



2022

Annual Report

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**No organization cares for
more pets in Washington
than the Humane Society for
Tacoma & Pierce County.**

First Family Photo



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Message From the Board President

Last year, we saw remarkable accomplishments that we achieved together. Our commitment to the welfare of animals and the betterment of our community has once again proven to be a force of positive change for pets and people.

In 2022, we continued our mission to provide love, care, and shelter to our animal companions who depend on us for a second chance and hope. I am delighted to share that we cared for an astounding 9,068 animals throughout 2022.

Each of these animals came to us with unique stories and needs, and our team of staff, volunteers, and fosters rose to the occasion admirably, providing them with the care and attention they desperately needed.

We also helped pets in the community by expanding our impact and focusing on helping pets remain with their families and bringing awareness to pet care through our Humane Education program.

Our community outreach efforts led to helping over 6,000 families and pets stay together through our low-cost veterinary care programs and Pet Food Pantry. In fact, we provided 55,975 pounds of pet food to community members who needed it the most – that's more than double compared to 2021.

Along with our successes, the challenges we faced as a community also grew. The year 2022 highlighted an increase in the community's need for assistance in keeping their beloved pets. This pressing demand reaffirms our dedication to extending our reach even further, ensuring that pet owners have the resources and support they require to care for their pets.

In the face of adversity, we have proven time and again that we stand strong for the welfare of animals in need. The story of tiny kittens, Foxtrot and Echo, is a heartwarming testament to our unwavering commitment. These maimed kittens were brought to the shelter missing a part of their left rear paws and a portion of their tails. Our team didn't miss a beat and sprang into action to care for them. Through skillful surgeries from our Veterinary Team, round-the-clock care from our animal care staff, and the love of a dedicated foster home, Foxtrot and Echo became healthy and happy enough to go to their new home.

This story highlights one of thousands that came through our doors in 2022 and shows not only the resilience of the animals we serve but also the compassion, determination, and teamwork it takes to care for them.

As you read through what our team was able to accomplish in 2022, I hope it's a source of inspiration and a reminder of the incredible power that emerges when our staff, volunteers, and animal-loving community come together for a common cause.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, resources, and unwavering support in this year and the next.

Together, we are creating profound and positive impacts in the lives of countless animals and the people who love them.



Ann Graves
Board President



Message From the CEO

Reflecting on the accomplishments of the past year, I am even more excited to look ahead to the promising future before us.

I've been a part of this organization for 5 years now and have seen the incredible talent and dedication of our staff, volunteers, and fosters. Since stepping into the role of CEO in 2023, I was immediately struck by the incredible potential that our organization holds for the future.

I am honored to lead a team of dedicated professionals who are not only passionate about our mission but are also committed to paving a new path and, just like our founders, daring to question the status quo in animal welfare. While we celebrate the accomplishments of the past, we are working to create a brighter future for animal welfare in Pierce County.

A major milestone for our organization is the recent publication of our Three-Year Strategic Plan. This plan was crafted with the feedback and insights from our leadership team, staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and stakeholders.

Our Three-Year Strategic Plan provides a clear roadmap for a new future together, outlining key initiatives that will pave our path forward.

As outlined in our plan, our focus on personal well-being, organizational and animal well-being, and community well-being has already yielded exceptional results. Notably, we have made significant strides in developing a targeted Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program, working to control the population of stray cats in our community. In just the first three months of 2023, our live-release rate has increased to 93%, a testament to the effectiveness of our progressive efforts in making a second chance possible for animals in need.

One of our proudest achievements this year has been the successful implementation of an appointment-based system for bringing lost pets to the shelter, a best-practice that not only streamlines our operations but also ensures that pets spend less time in the shelter and facilitates quicker reunions with their families.

This year also marks some record-setting moments for our shelter, including the highest number of adoptions within one week and spay/neuter surgeries in a single day in the shelter's 135-year history!

Sharing these impressive accomplishments, I am deeply grateful to our community of supporters who have helped make them possible. It definitely takes a village of animal-loving partners, donors, volunteers, and dedicated staff to make this all possible for the pets in need and the people who love them. Thank you for being a part of our village.

As we navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead, I am confident that our collective efforts will result in life-saving outcomes. With your continued support, we can pave the way, together.

Here's to the beginning of extraordinary accomplishments to come!



Leslie Dalzell

Chief Executive Officer



Animal Care



9,068
animals cared for



6,232
animals placed



1,325
lost pets reunited with their families



When Buttercup arrived at our shelter, she was covered in bite wounds, deep scratches, and had several broken teeth.

Our veterinary team worked quickly – carefully cleaning her wounds and giving medication to take away her pain and heal her infections.

Our animal care staff and volunteers provided her with loving care and gained her trust.

Today, Buttercup is spoiled rotten and adored by her new family!

Veterinary Services

5,144
spays and neuters



14,956
lifesaving surgeries and treatments



35,530
vaccines provided



28,516
veterinary exams



Foster and Volunteer Programs



619

active foster homes



2,214

pets that received foster care



25,924

pet enrichment sessions



276

active volunteers



105,421

volunteer and foster hours



Echo and Foxtrot's Story

Echo and Foxtrot were found severely injured, both missing their left rear paws and one missing a portion of its tail.

They weighed less than a pound and were in horrific pain. After a thorough exam and observing the kittens, our vets were concerned with how much the babies used their stumps to move around.

They were further irritating their sores and causing them to open up and bleed with every step. Our vet team determined that performing amputations further up their legs was essential if the kittens were ever going to lead a normal life, free from infection and pain.

After successful surgeries and recovery in a loving foster home, Echo and Foxtrot were adopted by the animal control officer who had brought them in!



Pet Support Program



3,973
counseling calls



6,117
families/pets helped to stay together



55,975
pounds of pet food distributed



Testimonial

"Our [Pet Support] counselor has been compassionate, understanding, and prompt to address any questions we have had during this difficult time. I cannot thank them enough for how helpful they have been and how grateful we are for their help."

Humane Education Program

2,921
students reached



128
local schools visited



Our Humane Education Program provides the community with knowledge on how to treat animals, how to care for them, and how to communicate with them. During 2022, our Humane Education efforts showed remarkable growth, making significantly more of an impact on the community we serve.

Testimonial

"Thank you so much for your time and the wonderful tour! The girls left feeling so proud and could not stop talking about wanting to volunteer when they're 16. It definitely made a mark."



Support From Our Community



5.9 million
total funds raised



9,904
donors



1,261
Loyal Friends Club monthly donors



Thank You to Our Donors

Thank you so much to all the donors who have generously supported our work.

It's because of your kindness and compassion that we are able to provide pets in need with the love and care they need and help them find loving families. Your contributions are making a huge difference not just for the animals but also for the families who come to love them and our community as a whole.

We cannot thank you enough for your support and for being a part of Making Happy Happen.

2022 Shelter Stats

The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County takes in animals no matter their age, breed, medical issues, or behavioral problems. Animals are only humanely euthanized if they are terminally ill and suffering or exhibit behavior that is dangerous to public safety.

Shelter Admissions

Strays and Owner Relinquishments

3,088 Dogs
5,225 Cats
348 Critters
8,661 Total

Transfers In

26 Dogs
20 Cats
1 Critters
47 Total

8,708 Total Animal Admissions

Outcomes

Adoptions

1,611 Dogs
4,014 Cats
275 Critters
5,900 Total

Return to Owner

1,106 Dogs
204 Cats
15 Critters
1,325 Total

Transfer Out

187 Dogs
136 Cats
9 Critters
332 Total

Returned to Field

262 Cats
1 Critter
263 Total

7,820 Total Live Outcomes

Other Outcomes

669 Shelter Euthanasia
1,009 Owner Requested Euthanasia
266 Died or Lost in Care
1,944 Total Outcomes

89.2%

Live Release Rate*

Live Release Rate is calculated by (total live outcomes) divided by (total outcomes minus owner requested euthanasia).



Financials

2022 Operating Revenue

Pet Licenses & Fees	\$ 588,531
Interest & Dividends	\$ 199,881
Donations, Bequests & Grants	\$ 5,968,820
Animal Sheltering Contract	\$ 1,650,485
Adoption	\$ 721,618
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 9,129,335

2022 Other Revenue

Unrealized Loss on Investments	(\$ 4,424,482)
Other/Miscellaneous	\$ 49,200
Total Other Revenue	(\$ 4,375,281)

Total Revenue **\$ 4,754,053**

2022 Expenses

Shelter Operations	\$ 6,375,857
Administration	\$ 411,550
Fundraising	\$ 872,139
Total Expenses	\$ 7,659,546

2022 Net Assests

Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 13,024,908
With Donor Restrictions	\$ 10,564,618
Total Net Assets	\$ 23,589,526



Humane Heritage

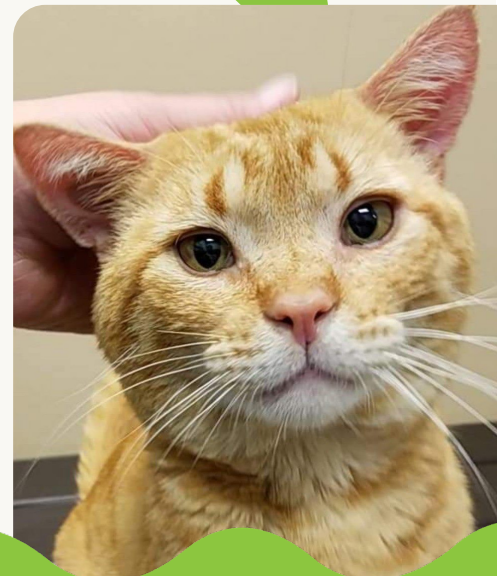
The Humane Heritage Foundation recognizes members who have named the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County in their wills or have made other planned giving arrangements. The Humane Heritage Foundation honors those individuals whose spirit of caring will endure into the future.

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Leslie Dalzell - Chief Financial Officer, Interim Chief Executive Officer (Oct - Dec 2022)

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Leah Turner - Chief Operating Officer



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Adoptions closed on Monday

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