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**Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County Appoints  
Dr. Chelsea Farnsworth, DVM, MBA as Executive Director**

*Veterinary medical executive and multi-site operations leader  
brings servant leadership approach to regional animal shelter.*

TACOMA, Wash. — The Board of Directors of the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County today announced the appointment of Dr. Chelsea Farnsworth, DVM, MBA, as Executive Director, effective Monday, September 21. Dr. Farnsworth brings extensive multi-site operations and executive veterinary experience, having previously overseen 26 veterinary hospitals across four states.

Dr. Farnsworth grew up in the Pacific Northwest and earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Washington State University before completing surgical training in equine surgery and sports medicine.

After earning her Master of Business Administration, Dr. Farnsworth transitioned to multi-site veterinary leadership, serving as Medical Director at Mars Veterinary Health (Banfield) and Regional Medical and Operations Director at Mission Pet Health.

"Dr. Farnsworth brings an exceptional blend of clinical expertise, operational discipline, and compassionate leadership," stated the Tacoma Humane Board of Directors.

"Her commitment to building internal trust, empowering staff, and upholding the shelter's mission makes her the ideal leader to guide our organization into its next chapter."

Dr. Farnsworth's leadership philosophy centers on servant leadership, open communication, and "caring for the people who care for the pets."

"I am honored to join the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County and serve this incredible community," said Dr. Farnsworth. "Excellence in animal welfare relies on the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and supporters. My priority is to build a strong

foundation of trust, clear accountability, and empowerment so our team feels fully supported as we deliver essential care to every animal that comes through our doors."

Dr. Farnsworth will reside locally in downtown Tacoma as she assumes her executive duties.

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

The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County is one of Washington's largest nonprofit animal welfare organizations, providing essential care to more than 9,000 animals in our shelter each year. As a donor-funded organization, we rely on community support to find loving homes for nearly 7,000 pets, reunite more than 1,100 lost animals with their families and assist thousands more through innovative community programs.

Learn more at [www.thehumanesociety.org](http://www.thehumanesociety.org).

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