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## **RECORD BREAKING ADOPTIONS FOR TACOMA ANIMAL SHELTER**

TACOMA, WA – The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County set a record-breaking milestone with the most adoptions in a single month in over 20 years.

The shelter had a total of 701 adoptions in August, with 422 of those adoptions occurring during the shelter’s ‘Clear The Shelters’ event. Currently, there are over 50 animals still available for adoption.



*Annie, a 4-year-old pit bull terrier, was adopted after waiting for her forever home for over 200 days.*

“We really appreciate all the support from the community and we’re ecstatic that so many animals found their forever homes,” says Lindsey Heaney, communications manager at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County. “We hope to see the momentum for adopting and fostering continue as we anticipate even more animals coming through our doors in need of care.”

According to the Human Animal Support Services’ Pet Eviction Calculator, there are currently 22,837 pets at risk of being evicted with their owners in the next 30-90 days in Pierce County.

As of July, the shelter saw an increase in animals coming into the shelter this year. In addition to a rise in inquiries from local pet owners in need of assistance due to affordable housing issues, limited pet-friendly housing options, and the rising cost of veterinary care.

“We’ve received an increase in calls and inquiries from local pet owners struggling to afford rising costs,” says Mary Storey, community services manager at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County. “Our Pet Support team is here to

help keep pets with their people. We offer resources, counseling, as well as support for pet owners who are in unfortunate situations.”

The shelter offers a Pet Food Pantry for free pet food for the local community as well as a host of other resources. Pet owners in the community struggling to keep their pets can get more information and reach out for assistance on the shelter’s website at: [www.thehumanesociety.org/pet-owner-resources](http://www.thehumanesociety.org/pet-owner-resources).

### **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](http://www.thehumanesociety.org).

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