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RECORD-SETTING ADOPTIONS AND SURGERIES FOR LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER

TACOMA, WA – The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County adopted out 287 shelter pets from July 18-23 during an all adoption fees waived event. This is the highest number of adoptions within a one-week period in the shelter's 135-year history.

In an effort to make as many animals as possible available for adoption, the shelter also performed 53 spay and neuter surgeries in a day. This is the most spay and neuter surgeries performed in a single day for the shelter.



One of the many dogs adopted during the event.

"The community helped us make history! We asked for help and the community showed up for these shelter pets," says Leslie Dalzell, chief executive officer at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County. "We had a line out the door every day with people looking to adopt, foster, or donate. We are so grateful to the community and appreciated everyone's patience and flexibility as our staff worked long hours to match adopters with their new furry family members."

The shelter currently has nine dogs and one critter available for adoption.

"Our kennels may be empty now, but they won't be for long. This capacity crisis has shown just how limiting our current facility is," says Dalzell. "Our 79-year-old building doesn't

meet the needs of our community. We have lost, homeless, neglected, and abandoned animals brought to us every day. For every animal that leaves our shelter, there's another animal in need that fills that empty kennel shortly after."

The community can continue to help by donating to support the shelter as it cares for around 10,000 pets every year: www.thehumanesociety.org/donate.

Information on what to do when finding a lost pet and how keeping a lost pet out of a shelter environment is most ideal can be found at: www.thehumanesociety.org/lost-pets.

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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