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### **LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER INUNDATED WITH SICK AND INJURED KITTENS**

**TACOMA, WA** – On March 9, the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County had a total of 26 sick and injured kittens come through its doors within 24 hours.

The kittens range from 1 day old to 6 months old. Many are covered with fleas and have respiratory infections with painfully inflamed and goopy eyes, runny noses, and thinning hair. While treatable, these infections can be deadly.



*Kitten with ruptured eye.*

One kitten has a ruptured eye that will require surgery for the eye to be removed in order to prevent infection.

Over the next several days, each kitten will receive individualized medical care and monitoring from shelter staff. They will be treated with antibiotics, eye and nose drops, and food supplements to help gain strength.

Donations are urgently needed to help provide round-the-clock care and surgery needed for

these kittens. Donations can be made on the shelter's website at: [www.thehumanesociety.org/kitten-intake](http://www.thehumanesociety.org/kitten-intake).

March marks the start of kitten season, which is the busiest time of the year for the shelter. Shelter staff and fosters will provide lifesaving efforts for over a thousand kittens during the next several months.

The community can help the shelter prepare for a busy kitten season by participating in the shelter's month-long Kitten Shower event. More information can be found on the shelter's website at: <http://www.thehumanesociety.org/ways-to-give/events/kitten-shower/>.

#### **About the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County**

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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