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**THE HUMANE SOCIETY FOR TACOMA & PIERCE COUNTY RECEIVES \$30,000 GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES® TO HELP MORE HOMELESS PETS FIND HOMES IN PIERCE COUNTY**

*Funding enables essential preventative care for shelter pets.*

TACOMA, WA – Each year, more than 5 million pets enter animal shelters in need of loving homes across the U.S. The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County has received a \$30,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#) to help prepare more shelter pets in Pierce County for adoption and ensure they are ready to find people to love.

With the help of this grant, the shelter will continue to offer spay/neuter surgeries, microchipping, flea treatment, and vaccinations to support its efforts to help more homeless pets find homes.

With thousands of stray animals in the community each year, spay and neuter procedures and other preventative veterinary care will address the root cause of animal overpopulation by preventing unwanted births. Space in shelters will free up for pets in need, saving many more lives.

“This generous grant ensures that hundreds of homeless, injured, and vulnerable animals will find new loving homes in the community,” said Ashley Taulbee, director of development and marketing at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County. “The support of PetSmart Charities will make a huge impact on our ability to save more lives and reduce pet homelessness in the Pierce County community.”

“Welcoming a pet into your heart and home is a big decision,” said Heidi Fulcher, Adoption Grants Manager at PetSmart Charities. “We want to make certain adoptable animals receive the preventative care they need before making this important transition. It’s our pleasure to continue to support our long-time partners at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County as they make the process as seamless as possible.”

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**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).

### **About PetSmart Charities**

PetSmart Charities is committed to making the world a better place for pets and all who love them. Through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart® stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities helps up to 600,000 pets connect with loving families each year. PetSmart Charities also provides grant funding to support organizations that advocate and care for the well-being of all pets and their families. Our grants and efforts connect pets with loving homes through adoption, improve access to affordable veterinary care and support families in times of crisis with access to food, shelter and emergency relief. Each year, millions of generous supporters help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities directly at [PetSmartCharities.org](http://PetSmartCharities.org), while shopping at [PetSmart.com](http://PetSmart.com), and by using the PIN pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart® stores. In turn, PetSmart Charities efficiently uses more than 90 cents of every dollar donated to fulfill its role as the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, granting more than \$500 million since its inception in 1994. Independent from PetSmart LLC, PetSmart Charities is a 501(c)(3) organization that has received the Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator for the past 18 years in a row – placing it among the top one percent of rated charities. To learn more visit [www.petsmartcharities.org](http://www.petsmartcharities.org).

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