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EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOG STOLEN AND DUMPED AT SHELTER NOW REUNITED WITH FAMILY



Picture 1 - Police officer picking up Frosty at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County.

TACOMA, WA – On May 26, a dog was tied outside to a door at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County. The dog was left with nothing but a piece of paper with a name and phone number written on it.

The shelter staff called the number, which belonged to a police officer in Oregon who had been working on a case regarding a stolen dog named Frosty. Frosty is an emotional support animal for a family in Salem, Oregon, and had been stolen two weeks prior.

“I saw this little dog tied up outside with a harness that said ‘emotional support animal’ and a handwritten note,” said Jessica Emel, Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County staff member. “The dog wasn’t microchipped so I’m happy we were able to connect with the police officer to get this little guy back home.”

Frosty’s owners had been searching for weeks for the stolen dog. The daughter put flyers up in hopes that someone would know where he was. Until one day, they received a call that Frosty had finally been found.

“We couldn’t believe that he ended up all the way in Washington,” said Bryan Sy, one of Frosty’s owners. “Thank you to [the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County] for taking care of Frosty and calling the officer. We’re glad to have Frosty back with us.”

Frosty was reunited with his family at the [Salem police station](#).

In 2020, the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County helped reunite over 1,300 lost pets with their families.

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 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.



Picture 2 - Frosty reunited with his family at the Salem police station.

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