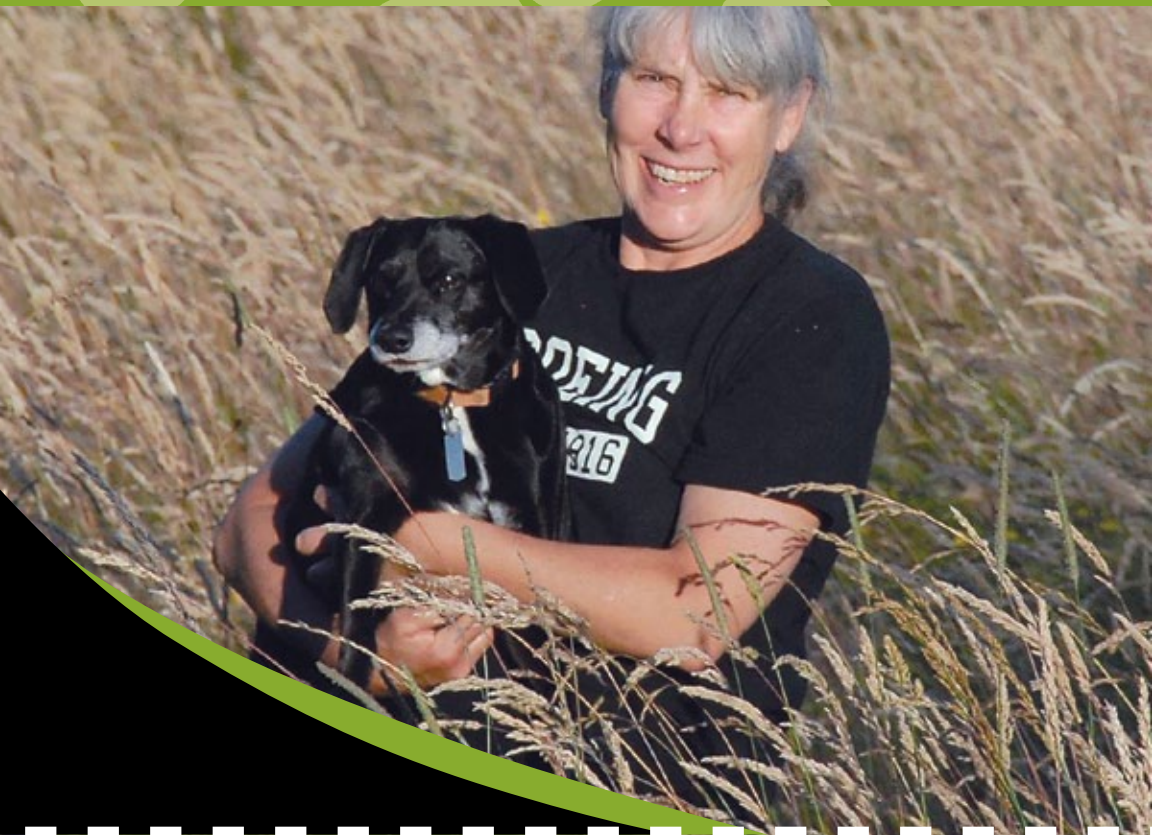


Paw Talk

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The Biggest Loser

When Buddy came to the shelter he weighed nearly twice what he should. He had a severe skin infection, painful joints, and little energy. He was only six years old, but he acted like an old dog.

So Humane Society volunteer and miracle-worker, Laura Moody, took Buddy home to foster. The little lab mix went on a diet, took slow, easy walks every day, played with other dogs, and had lots of human companionship and affection.

Soon, the pounds began to melt off. His skin cleared up, he began to walk further every week, and eventually started jogging with Laura. She taught him to stay in a crate, ride politely in a car, walk nicely on a leash, and get along with cats. He

learned general house manners and some basic commands.

A few months later, Buddy had dropped 20 pounds, or 40% of his body weight! The “Biggest Loser” was now a slim, happy, playful pup bursting with energy and vitality. He was almost unrecognizable from the obese, sickly dog he had been. He was ready for his forever home.

Buddy was soon matched with a loving family through Laura’s website www.make8pets.com. A week later, she received this message from his new owner:

“I want to give you an update on Buddy!... My husband and I adopted a daughter with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and ADHD.

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Warrior Princess

The little kitten dashed up the stairs, oblivious to the cast that clunked against each step. She didn't seem to care that her rear leg was fractured, and would run back down the steps before her foster mom could corral her.

Sue, the Humane Society's Veterinary Assistant, was trying to keep little "Hedda Hopper" quiet while her leg healed, but the little grey tabby wasn't letting anything slow her down! She even managed to wiggle under a closed door, cast and all, with less than 2" of space.

Sue captured some of Hedda's antics on her blog, pitterpatsofbabycats.blogspot.com, and the kitten soon had a loyal following. Six weeks later, when her leg was healed, she was more than ready for a permanent home.

Jim and Marci Pearson were also ready to welcome a kitten into their home, and were immediately taken with Hedda. "We loved her adorable face, her coloring, and the fact that she's a fighter," Marci said. "She survived a broken leg, and we saw how feisty she was on Sue's videos. I looked up her name, and it



Jim meets Hedda for the first time.

means Female Warrior. Isn't that fitting?"

In her last post about Hedda, Sue wrote "She has so much love in her little body. Her new family has a wonderful future with an endearingly persistent kitten either at their feet demanding to be held, or on a shoulder purring and rubbing like she just won the lottery. Actually, she did."

Biggest Loser

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We've been told that a dog would help her, but the parenting issues have been overwhelming, and we knew a dog would add more responsibility, work, and stress.

But instead, Buddy has been a true relief to our family. He simply adores our daughter! She walks him, she feeds him, she loves him, and in return he has been a real blessing. Her PTSD causes major anxiety attacks,



Buddy before his weight loss.

and we typically end our evenings with hours of crying. But several nights ago, our daughter said "You know what, I haven't cried since we got Buddy!" And it's true, she hasn't!

My husband has also become more active, and I have companionship during the day, as I work from home.

This brings tears to my eyes as I write this... it's only been a week, but I believe Buddy's rescue has actually rescued our family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

The Power of Love

When Lakewood Animal Control officers responded to an abandoned animal call, they were shocked to find a thin, weak dog in a home that had long since been abandoned. Piles of garbage, broken furniture, and animal waste filled every room. The young dog could only pace among the filthy wreckage and hope for something better.

The officers brought the young Pointer mix to the Humane Society, where he was evaluated by veterinary staff. Zeke had a variety of medical problems brought on by neglect and malnutrition. He also had old, infected bite wounds and a high temperature.



But in spite of what he had been through, Zeke was gentle and calm, allowing staff to treat his injuries and quickly learning to trust those who came to feed him.

In just a few weeks, the good food, medical treatment and affection turned Zeke from a confused and frightened dog to a loving, playful and outgoing pet. His personality began to emerge, and Zeke proved to be clownish, eager-to-please, and intelligent.

Just a few days after he was available for adoption, Zeke captured the heart of a young boy and his mom, who took him to a home filled with all the love and attention he could want.

Daisy

Dear Humane Society:

“We adopted a three-year-old Rottweiler mix a few months ago. When we got her she cringed whenever my husband looked at her, and wouldn’t make eye contact with me. She walked around with her tail tucked between her legs, like she expected to be hit.

She found a breach in our fence one day and raided every garbage can in the neighborhood. But that was the life she came from. She had been found as a stray fending for herself, and that’s what she knew.



We named her Daisy, gave her lots of love, and two hours a day to play on the beach. Now she runs with her tail held high and wagging. She is the immediate friend of all -- people and dogs -- and dances around with joy.

It took her a while to realize that living with us meant she would be safe, fed, and loved. There was nothing to fear and enough good food that she didn’t need to raid trash cans. She’s no longer afraid of my husband, but kisses him all over each night when he gets home. We love her dearly. Thank you for helping her find us, and helping us find such a great dog.” – David and Carla

DOG-A-THON 21st Annual 2011



\$200,000 Raised for Homeless Pets!

**Dog-A-Thon 2011
was presented by:**



Dog-A-Thon 2011, The Humane Society's annual walk for homeless pets was the most successful ever! Around 1,500 people gathered with their dogs on Saturday, July 23 for a day of fun in the sun, and all for a great cause – helping homeless pets.



Although it's a day of celebration with our canine friends, the donations raised by the Dog-A-Thon help all the animals at the shelter. Proceeds fund the adoption program, purchase kennel beds, cat cozies, chew toys, scratching posts and other equipment, provide specialty

providing quality care for shelter pets and helping them find their forever homes.

This year, we had a record number of teams join in the fun -- A total of 20 teams from local businesses, clubs, orga-

Top Individuals

Laurie Cinotto
Lynette Young
Diane Chervenak
Mikki Pieruccioni
Donna Lee Suelzle
Amanda Blilie
Ron Pace
Amy Bettesworth
Kathleen Olson
Kelly Lenaburg

food for debilitated pets, medical treatment for injured animals, and supplies for the foster program. Funds raised by the Dog-A-Thon are essential in



Dog-A-Thon 2011 Sponsors:



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nizations, or just friends and family, raised \$93,000 in pledges! Once again, Laurie Cinotto led the pack with \$63,000 from followers of her foster blog, theittybittykittycommittee.com. In addition, she auctioned art items, temporary naming rights to her foster kittens, and even a tea party with her resident spokescat, Charlene Butterbean. This year, two young women from Canada won the honor of a special lunch with Laurie's foster kittens and tour of the shelter and foster program.

Individual walkers raised more than \$65,000, and sponsorships, vendors, the barbeque, microchip clinic, matching gifts, and donations brought the total to more than \$200,000. And with our generous

event sponsors covering the costs associated with the event itself, all of the pledges and donations go directly to help animals at the shelter.

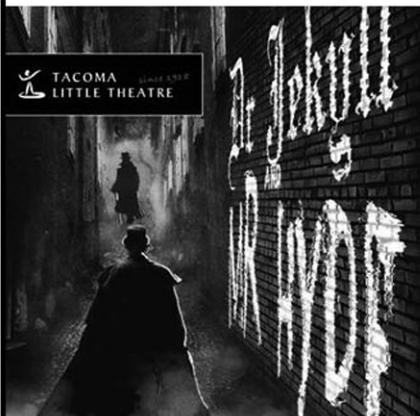
The staff, volunteers, board members, and animals here at the shelter thank all of our generous members and Dog-A-Thon participants for helping to save lives by making this the best walk ever!

Remember, Dog-A-Thon is always the 4th Saturday in July – so mark your calendars now for July 24, 2012!

Top Teams

Team ittybittykittycommittee
 Team Maggie
 Mixed Bag O' Mutts
 Tacoma Small Dog Group
 Barking Bankers
 Canyon Crest K9
 Bank of New York Mellon Mutts
 Chopper's Holistic Pet Foods
 Tacoma Dog House
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Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

A special benefit performance for
 Coalition: HUMANe spay & neuter clinic

Thursday, November 3
 Reception: 6:00 —7:15 pm
 Curtain: 7:30 pm

Tickets are \$40 and include champagne reception

Purchase tickets early for best seating -
www.coalitionhumane.org or 253.509.3155

Sponsored by: *Metronome Coffee, Tacoma Little Theatre, The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County, and Old Milwaukee Cafe and Dessert Co.*



Humane Happenings

Upcoming pet-related events

Bunny Spa Days

Saturday, Nov. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 3
Noon - 4 p.m.
RSVP to CNorlund@aol.com
More information at www.thehumanesociety.org

Petsmart Adoption Weekend

November 11, 12, 13 and 27
Noon - 4 p.m.
Shelter cats will be available for adoption!

Petco Special Cat Adoption Event

Sunday, November 13
Noon - 4 p.m.
Petco locations in Tacoma, Federal Way, Lakewood, and Bonney Lake

Off-site Pet Adoption Locations

PetSmart Tacoma – Cats
Petco Tacoma – Cats and Rabbits
Petco Federal Way – Cats and Rabbits
Petco Lakewood – Cats and Rabbits
Petco Bonney Lake – Cats and Rabbits
Petco Puyallup - Rabbits

Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital - Cats
401 Fawcett Avenue, Tacoma
(253) 274-0225

New Volunteer Orientations

William Gazecki Animal Shelter.
Next volunteer orientation:
Sunday, February 12 10 a.m.– Noon
(Limited to the first 100 people)

Pet Loss Support Group

Saturdays 10:00 a.m.
William Gazecki Animal Shelter
No charge; all welcome



Colorful Facelift

The Humane Society's two vans got a facelift recently, with complete vinyl wraps that really make them stand out on the road!

Lend a P.A.W.

Helping animals has never been easier! More and more of our members have become monthly donors by joining the Humane Society's P.A.W. program (Pre-approved Automatic Withdrawal). By having a set donation deducted from a credit card or checking account each month, P.A.W. members know they are saving the shelter money while doing even more to help animals.

For some people, a small

donation each month is easier than a single gift, and they really add up for the animals!

P.A.W. members receive our newsletter, as well as a yearly summary, but are not mailed fundraising appeals or monthly thank you letters. It's a convenient way to know you are helping animals in the most efficient and cost-effective way possible.

If you are interested in learning more about the P.A.W. program, contact Helen at 253-284-5802, or HelenH@thehumanesociety.org.



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Sharon Bongfeldt
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The mission of the Humane Society is to protect and promote the well-being of animals and to foster positive relationships between animals and people.

Vision

The Humane Society envisions a community where every pet has a permanent and loving home, every companion animal is spayed or neutered and all pets are treated with respect and compassion.

The Humane Society is a private, non-profit organization which relies on donations to fund its vital programs. The Humane Society is not associated with any government agency, nor is it affiliated with any national animal welfare organization.

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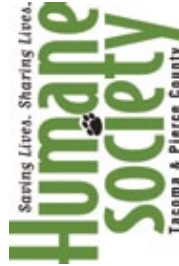
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