth-year veterinary students complete a two-week surgical rotation and Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT) and Veterinary Assistant (VA) students gain real-world experience alongside veterinary staff. Donor support makes this continuum of education possible—expanding animal welfare and veterinary learning across all ages, from youth engagement through programs like Humane Teen Club and summer camps to advanced clinical training for future veterinary professionals.

FY2026 by the Numbers

5,066

TOTAL ADOPTIONS

5,501

TOTAL ADMISSIONS

140

AVERAGE DAILY SHELTER POPULATION

14.5

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY IN DAYS

SEATTLE HUMANE'S

Together for Pets LUNCHEON

September 25 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Hyatt Regency, Bellevue
togetherforpetsevent.org





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OUR MISSION

Seattle Humane is creating a kinder world for pets and their people through impactful programs and support services.

Learn more about Seattle Humane's mission at SeattleHumane.org.