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### **LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER CARES FOR 13 NEGLECTED PUPPIES**

*The 13 neglected puppies were found at different locations within 48 hours – in a duffel bag, abandoned on a property, and found in a box.*

TACOMA, WA – From Sept. 23-25, the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County received 13 puppies and two adult dogs from three separate locations in Pierce County.



*Seven 7-week-old puppies found in duffel bag.*

On Saturday, Pierce County Animal Control brought seven 7-week-old mixed-breed puppies after being found in a duffel bag outside.

Less than 24 hours later, two 10-week-old German shepherd puppies arrived at the shelter as strays after a concerned citizen witnessed them being dumped on a property.

The next day, a delivery driver found a family of neglected doodle mixes, including four 8-week-old puppies with the mother and father dogs. The puppies were found in a cardboard box alongside a county road in Gig Harbor.

"It was raining, so the box was completely soaked," says Sean Morgan, the driver and concerned citizen who found the dogs. "They were all wet and cold. I didn't want to leave them there."

When arriving to the shelter, the adult dogs were found matted and balding, while the puppies were acting lethargic and weak.

The shelter's veterinary team examined each puppy for injury and illnesses while providing flea and tick preventatives, vaccines, and dewormer to prevent potentially deadly diseases.

Currently, the four puppies are in isolated kennels as the shelter's veterinary staff rule out potential infections like parvo and giardia that may be causing their weakness.

The community can donate to make a difference for these puppies and many more pets like them on the shelter's website at: [www.thehumanesociety.org/13-puppies](http://www.thehumanesociety.org/13-puppies).

### **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](http://www.thehumanesociety.org).

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