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SEVERELY INJURED DOG WITH RUPTURED EYE FOUND ABANDONED NEAR GAS STATION DUMPSTER

TACOMA, WA – On Feb. 8, a community member found a severely injured 6-year-old Shih Tzu abandoned next to a gas station dumpster near Joint Base Lewis-McChord.



Cupid's ruptured eye.

The Shih Tzu, now named Cupid, was found with a ruptured right eye, which was protruding from its socket.

"At first, I thought it was a raccoon," says Justine Imadhay, the community member who found Cupid. "When I looked closer, I could see his eye was bulging and knew he needed help."

Cupid was taken to Summit Veterinary Hospital, and is currently being cared for at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County.

After examination by the shelter's veterinary team, it was discovered that Cupid suffers from severe dental disease in addition to his eye trauma.

Cupid's condition is severe, and he is in need of emergency surgery to remove his eye and stop the pain he is currently experiencing.

Donations are urgently needed to get Cupid into surgery today. Donations can be made to help Cupid and the many other animals in urgent need on the shelter's website at:
www.thehumanesociety.org/cupid/.

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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