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**FOR HOLLY BELLE: HUMANE SOCIETY FOR TACOMA & PIERCE COUNTY'S STANCE ON RECENT PROPOSED ANIMAL WELFARE LEGISLATION**



TACOMA, WA — When Holly Belle arrived at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County last October, the extent of her neglect and pain from a barbaric ear crop was shocking to our staff. Despite our efforts, we were not able to save Holly Belle, but we were able to provide her love and care during her last days.

Pets like Holly Belle need our protection through progressive and impactful legislation, which is why the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County supports the passage of recently proposed animal welfare legislation [HB 2317/SB 6300](#).

While Washington state continues to lead the way with many progressive animal welfare initiatives, animal cruelty and abuse remain a critical issue across the state, such as in the case of Holly Belle. **HB 2317 /SB 6300** would strengthen Washington state's animal cruelty laws in several areas, including the addition of a restriction to prevent individuals convicted of animal abuse or cruelty from residing with, possessing, or caring for any animals, as well as the criminalization of backyard ear and tail cropping.

The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County asks all animal lovers and supporters of progressive animal welfare standards to contact your state representatives and urge them to support this legislation. Locate your legislators [here](#).

If you're interested in learning more about the Society, its adoptable pets, programs, services, or careers, please visit [www.thehumanesociety.org](http://www.thehumanesociety.org).

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

One of the oldest animal welfare organizations in the nation, the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County cares for nearly 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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