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DOG ON BRINK OF DEATH FOUND BY TACOMA RESIDENT SPARKS URGENT PLEA FOR SUPPORT

TACOMA, WA – On Dec. 21, a dog arrived at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County hypothermic, emaciated, and wounded. The dog, now named Thomas, was found by a concerned Tacoma resident, Haley Clirehugh, who acted swiftly to save him from frigid temperatures.



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"I was trying to say hi to him, and he didn't even react to me," says Clirehugh. "I knew I needed to get him inside before he froze to death. I brought him in immediately. He was so weak; I had to carry him around, and he could barely lift his head. I gave him some treats, and he gave me the ghost of a tail wag. He's completely shut down, but I can tell there's a happy dog in there."

Clirehugh transported Thomas to the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County, where the shelter's veterinary team took immediate action, providing fluids, warming blankets, and treating his infected wounds. Thomas is currently under close observation, undergoing diagnostic tests and treatments to determine the root cause of his condition.

In response to this urgent situation, the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County appeals to the community for financial support to cover the medical expenses required for Thomas's recovery and the ongoing care of the many other animals coming to the shelter in need of immediate assistance, especially during the cold winter months ahead.

Donations made at any time before Dec. 31 at midnight will be tripled up to \$150,000 to further the impact for pets in need, like Thomas. Donations can be made on the shelter's website at:

www.thehumanesociety.org/thomas-needs-a-miracle.



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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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