

PUYALLUP FAMILY EVACUATES FROM FIRE JUST IN TIME FOR CAT TO GIVE BIRTH



View of Puyallup cold storage fire from Thompson's house.

PUYALLUP, WA – On August 21, a Puyallup family was forced to evacuate their home due to the cold storage fire in Puyallup with their pregnant foster cat.

The family was fostering Moon, a pregnant cat from the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County who was due to give birth anytime.

“We woke up Saturday morning to a ‘Go Now’ evacuation order. We got the kids dressed and put Moon in her carrier,” said Rebecca Thompson, Moon’s foster parent. “We didn’t know when we could go back to the house. We decided to just find a room for the night.”

Thompson and her family settled into a room at the La Quinta hotel in Federal Way. Within the hour, Moon started to go into labor.

“We all joked that tonight would be the night she would have her babies. Sure enough, I noticed her having contractions within the hour and she was not going to give up her cozy bed. My 12-year-old son and I got some towels under her,” explains Thompson.

Within a few hours, Moon had given birth to five healthy babies and one stillborn. Moon and her babies are back in their foster home doing well. For the foster family, it's an experience they'll never forget.

“This is the third year we have fostered through the shelter,” said Thompson. “This was an incredible experience for our family, and definitely one we will remember! We checked in with one cat, and checked out with six!”

The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County relies on foster parents to help save lives, just like Moon and her babies. Anyone interested in fostering can fill out an application on the shelter’s [website](#). Not able to foster but would like to make a difference for animals in need? Donations can be made on the shelter’s [donation page](#).

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.



Moon in the hotel bed.



Moon's babies born in the hotel room.

Media Contact:

Lindsey Heaney

Communications Manager

Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County

(253) 284-5878

lindseyh@thehumanesociety.org