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A stray litter prepares for their first step, fostering on the way to adoption.



## Kitsap Humane Society

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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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**ON THE COVER:**  
**Nelly, learn more about Nelly on page 4!**

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# A Letter from Dr. Jen & Jamie



## More than a shelter.

**W**e've been using that line to describe Kitsap Humane Society for a long time. But it's never been more true than it is today. We not only rescue animals from dire situations, care for them, and find them new homes – we treat them medically, physically, and emotionally as well. We provide a vast array of services for pets and their people in need. We partner with other organizations to strengthen our community. And most importantly, we keep families together. But it doesn't happen without careful planning and a lot of hard work.

The safety net we provide to the Kitsap community and the approach we take to providing it are the result of well-thought-out Strategic Priorities that have guided us through the changes of the past few years and will continue to guide us into a bright tomorrow. They're the reason that we can proudly say we're "more than a shelter" and by standing by them, they'll ensure that we can continue to be so well into the future.

Without diving into great detail here (you can do so by visiting the "About" section of our website and reading the article on page 5), our Strategic Priorities for 2025 are (in no particular order):

- To Support Animals in Need
- To Nurture Our Staff and Volunteers
- To Engage and Grow Our Partnerships
- To Build a Stronger Safety Net for Pets and People
- To Serve as Good Stewards of Our Financial Resources

Think of them as pillars that are supporting the organization known as Kitsap Humane Society. Each pillar is inextricably linked to the others. Our goal to support animals in need is impossible to achieve if we don't ensure the well-being of our staff and volunteers. We can't build a stronger safety net unless we engage our community and secure partnerships with those who can help. And we can't accomplish anything if we're not mindful of our finances. Each pillar supports the larger organization and we can only achieve success if we treat each one as being as important as the others. And that approach is standing the test of time.

We continue to take in and adopt out thousands of animals each year. Since the opening of the Russ and Linda Young Veterinary Lifesaving Center, more than

7,500 animals have been provided with medical care. Our veterinary team has performed over 6,000 surgeries. Over 1,250 clinic appointments have been afforded to families in need. And our spay and neuter services have increased by more than 30 percent.

What's more, we've been recognized as a model animal welfare organization by nationally known organizations such as Petco, PetSmart, and Pedigree and we've formed partnerships with organizations like Greater Good Charities – through which we've received over 100,000 pounds of food to disperse to the community. This is food that not only benefits Kitsap Humane's resident animals and families accessing the Pet Food Pantry, but food that has been distributed to dozens of partners across Kitsap County and beyond – from churches to food banks and other rescue groups – benefiting thousands of families and their pets across western Washington. And this year, we were recognized as the Best Nonprofit and Best Place to Work in Central Kitsap.

Our Strategic Priorities keep us on the right pathway, and we have you to thank for it. Your support is what keeps us in dog treats and kitty litter and your confidence in what we do keeps our spirits high. Thank you for continuing to support KHS. We promise to do everything we can to make you proud, by giving all the love and care to the animals and community we serve.

Thank you,

**Jamie Nocula**  
Executive Director,  
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**Dr. Jennifer Stonequist**  
Executive Director,  
Programs & Services

## BECOME A SPONSOR

Are you looking to give your business a boost? Need to promote your products or services, but traditional advertising is too pricey? Just want to help animals?

You're in luck! Kitsap Humane Society has multitudes of opportunities for businesses to sponsor events, reach tens of thousands of potential clients, and align your business with a respected community nonprofit. By sponsoring one or more of our events, you'll spotlight your business through our 51,000 Facebook followers, our 21,200 Instagram followers, and 23,000 email subscribers, not to mention our website, which attracts more than 1.6 million views each year.

For more information about how you can help us help animals while reaching out to the community, just scan the code below.



# EVENTS RECAP

Even after the lights turn off, the impact of a KHS event lives on. Because of the generosity of our supporters, we concluded the year with three of our most memorable events.

## Animal Crackers

The 31st Annual Animal Crackers Gala, presented by Brown Bear Car Wash, was a smash hit. It was a spectacular evening during which we were able to thank all the wonderful people who support the animals in our care – and make an enormous difference in

our community. We introduced our supporters to Monkey, the dog that just wanted some freedom (scan the code below to watch his video), recognized the amazing staff members and volunteers who make the magic happen, and raised over \$370,000!



Scan the QR code to watch Monkey's story.

## Holiday Gift Auction

In November, our community came through again. The 2024 Holiday Gift Auction, featuring the works of local artists, donations from supporting businesses, and goods and services by vendors all over the county featured 220 individual items and drew nearly 300 bidders. Online participants were also able to contribute toward spay and neuter services, microchipping and reuniting animals, and saving the lives of the tiniest kitties and puppies. In all, your generosity raised more than \$21,000 which will enable us to continue providing the highest quality care to every animal who comes through our doors.

## Santa Paws

Once again, we got to host some holiday magic. Celebrating over 30 years of "pets' pics with Ol' St. Nick", our Santa Paws event returned to capture the holiday for local families. This year, Santa and his special helper (Mary Eklund of Four Foot Photography) welcomed over 100 families and their furry friends to events at Olmsted Farms, Bay Hay and Feed, KHS, and West Hills Kia. From dogs to cats, rodents, and reptiles, seeing the faces of families KHS has touched is the best way to end another incredible year.



**On behalf of the staff, volunteers, board members, and animals here at Kitsap Humane Society – thank you.**



# NELLY'S GOT HEART

**O**n a sunny August day, a gentleman was visiting Planet Fitness in Bremerton when he came across a stray dog. She was skinny and dehydrated, but happy to have found some help. The man took her in and desperately looked for her owners, but after a week with no answers, he decided to bring the dog to KHS. Someone must be missing this friendly, playful, and beautiful pup, but no one ever came forward.

Given the name 'Nelly', she quickly became a favorite among dog walkers and staff. Nelly was young and full of energy, with a clear enthusiasm for life. She would wait for guests at the front of her kennel, toy in mouth ready to share and play. Because of her friendly and gentle spirit, she was a consistent candidate for training new dog walkers and staff. This amount of attention also meant many eyes on her needs, and some began to notice that her breathing was a little off. A short walk to and from her kennel tired Nelly out, and she'd developed a cough that was lingering. There was definitely something wrong, and Vet Services jumped into action to find the cause of Nelly's discomfort.

There were suspicions of a viral infection, or maybe kennel cough or an infectious respiratory disease, but tests were coming back unremarkable. During a pre-spay health check, however, Dr. Buchanan noted a heart murmur and internal imaging was done. The cause of Nelly's coughing and pain were finally realized: Nelly had an enlarged heart, and she would need to see a specialist for further evaluation.

Pointers can be susceptible to heart issues, most commonly "aortic stenosis". This condition partially obstructs blood flow from the heart, causing difficulty breathing and lethargic symptoms. With her future bright and hopes high, her cardiologist visit was quickly funded, and a volunteer took Nelly on a beautiful Seattle ferry ride to her appointment. There, it was confirmed that she had a grade 5 heart murmur.

With this diagnosis, KHS Vet and Behavior staff got to work creating a plan for Nelly. They were determined to give her a second chance with calm behavior practices and training her to know her body's limits. A community member even donated a stroller for Nelly, ensuring this beautiful dog will have the chance to see the world in comfort. Having overcome her toughest health challenge, Nelly was spayed and ready for adoption.

With that gorgeous face and eager personality, it wasn't long before Nelly's next chapter began. A couple with two pups of their own saw Nelly's photo online, and it was love at first sight. Briefed on her medical needs and with a health plan set, Nelly settled into her new home in September. The stroller, of course, went with her.

Congratulations to Nelly and her family, as well as to the extraordinary team of KHS staff and volunteers who work together to support each and every one of the animals in our care.



# KHS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: WALKING THE WALK

As our Co-Executive Directors wrote about in the letter that opens this magazine, Kitsap Humane Society has put forth a collection of Strategic Priorities that guides the direction of the organization and keeps us heading along the right pathway. But it's not enough to just have good intentions; you have to act on them as well. Here's how KHS is not just "talking the talk" but also "walking the walk" when it comes to serving our community, its pets, and its people. Keep in mind that these priorities are in no particular order, but rather serve as pillars that work together to make KHS successful – each one equally important to upholding our ultimate goal: to keep families together.



## PRIORITY: TO SUPPORT ANIMALS IN NEED

This is the core of what we do, and every individual on campus – staff and volunteer – is dedicated to this goal. It starts when an animal is brought to us by a community member or our Animal Control team and extends to every facet of the organization, until a new home is found. For example, our little friend Guapo who was found on Bainbridge Island, hungry and alone. When he was brought in, our Admissions staff saw that he had "urine scalding" on his feet and belly. His nails were grossly overgrown and he had scabbing on his muzzle and belly. Worst of all, he was on the brink of starvation with a body score of 1 out of 9. Sent to our vets, he was prescribed a battery of medications and ointment was applied to his abrasions twice daily. He spent time with a foster family and brought up to a healthy weight. He was looked after by our Animal Care and Behavior teams, who taught him not to be afraid. And our Customer Service crew found him a loving new family just a short time later. Each department worked together to ensure a happy future for Guapo, just as they do with every animal who comes through our doors.



## PRIORITY: TO NURTURE OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Working in animal welfare is rewarding, but also challenging. The hours are long, it's usually pretty smelly, and people do it for the love of animals and a love of the mission. And because we sometimes have to make tough decisions regarding the pathways of some animals, it can be highly emotional. For those reasons, we work hard to encourage our team members to support each other and show one another grace. Employees are afforded Compassion Fatigue days (time off when things get too overwhelming), and we hold holiday parties and other fun events – generously paid for by our board members and community members – to ease a bit of the weight our people carry every day. We also support continuing education and promoting people from within to celebrate staff's devotion to our cause. Those are some of the reasons that KHS was named "Best Employer" and "Best Nonprofit" by Sound Publishing readers this year. We make sure that we care for the people who care for the animals.



## PRIORITY: TO ENGAGE AND GROW OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Over the past couple of years, we've made great strides in expanding our reach, thanks to partnerships with other nonprofits and animal welfare organizations, both locally and nationally. Among those is the tremendously beneficial partnership that we have with Greater Good Charities and Bremerton Foodline. As a part of this program, KHS receives excess product from various companies for pennies per pound and is able to distribute free products to dozens of fellow charities and people and pets in need. People like Dave and Theresa. They visited KHS to take advantage of the reduced-fee spay and neuter services for their cat Tyler. Dave had been laid off and they were having a hard time making ends meet. "Pet food is just so expensive," they said. So a staff member told them about our Pet Food Pantry, which provides free pet food and treats to families like theirs. By engaging our neighbor organizations and building partnerships, Dave, Theresa, and Tyler – as well as many, many others – have help to get through the toughest of times.



## PRIORITY: TO BUILD A STRONGER SAFETY NET FOR PETS AND PEOPLE

To properly protect animals in our community, we need to provide for their people as well. Adopting a pet into your family can be expensive, and not everyone has the wherewithal to afford needed care. That's why we've created the Pet Food Pantry, which supplies families in need with pet food at no cost. That's why we hold reduced-cost spay/neuter, vaccine, and microchipping clinics. And that's why we built the Russ and Linda Young Veterinary Lifesaving Center (VLC). Thanks to this remarkable facility, KHS is now able to take in animals whose people simply can't afford traditional veterinary care. Animals like Biscuit. Her dad Bradley noticed that she just wasn't her normal happy self, so he took her to a Port Orchard veterinarian, who diagnosed her with pyometra. The life-saving surgery she needed was going to cost more than \$5,000. "I didn't have that kind of money," said Bradley. "I literally had zero options." Not quite. He was referred to KHS, where Biscuit underwent emergency surgery and was saved at a fraction of the cost. "She's everything to me. I'm so glad you were able to help," he told a staff member.

## PRIORITY: TO SERVE AS GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES

You may have heard it before: KHS is "a healthy organization, but not a wealthy one." We survive largely on the generosity of our community, but find other ways to fund our operations, from events like PetsWalk, Putting Fore! Pets, and Animal Crackers, to actively and aggressively pursuing grants and awards from corporations and foundations. And we know how to stretch a dollar. Thanks to those efforts, we've been able to improve and expand our facilities and services and have created Sam's Fund – a program that solely supports our emergency veterinary efforts and saves animals in dire need of care. And we've receive bequests from estates large and small that help us pay the bills and build for the future. Next up: we're building an endowment that will only be touched if and when disaster strikes. This endowment – the seed money of which has already been donated – will see us through the harshest of circumstances. Whether it be pandemic, natural disaster, financial apocalypse, or something we haven't yet imagined, Kitsap Humane Society will weather the storm.



If you'd like to contribute to the Sam's Fund or the KHS endowment, or want to discuss a bequest, please contact Co-Executive Director Jamie Nocula at 360-692-6977, ext. 1224 or email [jnocula@kitsap-humane.org](mailto:jnocula@kitsap-humane.org).

# 2025 Kitsap Humane Society Events & Holidays



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- KHS Events
- KHS Closed

## November 2025

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## JANUARY

- January 1 New Year's Day  
*Shelter Closed*
- January 9 My Furry Valentine Begins
- January 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
*Shelter Closed*
- January 29 Chinese New Year

## FEBRUARY

- February 2 Groundhog Day
- February 14 My Furry Valentine Ends  
Valentine's Day
- February 17 Presidents' Day
- February 25 World Spay Day
- February 28 Ramadan Begins

## MARCH

- March 5 Ash Wednesday
- March 9 Daylight Savings  
Time Begins  
PetsWALK Registration  
Opens
- March 11 Kitsap Great Give
- March 13 Purim Begins
- March 14 Purim Ends
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 Spring Equinox
- March 23 National Puppy Day
- March 30 Eid al-Fitr Starts  
Ramadan Ends
- March 31 Eid al-Fitr Ends

## APRIL

- April 1 April Fool's Day
- April 4 Comedy Unleashed
- April 11 National Pet Day
- April 12 Passover Begins
- April 13 Animal Care & Control  
Appreciation Week  
Palm Sunday
- April 15 Tax Day
- April 18 Good Friday
- April 20 Easter Sunday  
Passover Ends  
National Volunteer Week
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 24 Take Your Daughters  
& Sons to Work Day
- April 26 World Veterinary Day
- April 30 National Adopt a Shelter  
Pet Day

## MAY

- May 1 May Day
- May 4 National Pet Week  
Be Kind to Animals Week
- May 5 Cinco De Mayo
- May 9 Military Spouse  
Appreciation Day
- May 11 Mother's Day  
National Pet Day
- May 17 Armed Forces Day
- May 26 Memorial Day  
*Shelter Closed*

## JUNE

- June 4 Hug Your Cat Day
- June 7 PetsWALK
- June 8 Pentecost
- June 15 Father's Day
- June 19 Juneteenth  
*Shelter Closed*
- June 20 Summer Solstice  
Take Your Dog to  
Work Day

## JULY

- July 4 Independence Day  
*Shelter Closed*
- July 18 Putting FORE Pets

## AUGUST

- August 1 Wine & Whiskers Begins  
Universal Birthday for Pets  
Adopted from a Shelter
- August 16 International Homeless  
Animal's Day
- August 26 National Dog Day

## SEPTEMBER

- September 1 Labor Day  
*Shelter Closed*
- September 11 Patriot Day
- September 22 Autumn Equinox  
Rosh Hashanah Begins
- September 24 Rosh Hashanah Ends
- September 30 Wine & Whiskers Ends

## OCTOBER

- October 1 Yom Kippur Begins
- October 2 Yom Kippur Ends
- October 4 Animal Crackers
- October 6 Sukkot Begins
- October 12 National Veterinary  
Tech Week
- October 13 Indigenous People's Day  
Sukkot Ends
- October 16 National Feral Cat Day
- October 22 National Make a  
Dog's Day
- October 25 National Make a  
Difference Day
- October 31 Halloween

## NOVEMBER

- Early November Holiday Gift Auction
- November 2 National Animal Shelter  
Appreciation Week  
Daylight Savings  
Time Ends
- November 4 Election Day
- November 11 Veterans Day  
*Shelter Closed*
- November 27 Thanksgiving  
*Shelter Closed*
- To be announced Santa Paws

## DECEMBER

- To be announced Santa Paws
- December 2 Giving Tuesday
- December 7 Pearl Harbor  
Remembrance day
- December 14 Hanukkah Begins
- December 21 Winter Solstice
- December 22 Hanukkah Ends
- December 24 Christmas Eve  
*Shelter Closed*
- December 25 Christmas Day  
*Shelter Closed*
- December 26 Kwanzaa Begins
- December 31 New Year's Eve



Get more details on events by  
visiting our KHS Calendar page!

Take this out of the magazine and you can use it as a calendar poster to keep up to date on upcoming KHS Events! Stay updated by following our socials and visiting our website at [kitsap-humane.org](http://kitsap-humane.org).



# TEN-HUT! MEATBALL'S ON DECK!

Some people just never stop serving their country and their community. Such are the residents of The Washington Veterans Home in Port Orchard – locally known as the Retsil Veterans Home – who are helping Kitsap Humane Society find homes for dogs in their “golden years.”

Through this partnership, residents at Retsil will provide foster care to dogs up for adoption, offering a safe and loving environment as the dogs’ transition toward a new home. Under the program, KHS will send one dog at a time to live at the Veterans Home – and the first one is settling in wonderfully with her new friends.

Meatball, a 10-year-old terrier mix who has been at the shelter since August, is a sweet girl who just hasn't found the right family yet. She's quickly become a mini-celebrity at Retsil however, with coverage from KIRO, Kitsap Daily News, and Kitsap Sun. And she's beloved by her veteran friends, who start her daily walks at 5 a.m. sharp and ensure that she gets treats and pets and lots of love.

Her new friends have taken on the role of foster caregivers, engaging in training sessions, and assisting with Meatball's care and socialization. Residents will help identify potential adopters and facilitate the adoption process, working to find the perfect match for Meatball and every dog who follows. The dogs will be featured on the KHS website as available for adoption, but interested adopters will need to work directly with the Retsil residents, who will introduce potential adopters to the dogs, answer questions, and assist with the matching process to ensure the dog and adopter are well-suited for one another.

“We're enormously excited to see the benefits this provides for both the dogs and the veterans who participate in the program,” said KHS Community Resource and Behavior Manager Chris Russell. “They're an amazing community of remarkable individuals with a lot of love to give and we're proud to partner with them as they open their homes and their hearts to these wonderful animals.”

“I think it's pretty amazing that residents at the Washington Veterans Home are partnering with the Kitsap Humane Society to foster senior dogs and find them their forever home,” says Retsil Superintendent Matt Lysobey. “They served their country and now they are continuing to serve our community.”





# Lend a Paw!

## at Kitsap Humane Society

Walk a dog. Pet a kitten. Hold a bunny. Assist a vet. Help with an adoption. At Kitsap Humane Society, there's all sorts of ways you can volunteer to lend a helping paw and ensure that animals are cared for, exercised, socialized, and sent to loving new homes. But don't just do it for the critters – do it for yourself.

### Why should you become a volunteer?

- A great way to serve your community
- Help adorable animals
- Add a great line to your resume
- Accumulate community service hours
- Gain knowledge and experience
- Learn from animal care professionals
- It's good for your health!
- Make friends!



**Kitsap**  
Humane Society

To apply to be a volunteer or learn more about how you can help, just scan the code below. It's a great time to Lend a Paw!



## SAM'S FUND

Kitsap Humane Society is saving lives and keeping families together every day. One of the ways we do so is through Sam's Angel Fund. Monies donated through this fund are exclusively earmarked to help families pay for lifesaving surgery that they otherwise couldn't afford.

So, when a dog's leg is broken after being hit by a car, a kitten's eye has been injured in a dust-up, or any number of animal injuries, ailments, aches, and pains become too expensive for a family to bear, Sam's Fund is there to cover the cost.

To contribute to Sam's Angel Fund, please scan the code below and donate today.





# MORE ANIMALS THAN YOU CAN WAG A TAIL AT

One of the questions we often get is “how is it that the shelter can be full, but there are so few adoptable animals on your website?” The answer is simple: not all of the animals in our care are ready for adoption.

For example, as of this writing, there are 51 animals up for adoption. So there must be plenty of room at the shelter, right? Unfortunately, no. The majority of our animals will be adopted in the near future, but for the time being, they are being held for a variety of reasons. Some will be on stray hold so their people have time to reclaim them. Some are part of an ongoing Animal Control investigation and need to stay with us until their situation is settled. Still others are being held for medical treatment, behavior needs, or spay/neuter surgeries. And there’s a whole lot of them in foster homes, until they’re old enough or strong enough to move to the next step.

So what’s the number now? It changes from day to day, depending on Animal Control cases, strays brought in, and adoption activity. And during kitten season the number soars. The number today is 257 total animals in our care. Last week at this time it was 371. Next week is anyone’s guess. We can tell you, however, that our staff and volunteers are working hard with each and every animal to prepare them for a new life and to get ready for every one that will come in the future.



MRJ is proud to have partnered with Kitsap Humane Society on the Russ and Linda Young Veterinary Lifesaving Center and the recently finished Large Animal Barn.



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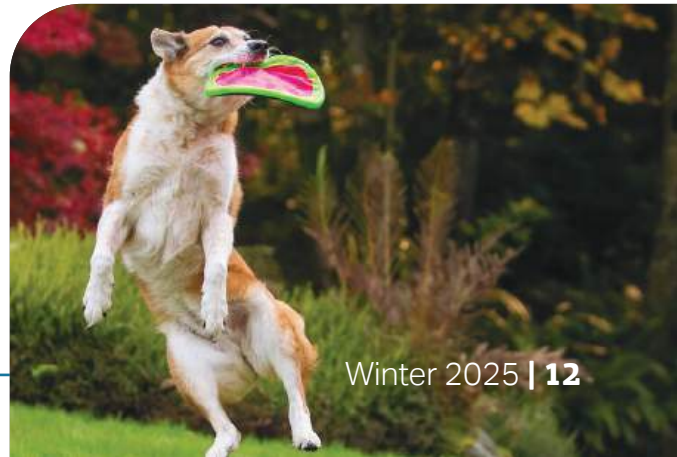




## VOLUNTEER **FOUR FOOT** SPOTLIGHT **PHOTOGRAPHY**

She may have taken photos of you and your pet with Santa. You might have seen her capturing the magic at our Animal Crackers Annual Gala. Or you may have her art hanging in your office or home within the KHS calendars. Based in Port Orchard, Mary Eklund has been a photographer documenting the memories of friends, family, pets, and adventures throughout Western Washington since 2011. The creativity and unique touches she adds to her sessions make her a personable and truly unique artist. Whether you need engagement, wedding, family or senior portraits, Mary provides timeless memories that tell a story. She is also the parent to two human children, three dogs, a kitty, two guinea pigs and a fish!

Thank you to Mary Eklund of Four Foot Photography for contributing hundreds of hours of her talent to KHS families and supporters for many years. We are forever grateful for her artistry.





## HAPPY TAILS RUGER

**W**e first met Ruger, then just a year old, in October 2022. He was presented to Admissions and Vet Services staff with a pretty serious eye injury, where it was determined it was best to remove it. After some time to heal and adjust to this new way of life, Ruger was adopted in February 2023.

Ruger now starts his day by going on a walk with his dad and plays "find it" with his kibbles to keep his nose sharp. He takes naps in the sun in the afternoon and comes with dad to pick up mom from work where he greets her with a kiss whether she wants it or not! After dinner, Ruger naps on his bed, and sometimes is just a big lap dog on the couch! He is still learning to trust his brother – a kitty named LongBoy – but we're confident the two will be great pals in no time!



"Ruger has definitely made our lives better since we adopted him," says his family. "He brings us together by going on walks, he entertains us with his good manners and obedience, and he keeps us safer at night by barking at every perceived threat! We love our boy!"



## HAPPY TAILS REMINGTON

**I**n September 2022, Remington (formally known as Pharaoh) was brought to KHS by a concerned neighbor. He was very emaciated and missing patches of fur; it was clear he needed help. Described by staff as "a sweet old man," Remington was treated for his hair loss and some serious dehydration. After spending a month receiving care from our wonderful Vet Services staff, Remington was adopted and on his way to a new life. "We wanted a kitten but got an eight-year-old cat instead," said his family. What a surprise to bring home a senior kitty!

Remington is now 10 years old and living a healthy, happy life (even with permanent grumpy face). Remington's daily routine is pretty straightforward; sleep, love, sleep, love, sleep, love, eat, love, sleep, repeat. He has no problems pushing

himself into your lap, demanding headbutts, and letting you know when his food dish has yet to be refilled.

What makes this handsome man so special? His family says it's his personality. "Remington's peaceful and loving demeanor is exactly what we needed. He loves the kids. He is perfect." Happy Tails, Remington!



Scan the QR code to submit your happy tails.



## 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](https://kitsap-humane.org) or call (360) 692-6977.

### ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

Cats, dogs, and critters are available for adoption at [kitsap-humane.org/adopt](https://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](mailto:dogbehavior@kitsap-humane.org), and for cat owners, please contact [catbehavior@kitsap-humane.org](mailto: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/](https://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/](https://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/](https://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/](https://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](https://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/](https://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](https://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](mailto:dogbehavior@kitsap-humane.org) and for your cat, please email [catbehavior@kitsap-humane.org](mailto: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](https://kitsap-humane.org/resources).

### WAYS TO HELP:

To learn more about how to support our lifesaving work, please visit [kitsap-humane.org](https://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](mailto:jnocula@kitsap-humane.org).

### SPONSORSHIPS

For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact [jreynolds@kitsap-humane.org](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://kitsap-humane.org/get-involved).



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COMEDY SHOW  
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5K WALK/RUN & FESTIVAL  
JUNE 7, 2025

GOLF TOURNAMENT  
JULY 18, 2025

WINE TOUR  
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 2025

GALA & AUCTION  
OCTOBER 4, 2025

ONLINE AUCTION  
EARLY NOVEMBER, 2025

SANTA PET PHOTOS  
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