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LARGE PACK OF DOGS RUNNING WILD FOR WEEKS NOW RECEIVING CARE

TACOMA, WA – More than a dozen husky mixed dogs were running wild as a pack in the Ashford area over the past several weeks. There are reports from several residents encountering these huskies as they were running as a pack through neighborhoods and properties.

Pierce County Animal Control caught 14 of the dogs and brought them to the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County, where they are currently receiving care.



One of the 14 dogs receiving care from a shelter staff member.

The dogs vary in age from 5 months old to 5 years old. Many arrived scared and nervous and have shown signs of friendliness towards shelter staff.

The dogs are receiving daily care as well as enrichment and will be provided with any needed medical treatment, vaccinations, and spay and neuter surgeries.

Currently, there are over 170 dogs in the shelter's care and over 400 animals being cared for. The shelter is now experiencing maximum capacity, causing a strain on its staff and resources.

Donations are urgently needed from the community to help the shelter continue to care for

these 14 dogs and the hundreds of shelter pets in need. Donations can be made on the shelter's website at: <u>www.thehumanesociety.org/14-huskies</u>.

The community is also being asked to open up their homes to a pet in need by adopting. To help boost adoptions, the shelter is offering name your price for all adult dog (2 years old or older) adoption fees from April 13 - 30.

The shelter currently has over 60 adoptable dogs waiting for a loving home. Every adoptable dog has had a wellness exam from shelter veterinary staff, been spayed or neutered, received their initial vaccines, and is microchipped with national registration. To view all adoptable shelter pets, please visit: www.thehumanesociety.org/adopt.

Not looking to adopt? Foster homes are also needed to help care for the many shelter pets waiting to be adopted and to help clear up space. More information about becoming a foster can be found on the shelter's website at: <u>https://www.thehumanesociety.org/get-involved/foster/</u>.

About the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County

The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County, one of the oldest animal welfare organization's in the nation, 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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