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Founded in 1908 and located in Silverdale, Washington, **Kitsap Humane Society (KHS)** serves Kitsap County and beyond as more than a shelter. We work to rescue, rehabilitate, and find loving homes for thousands of animals every year. To achieve our mission, we are committed to an open admissions policy—we don't turn animals in need away—and excellence in all of our services.

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A Letter from Dr. Jen & Jamie



We hear it all the time: “This is not what I expected.”

We hear it from visitors taking a tour of Kitsap Humane Society for the first time. We hear it from prospective volunteers and staff during their interviews. From families looking to adopt. From media wondering what all the buzz is about. They’re all amazed by what they expected to be the equivalent of a “doggie jail”, but what they find is closer to a pet retreat.

This is, of course, by design. Our philosophy is that – in the animal welfare business – the welfare of the animals should take precedence over all else.

And that’s because the number one priority for everyone at KHS – from the intake associates and animal control officers who are generally the animals’ first point of contact, to the adoption counselors who find new homes for them – is that each furry, feathered, or scaly resident is healthy, happy, and set up for a wonderful new life.

It starts at admissions, the first stop at KHS for strays or pets needing to be rehomed. It’s often a Good Samaritan who’s found an animal alone and hungry, or a family whose upcoming move just can’t accommodate a pet. Each animal undergoes a health and behavior assessment and is assigned a pathway. Most strays spend time on hold in hopes that their family comes for them. Others undergo medical care to solve whatever may ail them. Still others find themselves working with behavior professionals to mend socialization or aggression issues. All are spayed and neutered before beginning their new lives.

While at KHS, each animal is watched closely to ascertain what kind of future suits them best. Did they come in with a friend and should they be adopted together? Is this cat too “spicy” to live with other animals? Would this dog do better in a household with children or not? Trained professionals – along with every person on campus, from accounting to facilities (after all, everyone is on the Behavior team) – chart every behavior quirk, every change in diet, and every reaction to other animals and humans.

Meanwhile, a dedicated team of animal care technicians clean and sanitize our roomy kennels each day, ensuring that any illnesses won’t be transferred from one animal to another. Staff and volunteers take dogs for a minimum of two walks each day on the trails surrounding the campus, sprinkled in with play time in the yard and off-site outings to area parks. And cats are played with, cuddled, and otherwise treated like the royalty they absolutely believe themselves to be.

When they’re finally ready for a new home and pique the interest of a family, adoption counselors interview prospective adopters to make sure that they make a good fit, introducing the animal to family members and other household pets.

It takes a lot of work and a lot of dedicated people, but the end result – when a once-scared and hungry animal cuddles up happily with their new person – is all worth it.

Kitsap Humane Society is not what most people expected. It’s a whole lot more. And we couldn’t be prouder to be a part of it.

Thank you for being a part of it as well,

Jamie Nocula
Executive Director,
Operations & Philanthropy

Dr. Jennifer Stonequist
Executive Director,
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SUMMER LOVIN'... HAD US A BLAST!

Fore!... the Animals

Head down. Arm straight. Swing easy and let the big dog bark!

On August 2nd, pet lovers and putt lovers converged on Gold Mountain Golf Club for KHS' annual Putting Fore! Pets Golf Tournament to score birdies and eagles for puppies and kittens. In all, 132 golfers teed off, hacked their way around the Cascade Course, participated in an auction, and competed for prizes on every single hole.

Our gratitude goes out to everyone who participated, volunteered, donated, and otherwise threw their support behind this fundraising event that brought in more than \$40,000 for the critters in our care. Special thank you's go out to our presenting sponsor, The Latitude 48 Group, and super supporter Jim Vaughn, who served as our in-house golf consultant and helped secure the prizes (and also manned the five-foot-driver hole).

If you'd like to be a sponsor for next year's event – which promises to be even bigger and better – contact Development & Outreach Manager Jessi Reynolds at jreynolds@kitsap-humane.org.

Salut! Wine & Whiskers

Benjamin Franklin famously said: "Wine is constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy." While that may be true, we're absolutely pawstitive that Wine & Whiskers – our annual two-month winery tour – is proof that KHS has the best supporters, and we love to see them happy.

This year's event, presented by Wheaton Way Veterinary Hospital and which spanned August and September, invited passport holders to tastings at ten of Kitsap's most heralded wineries with pop-up celebrations at selected locations. Thank you to everyone who participated in a pour and the wineries (and one brewhouse) that opened their doors and uncorked their bottles for the animals!

Details Wine Bar

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If you'd like to be a participating winery during 2025's event, please contact Outreach & Events Coordinator Jocelyn Horton at jhorton@kitsap-humane.org.





HASELWOOD IS OUR HERO

The people at Haselwood Auto Group continue to redefine the meaning of the word “generosity.” Once again, the extraordinary management, staff, and clients of Haselwood came through to the benefit of Kitsap Humane Society through their "Drive for a Cause" program – this year to the tune of more than \$91,000!

Drive for a Cause is Haselwood Auto Group's way of giving back to the community it serves by donating to KHS \$5 for every vehicle serviced and \$20 for every vehicle sold throughout the month of July. All told, Haselwood has donated more than \$475,000 to the shelter since 2018!

To celebrate, Haselwood managers and other staff accompanied owner Rick Wiler to KHS, armed with a giant check – both in terms of physical size and amount. "We consider this to be a very successful event," said Mr. Wiler. "Thank you to all of our associates for getting involved, it really shows.

Thank you Haselwood!

Surprise!

Sometimes, the best gifts are the ones that come completely “out of the blue.” In the case of an August gift to Kitsap Humane Society, it unexpectedly came out of North Dakota.

In honor of their 100th anniversary in business, MDU Resources – of which Cascade Natural Gas (CNG) is a part – decided to award \$10,000 each to ten deserving nonprofits throughout the country. Thanks to CNG service mechanic Ashley Rutherford who nominated KHS, we were recognized as one of the top nonprofits in America and presented with a \$10,000 check!



Aw Shucks.

We love it when people recognize our hard work, but it’s especially meaningful when the people singing our praises are from the community we serve. That’s why we were so thrilled to be voted as the Best Employer and Best Nonprofit in Central Kitsap by Sound Publishing readers. What’s more, our rockstar volunteer Molly Clark (she’d like to be compared to Jon Bon Jovi) was named Best Volunteer.

The next round of voting – to determine “The Best of The Best” in Kitsap County – will begin in October and you can vote every single day (and we encourage it) by visiting www.kitsapdailynews.com.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: NEW VET STAFF SCRUBS UP

When we first opened the Veterinary Lifesaving Center in September 2023, we were missing one key ingredient: enough staff. But now – finally – we’re staffed up and ready to roll with these outstanding individuals who have made our veterinary family whole.

Dr. Naomi Hampton is beginning her veterinarian career after graduating from Kansas State University in 2023. “I chose shelter medicine to be a voice for animals that don’t have one,” says Dr. Naomi. “We’re lending a hand to those that may not have access to veterinary care.” Dr. Naomi has a cat, Cook, who she adopted after his time as a blood donor at K-State. “Not only did I graduate, he did as well!”

Dr. Alecia Agner is a graduate of Michigan State University and former U.S. Army veterinarian, having worked a mix of general practice, emergency medicine, and end-of-life care. She has a black Labrador, Guinness, and is scuba diving

certified. “KHS is a place that works to keep families and their pets together, even in the face of financial hardships. The staff here work collaboratively and creatively to save lives. I can’t think of anything more rewarding.”

New Assistant Veterinary Operations Manager Natalie Whitacre – replacing Kelcey Bates, who was promoted to Veterinary Ops Manager – brings with her six years of experience in veterinary reception. Joining the team in August, Natalie knew she wanted to work somewhere she could make a difference and become more involved with the community. Adopting her “feisty floof” Mojo Jojo one year ago, Natalie is excited to learn more about shelter life. She enjoys hiking, paddleboarding, farmer’s markets, and reading.



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LEADING THE WAY AND LEAVING A LEGACY

Since 1908, Kitsap Humane Society has been committed to rescuing, rehabilitating, and finding loving homes for thousands of animals every year. But somewhere along the way, there was an epiphany: KHS could be more than a shelter, more than just a stopover for animals between homes.

With that, we began building. Building programs that would help families stay together. Building a corps of staff and volunteers that would ensure that every animal was cared for. Building relationships with outside organizations and other nonprofits to expand our community safety net. And building – well – buildings. In 2019, we constructed the Pet Adoption Center, which allowed KHS to better serve those who were looking to add a new family member. In 2023, we completed the Big Animal Barn, where our animal control officers can temporarily house stray livestock and other such animals. And also in 2023, we opened what was the culmination of a long-held dream – the Russ and Linda Young Veterinary Lifesaving Center, which has provided low-cost care to thousands of animals in need.

Today, KHS is a nationally recognized model in animal welfare, renowned for its lifesaving and life-changing programs and services that not only benefit Kitsap County, but reach well beyond its borders.

Still, we continue building – but now we're building to secure the future. That's why we've begun an endowment fund.



An endowment will ensure that KHS is in a position to support the community it serves, no matter what surprises may arise. Natural disaster. Pandemic. Economic crash. Whatever the future holds, KHS wants to be ready to answer the call and continue to provide the services so important to pets and their people.

You can be a part of this new era by including Kitsap Humane Society as a beneficiary of your will, trust, life insurance or retirement plan. In doing so, you can provide a lasting testament to your love of animals that will help generations of pets to come.

There are many options for planned gifts, which may provide you with tax benefits, increase your current income, or provide additional retirement income while reducing income tax and estate taxes – and the peace of mind in knowing that your support will literally save pets' lives.

We welcome the opportunity to help you explore your gift planning options and can help direct you to other in-person financial and tax planning resources. For more information on making a bequest or to let us know that you have designated Kitsap Humane Society in your estate plans, contact Jamie Nocula, Executive Director of Operations & Philanthropy, at jnocula@kitsap-humane.org or (360) 692-6977, ext. 1224.

A BIG OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE:

A CONVERSATION WITH LYNN AND ELLIOTT GREEN



Elliott and Lynn as photographed at the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason Franciscan Health. Photo courtesy of VMFH

“It’s a privilege.”

So said Lynn Green about her and her husband Elliott’s decision to be the first donors to Kitsap Humane Society’s newly started endowment fund.

However, the couple’s connection to KHS is not new, as Elliott’s interest in the organization began about seven years ago, when he became friends with former KHS Executive Director Eric Stevens. “At the time I met Eric, there was a real chance that KHS would just continue to putter along,” recalls Elliott. “There were terrific people, but they didn’t have the kind of goals that would enable them to become a major contributor to the community. Clearly, a major new initiative was required.”

“I became a member of the Finance Committee about the time that Eric and the board made the decision to build a new Adoption Center. That was a brilliant decision and exactly the right project for KHS because the old, overcrowded, worn-out Adoption Center had to be replaced. And it proved to be a welcome vehicle for community, donors, and government participation. There was only one problem: we didn’t have the money. What followed were numerous Finance Committee meetings – fraught with worry – which all began with spreadsheets showing donations and payments. This was a ‘bet-the-company’ proposition. I’m glad to be able to say we made it.”

Elliott has also used his skills – developed through a career helping Silicon Valley semiconductor companies optimize their operations – with another local non-profit, helping to launch the Innovation Fund at the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason Franciscan Health. The purpose of the Innovation Fund is to support

emerging scientists whose reputations have not yet risen to the level that they can attract grant funding as principal investigators. The Green’s support of the two institutions – and the way they contribute to the success of each – is very different, however.

“One is a small opportunity with a big organization, while the other is a big opportunity with a small organization – Kitsap Humane being the latter,” said Elliott.

“It wasn’t something we were seeking out,” adds Lynn, who spent her career as a tech industry librarian and a law firm administrator. “We found the organizations that we wanted to be involved with and that offered us an opportunity to grow with them. We were fortunate that KHS was just on the cusp of becoming a “grown-up.”

While the Greens have been instrumental in that growth, providing the “seed” funds for an endowment further reveals the confidence they have in the direction KHS is taking. And given their combined analytical experience, they seemed like the ideal people to explain why building a KHS endowment fund is important.

Kitsap Humane Society: “Why is Kitsap Humane Society worth supporting?”

Elliott & Lynn: “KHS has long boasted that it’s ‘more than a shelter’ – and that’s never been truer than it is today. This is not the KHS of seven years ago, or even two years ago. This is an operation that’s a vital part of the Kitsap area, providing services that are inarguably critical to our community. It’s very much worth supporting.”

KHS: “Why put money toward an endowment?”

E & L: “The outstanding capital investments of the past few years were financed through major donations, with assistance from local and state governments. These methods worked very well but were oriented toward building – not maintaining and sustaining – facilities and operations. Putting funds toward an endowment secures the future of the organization.”

KHS: “How does it do that?”

E & L: “A mature endowment fund will help KHS meet two goals. The first is to have financial strength sufficient to sustain KHS through the rigors of growth, market swings, and unforeseen setbacks such as pandemics like Covid. Second, an endowment fund will give senior KHS management operational freedom to – for example – reward great work by staff. This is very important for a nonprofit because our employees internalize our mission, and often consciously choose to work for less than the prevailing rates in private industry. Typically, however, endowment funds are not to be touched except in case of emergency.”

KHS: “But why now?”

E & L: “We’re intimately familiar with KHS’ facilities, mission, and management and have been part of the three major facility improvements in recent years: the Adoption Center; the Veterinary Lifesaving Center; and the Big Animal Barn. These are first-rate facilities and with them, KHS is now operating more sophisticated systems serving multi-level missions. And with the ‘two Executive Directors’ model’, operations management is now first rate. Our EDs are proving to be adept, nimble, and effective at running operations as KHS enjoys growth and increasing prominence in the community. We believe that these missions, led by these outstanding leaders, should be backed up by a fund capable of sustaining them through an exciting, but unpredictable future. Besides operations management, KHS has also developed the financial management skills required to oversee a multimillion-dollar endowment. This combination of operations management and financial management gives us the confidence that KHS will use our gift wisely.”

KHS: “What’s the advantage to donors like you?”

E & L: “First, of course, is the satisfaction of supporting something great, something that makes our world a better place. But it’s not all altruistic. Donors get a significant reduction in federal income tax by using an IRS-approved mechanism called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The QCD mechanism can be used



Elliott with Barbara – a friend’s dog that Elliott dog sits a couple of times per week. “When Elliott spends time with Barbara, you can see the stress wash away the second he puts his hands on her,” says Lynn. “You can see his shoulders drop inches when they’re together.”

Photo by Lloyd Green

to donate to 501(c)(3) charities from accounts that have Required Minimum Distributions (RMD). Also, the portfolios underlying our RMDs are passively managed. We do this using a set of low-cost Exchange Traded Funds (ETF). This approach enables us to take advantage of asset growth with dampened volatility.”

KHS: “What outcome do you hope to achieve?”

E & L: “Ultimately, we hope to set an example that others follow. Our \$50,000 gift is considerable, but it’s only one percent of, say, a \$5,000,000 total target for the endowment fund. Our gift is seed money that we hope shows the community – as appreciative as it is of the KHS mission – how to support the endowment. It’s one way of assuring the long-term health and viability of the nonprofit we all care so deeply for, because Kitsap Humane Society has such an incredible, positive, impact.”

FRIENDS FOREVER SOCIETY

The Friends Forever Society has been established to recognize caring donors who have notified us that they have remembered KHS in their wills, bequests, and other planned gifts.

If you believe in helping pets find lifelong, loving homes but don't want to part with your financial assets today, a gift to KHS in your will or living trust may be the donation option you've been looking for. The following individuals are members of this exclusive club.

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To learn more about the benefits of being a part of the Friends Forever Society or to let us know that you have designated Kitsap Humane Society in your estate plans, please contact: Jamie Nocola, Executive Director of Operations & Philanthropy, at jnocola@kitsap-humane.org or (360) 692-6977, ext. 1224.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US

On September 8th, some of our closest friends and supporters gathered to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Russ and Linda Young Veterinary Lifesaving Center (VLC). Opening this low-cost, fully operational veterinary clinic has allowed us to provide extensive support for the most vulnerable of animals and families. Since opening, our VLC team has:

- **Provided medical, surgical care, and spay/neuter services to more than 7,000 animals (both shelter and community pets).**
- **Performed over 5,000 surgeries in the new surgical center, including 2,000 spay/neuter surgeries for the public.**
- **Increased community spay/neuter services by 30%.**
- **Provided more than 800 appointments that kept pets with their families.**

From cats and dogs to peacocks and pigs (and even an emu!), our Veterinary Services team have provided thousands of animals in our community the chance at a better life.



POPPY'S COURTYARD

On the same day as our VLC anniversary, we proudly unveiled 'Poppy's Memorial Courtyard'. The Courtyard is dedicated to longtime KHS supporter Paula Carlson and her constant companion, Poppy. When Paula passed in October 2023, with Poppy following just months later, she made a gift to KHS, helping secure the remaining funds for our VLC and fully funding a memorial courtyard.

The legacy that Paula left goes far beyond commemorating Poppy and all the animals she had the chance to love. Paula's love for animals continues to shine through with her vision – which she painstakingly designed herself, right down to the words on the signage. 'Poppy's Memorial Courtyard' is a space for our staff, volunteers, and community members to pause, breathe, and remember those who touched our hearts.

Welcome to Poppy's Memorial Courtyard

"We rescued each other."

So says Paula Carlson about her boy Poppy – a 10-year-old Shetland Sheepdog mix with a touch of Golden Retriever and a whole lot of love.



The two met each other in January of 2016, when Paula volunteered out to Orvis Island and visited an animal shelter where she'd been first hired. He and the other – who'd already been adopted – were better suited and had been in the shelter for about a month.

Poppy – then known as "Popcorn" – was in an outdoor kennel and came right to the fence to say "hi."

"There was just something about that look," says Paula. "I promised her right then that I'd never spend another night in a cage. And she kept it. The two animals had moved in with Paula at her Bainbridge Island home and they began a life together that was very meaningful to her. Her Poppy turned out to be a real calm companion of Paula's precious rescue companions – Dewey, a Hound mix, and a dog named to the Hawaiian: Bully, a Golden Retriever mix, and Chelsea, a Border Collie mix.

For Poppy, eight years and one month till heaven together. Poppy and Paula had happily and they received devastating news: both were diagnosed with terminal cancer. But that wasn't going to keep Paula from keeping her promise. "Promised" would take care of him. And it will. Her the most loving dog.

Paula passed in October of 2023, while Poppy lived with a caregiver in their Courtyard home until she crossed the Rainbow Bridge the following June. The world will be a little less "home" for those who were with Paula, Dewey, Bully, and Chelsea. And the legacy of love will live on forever in this sanctuary for those who've had to say goodbye to their best furry friends.

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SIT. STAY. GOOD DOG.

Animal shelters can be stressful environments for dogs. With that in mind, Kitsap Humane Society's Behavior staff has made available two great ways to train your best furry friends.

GoodPup offers a free trial week to friends of Kitsap Humane Society, as well as a lifetime discount – and for each person who signs up for training with GoodPup, KHS receives a donation to help continue our lifesaving work in the community! CanineU provides families with "coursework" including games and activities that will help the dogs transition to their new home successfully.

These programs provide our adopters, fosters, and community members with affordable and convenient ways of training. Each of these programs provides an individualized approach to help adopters with tricks and techniques specific to their pup.



Scan the QR code to learn more!

SHARE YOUR DAY WITH A SPECIAL FRIEND

Are you looking for a buddy to hike the backwoods with? How about a wingman for a day at the park? Or maybe a pal to accompany you to the beach? We've got you covered with an exciting new program to help create more connections between our community and the dogs in our care looking for new homes – Barks and Rec!

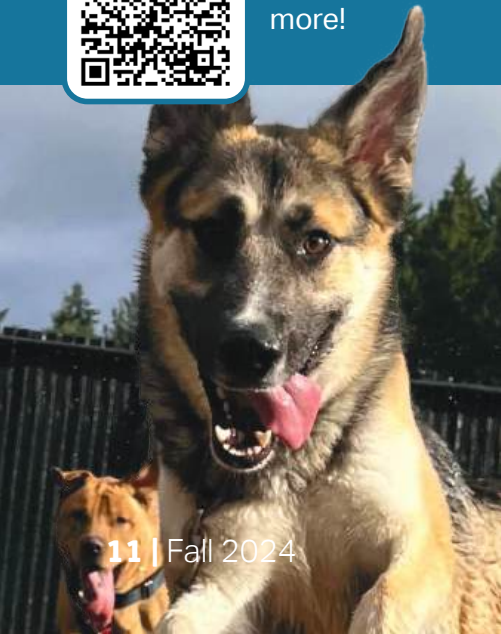
Barks and Rec allows community members to sign up to take eligible KHS dogs out for a day of fun and adventure. Whether it's a short car ride to get a tasty pup cup or a longer venture for a day hike to take in some scenic views, community members can help contribute to enrichment activities for our shelter pups while also increasing their visibility within the community.

By spending time with our shelter pups, you can help KHS show off some of our special dogs who are waiting for their new homes, aid us with collecting more information on how they might enjoy spending their time out of the kennels, and grow engagement between the shelter and our community!

Not only is this program beneficial for enriching the lives of our shelter dogs, it also gives the shelter more information on how our pups do out and about so we can help better support them throughout their adoption journey. And you might just make a new best friend.



Learn more about Barks & Rec by scanning the QR Code.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

VICKI HOLT

Vicki joined the KHS volunteer team a year and a half ago after returning to her hometown of Silverdale. During that time, what had been a little “one-horse town” had become a bustling community with many opportunities to contribute. Animals had been a big part of her life since childhood, and they continued to reign through 40 years in dog rescue and owning a pet-sitting business. Volunteering with the Kitsap Humane Society was a natural fit.

Vicki started as a cat socializer, later transitioning to assess kitty temperaments to better identify their socialization and adoption needs. That gave her access to a whole new population of cats – the “new kids on the block.” She took on another role when KHS opened the cattery to the public, becoming a cattery host, which allowed her the chance to interact not only with

the cats, but also with the people hoping to adopt. Among other projects, Vicki has volunteered for numerous KHS community adopt-a-thons, fundraising events, and in-house laundry.

“KHS has been a wonderful choice for me!” gushes Vicki. “Animal welfare is my heart’s work, and I enjoy every moment. The staff and other volunteers are terrific. The organization respects both its animals and its human helpers. And best of all, I recently found the little feline love of my life in 14-year-old Acorn!”



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2. You will be exempt from paying capital gains taxes on any increase in value – taxes you would pay if you sold the stock.

HAPPY TAILS NANA



Nana came to KHS as a mom of three kittens when a Good Samaritan who'd been taking care of the litter for a few weeks grew concerned about their health. Upon arrival, Nana and one of her kittens tested positive for Feline Panleukopenia, a highly contagious and potentially fatal disease in cats. While this was scary for our veterinary staff, Nana and her kittens had a rather positive prognosis because our team was able to intervene early.

Nana and her kittens were placed with one of our foster volunteers who was crucial in providing the litter with constant care.

From monitoring feedings to cleaning itchy little ears, Nana's foster family played a huge role in saving her life. One month later, Nana was spayed and ready to find her home, which wouldn't be far.

In (another) classic case of 'Foster Fail', once Nana was ready to go home, her foster family adopted her! "When the kittens were big enough, they and [Nana] were returned to KHS," says her family. "We went back to adopt Nana when she was ready!"

Nana spends her mornings and evenings getting into shenanigans, endlessly playing with her fishing pole toy, and taking long naps in the afternoons. Although more petite than her cat siblings, she matches their energy and plays rough.

"She's mischievous, adorable, and loving," her family says. "She has amazing green eyes. She is a kitten in a cat's body, so she both challenges and delights us every day. We can't imagine life without her."

HAPPY TAILS PHOENIX

Last Spring, then six-month-old Phoenix (formally known as Chaco) came to KHS with a broken leg. The owner had taken Phoenix to the vet and was advised that helping Phoenix would cost more than they could afford. Our Veterinary staff ensured they would be able to help Phoenix for a much lower price, however the decision was made to surrender the animal. Upon further investigation, it was found that Phoenix' break was older than previously thought, and he had been attempting to walk on the broken limb.

For weeks, our Veterinary staff and Foster team worked together to give sweet Phoenix the best possible care. His foster family was attentive to his medical needs and played a large role in guaranteeing Phoenix was healthy enough to find a home.

After several weeks regaining his strength and spirited personality, Phoenix found his family.

When beginning his transition to a new home, Phoenix had difficulties at first including guarding his resources and had separation anxiety. With patience, his family has been able to gain his trust and give him the love and attention he deserves.

Phoenix is now a year-and-a-half old and loving life with his new family! Phoenix loves to spend time with his Aussie brother Maverick, doing zoomies until they're tuckered out and then settling in for a long nap. He also has a special bond with his human sister, his very best bud.

"He's a giant clumsy goofball," Phoenix' humans say. "He has no idea how big he really is. He's a major love bug though and wants everyone to pet him always."

Pets can be the distraction for life's biggest stressors, and Phoenix is no exception. "He's been a big reminder that sometimes you just have to be silly and have a good time, no matter how crazy things may get."



SERVICES DIRECTORY:

KHS is dedicated to serving as more than a shelter to pets and people in need. For more information, please visit kitsap-humane.org or call (360) 692-6977.

ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

Cats, dogs, and critters are available for adoption at kitsap-humane.org/adopt.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officers serve and protect both pets and people in our community. To report an incident or file a complaint involving a domestic animal, please call 911.

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

If you would like information about training or other solutions for supporting your dog, please contact dogbehavior@kitsap-humane.org, and for cat owners, please contact catbehavior@kitsap-humane.org.

COMMUNITY CATS

KHS offers support to community and feral cat colonies, including spay/neuter surgeries, ear-tipping, rabies vaccinations, and humane traps for rent. kitsap-humane.org/resources/community-cats/

EUTHANASIA & CREMATION

We offer low-cost humane euthanasia services in a caring environment by appointment only. Low-cost cremation services are also available. kitsap-humane.org/vet-services/euthanasia-cremation/

FINDING A HOME FOR YOUR PET

We realize the decision to surrender or re-home your pet can be difficult, and we are here to serve as a resource with options at the shelter and private alternatives. kitsap-humane.org/resources/surrendering-your-pet/

LOST & FOUND PETS

KHS accepts lost and found animals daily from 11 am to 5 pm. Lost pets are regularly listed on our website. kitsap-humane.org/resources/lostfound-pets/

PET FOOD PANTRY

We believe the best place for pets is with their loving families and we are committed to keeping families together whenever possible with our Pet Food Pantry. The pantry is open every day from 11 am to 4 pm. Information on how to qualify can be found at kitsap-humane.org/resources.

PET LICENSING

Pet licenses are required by law in unincorporated Kitsap County and all municipalities for pets 6 months or older. It is much easier to reunite lost pets with their families when they are licensed and wearing their tags. kitsap-humane.org/resources/licensing/

PET PROTECTION PROGRAM

KHS offers temporary safe-haven to cats belonging to victims of domestic violence and people experiencing job loss, homelessness, or other unexpected life changes. To learn more about this program, please visit kitsap-humane.org/resources.

PET SUPPLIES

Our retail store inside the shelter offers a variety of pet supplies.

PET TRAINING & SUPPORT

KHS is proud to offer post-adoption and behavioral support for dog and cat owners. For help with your dog, please email dogbehavior@kitsap-humane.org and for your cat, please email catbehavior@kitsap-humane.org.

SPAY & NEUTER

KHS offers low-cost spay/neuter services to Kitsap County and Mason County pet owners who meet our annual income guidelines. Learn more at kitsap-humane.org/resources.

WAYS TO HELP:

To learn more about how to support our lifesaving work, please visit kitsap-humane.org.

SAM'S ANGEL FUND

We're building a stronger safety net for pets and their people with Sam's Angel Fund. To learn more or help us continue to offer reduced-cost care by making a donation, please contact jnocula@kitsap-humane.org.

SPONSORSHIPS

For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact jreynolds@kitsap-humane.org.

DONATE ITEMS

KHS is always in need of supplies to keep our shelter animals clean, happy, and comfortable. Donations can be dropped off every day, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the donation bins at the shelter's front doors.

FOSTER CARE

KHS depends on its network of lifesaving foster volunteers to care for our most in-need animals. To get started, please visit kitsap-humane.org/foster-care.

FUNDRAISE FOR THE ANIMALS

We could not care for animals in need without our pet-loving community! Interested in hosting a fundraiser for KHS? Please contact jhorton@kitsap-humane.org.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Donate to KHS and transform the lives of vulnerable pets by helping us provide lifesaving veterinary care, low-cost spay/neuter and vaccinations, rehabilitative behavior and foster support, and loving forever homes by visiting kitsap-humane.org/donate.

PLANNED GIVING

Make a big impact with a future gift as a member of our Friends Forever Society! Ready to start? Please contact jnocula@kitsap-humane.org.

PUPPUCCINO PALS/PURR-UCCINO PALS

Coffee shops, this one is for you! Become a month-long Puppuccino Pals Sponsor and your coffee shop or stand will be featured across our massive social media platforms. For more info, please contact jhorton@kitsap-humane.org.

VEHICLE DONATION

Honk if you love shelter pets! Turn your clunker into cash for pets in need. For assistance, please email info@kitsap-humane.org.

VOLUNTEER

Kitsap Humane Society needs you! Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions and help with all kinds of duties at the shelter. To get started, please visit kitsap-humane.org/get-involved.



Scan the QR code to see our available pets!





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Sunday, Dec. 8 at West Hills Kia
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