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### **ABANDONED DOG FOUND IN BAG NOW NEEDS CRITICAL CARE AT TACOMA ANIMAL SHELTER**



*Abandoned dog being cared for at Tacoma animal shelter.*

TACOMA, WA – On Sept. 27, 2022, a good Samaritan found a 12-year-old chihuahua dumped in a bag by the side of their car. The dog was brought to the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County where she is currently receiving urgent medical care.

The dog is suffering from severe skin issues over her entire body and extreme itchiness causing her to scratch and bite herself non-stop. The shelter's veterinary team is working hard to alleviate the pain and improve her health with medication and antibiotics.

This is one of many animals with urgent medical needs the shelter is currently caring for in conjunction with over 700 animals in its care. The community can help the shelter

provide lifesaving care for this abandoned dog and many others by donating at:

<http://www.thehumanesociety.org/give>.

To boost adoptions and clear up much needed kennel space and foster homes, the shelter is reducing adoption fees for dogs, cats, and small pets during the nationwide campaign to "Empty the Shelter" in partnership with Bissell Pet Foundation.

From Sept. 29 – Oct. 8, the shelter's adoption fees will be \$5 for critters, \$25 for adult cats, and \$50 for adult dogs.

The shelter's Adoption Center is open Tuesday – Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

To view all adoptable shelter pets, please visit:

[www.thehumanesociety.org/adopt](http://www.thehumanesociety.org/adopt). Every adoptable pet has had a wellness exam from shelter veterinary staff, been spayed or neutered, received their initial vaccines, and is microchipped with national registration. Not looking to adopt? More information about fostering can be found at [www.thehumanesociety.org/getinvolved/foster](http://www.thehumanesociety.org/getinvolved/foster).

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

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



*Abandoned dog suffering from severe skin issues.*

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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