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**ABANDONED PUPPIES, DOG WITH GUNSHOT WOUNDS, AND PUPPY WITH NECK LACERATION
BROUGHT TO LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER**

The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County is caring for eight abandoned puppies, a dog with multiple gunshot wounds, and a puppy with a severe neck wound.

TACOMA, WA – From March 2-4, the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County received 10 dogs in crisis from Pierce County Animal Control in need of urgent care.



An abandoned puppy being bottle fed.

On Saturday, a 4-month-old Labrador puppy was brought to the shelter with a deep laceration on his neck and a cut near the eye with an infected abscess.

After thorough examination, the neck wound was likely caused by a tight collar. Light therapy devices will need to be used to treat the wound.

The following day, a 3-year-old English bulldog arrived at the shelter with gunshot wounds to the face and shoulder. The dog had been shot three times with one bullet still lodged in her shoulder.

The gunshot wounds caused severe pain, broken teeth, and a fractured jaw. Expensive X-rays and potentially a complicated surgery are needed to remove the remaining bullet.

Soon after, eight 2-day-old puppies were brought to the shelter after a community member found them abandoned in a box at a park in Bonney Lake.

The neonatal puppies are receiving round-the-clock feedings and warmth from an incubator.

Donations are urgently needed to help care for the 10 dogs and thousands more lost, injured, and neglected pets that come to the shelter each year. Donations can be made on the shelter's website at: www.thehumanesociety.org/10-dogs-need-you.

About the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County

As one of the oldest animal welfare organizations in the nation, the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County cares for around 10,000 animals every year and maintains multiple humane programs. Dedicated to "Making Happy Happen," the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County works tirelessly

to protect animals, support pet owners, and enhance relationships between animals and people. Learn more at www.thehumanesociety.org.

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