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PUPPIES DUMPED AT GRAVEL PIT NOW FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES



TACOMA, WA – On June 7, employees at the Dickson Waller Road Gravel Pit site found three puppies abandoned in the gravel pit. The next day, they found another puppy at the same site.

They rushed to save the puppies and noticed that they were in rough shape.

"Our crew was about to start working on crushing rock, but then we found them out in the pit," said Tony Leicht, Dickson gravel pit manager. "They were so scared and cold. We cleaned out a bin and put some towels and blankets in there for them. We tried giving them water and food, but they were really sick and didn't seem to be feeling well."

Pierce County Animal Control brought the puppies to the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County where they are currently being cared for. They arrived extremely dehydrated, underweight, and diarrhea covered the box they arrived in.

After thorough veterinary exams and tests, all four of the puppies tested positive for parvovirus, a deadly and contagious virus that affects the gastrointestinal tract. Treatment requires intensive care, and the shelter's veterinary team is working around the clock to help these puppies survive.

Donations from the community are urgently needed to help provide medical care for the four puppies as they battle the virus. Donations are being accepted on the Humane Society's [website](https://www.thehumanesociety.org).

About the Humane Society for Tacoma and 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.



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