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**FROM STARVING TO SMILING, ROSIE JUST ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF PETS WHO FOUND THEIR HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN 2019**



TACOMA, WA – Rosie came to us so thin, you could see all of her ribs and her hip bones painfully protruding from her body. She weighed only 28 pounds, and she should have weighed over half that.

Emaciated and abandoned, it was clear to the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County that Rosie needed more than just a few bowls of food to recover. Rosie, a five-year-old Chow Chow mix, needed round the clock love, care, attention, and medical treatment to overcome neglect.

At the beginning of her treatment, Rosie ate ravenously and was timid of staff and volunteers. But over the course of a month, Rosie blossomed and gained nearly half of her body weight thanks to a feeding plan and almost daily weight checks. As she gained weight, she gained confidence and soon greeted staff and volunteers at the entrance of her kennel with licks and love.

Rosie is just one of nearly 10,000 pets the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County cared for throughout 2019, and she found her forever home just one day after becoming adoptable.

Jessica Gardiner, a shelter adoptions services representative, shared, “Everyone that was here during Rosie’s adoption... There was not a dry eye during the entire process. We were all so moved by her story, and just how bad her condition was, yet how much love she had to give. It was amazing. This has to be one of the best adoptions I’ve ever had the pleasure of being a part of. It really is the definition of our mission to “Make Happy Happen.”

Watch Rosie’s incredible transformation here: <https://youtu.be/vAozibkZWk4>

If you’re interested in adopting a forever friend, the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County is open seven days a week, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. All adoptable animals can be viewed online at [www.thehumanesociety.org](http://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](http://www.thehumanesociety.org).

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