

Four Paws



Newsletter of Auburn Valley Humane Society

SPRING 2020



First and foremost, I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and as happy as you can be with all that is going on in our world. Please know our thoughts are with you, your families, and everyone throughout the world who has been impacted by COVID-19.

The Board of Directors of Auburn Valley Humane Society and I have been closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to

be socially responsible, difficult decisions were made early to limit services at the shelter and the thrift store with the thrift store closing to the public on March 19th.

Until the risk of transmission of COVID-19 has been mitigated or resolved, AVHS has cancelled all staff time off unless it is medically necessary, restricted all travel, as well as postponed or cancelled all in-house trainings, meetings, outreach and adoption events. We have asked all volunteers to stay home for their health and well-being. We have postponed our annual Gala until October and a decision to hold Barkfest in August will be reassessed as that date gets closer. All board and committee meetings have gone virtual. Staff hours have been reduced and many are working from home on projects. Additionally, due to the impact of diminished revenue to the organization COVID-19 has created, those who cannot work from home have and will continue to be furloughed as the situation evolves.

Essential animal care and our obligation to the City and citizens of Auburn in regards to the housing, reclaim of lost pets, and pet licensing will continue through the duration of shelter in-place orders.

It is very important to us as an organization, that our donors, supporters, partners, volunteers, staff members,

and patrons understand that Auburn Valley Humane Society, as an organization, cares deeply about their safety and well-being. We also have an obligation to society to be socially responsible. As a vital part of our community, these decisions to limit services have been hard. We realize how many people and pet lives these decisions have impacted. We appreciate your understanding while we work to ensure not only the public's safety, but also provide staff and volunteers with the opportunity to focus on their own health and personal care. We are working diligently to fulfill our mission and keep the situation as safe as possible for the animals in our care and the humans that work, volunteer and visit with us.

Hopefully soon, we will be back to the crazy world of animal welfare as we remembered it. Until we are back in business and when things return to (the new) normal, if you have the ability donate to the organization to continue supporting our efforts for the homeless and abandoned animals in our care, we would sincerely appreciate your generous gesture...☺...please specify your gift to the **AVHS COVID-19 Recovery Fund**.

At the time of this newsletter printing, no one in our AVHS family that I know of, is symptomatic or has fallen ill. My wish is... it will stay that way... chances are it will not. Please reach out to your AVHS family if you need assistance with anything... together we will conquer this bump in the road...☺

Thank you for your support and being an important part of changing lives... four paws at a time!

Phil Morgan
President/CEO

Our Vision

To be a model of excellence in the advancement of animal welfare.

Our Mission

Auburn Valley Humane Society enriches the lives of companion animals and people through animal sheltering, programs and community engagement.



WE NEED FOSTERS

In light of the developments with the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, AVHS is open to the

public, 12-4 pm 7 days a week or by appointment. If AVHS is closed to maintain public health and safety, there will be a greater need for on-call emergency fosters. We are looking for "on call" emergency fosters, who can take home a pet if AVHS reaches critical capacity.

Fostering is nurturing a shelter pet in your home for a period of time. The length of time may be a few days to a few months, based on the needs of the animal and status of the community. AVHS will provide all of the food, equipment and medication that a foster needs. Your time spent caring for foster animals is valued and you help us save lives! If you are interested in becoming a critical and lifesaving foster home, please complete an online foster application from our website.

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Check our website for updates

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Thrift Store
Closed to the public until
the risk of COVID-19 has
been mitigated or resolved

1123 E Main St SE
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 253-545-0314

AVHS GALA & AUCTION - October 24th

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, our AVHS Gala & Auction is postponed to Saturday, October 24th. We depend on this event to raise crucial funding for our lifesaving efforts and programs. Three hundred dedicated supporters, sponsors and businesses plan to come to celebrate the great work AVHS has achieved during the past year. "Party for Paws" is this year's theme. With the sale of tickets, silent and live auction items, plus business sponsorships, we hope to raise \$130,000, to support our animal sheltering of the homeless animals and to continue to support our animal, humane education and human services programs.

Come celebrate our Wet Nose Award winners: NW Spay & Neuter Center, KIRO7 Project Paws, and City of Auburn (Mayor Nancy Backus).

Special thanks to our sponsors: Rairdon's Subaru of Auburn, King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer, MudBay, Marsha Goodwin, Green River Veterinary Hospital, Painting with a Twist, Pebbles, Singletary Law Office, Columbia Bank, Kriss Chiropractic, Span Alaska Transportation, Auburn Veterinary Hospital, Praece Consulting, and Trees Electric. Special media sponsors: Auburn Reporter, KIRO7Cares and Warm 106.9 Hubbard Radio.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, and volunteers to get us off to a great start.



April is Pet License Amnesty Month!



Late fees are waived in April only!

Did you know? All dogs and cats residing in the city limits of Auburn require a pet license. Licensing your pet provides yet another layer of protection in the event that your pet goes missing. Each pet is given a 5 digit tag number that is unique and associated to them only. Purchasing a pet license will not only quickly reunite a pet with its owner, but funds received from licensing directly benefit the lost and homeless animals in the City's care and continue Auburn Valley Humane Society's mission of enriching the lives of companion animals through animal sheltering, programs and community engagement. Failure to obtain a pet license in the City of Auburn results in a civil infraction with a monetary fine of \$50.

Pet licensing locations:

- Online at www.auburnvalleyhs.org/petlicensing
- All local Auburn veterinary clinics and hospitals
- By mail at Pet Licensing, 4910 A St SE, Auburn 98092

AVHS Thrift Store & More is closed to the public until the risk of COVID-19 has been mitigated or resolved.



Unfortunately, donations of household goods are not being accepted at this time. However, monetary donations can be made on our website or by mail to the AVHS COVID-19 Recovery Fund.

Thrift Store & More
1123 E. Main Street, Auburn
253-545-0314



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Pet Photo Calendar Contest



The AVHS Pet Photo Calendar Contest will kickoff on May 1st. Start looking for those great photos of your dog, cat, or your favorite pet. Share the picture with the universe and brag about how cute your pet is. All photos entered are featured in the calendar. More entries means more lives saved and give the homeless and abandoned animals who come to us scared, frightened and confused, a second chance.

Help us change lives...four paws at a time!

Barkfest & Rover Romp

Tentative Date:

Sat Aug. 22, 2020

Time: 9 am - 1:30 pm

Location: Ilalko Elementary
301 Oravetz Pl.
Auburn WA 98092

Join us at our community fundraising event featuring Rover Romp, 3K/5K walk/run with your family dog, vendor village, photo booth, food vendors, prize baskets, pet contests, treats and food. Register ahead at www.auburnvalleyhs.org. You won't want to miss this event. Come early! Help raise funds to help the puppies and the kitties and expand our human services and humane education programs.



Photos with Santa Paws

Tentative Date:

Sat & Sun, Dec. 5 - Dec. 6, 2020

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Location: 4910 A St SE
Auburn WA 98092

Bring your pet to our community fundraising event featuring Santa Paws, photo cards, raffle baskets, holiday outfits, treats and cookies. There will be three photographers, four Santas and two scenes to get your pictures of your pet early in the month. Bring your pet for Photos with Santa Paws from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, Dec. 6. Come early, you won't want to miss this event!



In 2020, AVHS has reunited 46.4% of lost dogs and 9.7% of lost cats with their owners. Special thanks to our social media friends that help us reunite lost pets with their owners.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES.

DONATIONS

At this time, AVHS is unable to accept donation of supplies at the shelter. We can still use gift cards to Amazon, grocery stores, Costco, Walmart, Lowe's and Home Depot. We encourage you to go to our website and click on the Amazon Wish List.

Your generous donations are 100% tax-deductible.

AVHS VOLUNTEERING

- The safety and well-being of our AVHS staff, volunteers and supporters is of the utmost importance to us. In an effort to support social distancing, AVHS closed all of the AVHS' facilities to volunteers and asked that they stay home and healthy.
- **On-call emergency foster volunteers are needed** to house pets if AVHS reaches critical capacity. AVHS will provide veterinary care, crates, supplies and food to fosters.
- If interested, please go online to complete a foster application at www.auburnvalleyhs.org/fostering.
- The shelter staff will be following up with fosters when they have animals that match foster profiles.
- Kitten season is almost here, so we want to encourage new fosters to complete an application online.

Watch our website and social media sites for updates.

When the world returns to normal we will need Volunteers to be:

- Dog Walkers & Kennel Assistants
- Cat Care Cleaners & Cat Enrichment Assistants
- Adoption Events, Outreach Volunteers & Licensing Outreach
- Front Desk Greeters
- Pet Transport Volunteers
- Vet Services Assistants
- Animal Care Assistants
- Laundry/Hospitality
- Foster Cat & Dog Volunteers
- Special Projects and many more positions!

Happy Tails to Share...

Auburn Valley Humane Society strives to find a loving family for every animal in our care. AVHS adopted over 10,000 animals in the past 7 years and has a live release rate of 98%. We love it when our new adopters share heartwarming stories about adopted animals in their new homes. We love to share these success stories with you, so join us on Facebook to enjoy these stories regularly and feel free to share with your friends too!

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/Facebook-AVHS>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/AVHS Thrift Store & More
Instagram: [Auburnvalleyhs](https://www.instagram.com/auburnvalleyhs)
Twitter: [@auburnhumane](https://twitter.com/auburnhumane)

Koda

Koda, a 3-year-old black/white Labrador Retriever mix, came to AVHS as a lost animal in January. She was given a full medical exam and appeared healthy. This sweet girl was adopted a few days later and is an amazing fit to her new family. Her new parents said, "She is so sweet with the kids who love to play and cuddle with her. Koda loves to be outside, running, hiking and exploring. We had the intentions to keep her in her own bed at night, but now it wouldn't be the same without her snuggled up in our bed." Koda was adopted 1.22.20.



Hoagie

Generous donations from our supporters give a running start and a new lease on life to dogs like Hoagie. Hoagie arrived at Auburn Valley Humane Society in August 2019 and was morbidly overweight. His owner had to surrender him due to the owner's health. He weighed 70 pounds, which was causing walking and knee issues for this 6-year-old Welsh Corgi. He went to a foster family who walked him 3 times a day or more. Hoagie slowly lost weight to 53 pounds making him brighter and happier with new found vigor. Hoagie was adopted on March 10, 2020!

Hoagie deserved the best care we had to give. Many pets like Hoagie come through AVHS' doors; deserving of the compassionate care they need to start new lives and leave our shelter to a forever home.

Saint

Saint, a 2-year-old male English bulldog, came to AVHS as a lost dog running at the Outlet Collection in February. He needed special pawparents to make his life complete. He has seizures and required an extensive medical work-up, emergency care and medication. Saint was adopted 2.16.20.



Help Support the Animals at Auburn Valley Humane Society

Your gift no matter how small or large, makes a big difference to ensure that every animal gets a second chance. You are helping to provide the dogs and cats with food, shelter, medical and dental care until we find them a furrever home. In order to continue our quality of care, we rely on generous financial support from our community to provide animal and human programs. All gifts are tax-deductible.

As you work with your financial planner, tax consultant, or lawyer, please consider including Auburn Valley Humane Society in your **will, trust or estate plans**. Our **Faithful Friends Legacy Club** honors those who make special arrangements to ensure animals will benefit from your generosity. It allows you to ensure that your love and support for animals continues beyond your lifetime. You can make a simple bequest, establish a trust, designate AVHS as a beneficiary of your IRA or your insurance plan or donate stocks. Contact AVHS about our **Pets Without Me** program. Contact Phil Morgan, President/CEO, for further details on planned giving.

Consider **giving monthly** to AVHS to provide the animals with food, shelter and warm beds as well as compassionate veterinary care, and training, enrichment, playtime and love from the volunteers. Best of all, by spreading your gifts throughout the year, giving becomes convenient, affordable, and an efficient way to make a real difference in the lives of the animals in our care! Every animal can have a bright and loving future. Your **monthly donation** helps us to continue our life-saving work.

Help us by using your **Rewards Card when shopping at Fred Meyer**. Link AVHS to your Rewards Card - Check to be sure you are linked to **KF808**. Kroger (Fred Meyer) provides AVHS with a quarterly donation check based on your purchases.

Love to shop online at **Amazon??** You can use your same account by shopping at **smile.amazon.com**. Log in and select Auburn Valley Humane Society as your charity. A portion of your purchase will be donated to AVHS.

Give today!

During this time of uncertainty, a donation, big or small, makes a difference in allowing AVHS to continue its lifesaving efforts. On behalf of the AVHS Board of Directors, staff and the animals in our care, we would like to thank you for supporting your local humane society.



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