

Seattle Humane

Summer 2016



In this issue:

Tuxes & Tails success, shelter construction, pet tips, adoption stories and more!



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Humane

Saving Lives. Completing Families

Letter from CEO David Loewe

Dear Animal People,

Together, we did it. The construction of our new shelter and veterinary hospital has begun! Thank you for your generous support of our project that will benefit even more animals in the years to come. As of this print date, we've raised over \$27 million!

We were blown away by community support at our 27th annual Tuxes & Tails gala held May 7, where \$3.84 million was raised to fill our new shelter with needed medical equipment and furnishings. For decades, we've operated at capacity in our aging shelter, using converted closet space as a surgery suite and retrofitting every nook and cranny to save as many lives as possible. The new state-of-the-art shelter and teaching hospital will adopt out more than 10,000 pets every year and opens in 2017. In this issue, you'll read more about special opportunities to honor your pet by purchasing a brick or paver that will line the new shelter's walkway. For details and construction updates, please visit animalpeoplecan.org.

As for shelter news, we know the warm weather means kitten season! Spread the word about pet adoption or kitten foster opportunities! From bottle-fed newborns to older kittens needing to gain extra ounces, you can help Seattle Humane expand the walls of our shelter and share your experience with others. We provide food, veterinary care and supplies – all you need is a little extra room and lots of love to give. Visit seattlehumane.org/volunteer for upcoming volunteer orientation dates to get started.

We're also looking ahead to our annual Walk for the Animals, a dog-and-family-friendly fundraiser on Oct. 2 at Green Lake Park. It's a fun event and we look forward to seeing you there!

As always, thank you to our faithful supporters and cheerleaders. It's your commitment to the animals that allows us to do the life-saving work we love.

David Loewe
Chief Executive Officer



Save The Date!

Walk for the Animals

Oct. 2, 2016
Green Lake Park

Microchip Your Pet!

7 days a week | 2-4 p.m.
Seattle Humane's Vet Services Dept.

Adoption Blitz Fridays

Oct. 14, 21, 28
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For events and
service details visit:
seattlehumane.org



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We're Under Construction!

After bulldozing the administrative building in June, Seattle Humane's campus is evolving to soon be our new adoption center, shelter and teaching hospital. The new facility will replace our old, inadequate buildings on campus, which we've retrofitted, stretched and continue to work at maximum capacity. Despite cramped space and frequent change due to construction, we're still as dedicated as ever to saving lives and completing families. We'll continue to accept pets in need, find them loving homes during the construction period and look forward to saving thousands more in our new shelter. For the latest on construction, visit animalpeoplecan.org or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat.



Construction crews laying the groundwork for Seattle Humane's new facility.



Make Your Pet Famous!

Bricks and pavers will line the walkway of the new shelter and are on sale now! Honor the pets or people in your life by inscribing their name on a personalized brick or paver. You can celebrate your loved ones, while declaring your commitment to help ALL our region's animals. Reserve yours now at animalpeoplecan.org.



Brick: 4"x8" | \$500
3 lines of text
20 char/line

Paver: 8"x8" | \$1,000
6 lines of text
20 char/line



Humane Happenings Cont.



Lisa Drake and an adoptable kitten.

Meet Our New Chief Operations Officer, Lisa Drake!

Lisa Drake was announced the new Chief Operations Officer in June but she's no stranger to Seattle Humane. She has managed the shelter's veterinary services department since 2011, serving as Veterinary Services Manager, and most recently as the Clinic Director. Lisa has 15 years of clinical experience in both small animal and emergency veterinary practices, holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington, and obtained her LVT license in 2006 after graduating from Pierce College's Veterinary Technology program.

Lisa lives in Seattle with her husband and their cats, including Seattle Humane alumna Ame. We're thrilled to be entering this new phase in our history with Lisa and are excited for what the future holds for Seattle Humane.

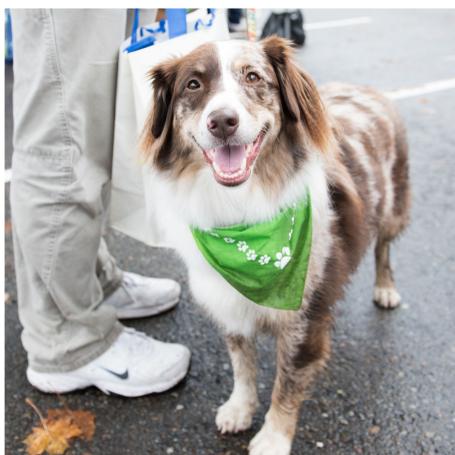


Humane Professionals Wanted!

Are you a web developer, professional writer, videographer or photographer? Use your skills and expertise to help animals! For volunteers who can't commit to a weekly shift at our shelter, we are looking for on-call professionals for special projects and events. Attend the next shelter volunteer orientation to sign up. Details at seattlehumane.org/volunteer.



SEATTLE HUMANE'S WALK ANIMALS



Walk for the Animals Oct. 2, 2016

Join fellow animal lovers at Green Lake Park to Walk for the Animals! This annual FUNdraiser is essential to our organization and provides critical care to orphaned pets. Learn more, register and start raising funds today at seattlehumane.org/walk.

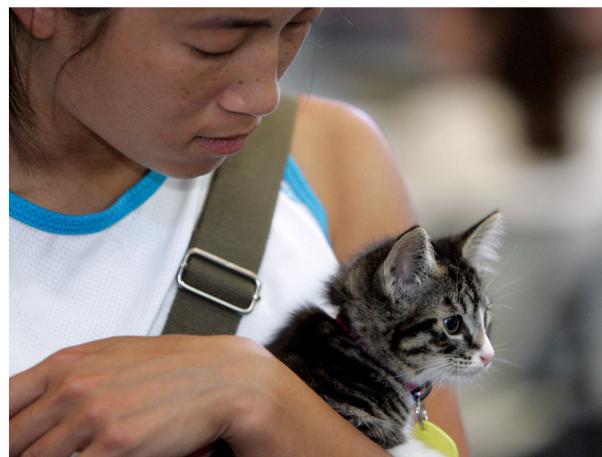


Foster a Pet in Need

Have extra space? A little time? Foster a shelter dog or cat! A break from the shelter environment is often all a pet needs to melt away stress and put their best paw forward. Seattle Humane provides all food, supplies and veterinary care needed to care for a foster pet.

How do you get started?

- Complete a volunteer profile at seattlehumane.org/volunteer and attend a volunteer orientation. See upcoming orientation dates below!
- Take a brief animal handling class and complete a foster profile.
- Contact the foster care coordinators when you're ready to foster. They'll match you with a suitable pet based on your experience and availability.
- Pick up your foster pet, food and supplies from the shelter. Let us know if you need extras like toys and treats.
- Enjoy! Please take notes and photos of your foster pet to help staff find them a loving family.
- Stay in touch with foster coordinators. You'll work with them directly to coordinate drop-off dates and to answer any questions or concerns during the foster period.



Upcoming Volunteer Orientations:

Aug. 30 | 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sept. 27 | 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Oct. 25 | 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Orientations are currently held at
Highland Community Center | 14224
Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue, WA 98009

Pets Get the Back-to-School Blues, Too!

Everyone struggles with saying “so long” to summer. If you were on vacation from work, or your children were home from school, then your pets likely enjoyed more attention and exercise during the summer months. Now that you’ve returned to your normal schedule, dogs and cats are left wondering “why the sudden change?” – And that can make a pet feel stressed.

Dogs and cats thrive on routine. What may seem like a small change to you can feel like a very big change for your pets. Without the routine stimulation they’ve grown accustomed to, pets may act out of boredom or stress by barking, scratching furniture, getting into the trash, house soiling, or being generally destructive. It’s best for your pet to avoid abrupt changes and practice new routines with short periods of separation that gradually become longer. Rely on the following tips to help prevent behavior problems and maintain the health and happiness of your pet while you’re away:

Give your pet a special treat every time you leave to help them develop positive associations with being alone.

Keep your departures and returns quiet and low-key to prevent unduly arouse alarm. Leave a familiar blanket or one of your T-shirts with your pet. Your smell will help soothe them. Ask your kids to spend quality time with the family pet after school – a walk around the block, or a game of fetch in the yard.

Puzzle treats entertain longer – Keep them stimulated with physical and mental workouts. Hiding treats around the home can keep a dog or cat busy for hours. Stuffed Kongs are also great entertainment for dogs and cats love to find a paper bag lying open on the floor (sprinkle cat nip inside)!

Consider hiring an occasional dog walker, pet sitter or a doggie-daycare a few times a week to break up their day. This can help alleviate boredom and provide your pet with exercise.

Don’t scold or punish your pet for bad behavior when you come home. It may make your pet more anxious and make situations worse.

Try to avoid making additional changes if you can help it – don’t change their diet at this time, for example. Keep exercise consistent and set aside a designated time each evening to give your pet one-on-one attention.



Animal Advocates



Katherine Sutherland Leaves Lasting Legacy to the Animals

Schipperke enthusiast Katherine Sutherland was a lifetime animal lover who built her home around her beloved dogs and cats. Although she was fond of all animals and loved to visit the zoo, Katherine was particularly enamored with Schipperkes. Her sister tells us Katherine even had a license plate honoring this loyal breed.

Katherine did have a favorite companion, a spirited little Schipperke named L'Amour. This human-animal bond inspired Katherine to celebrate her 50th birthday with a party to which her guests were invited to bring donations for Seattle Humane in lieu of gifts.

It's the caring generosity of animal lovers like Katherine that lives on in our efforts to save as many orphaned pets as possible. By making Seattle Humane a beneficiary of her estate, Katherine's legacy will benefit thousands of animals for years to come.

Learn how you can also leave a lasting legacy for the animals at Seattle Humane. Call (425) 649-7551 or email scott@seattlehumane.org.



Planning for Your Pet

Seattle Humane's Pet Guardian program guarantees that we will be there for your beloved pet companions when you cannot.

To learn more or enroll today, call (425) 649-7551 or email scott@seattlehumane.org.



Legacy of Love

Please remember the animals in your will or trust.

To leave a bequest, simply write:
"I give to The Humane Society for Seattle/King County, Tax ID #91-0282060, the sum of \$___ (or ___% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) for its general purposes."

If your gift involves insurance policies, land, stock or other property, please include a description.

To learn more about leaving a lasting legacy for the animals, visit seattlehumane.org/giftplanning or contact our Major Gifts Officer at (425) 649-7551 or scott@seattlehumane.org.

Tuxes & Tails



Animal People Can!

New Day Northwest host Margaret Larson with Pepper, a Pekingese mix.



\$4.3 Million Raised at Tuxes & Tails 2016

What event combines athletes, musicians, and local celebrities with adoptable pets, one-of-a-kind auction experiences and fabulous food and wine? Seattle Humane's Tuxes & Tails, of course! This annual star-studded event is dedicated to the care and shelter of orphaned pets in our community. Every year there's a special Fund-A-Need project and this year generous animal lovers raised \$3.84 million (yes, million!) to supply our new shelter and veterinary hospital with medical equipment and essential furnishings – from cat cubbies to X-ray machines to ICU and recovery areas. This brings our campaign fundraising total to over \$27 million towards our \$30 million building project.

“The extraordinary funds raised at Tuxes & Tails for the Fund-A-Need project will provide items we need to keep dogs, cats, and small animals happy and healthy during their stay with us as well as make the shelter a warm and welcoming environment for the public,” CEO David Loewe said.

A special thank you to loyal friends and animal lovers, Jim and Bet Schuler, for offering a generous matching gift for the Fund-A-Need. Another thank you is owed to Mark and Daryl Russinovich, Svanee and Russ Castner, Elaine Coles, Kathy and John Connors, Cindy and Hans E. Koch, the Petco Foundation, and Jim and Roberta Weymouth for their generous lead gifts.

The new facility will provide high-quality veterinary care to both Seattle Humane animals and outside rescue organizations and shelters with limited resources. In alliance with WSU's College of Veterinary Medicine, fourth-year veterinary students will continue to do rotations at the shelter as part of their training. Their participation expands Seattle Humane's capacity to provide medical care to shelter pets and positively impacts the future of animal welfare in our region.

The evening's finale was our unique runway show when we let adoptable shelter pets take the stage to strut their stuff with local celebrities. Following the event, all 17 pets featured were adopted into loving families! Purrs, tail wags and THANK YOU to everyone who made Tuxes & Tails a smashing success for the animals.



Happy Tails

Worth the Wait

Ally's story began at Seattle Humane eight years ago when the tiny kitten was found abandoned at only a few days old. Caring for newborn kittens requires resources that many shelters do not have. But thanks to our generous donors and a network of dedicated volunteer foster families, we're able to give the most fragile pets a fighting chance.

After weeks of round-the-clock bottle feeding and specialized care in a loving volunteer foster home, Ally developed into a healthy and loving kitten who was quickly adopted.

Ally enjoyed many years with her family when Seattle Humane was once again a life-saving resource for this special girl. Her family was moving and couldn't bring Ally along, so they looked to our shelter for help. When Ally returned to the shelter, we realized she was sensitive to change and easily stressed. She needed time in foster care so we could learn more about how she reacts

to transition and evaluate her behavioral issues. With the help of Ally's new foster family, our cat behavior team could identify her sensitivities and better prepare potential adopters for success.



We discovered Ally would need to be the only pet in the home with her own space to feel the most comfortable and safe. Armed with new information, we were determined to find Ally's perfect match. Following months of foster care, positive reinforcement and trials, we finally found Ally the second chance at love she deserved – a cat-savvy family who truly appreciates her.



Casey Regained the Confidence to Love

At Seattle Humane we give every pet as much time as needed to find them a new home – and often, time can be the most valuable resource. Especially for a dog like Casey, a 2-year-old Pointer mix, who lacked confidence and trust in her human companions. Casey was transferred to Seattle Humane from another shelter through our Life-Saver Rescue Program in hopes that we could provide this sweet girl with the help she desperately needed.

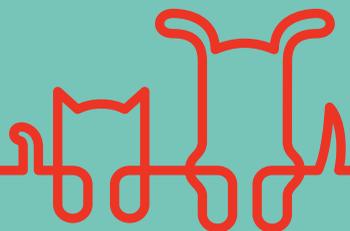
Our veterinary team examined Casey and discovered an old knee injury that they suspected would require surgery. This was both a serious medical and behavioral concern because Casey was extremely sensitive to handling, which could make recovery and rehabilitation not only challenging, but potentially unsafe.



We treat each animal as an individual and owed it to Casey to learn more about her situation before forming a behavior plan. Additional medical history was requested from her former family, and we learned that Casey's injury was far worse than expected. The trauma she experienced, while unintentional, clearly had a lasting effect on Casey, as her tolerance level to touch was minimal. Her reaction to routine handling in the shelter environment proved to be a significant hurdle to cross before we could find her a new home.

Once Casey was medically cleared, our behavior team and volunteers rallied around her, working collaboratively to aid Casey in her journey to trusting people without fear. After months of dedicated behavior modification, treats and positive interactions, Casey was ready for adoption.

It took several months, but a patient and understanding family fell in love with this precocious pup, and the rest is history. She's now loving life and willingly seeking out attention from her cherished people!

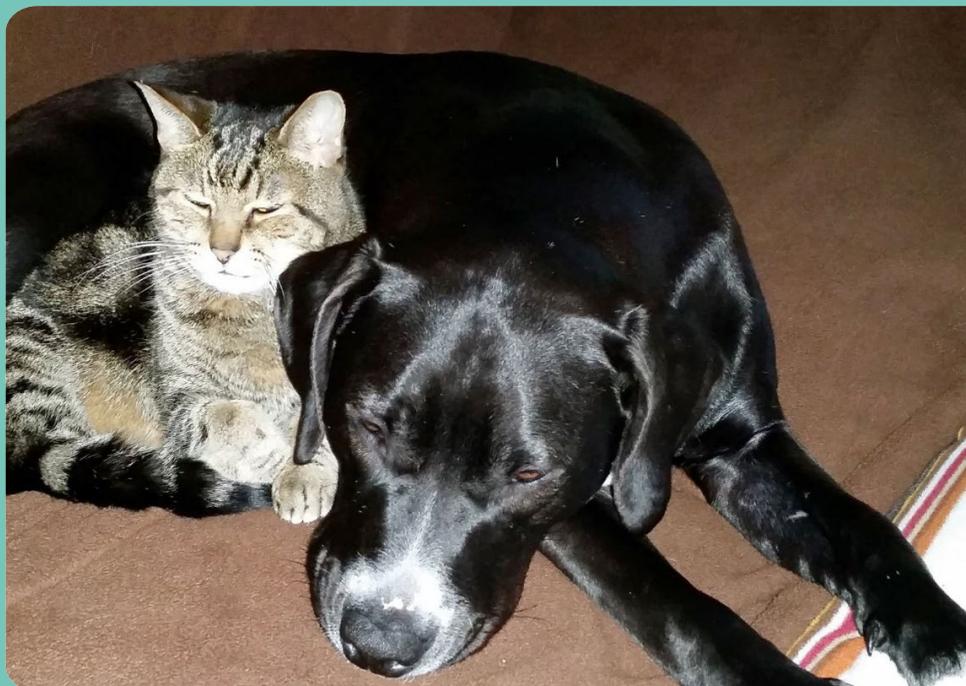


Letters

Last September my daughters and I visited your mobile adoption bus with the hopes of finding our four-legged best friend. Little did we know, the only dog you had that day was the one truly meant for us. She filled a void in our family in a way we didn't realize was missing.

Our sweet puppy turned one today. In celebration of her first birthday, we want to thank you for all you do to unite loving animals with their new forever families that adore them. Please join us in wishing a happy first birthday to the absolutely best four-legged pal a family could ask for.

~Heather & Family



We love our two rescues almost as much as they love each other! Dex (8-year-old tabby) and Stout (1-year-old All-American mutt) have been BFFs since we first brought Stout home 10 months ago! Dex loves lounging, lap time and eating, and Stout loves hiking, camping and snuggling.

~Erin

from Adopters

When we adopted her last December, her name was Olga. She is a Maltese/Poodle mix and we have given her a new name, Molly! Isn't she beautiful? We love her. Thanks for completing our family!!

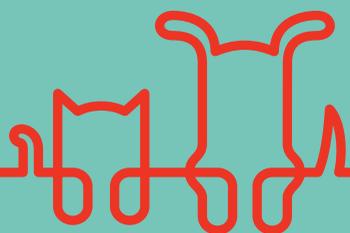
~Wayne and Martha Holverstott



One year ago today we added this beautiful girl to our family. As you know, she had a challenging life before you took her in. You all loved and took care of her while waiting for her forever home to arrive. It was love at first sight for us and her. We kept the name Phoenix because like the mythological bird she has risen from the ashes to be the most loving and caring girl. We are so blessed to have her in our family. She has 10 grandkids who she loves and "dad" takes her for a ride every evening. Thank you for the love and compassion you give to all the fur babies in your care.

~Ron





Letters

Thank you for introducing me to Mia (formerly Tabasco)! She is already adapting to city life. She loves EVERYBODY and wants to say hi and give kisses to everyone she meets on her walks and at the park. She's getting along great with her new cat roommate and it's hilarious to watch her play at the dog park where she's making new friends. She's already learned to sit, lie down, and shake. I can't fathom how she became a stray but I'm glad I found her. Thank you for being so great to work with!

~Jennifer



We adopted Mihla, now renamed Ava. It's really hard to believe anybody would have given this dog up. She's practically a graduate of basic training already, sits on command, stays on command, lies down, and as had no problem whatsoever fitting in with our other dog, a 7-year-old Basset Hound named Harley. She settled in easily and has no problem with her crate. We took her to the dog park yesterday for the first time and she had an absolute blast!

We love her and she's a valued part of our family now, thank you so much for helping us find her.

~The Doggie Guy

from Adopters

Six months ago we adopted this handsome man, Colt (formerly Bolt). Thank you Seattle Humane for taking care of him until his "gotcha day" came December 26th. The best Christmas present ever! Couldn't get much luckier than we did with this little one.

~Sue



We adopted these beautiful lynx-point Siamese kittens last summer and a riot of fun has ensued. Sammi and Frodo (sister and brother) never stop playing and exploring. They rarely are apart and get quite concerned if the other isn't in sight. They get themselves in trouble carting things around the house so we have to be careful not to leave things like socks, hair ties, receipts or toothbrushes around where they can get them or we will later find them elsewhere. Every bag and box is a toy for these two. Recently we were advised to offer them things to keep them busy so they now have "birdie-vision" outside the window. Thank you for being there Seattle Humane and thank you for these wonderful members of our family!

Cheers!
The Linton Family





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