




2021 Annual Report

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the
Humane
society
Tacoma & Pierce County



No organization cares for more pets in Washington than the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County.



Message From the Board President

Since 1888, the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County has been a refuge for animals that have nowhere else to go. As one of the few open-admission shelters in Washington, we take in pets no matter their age, breed, medical issues, or behavioral problems.

Reflecting on this past year, it is clear that our programs and services are vital to so many in the community and at times, their last hope.

In 2021, we cared for over 8,000 animals – that’s thousands more than any other shelter in Washington State.

As the lasting effects of the pandemic continued, so did the efforts in moving forward with our mission by growing the team and building upon our community services.

We envision a community where every pet has a permanent and loving home, and last year, the shelter made significant progress in doing just that. Our Pet Support team grew, helping thousands of families get the assistance they needed to keep their pets or find the right home for them.

We provided more than 27,000 pounds of food through our free Pet Food Pantry and over 600 low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for owned pets.

To continue building community engagement in animal welfare, the shelter made progress with its Humane Education program. This program provides children with knowledge on how to treat animals, care for them, and communicate with them through interactive school presentations. Even in its early stages while facing pandemic challenges, 12 local schools were visited, and 110 students were interacted with to learn the importance of kindness and care towards animals.

As we faced the nationwide shortage of veterinary professionals, we had to adapt and overcome by working hard to save as many lives as possible. I’m proud to say that even with limited staff, the shelter’s veterinary team performed over 14,000 much-needed surgeries and treatments for animals in need.

Looking back on these positive outcomes in 2021, which wouldn’t have been possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers and many community supporters, I am excited for the direction we are headed with advancing animal welfare in the community.



Amanda Loewen

Board President



Message From the CEO

Amanda has talked about what was achieved in 2021 and it was both a challenging and successful year for the shelter. Successful because we helped thousands of animals and achieved great results, but challenging because we experienced some of the direct consequences of the pandemic. The most prevalent being the nationwide shortage in veterinary staff that is expected to last for some time.

With trying times in animal welfare, our shelter staff are inspiring in what they do every day here. As Amanda mentioned, we take in more animals than any other shelter in Washington and while that means we are saving thousands of pets every year, it means that we have one of the hardest working shelter teams in the United States. We have more animals to feed, more kennels to clean, more dogs to be walked, and more animals to treat medically.

Our staff work hard every day to help animals recover from mistreatment or a life of homelessness and help local pet owners keep their beloved furry family members when they have no one else to turn to. This work can tug at the heartstrings, but our passionate and hard-working staff make our mission possible.

So, what are our challenges for the year(s) ahead and what do we want to achieve? Inflation has had and will continue to have an impact on our costs. We have seen major price hikes in pet food, medical supplies and other essential items. That being said, we will continue investing in our staff as the cost of living increases, so will our wages.

The higher cost of living is affecting everyone and for many people the cost of being able to feed their pets or paying for veterinary treatment is becoming a luxury. We will continue to support pets and people in our community every day through our Pet Food Pantry providing pet food for anyone having a difficult time filling their pet's dish. Our pet counseling team will be helping keep pets with their families instead of having to be surrendered. We Make Happy Happen for every pet that comes into our care and for pet owners who need a helping hand.

We have and will continue to support our communities to try and improve animal welfare across Pierce County. In fact, there are exciting projects being developed in 2022. We are entering into a partnership with Pierce County Council to undertake inspections of animal facilities to help maintain high standards of animal welfare across Pierce County.

Another exciting new initiative for 2022 is our play groups for dogs. These are great opportunities for dogs to interact with each other and to become socialized. While it is in its early days in development, this will have a tremendously positive impact on the dogs in our care.

We will always do our best for pets in our community, but our current shelter provides limited and old facilities. As we look toward the future and next steps for the shelter, we envision a new animal welfare campus. This would mean more kennel space for more animals that can find their forever homes and a lifetime of happiness. A new veterinary center to perform more emergency lifesaving surgeries and provide medical care to low-income families in the community. And space for pets to get more exercise and socialization with our staff and volunteers while they wait to be adopted.

Thank you for your support over the last year and for the years to come as we build that better future!

An exciting future lies ahead.



Stuart Earley

Chief Executive Officer



Animal Care



8,027
animals cared for



5,170
animals placed



1,438
lost pets reunited with their families



Rebel was surrendered to the shelter in May 2021. Shelter staff and volunteers helped socialize Rebel to be comfortable and confident when meeting new people.

Off-site adventures with volunteers and training from staff allowed Rebel to continue to let his true personality shine.

Rebel was cared for by a foster parent for several months so that he could feel comfortable in a home setting.

After 6 months, Rebel finally found his forever home!

Veterinary Services

4,905
spays and neuters



14,916
lifesaving surgeries and treatments



27,076
vaccines provided



26,483
veterinary exams



Foster and Volunteer Programs



338

active foster homes



2,001

pets that received foster care



21,058

pet enrichment sessions



213

active volunteers



100,873

volunteer and foster hours



Oolong's Story

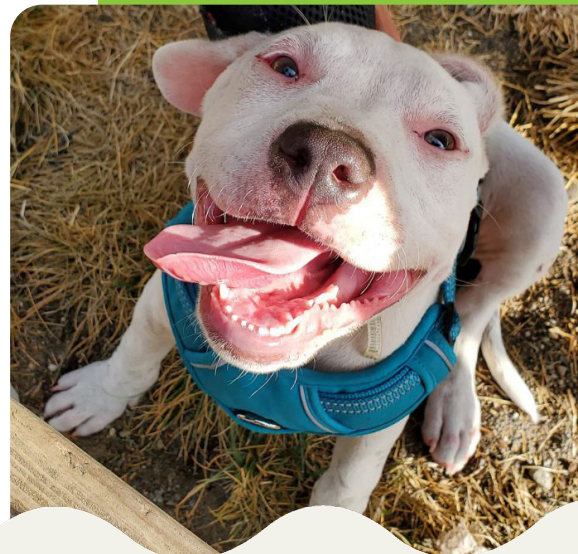
In May 2021, a dog was found abandoned in a public restroom stall and tied to a suitcase. Inside this suitcase were 11 of her one-week-old puppies.

The mother dog, named Oolong by shelter staff, arrived to the shelter emaciated and starving. Thorough veterinary exams found that some of the puppies were experiencing a condition that causes swelling in the face and skin lesions.

Shelter veterinary staff provided immediate medical care for the twelve dogs to get them back to health. During recovery, Oolong and her puppies continued to be cared for in a foster home where they could grow and gain trust with people again.

After several months of medical care and love, Oolong was nourished back to a healthy weight and the puppies were cleared of their condition.

For Oolong and her puppies whose lives started out so rough, they are now in their forever homes and are deeply loved by their new families.



Pet Support Program



2,660
counseling calls



4,389
families/pets helped to stay together



27,217
pounds of pet food distributed



Testimonial

"My third pet now for spay/neuter low income program and I cannot say enough about the caring individuals that work here. What a community asset these people and this program is for our community. Very grateful to all of them for their kind service to my pets!"

Humane Education Program

110
students reached



12
local schools visited



The shelter's Humane Education Program started in September 2021. It provides children with knowledge on how to treat animals, how to care for them, and how to communicate with them. Through this program, we offer in-person and virtual presentations for local classrooms!

Testimonial

"Thank you for visiting the Pioneers at Puyallup Playcare center. It was such a joy to see you teach the children what the Humane Society does for the animals of our community. It was amazing seeing the children take in all the visuals and hands on learning. They are beyond excited to take home a coloring packet, brochure, and stuffed animal. You guys do amazing things and I hope next year we can reach out again to do another visit."



Support From Our Community



4.1 million
total funds raised



9,140
donors



1,123
Loyal Friends Club donors



Thank You to Our Donors

Thank you to the generous donors to the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County. Because of your support, dogs, cats, and critters, who are homeless and suffering are saved, cared for, and adopted into forever, loving families.

Please know you are making a big difference to our animals, the families who come to love them, and our community.

Together, we are Making Happy Happen.

2021 Shelter Stats

The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County takes in animals no matter their age, breed, medical issues, or behavioral problems. Animals are only humanely euthanized if they are terminally ill and suffering or exhibit behavior that is dangerous to public safety.

Shelter Admissions

Strays and Owner Relinquishments

2,887 Dogs
4,585 Cats
303 Critters
7,775 Total

Transfers In

24 Dogs
8 Cats
14 Critters
46 Total

7,821 Total Animal Admissions

Outcomes

Adoptions

1,282 Dogs
3,415 Cats
203 Critters
4,900 Total

Return to Owner

1,220 Dogs
207 Cats
11 Critters
1,438 Total

Transfer Out

119 Dogs
132 Cats
19 Critters
270 Total

6,608 Total Live Outcomes

Other Outcomes

581 Shelter Euthanasia
939 Owner Requested Euthanasia
202 Died or Lost in Care
1,713 Total Outcomes

89.8%

Live Release Rate*

Live Release Rate is calculated by (total live outcomes) divided by (total outcomes minus owner requested euthanasia).



Financials

2021 Operating Revenue

Pet Licenses & Fees	\$ 537,564
Interest & Dividends	\$ 157,108
Donations, Bequests & Grants	\$ 4,137,721
Animal Sheltering Contract	\$ 1,538,214
Adoption	\$ 680,731
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 7,051,338

2021 Other Revenue

Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$ 1,964,013
Other/Miscellaneous	\$ 0
Total Other Revenue	\$ 9,015,351

2021 Expenses

Shelter Operations	\$ 5,250,059
Administration	\$ 384,060
Fundraising	\$ 751,191
Total Expenses	\$ 6,385,310

2021 Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	
Unrestricted	\$ 13,069,878
With Donor Restrictions	\$ 13,425,141
Total Net Assets	\$ 26,495,019



Humane Heritage

The Humane Heritage Foundation recognizes members who have named the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County in their wills or have made other planned giving arrangements. The Humane Heritage Foundation honors those individuals whose spirit of caring will endure into the future.

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Shelter Hours
Monday - Sunday 11:00 am - 5:30 pm
Adoptions closed on Monday

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