

WHY KITSAP HUMANE SOCIETY NEEDS A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER

A PHOTO ESSAY



OUR WORK IS EXCELLENT ... OUR FACILITY IS NOT

During this photo essay, you will see that Kitsap Humane Society's current facility is outdated, inefficient and overcrowded. When it was built in 1989, there was very little in the way of specialized medical or behavior care for animals in shelters.

Our existing facility was not designed with today's lifesaving, best-practice standards in mind, or to handle the impact of serving more than 7,000 animals every year.

As you will see, it's time to build a new animal shelter at Kitsap Humane Society.

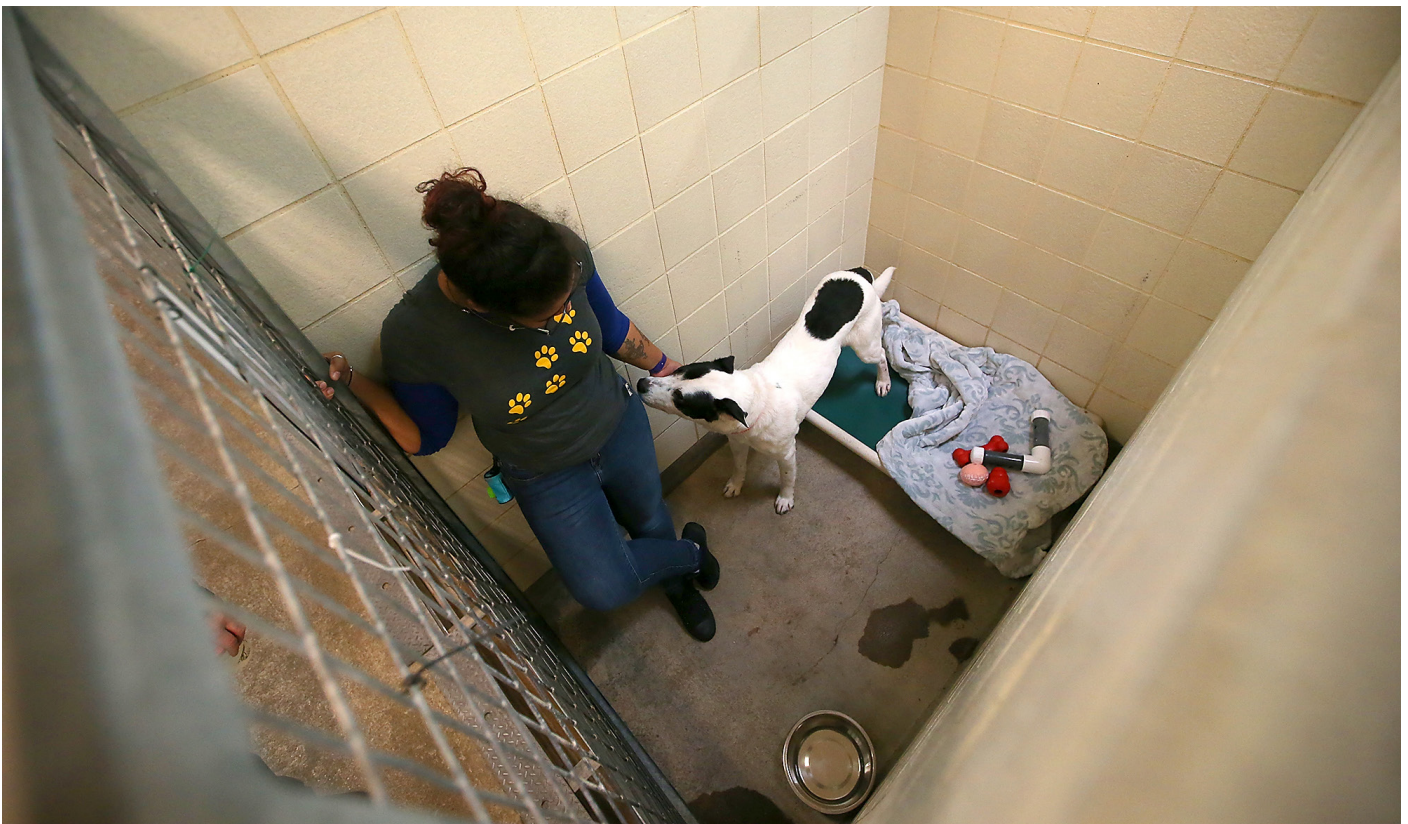
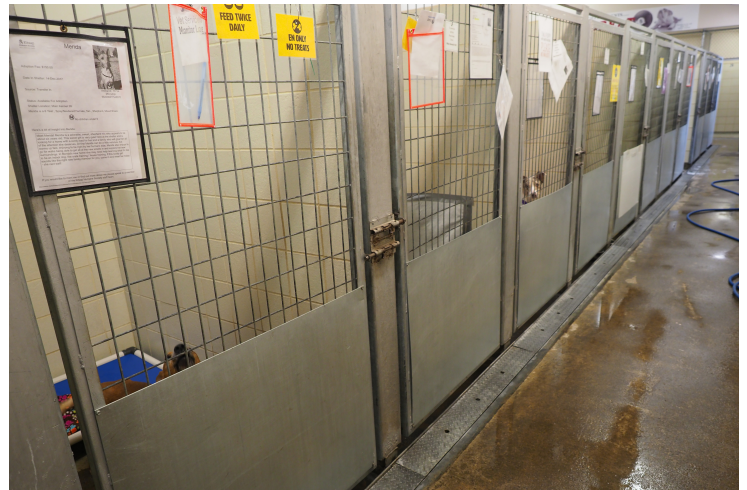


THE ANIMALS DESERVE BETTER

WE NEED BETTER HOUSING FOR DOGS



Our current dog kennels are cramped, uncomfortable, noisy, and stressful for the animals. In the new facility, dog kennels will be larger, quieter and thoughtfully-designed to reduce stress with new ventilation and drainage systems. These improvements will result in healthier animals, faster adoptions, and more lives saved.



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WE NEED BETTER HOUSING FOR CATS



In our existing cat holding areas, kennels are too small (as illustrated here). In the new Animal Adoption Center and in all cat holding areas, cats will enjoy larger kennels (also known as “cat condos”). Each cat condo will provide a comfortable living area, a privacy area for litter, and healthy air circulation.

Additionally, colony rooms will allow small groups of social cats to cohabitate in more home-like conditions, and to more freely interact with potential adopters.



WE NEED BETTER VETERINARY & BEHAVIOR TRAINING FACILITIES



The Veterinary Medicine, Surgery and Recovery spaces are far too small, as you can see, and were not designed to handle the volume of specialized medical care provided to animals today. Our project will vastly improve the veterinary areas, with expanded and enhanced surgical prep, recovery, and isolation areas. As a result, staff efficiency will improve and animals will be healthier and more comfortable.

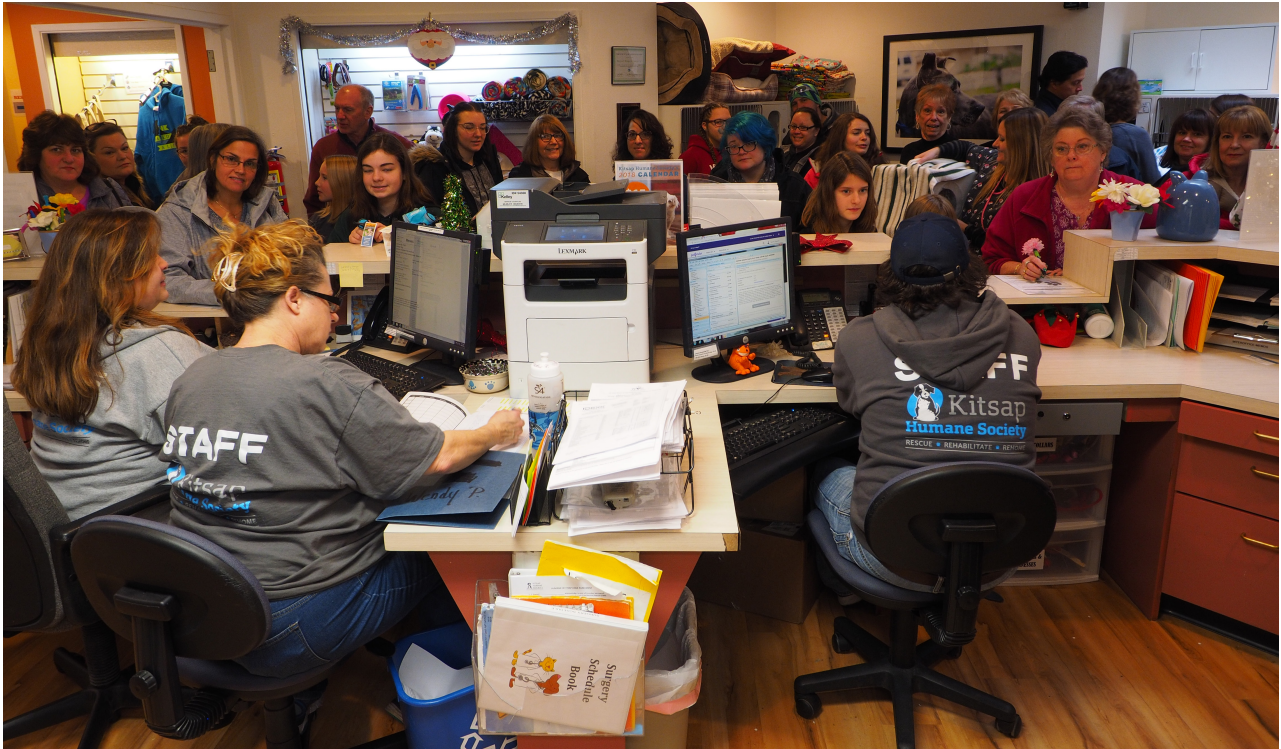
Specialized Behavior Training rooms will be added for our team of staff and volunteers who work daily to better address the individualized needs of our canine guests.

WE NEED BETTER WORK SPACES



As you can see, our laundry, dishwashing and storage areas are cramped and inefficient. The new facility will have separate and expanded laundry and dishwashing areas and better equipment, which will increase efficiency and improve work flow for our volunteers who manage these daily, high-volume activities.

WE NEED BETTER ADOPTION & ADMISSIONS FACILITIES



Our current lobby (above) is crowded and inefficient. A larger, more welcoming lobby, and private meet-and-greet rooms for adoption counseling, will better serve our customers and the animals they come to adopt.



Our current Admissions area is located in a busy hallway and serves people bringing in strays, pets needing vaccinations, pets being surrendered, and animals being brought in by Animal Control. Our project will enlarge and improve the space to ensure that the area is more functional and that there is privacy for people who surrender their pets.

It's Time!



PLEASE HELP US BUILD A FACILITY THAT MATCHES THE EXCELLENCE OF OUR WORK.

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