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LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER INUNDATED WITH NEGLECTED DOGS IN WINTER STORM

A total of 19 dogs from different properties were brought to the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County in terrible condition.



One of the matted dogs being shaved and cleaned by shelter staff.

TACOMA, WA – On Dec. 27, Pierce County Animal Control brought six dogs from a property in Graham to the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County. The dogs had been left outside in the freezing temperatures. Two dogs were found deceased on site.

One of the dogs arrived in such horrific shape, that the shelter's veterinary team had to humanely euthanize it. The remaining five are skin and bones, dehydrated, covered in mats with dried fecal matter, and infested with fleas.

On Dec. 28, 14 dogs were brought to the shelter from a different property located in Tacoma. After being left alone to face the snow and freezing temperatures, the shelter's veterinary team is evaluating their medical conditions and doing everything they can to help them.

Donations from the community are urgently needed to help provide medical care for these 19 dogs as they try to recover. Donations are being accepted on the shelter's website at: <http://www.thehumanesociety.org/19-neglected-dogs>

With so many animals coming in desperate need of help, the shelter has run out of space.

The community can help by adopting or fostering an animal today. The shelter has more than 40 adoptable dogs, and they can all be viewed on the shelter's website at: <https://www.thehumanesociety.org/adopt/adoptable-dogs/>. To help boost adoptions, the shelter is offering \$50 off adoption fees for all dogs from Dec. 30 through Jan. 16.



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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 to protect animals, support pet owners, and enhance relationships between animals and people. Learn more at www.thehumanesociety.org.

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