



Executive Summary

Why Kitsap Humane Society Needs a New Facility

1. *KHS needs an updated facility to enhance our progressive, lifesaving mission*

KHS has evolved into a leading-edge animal welfare organization committed to transforming the lives of animals and people. Our lifesaving results are outstanding (achieving a 96% animal 'save rate' – among the best in the nation). While our staff and volunteers work hard to save lives, they are severely constrained by the limitations and inefficiencies of our outdated and overcrowded facility. We urgently need a facility that supports all aspects of our lifesaving work.

2. *KHS needs more space to handle the dramatic increases in volume*

KHS has grown dramatically in recent years. Intake of animals, including transfers from other shelters, has increased by the thousands (more than 50% growth in three years), taxing the resources of our current facilities. The addition of a new shelter building will double the size of our facility to accommodate recent and future growth. It will allow us to serve up to 12,000 animals per year (8,500 shelter animals plus 3,500 pets served by our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program).

3. *Housing for animals will be vastly improved – and pets will find homes sooner*

Because KHS was designed in 1989 to operate more like a pound than a lifesaving facility, housing for animals is inadequate and crowded. Kennels will be enlarged and made more comfortable, noise will be abated, and ventilation and drainage will be improved – creating healthier conditions. Less stressful conditions will help animals get adopted sooner.

4. *A more welcoming facility will attract more customers and adopters*

A more welcoming and positive environment, including more spacious customer service areas and four indoor (plus two outdoor) 'meet-and-greet' rooms for adoption counseling, will better serve our current estimate of 50,000 visitors each year, and attract even more people in the future to come to KHS to adopt animals.

5. *Our leading-edge, specialized rehabilitation services will be enhanced*

Our current spaces for specialized medical rehabilitation and behavioral intervention are inadequate. The new facility will significantly expand and enhance our capacities to provide outstanding, lifesaving medical care, behavior training, and foster care coordination.



6. *Efficiency for staff, volunteers, and customers will be improved*

Our new, expertly-designed, facility will vastly improve work flow and efficiency for our 60+ staff members and 350+ volunteers to execute their jobs.

7. *We want to better serve our Kitsap community, which relies heavily on KHS*

Animals, staff, volunteers, foster families, and tens of thousands of adopters and other members of our Kitsap and West Sound communities rely on Kitsap Humane Society's critical expertise, leadership, and services to save animals' lives and foster the important human/animal relationship. Continuing to meet and exceed those expectations requires a new facility.