

Four Paws

Newsletter of Auburn Valley Humane Society



Fall 2022



I hope this newsletter finds you, your loved ones, and your faithful furry friends happy, healthy, and safe. It is hard to believe the hot summer months have passed, and once again, we find ourselves heading for the fall and winter months.

As the pandemic is leveling off and we are adjusting to a new normal in our lives, Auburn Valley Humane Society is doing the same. While

the pandemic forced us to alter and adjust how we advocate and care for the citizens and animals in our community, we are starting to get back into our pre-pandemic routines and services. Our day-to-day lives are starting to feel more comfortable as each season passes. The shelter is full of animals, volunteers are back in force, and boxes of kittens are flowing through the doors again.

In a partnership with The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), we have launched the Pets For Life program, helping hundreds of pets and their owners this year. AVHS has also 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.

Northwest Spay & Neuter Center in Tacoma has exceeded our expectations again for a second year for the number of surgeries performed. This past February, NWSNC started a wellness clinic in Tacoma. With hundreds of animals coming to us each month for basic preventative care, we are filling the gap for much-needed low-cost veterinary care to income-qualified pet owners in our community.

These are just some of the triumphs since my last newsletter, none of which could have happened without the efforts of our generous supporters, 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.

I sincerely hope that when I write the following newsletter in the spring of 2023, the pandemic will be behind us, and we will be able to concentrate on maintaining our success and developing new programs for the community and the animals in our care.

Most importantly, **THANK YOU** for your continued support and being such a vital part of helping us change lives...four paws at a time!

Phil Morgan
President/CEO



Mass removed on her back!

Meet Lyra!

A stray dog, Lyra, arrived at another shelter in Washington. Many shelters do not have a veterinarian on staff or have severe staff shortages in their veterinary departments. Lyra was one of those cases.

She had a very large, softball sized mass on her back. The other shelter did not have the resources to perform the surgery for Lyra so they reached out to Auburn Valley Humane

Society. Fortunately, AVHS had the capacity to take her in and our skilled veterinarians and medical staff removed her mass. The medical team sent the mass for diagnostics while they completed her medical treatment. Lyra was so loving and affectionate so she was quickly a staff and volunteer favorite.

To no one's surprise, she was adopted quickly in late June. Lyra was lucky that she was transferred to Auburn Valley Humane Society. She was able to get the care that she so desperately needed, but there are so many others like her. This extraordinary care was made possible by **DONORS** like YOU. Your support is critical to helping animals like Lyra take the steps to a second chance.

Auburn Valley Humane Society promotes the human-animal bond by saving and serving pets in need. Through an HSUS grant, we are able to promote the human-animal bond and provide spay/neuter surgery vouchers, wellness exam vouchers and miscellaneous pet items through our *Pets For Life* program. We provide financial assistance for

veterinary care through our *Public Veterinary Medical Fund* program. *Pets in Crisis* program provides temporary housing and care for an owned pet if the owner loses their housing or has an unforeseen emergency. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please check out our programs on the website www.auburnvalleyhs.org.

Our *community pet food pantry* provides free pet food and other supplies to families in need at the NWSNC location in Tacoma. We partner with Seattle Humane to provide monthly pet food to those families in need in the Auburn area.

Facing the decision to give up your pet isn't easy...but AVHS is here to help you. We have tips and free resources on our website to help you select a new family for your pet. As an alternate to taking your pet to the animal shelter, consider creating a profile on our *Home to Home page* (for all pets). By incorporating the best practices for animal health, welfare, capacity for care, and high-volume veterinary care and adoptions, we are serving those in need in our community.

We need your help to continue providing this extraordinary care. AVHS sees animals daily that are beyond the scope of imagination. Many animals come to us with injuries, illness, or just old. Desperate for someone to love them. But none of our lifesaving work would be possible without our donors. We are reliant on the generosity of our community to continue this vital work. Your gift today will go towards helping save more lives. Please consider donating to strengthen our community and support animals in need.

Donate to AVHS and give them a second chance! Make your gift today so that animals will have a tomorrow!

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Hours of Operation:

Animal Shelter
 11 am to 6 pm - 7 days a week
 4910 A St SE, Auburn WA 98092
 253-249-7849 option 1

Thrift Store
 Monday-Saturday 10 am - 6 pm
 Sunday 11 am - 5 pm
 1123 E Main St SE
 Auburn WA 98002
 253-249-7849 option 6

NW Spay & Neuter Center
 Monday- Friday 10 am - 4 pm
 6401 Pacific Ave
 Tacoma WA 98408
 253-627-7729
www.auburnvalleyhs.org
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2022 Events



10th AVHS Pet Photo Calendar Fundraiser

There are nearly 100 pets in the Photo Calendar Contest with just a few weeks left to enter by September 30th.

You can still reserve a calendar date with your pet's photo. Enter a great photo of your dog, cat, or your favorite pet by Oct. 11th.

Don't have a pet - go to the website and vote for your favorite one. Your support benefits the animals! Voting continues through October 11th.

More entries and reserved calendar dates means more lives saved and gives the homeless and lost animals who come to us scared, and confused, a second chance for a loving home!

Printed calendars will be available around Nov. 15.

Photos with Santa Paws
December 3-4 - Auburn
December 10-11 Tacoma
 Schedule your appointment at
<http://e.givesmart.com/events/saf>

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

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 gently used household goods are being accepted by appointment only. 100% of our thrift store proceeds benefit the animals at the AVHS Shelter and public veterinary medical funding.

Thrift Store & More
 Sunday 11 am - 5 pm
 Monday-Saturday 10 am - 6 pm
 1123 E. Main Street, Auburn
 253-249-7849 opt 6

October is Pet License Amnesty Month!



Late fees are waived in October

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
- All local Auburn veterinary clinics and hospitals
- Tiki Tails, PetPros, Reber Ranch and NW Spay & Neuter Center
- By mail at Pet Licensing, 4910 A St SE, Auburn 98092



Thank you for the cat carriers & cat food!

DONATIONS

AVHS welcomes donations and supplies at the shelter and NWSNC. We appreciate the cat and dog food, the gently used, washed cat and dog beds. Call us if you have questions about donations.

We love to 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 or Chewy.com.

Your generous donations are 100% tax-deductible.



Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube



Spay & Neuter Surgeries, Wellness Clinic and Pet Food Pantry

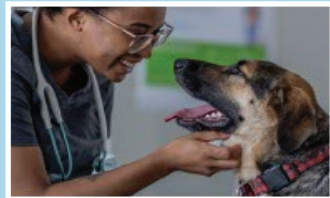
AVHS opened our non-profit wellness clinic at NWSNC to ensure all pet owners have access to low-cost preventative care like vaccinations, microchips and parasite prevention. Our clinic is staffed by licensed veterinarians and registered veterinary support staff with services offered to households qualified by income. We are not a full-service veterinary clinic and do not treat sick or injured pets. We operate the wellness clinic Monday - Thursday, 4 days a week, serving over 250 families each month.

NW Spay & Neuter Center provides affordable spay/neuter services for cats and dogs in an effort to prevent overpopulation and maintain healthy pets. We are providing services 5 days a week serving nearly 1200 animals a month. We are seeing a 5% increase in surgeries over 2021. We are providing services to more cats than dogs.

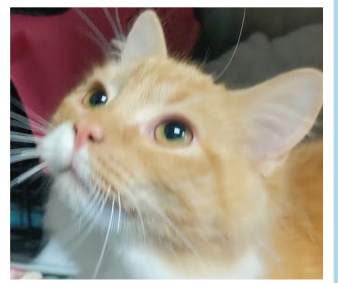
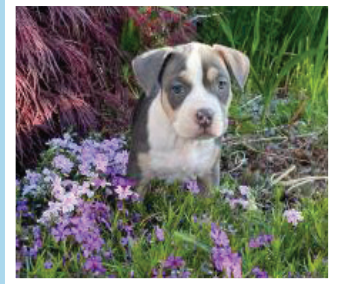
Go online to make a spay & neuter surgery e-appointment or wellness e-appointment for a cat or dog. We provide vaccinations and other services at the time of surgery, including microchipping, flea treatment, toenail trim, and many other services.

Over 14,000 cats and dogs are altered each year for income qualified and the 48 partner shelters and rescues that use our services.

A small pet food pantry by our Special Programs staff provides cat and dog food at the center for those in need in the community. Donations are graciously accepted.



nwspayneuter.org
Mon-Fri 10 am - 4 pm
6401 Pacific Ave
Tacoma WA 98408



CHECK OUR WEBSITES, FACEBOOK PAGES AND INSTAGRAM FOR UPDATES



AVHS WELCOMES NEW VOLUNTEERS

- Fill out an online application at www.auburnvalleyhs.org
- **Watch the Volunteer Orientation Session** online as well as a tour of the Shelter, NWSNC and Thrift Store.
- All new volunteers complete the orientation and accompanying quiz.
- Schedule an appointment with the AVHS Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@auburnvalleyhs.org to discuss volunteer opportunities and scheduling.
- Some volunteer positions require additional training classes and hands-on training.
- You will be added to the volunteer roster.
- We encourage fosters to complete an application online. We need fosters for dogs and cats.

Watch our website and social media sites for updates.

AVHS Volunteer

Opportunities include:

- Dog Walkers
- Cat Care Cleaners
- Project Paws Enrichment
- Animal Care Technician Asst.
- Laundry/Hospitality
- Pet Pantry Assistant
- Dog/Cat Foster Volunteers
- Maintenance Assistants
- Pet Transport Volunteers
- Adoption Event/Outreach Volunteers
- Clinic volunteers
- Thrift Store volunteers
- Special Projects and many more positions!

In 2022, AVHS reunites lost dogs and lost cats with their pet owners. Special thanks to our social media friends that help us reunite lost pets with their owners.

Happy Tails to Share...

Auburn Valley Humane Society strives to find a loving family for every animal in our care. AVHS adopted over 12,100 animals in the past 9 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 Happy Tails and feel free to share with your friends, too!

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



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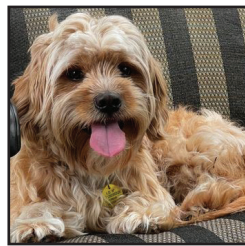
Andy came to the AVHS Animal Shelter as a stray wandering around south Auburn. He was a 2-year-old large Labrador Retriever mix breed dog. Our awesome vet staff treated medical skin conditions, and

assessed his overall health for adoption. He was adopted by his loving family. They feel "so fortunate to have found Andy. He is such a sweet loveable boy. No one can believe that we got him at the humane society. He is having so much fun with his new family. He is truly a part of our family. Andy acts like he has been with us for years. The staff were so helpful and the veterinarian discussed his surgery and complications. You could tell that everyone really cares about the animals there." The new adopters went to Dog Gone Seattle to adopt a buddy for Andy. Our family is complete."
Adopted 7.9.2022.



Wally (was Beans)

Beans is now Walter "Wally" Daniel. We loved our experience as Wally is our first family pet. We picked him up from Petsmart and the associates were so friendly and helpful with the process. He is now 3 months old and getting bigger every day! He is so friendly and so sweet. The smartest cat ever as he knows how to fetch and give nose kisses. He eats like a champ and loves cuddles. The kids love having a pet and playing with him. He fills our family with joy and we can't imagine life without this sweet boy now.
Adopted 7.8.2022.



Oliver (was Sandy)

Sandy, a 3-year old terrier, came to the shelter as a stray lost dog with a heavily matted coat. After his medical checkup exam, he was neutered. He was adopted quickly. His new family says "Everything is going fantastic. We renamed him Oliver, and he's getting along great with our other dog Milo. They quickly became best buds and love to play constantly. We take them both to the dog park 3 days a week. He does great in the car. He enjoys the fresh air so we take him out often. The staff were absolutely amazing and super friendly!"
Adopted 7.6.2022.

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.

No matter how small or large, your gift makes a big difference to ensure that every animal gets a second chance. You help provide the dogs and cats with food, shelter, medical, and dental care until we find them a furrever loving home. To continue our quality of care, we rely on generous financial support from our community to provide animal and human services 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 plan**. Our **Faithful Friends Legacy Club** honors those who make special arrangements to ensure animals will benefit from our care. This program 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 and for further details on planned giving.

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.

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 so that we can continue to save more lives!

Give today!

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, volunteers, and the animals in our care, we would like to thank you

