

# Four Paws



Newsletter of Auburn Valley Humane Society

FALL 2021



I hope this newsletter finds you, your loved ones, and your faithful furry friends happy, healthy, and safe. It is hard to believe the warm months of summer have passed, and once again, we find ourselves heading headlong towards the holidays.

As with the rest of the world, 2021 has been a year of uncertainty, great change, and irreplaceable loss. It was also a year of managed compromise for many, including our organization.

It was a year filled with zoom meetings and virtual events. A year later, the pandemic forced us to alter and adjust how we advocate and care for the citizens and animals in our community. For the past 18 months, we pivoted our rehoming program to online visits and adoptions by appointment to ensure social distancing. During these difficult times, our SPOT program at the shelter and spay/neuter services at our Northwest Spay & Neuter Center in Tacoma exceeded our expectations for the number of surgeries performed. Both have operated with curbside services for all pickups and drop-offs.

The reduction of our dedicated volunteers has severely impacted our capacity to do many daily tasks. More importantly, the staff and I missed the volunteers! Their dedication and smiling faces inspire us daily to continue

the difficult work of saving lives. Some volunteers were able to do projects for us at home, and many had the opportunity to foster animals in need. We hope that soon it will be safe to allow volunteers back to be a part of our daily lives.

While many things are different at our shelter, many things have remained the same. Our determination and dedication to care for the lost and abandoned animals have not changed. Our human/animal services have grown immensely. AVHS has seen an increase in the need for pet retention resources. With the help of our generous donors, our busy thrift store, and other national animal welfare agencies, we have been able to meet this desperate need and keep pets in their loving homes.

These and all other triumphs of this year could not have happened without the efforts of our dedicated staff, the guidance of our diligent Board of Directors, and the loyalty of our hardworking volunteers. I am proud to be part of the great team at Auburn Valley Humane Society. AVHS has continued to persevere, remain focused, and continue the mission of helping animals and people in need.

When I write the next newsletter in spring 2022, I sincerely hope the light at the end of this pandemic tunnel will be much brighter. We will be more confident and a lot less uncertain about our future in the world and the future of the animals in the community we care about.

Please stay safe, and **THANK YOU** for your continued support. Most importantly, **THANK YOU** for being an essential part of helping us change lives... four paws at a time

**Phil Morgan**  
AVHS President/CEO



## Meet Raava!

AVHS does not know much about Raava's past, but we hope that her story can help shape the future for how we help our community and make a difference. Raava was found lying at the AVHS animal shelter door step on an early morning.

Shortly after her arrival, our medical team found Raava was incredibly malnourished with areas of sloughing skin, possible fractures, and weakness in her limbs. The vet indicated that Raava was very sick and the next 24 hours would be crucial to her recovery. She was given fluids, medications, and offered small portions of food. The next day, the staff celebrated that Raava made it through the night. As the days past, she slowly ate food and started her amazing recovery.

She went to a foster home to recover and heal. Each week she would visit the shelter to be weighed and treated medically. She was slowly gaining weight and starting to show more personality each time we saw her. Thousands of dollars have been spent on care, medications, and special treatments as she slowly recovers on the road to adoption.

Raava is the embodiment of everything good in the world. At first she was a bit shy but now as she is feeling better, the word "stranger" is NOT in her vocabulary. Everyone she meets is her new best friend!

AVHS is committed to helping amazing dogs, like Raava, but did you also know we have special programs for people in our communities as well? Programs such as Pets in Crisis, Pets without Me and our Public Veterinary Medical Fund are in place to help you. Whatever the reason, AVHS will help you, coach you, and provide resources to everyone! Please reach out to AVHS if you need help. We are here to listen, and we are here to help in the best way we can. We will steer you in the right direction and identify potential solutions.

We hope we see fewer animals coming to the shelter like Raava and more animals getting the help that they need so they do not end up in a similar situation. As for Raava, she is in foster and she is wiggling her way into everyone's heart. We are sure that someone will adopt her.

We need **YOUR HELP** in caring for animals like Raava and supporting animal welfare in our communities. Teaming together to provide compassionate care and support is more critical now than ever. We genuinely rely on **YOUR GIFT** to sustain so many of our lifesaving programs. Please consider donating to strengthen our community and support animals in need.

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**Hours of Operation:**

**Animal Shelter**

11 am to 6 pm - 7 days a week

**Check our website for updates**

4910 A St SE, Auburn WA 98092

253-249-7849

[www.auburnvalleyhs.org](http://www.auburnvalleyhs.org)

AVHS Federal Tax ID # 45-0638467

**Thrift Store**

Monday-Saturday 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday 11 am - 5 pm

1123 E Main St SE

Auburn WA 98002

253-545-0314

**NW Spay & Neuter Center**

Monday-Tuesday 8 am - 5 pm

Wednesday - Friday 7:30 am - 5 pm

6401 Pacific Ave

Tacoma WA 98408

253-627-7729



**AUG 21-28, 2021**

AVHS decided to do a hybrid **Barkfest & Rover Romp** to help keep our supporters, volunteers, and employees healthy and safe! Our annual fundraiser "Barkfest & Rover Romp" ran virtually **Saturday, August 21st through Saturday, August 28th, with an 'In-Person' on Aug. 28th at 9 AM.** That's right - seven full days for you to support the homeless animals in our community!

**YOU** helped us to reach our goal by raising \$37,000, to support our sheltering of the homeless animals, to continue our humane education and human services programs, and to sustain our Spay and Neuter programs at AVHS and NW Spay and Neuter.



Participants registered to join the Rover Romp. AVHS produced videos featuring the accomplishments of both organizations. Online Pet Contests were held. Raffle tickets were sold to help **save more lives.**

In-person there were additional raffles, pet contest, dog demonstrations and a vendor village. Special thanks to our sponsors: Ziva & Bailey, King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer, Green River Veterinary Hospital, State Farm-Doug Klein, Span Alaska Transportation, Pebbles, Columbia Bank,

Tractor Supply, Mud Bay, Red Canoe Credit Union, Khristina Swanson Windemere Real Estate, Auburn Veterinary Hospital, Kriss Chiropractic, Kiwanis Club of Auburn, Head & Malesis Insurance, Reber Ranch, Coastal Farm & Ranch, PureAyre Odor Eliminators, Hello Pittie Rescue, Pet Pros, City of Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation and the Valley Professional FireFighters Local 1352. Special thanks to in-kind supporters Auburn Dairy Products, Harbor Foods Group, Starbucks, and Foss Trailer Rentals. Special thanks to Tracy Taylor from Kiro7.

**October is Pet License Amnesty Month!**



**Late fees are waived in October 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 the 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](http://www.auburnvalleyhs.org/petlicensing)
- All local Auburn veterinary clinics and hospitals
- Tiki Tails, PetPros, and Reber Ranch
- By mail at Pet Licensing, 4910 A St SE, Auburn 98092

**AVHS Thrift Store & More Treasures Galore!**  
 every day of the week at  
 1123 E. Main St. Auburn



**Find your Treasures!**  
 Every day there are new items at the store. Donations of household goods are being accepted *by appointment only.*  
 100% of our proceeds benefit the animals at the AVHS Shelter.

**Thrift Store & More**  
 Sunday 11 am - 5 pm  
 Monday-Saturday 10 am - 6 pm  
 1123 E. Main Street, Auburn  
 253-545-0314



Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube

# SUPPORT OUR 2021 Events



Promotes and provides affordable, high-quality spay and neuter services for cats and dogs in an effort to prevent overpopulation.

Go online to make an e-appointment for a cat or dog. Vaccinations and other services are offered at the time of surgery, including microchipping, flea treatment, toenail trim, and many other services.

Over 12,000 cats and dogs are altered each year for income qualified and the partner shelters and rescues.

[nwspayneuter.org](http://nwspayneuter.org)

Mon-Tues 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wed - Fri 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

6401 Pacific Ave  
Tacoma WA 98408

## CHECK OUR WEBSITES AND FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES

### AVHS VOLUNTEERING

- AVHS firmly believes that the safety and well-being of our AVHS staff, volunteers, and supporters is of the utmost importance to us. AVHS has limited volunteers at the shelter and will have volunteers wear masks to stay healthy.
- Limited **On-call emergency foster volunteers are needed** to house pets. AVHS provides veterinary care, crates, supplies, and food to fosters.
- If interested, please go online to complete a foster application at [www.auburnvalleyhs.org/fostering](http://www.auburnvalleyhs.org/fostering).
- We have hired **Jeanine Riss as our Volunteer Coordinator**. Watch for new volunteer opportunities and training opportunities this fall.

Watch our website and social media sites for updates.

### Pet Photo Calendar Contest



Entries into the AVHS Pet Photo Calendar Contest ends on Sept. 30th. You can still reserve a calendar date with your pet's photo. Entering a great photo of your dog, cat, or your favorite pet ends soon. Voting continues through October 12th. \$1 donation = 1 vote. More entries and reserved calendar dates means more lives saved and gives 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!

### 2021 Photos with Santa Paws



Bring your pet to our community fundraising event featuring Santa Paws, photo cards, raffle baskets, holiday outfits, treats and cookies. We will have several Santas and to scenes at two locations this year. Bring your pet for Photos with Santa Paws from 9 am to 4 pm. December 4 & 5 at AVHS Animal Shelter and Dec. 11 & 12 at NWSNC in Tacoma. Our goal is to raise over \$10,000 to continue our lifesaving efforts!

Don't miss this event! Watch for details.

[www.auburnvalleyhs.org](http://www.auburnvalleyhs.org)

### DONATIONS

At this time, AVHS is accepting donations 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.

### 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!



In 2021, AVHS reunited 55.7% of lost dogs and 11.6% of lost cats with their pet owners. Special thanks to our social media friends that help us reunite lost pets with their owners. NWSNC has done over 8,000 spay/neuter surgeries.

# Happy Tails to Share...

Auburn Valley Humane Society strives to find a loving family for every animal in our care. AVHS adopted over 11,200 animals in the past 8-1/2 years. 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 Happy Tails and feel free to share with your friends, too!

Facebook: <https://Facebook.com/AuburnValleyHS>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AVHSthriftstoreandmore>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWspayneuter>  
Instagram: Auburnvalleyhs  
Twitter: @auburnhumane



## Priscilla

Priscilla is settling into her new home as she explores. She is very affectionate and loves to show her belly and aggressively rub her cheeks and forehead into her hands. She's well behaved and gentle. Her personality has opened up as well with her becoming more playful and talkative. I've even gotten a little bit of lap time. She's a very special cat that I feel lucky to have. I love her a lot already!  
**ADOPTED 8.12.2021.**

## Ghost

Ghost is doing well. He's settling in more each day and we just love him so much. We are slowly introducing him to the cat and he seems to be very curious and not aggressive at all. Looking forward to taking him on adventures and in our formal family photos!  
**ADOPTED 8.14.2021.**



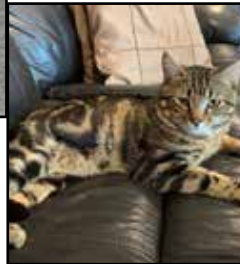
Echo is settling in well. The staff gave me some tips on getting them to adjust and it took 2 days for Echo and our dog to get comfortable. We love Echo, he's won everyone over in the family. He's got lots of energy so he can keep up with our other dog MJ. They play hard and then nap on and off all day.  
**ADOPTED 7.21.2021.**



## Echo

## Frappuccino now Mac

Frappuccino is now Mac, so we have Mac and Jax. Mac is adapting well. He is so loving and trusting. He is quite the adventurer and loves to be outside exploring. He has been the purrfect addition to our family. We really appreciate how helpful the staff and volunteers were dropping Mac off, to the adoption process. **Adopted 7.5.2021.**



## Help Support the Animals at Auburn Valley Humane Society

Consider **giving monthly** to AVHS to provide the animals with food, shelter, warm beds, compassionate veterinary care, training, enrichment, playtime, and love. 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.

During the fall months, many companies participate in Workplace Giving Campaigns. AVHS is proud to participate in several campaigns. You just indicate that you want your payroll deductions to benefit Auburn Valley Humane Society.

- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) - Employees of federal agencies in Washington State: Charity ID #17577
- Washington State Employees Combined Fund Drive (CFD): Charity ID #1481379
- King County Employees Giving Program (KGE GP) - Charity ID #9621
- Microsoft Employee Giving Program: #405474

Check with your employer to see if they support **matching gifts** for its employees. You can help the animals by finding out if your company has a **Corporate Giving Program** or if your employees matches your volunteer hours while volunteering at AVHS. No matter how small or large, your gift makes a big difference to ensure that every animal gets a second chance. We rely on generous financial support from our community to provide animal and human services programs. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Please 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. Select AVHS as your charity for **AmazonSmile**.

## Give today!

On behalf of the AVHS Board of Directors, staff and the furry friends in our care, we would like to thank you for supporting your local Humane Society.



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