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## **TACOMA HUMANE SOCIETY REDUCES PET ADOPTION FEES FOLLOWING LARGE-SCALE CAT RESCUE**

TACOMA, Wash. - The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County is reducing adoption fees for adult dogs, adult cats, and all small animals following the arrival of 33 cats and kittens from an unsafe and overcrowded property in Pierce County.

From Aug. 16-Sept. 5, adoption fees will be \$50 for adult dogs (2 years and older), \$25 for adult cats (six months and older), and \$5 for all small critters.

The shelter has over 80 pets available for adoption, plus an additional 413 receiving care or in foster homes, becoming available for adoption as they are medically cleared.

Of the pets the shelter is caring for, 33 are cats and kittens who arrived on July 25 after being removed from an unsafe and overcrowded property in Pierce County. Each cat received immediate medical treatment, and most exhibited symptoms of upper respiratory infections.

"As one of few open-admission shelters in the state, we never know what will come through our doors on any given day—whether it's over 30 vulnerable cats and kittens or other pets in need of urgent care," says Leslie Dalzell, chief executive officer at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County. "By reducing adoption fees, we make adoption more accessible, enabling the community to play a vital role in clearing space in our facility. As a result, we can care for even more pets who desperately need our services."

The shelter's adoption center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Additional information regarding adoption policies and procedures can be found on the shelter's website: [www.thehumanesociety.org/adopt](http://www.thehumanesociety.org/adopt).

Every adoptable pet has had a wellness exam from shelter staff, been spayed or neutered, received their initial vaccines, and is microchipped with national registration.

During the adoption promotion, each dog and cat adopter will receive a goodie bag with a transitional supply of pet food courtesy of Hill's Pet Nutrition, while supplies last.

Alternative ways to support the shelter include fostering, providing a temporary home to a pet in need, or volunteering, assisting with a variety of tasks from dog walking to administrative duties. Details about becoming a foster or volunteer can be found on the shelter's website at [www.thehumanesociety.org/get-involved](http://www.thehumanesociety.org/get-involved).

Additionally, community members can support the shelter by donating. With the volume of animals under the shelter's care, resources are stretched to the limit. Donations can be made at [www.thehumanesociety.org/donate](http://www.thehumanesociety.org/donate).

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

The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County was founded by a handful of compassionate community members and has grown into one of the state's largest animal welfare agencies. Each year, we find loving homes for more than 6,000 pets, reunite over 1,100 animals with their overjoyed owners, and provide care for thousands more in our community. Additionally, we offer several comprehensive programs and resources, including Spay/Neuter & Wellness Vouchers, a monthly Vaccine & Wellness Clinic, a Pet Food & Supply Pantry, behavior advice, and private rehoming services. Learn more at [www.thehumanesociety.org](http://www.thehumanesociety.org).

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