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HELP US HELP HOMELESS PETS RECEIVE THE TREATMENT THEY NEED TO FIND FOREVER HOMES

TACOMA, WA — A vital piece of diagnostic equipment is on its last leg, and we need the public’s help to replace it. Our current X-ray machine is breaking down and needs frequent restarts to get us a clear image. These restarts are creating a backlog of animals to get their X-rays and the care they need to move from homelessness to a forever home.

No one wants our shelter pets to be here longer than absolutely necessary, but this backlog list will only continue to grow until we purchase a new machine.

Our ability to take X-rays is essential to the health of the pets who come into our care every single day. From broken bones to cancer to foreign objects to internal bleeding to pneumonia to so much more, our X-ray machine is the key to our entire operation.

A recent example of a pet in need is Rainier, a stray husky, who was brought to us limping heavily and unable to stand for long periods. X-ray images revealed broken bones in his pelvis, possibly the result of being hit by a car. This pup was in immense pain and needed amputation immediately.

Without taking X-rays of Rainier’s body, we may never have known the reason for his pain and the trauma he endured.

There are hundreds of animals brought to us every year with severe injuries like Rainier’s, and as an open admission shelter, we don’t turn away any stray animals regardless of their health or age. To help these animals get on the road to recovery, we rely heavily on our X-ray machine. The new machine we have selected will give us clearer images with better contrast and the detail to be able to use it for all animals, no matter their size.

To learn more about the X-ray machine and this fundraiser, visit www.thehumanesociety.org/x-ray-donation-page.

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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