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ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS: REMEMBERING SHERRY APPLETON

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Kitten siblings Ember and Nova cuddling, waiting to be adopted!



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Founded in 1908 and located in Silverdale, Washington, **Kitsap Humane Society (KHS)** serves Kitsap County and beyond as more than a shelter. We work to rescue, rehabilitate, and find loving homes for thousands of animals every year. To achieve our mission, we are committed to an open admissions policy—we don't turn animals in need away, and excellence in all of our services.

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ON THE COVER:
The Russ and Linda Young Veterinary Lifesaving Center is Open!

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A Letter from Dr. Jen & Jamie

This moment has been a long time coming. Ever since 2019, when legislation passed to allow humane societies to perform low-cost surgeries, we've been dreaming of the time when we would have a facility to adequately serve all the families that need us. And now that dream has become a reality.

As you can see on page 5 of this issue of our magazine, we had a little gathering to celebrate the opening of the Russ and Linda Young Veterinary Lifesaving Center, which just so happened to fall in the same month as our 115th anniversary of operation. More than 150 of our supporters and donors came out to get a "sneak peek" at the new clinic and toast the people who made it happen. But what's really important is what's going to happen next.

For the time being, our veterinary staff will be getting accustomed to their new digs, staffing up where needed (if you know any veterinary professionals or potential volunteers, please send them to our website), and preparing for what we anticipate will be enormous demand for these kinds of services. For the next few months, we'll only be accepting emergency referrals from our veterinary partners in the area, but come January, we will be opening our doors to the general public that qualifies.

So we have reason to celebrate, and celebrate we did. A few hundred of our close friends joined us at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort on October 7th for our 30th Annual Animal Crackers Gala (see the photos on page 4). There, we heard about the great work our staff is doing and what's in our future, and had the opportunity to extend our eternal gratitude to the people who support our efforts. And, of course, we had a lot of fun.



But now, it's back to work. Back to raising money for Sam's Angel Fund, which will ensure that the safety net that we've built continues to benefit our community. Back to working with the animals in our care so they have the best chance possible to succeed in their new homes. And back to saving the lives of the cats and dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs, snakes and lizards, and every other furry, scaly, or feathered friend who comes through our doors. With your continued partnership, we'll someday celebrate another 115 years.

Thank you,

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Director of Philanthropy &
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Director of Shelter
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P.S. Just as we were going to press with this issue of our magazine, we learned of the passing of our dear friend, supporter, former State Representative, and Board Member, Sherry Appleton. Please read the story on page 6 to learn more about this wonderful soul. We miss her enormously.

POULSBO LOVES PETS

You've never seen so many pups in one place. On June 3, hundreds of furry friends and their people joined us for PetsWalk 2023, raising more than \$57,000 for KHS. What's more, five puppies and one kitten were adopted during the festivities!

Thank you to Mayor Erickson and the City of Poulsbo, our amazing volunteers, and VCA Central Kitsap Animal Hospital and all of our wonderful sponsors. We'll be coming back to downtown Poulsbo on June 1, and if you'd like to be a part of it, email our Events and Outreach Manager Jessi Reynolds at jreynolds@kitsap-humane.org to be a sponsor.



LETTIN' THE BIG DOG BARK

Putting Fore Pets on Friday, July 28 was a huge success, even if no one took home the Hole-in-One Harley (thank you Destination Harley-Davidson of Silverdale!). In all, we raised over \$27,000 with 81 participants, and had a lot of good laughs along the way. Thank you to all of our sponsors – especially our presenting sponsor, The Latitude 48 Group – and congratulations everyone who took home a prize or an auction item, although the animals were the real winners on the day. Be sure to join us next year, and if you'd like to be a sponsor, email Jessi at jreynolds@kitsap-humane.org. Fore!



2023 EVENTS 30 YEARS OF EVENTS

ABSOLUTELY KRACKERS!

What an event! The 30th Annual Animal Krackers Gala was a joyous occasion of food, friends, and furry little buddies, all to benefit Kitsap Humane Society and the animals in our care. Dressed in their finery, animal lovers from throughout the Peninsula and beyond came together to celebrate the work that KHS does and the people who do it, raising over \$360,000! Thank you to our Diamond Paw Presenting Sponsor, Brown Bear Car Wash, as well as our Gold Paw Sponsors: Animal Emergency & Specialty Center, Naturally 4 Paws, MRJ Constructors, and Blue Nest Home; our Bronze Paw Sponsors: First Federal, Rice Fergus Miller, and Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort; and our Friends of the Animals: Idexx and Photonatix. And another big thank you to everyone who donated – especially to the Dessert Dash. Oh, the desserts!

GIVING TUESDAY IS NOVEMBER 28!

Put your compassion into action for pets and their people on Giving Tuesday! It's just around the corner and your opportunity to be a part of our mission to provide a lasting safety net for our community. It's a day of global generosity and every gift is special for our special furry friends!



To see this year's Animal Krackers mission video, please scan the QR code.



THE VETERINARY LIFESAVING CENTER IS COMPLETE!

Well, we did it! Thanks to you, the Kitsap community now has a state-of-the-art, low-cost vet clinic – the Russ and Linda Young Veterinary Lifesaving Center. To celebrate, we invited donors to a special “sneak peek” at the facility, during which we had the opportunity to thank those who contributed to the building costs and show them what they’ve built.

We’ve long said that Kitsap Humane Society is “more than a shelter,” and now we’ve proven it. It’s a place that keeps families together by providing a safety net like no other. Too many families have had to make a difficult choice regarding their pets. Would they be able to afford necessary veterinary care? Would they have to surrender their companion animals? Or something even worse?

Now, because of the generosity of our community of donors, the hard work of our staff, the expertise of the folks at MRJ Constructors, and the talented design team at Rice Fergus Miller, we will be able to offer reduced-cost surgeries – including dental services – to those who qualify.

For the next couple of months, we’ll be getting used to our new surroundings, hiring additional staff, and taking only emergency referral cases from our network of veterinary clinics, but by the first of the year, we expect to fully open to the general public and to the pets who need us.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making this dream come true. We’re proud to have you on our team.



SHE'S WOVEN INTO THE VERY FABRIC OF KITSAP HUMANE SOCIETY.



Sherry Appleton – mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, Washington State Representative, animal lover and advocate, and KHS Board Member – passed away at the age of 80.

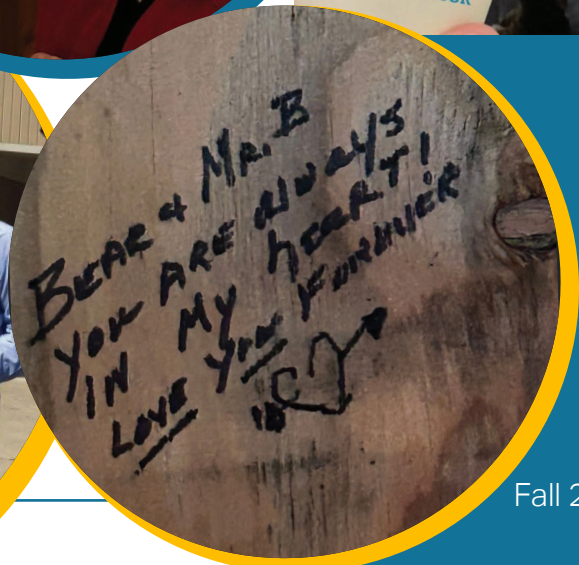
A tiny woman who loved her big dogs, Sherry has been a supporter of KHS since 1995 and played an enormous role in making the organization what it is today. Along with Dr.

Jen Stonequist, she was integral in the passage of State Bill 5004, which allowed nonprofit humane societies to provide veterinary services to households

that are low-income. That bill directly led to the construction of the new Russ and Linda Young Veterinary Lifesaving Center. She also led the way in the fundraising and construction of the Pet Adoption Center before joining the Board of Directors in October of 2020.

As a State Representative, Sherry represented the 23rd Legislative District, which includes Bainbridge Island, Keyport, Kingston, Suquamish, Port Gamble, Silverdale, and East Bremerton. She was first elected in 2004, and served five terms in office. She also served on the Poulsbo City Council for two terms, the state Commission on Judicial Conduct, and the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, to which she was appointed by both Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

A longtime Poulsbo resident, Sherry will be remembered by her friends at Kitsap Humane Society as always being a positive light in the room, a guiding force for progress, a wonderful friend who gave great hugs, and providing a loving home for her two KHS-alum Rottweilers Buck and Bear and her cat Mr. B.



PUPPUCCINO AND PURR- UCCINO PALS

Want to promote your business while supporting our furry friends? Become a Puppuccino or Purr-uccino Pal! You'll reach KHS' more than 200,000 social media followers and be featured in our monthly newsletter, Shelter Tails. Learn more by scanning the QR code.





SAM

It takes a lot of passion, dedication, and blood, sweat and tears to ensure that Kitsap Humane Society succeeds in its mission. It also takes a lot of resources. That's why our Development team works so hard to raise dollars and make them go as far as they can. To that end, we enlist a lot of different strategies to finance our efforts, including events like PetsWalk, Putting Fore Pets, and our annual Animal Krackers Gala. We also rely on the kindness of local businesses and their third-party fundraising efforts, such as those hosted by Crumbl Cookies, the 19th Hole, Hops n Drops, and of course – our biggest fundraiser of the year – Haselwood Auto Group (thanks, all!)

And we call on the generosity of individual donors in various capacities, one of which is planned giving and naming opportunities on the KHS campus. How's that work? Here are a few recent stories:

Sam was adopted from KHS over a decade ago by a Kingston man who shared our love for animals. Coincidentally, the man was friends with Dr. Jim Moore – local veterinarian and former KHS Board Member – who recommended he adopt the dog. Fast-forward years later, when the man passed away, and part of his estate – which included his Kingston home – was left to KHS. Today, the proceeds from his estate will be one of the first seeds of what we're calling **"Sam's Angel Fund"** (named after his pup) – which will support our low-cost veterinary care for community companion animals.

"We rescued each other." So said Paula Carlson about her boy "Poppy" – a Keeshond/Border Collie mix with a touch of Golden Retriever and a whole lot of love. "There was just something about that face," said Paula. "I promised him right there that he'd never spend another night in a cage." And he didn't. For nearly eight years and one move to Gig Harbor together, Poppy and Paula lived happily until they received devastating news: both were diagnosed with terminal cancer. But that wasn't going to keep Paula from keeping her promise. "I promised I would take care of him. And I will. He's the most loving dog." Paula passed away at the end of September,

PHILANTHROPY FOCUS

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but her legacy will live forever in **"Poppy's Memorial Courtyard"** – a peaceful space to be built adjacent to the new clinic, where people will be able to sit and reflect on their time with their beloved pets. A space made possible by Paula's estate.

The Jacobi family loves their animals and they love supporting animal welfare in Kitsap County. The Jacobi family is also enormously generous and contributed the bulk of the money to build **The Big Animal Barn, Donated by the Jacobi Family Foundation** that is now being constructed on the south end of the KHS campus. The Barn will largely be used by our Animal Control Officers to house animals such as horses, goats, sheep, roosters, and others that can't be housed in already existing kennels. It will help ACO do their jobs more efficiently and cost-effectively and the Jacobi family will forever be remembered for their love of animals big and small.



POPPY



These are just a few of the many, many stories of people who have contributed to our past successes and future victories. If you'd like to join these generous humans in supporting KHS' mission, please scan the code.



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GOOD GOLLY, WE LOVE MISS MOLLY

She's something of a celebrity among the kennel-lined walls of Kitsap Humane Society, one of the many stand-out volunteers who's not only a tremendously dedicated dog-walker, but also might just be a little magical. Maybe that's because Molly feels a special kinship with the dogs at the shelter – especially the ones who have had a bit of a tough time.

and really felt a connection, because she'd lost everything too."

Right there and then, Molly decided she was going to work to make sure no other dog would feel that way, and 11 years later, she's still at it – and has become one of KHS's driving forces.

Thank you Molly, for being there for Parker and all the other dogs – and being there for us.



"When my dad passed away, I was looking for something to get me out of the slump I found myself in," recalls Molly. "Kitsap Humane was recruiting volunteers, so I came in. After orientation, they took us in to meet the dogs and it was amazing. It was really busy, but everyone was so kind, so open, working with the dogs. We got to the last kennel in the row and this dog was just kind of facing the wall. She'd been brought in because her owner passed away. I looked in her eyes



If you would like to learn more about Molly, please scan the QR code.

HAPPY TAILS JUST A FEW MORE SUCCESS STORIES FROM KHS:



Caleb

Saved from a hoarding situation by Animal Control Officers in May of 2023, Caleb was matted and had health issues when transported to KHS. After some much-needed dental work and other care, he was adopted out in June and now spends his days shopping with his new mama and just generally being super cute.

Ballaio is a beautiful white pittie mix who was found running down the road in Port Orchard (after a three-hour chase). He was initially scared of people, but after going through some training with our Behavior staff, he found his person - a blacksmith from Belfair who now has a burly little friend following him wherever he goes.

Ballaio



Tonks

Henley was nine years old and heartbroken when her best friend moved away. So, she did what any pre-teen would do and saved up for a bearded dragon. Her mother found Tonks on the KHS website and brought him home as a surprise. You've never seen a happier little girl.



View our adoptable pets by scanning the QR code.

SERVICES DIRECTORY:

KHS is dedicated to serving as more than a shelter to pets and people in need. For more information, please visit kitsap-humane.org or call (360) 692-6977.

ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

Cats, dogs, and critters are available for adoption at kitsap-humane.org/adopt.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officers serve and protect both pets and people in our community. To report an incident or file a complaint involving a domestic animal, please call **911**.

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

If you would like information about training or other solutions for supporting your dog, please contact dogbehavior@kitsap-humane.org, and for cat owners, please contact catbehavior@kitsap-humane.org.

COMMUNITY CATS

KHS offers support to community and feral cat colonies, including spay/neuter surgeries, ear-tipping, rabies vaccinations, and humane traps for rent. kitsap-humane.org/resources/community-cats/

EUTHANASIA & CREMATION

We offer low-cost humane euthanasia services in a caring environment by appointment only. Low-cost cremation services are also available. kitsap-humane.org/vet-services/euthanasia-cremation/

FINDING A HOME FOR YOUR PET

We realize the decision to surrender or re-home your pet can be difficult, and we are here to serve as a resource with options at the shelter and private alternatives. kitsap-humane.org/resources/surrendering-your-pet/

LOST & FOUND PETS

KHS accepts lost and found animals daily from 11 am to 5 pm. Lost pets are regularly listed on our website. kitsap-humane.org/resources/lostfound-pets/

PET FOOD PANTRY

We believe the best place for pets is with their loving families and we are committed to keeping families together whenever possible with our Pet Food Pantry. The pantry is open every day from 11 am to 4 pm. Information on how to qualify can be found at kitsap-humane.org/resources.

PET LICENSING

Pet licenses are required by law in unincorporated Kitsap County and all municipalities for pets 6 months or older. It is much easier to reunite lost pets with their families when they are licensed and wearing their tags. kitsap-humane.org/resources/licensing/

PET PROTECTION PROGRAM

KHS offers temporary safe-haven to cats belonging to victims of domestic violence and people experiencing job loss, homelessness, or other unexpected life changes. To learn more about this program, please visit kitsap-humane.org/resources.

PET SUPPLIES

Our retail store inside the shelter offers a variety of pet supplies.

PET TRAINING & SUPPORT

KHS is proud to offer post-adoption and behavioral support for dog and cat owners. For help with your dog, please email dogbehavior@kitsap-humane.org and for your cat, please email catbehavior@kitsap-humane.org.

SPAY & NEUTER

KHS offers low-cost spay/neuter services to Kitsap County and Mason County pet owners who meet our annual income guidelines. Learn more at kitsap-humane.org/resources.

WAYS TO HELP:

To learn more about how to support our lifesaving work, please visit kitsap-humane.org.

SAM'S ANGEL FUND

We're building a stronger safety net for pets and their people with Sam's Angel Fund. To learn more, please email jnocula@kitsap-humane.org.

SPONSORSHIPS

For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact jreynolds@kitsap-humane.org.

DONATE ITEMS

KHS is always in need of supplies to keep our shelter animals clean, happy, and comfortable. Donations can be dropped off any time in the donation bins at the shelter's front doors.

FOSTER CARE

KHS depends on its network of lifesaving foster volunteers to care for our most in-need animals. To get started, please visit kitsap-humane.org/foster-care.

FUNDRAISE FOR THE ANIMALS

We could not care for animals in need without our pet-loving community! Interested in hosting a fundraiser for KHS? Please contact kfleischmann@kitsap-humane.org

MONETARY DONATIONS

Donate to KHS and transform the lives of vulnerable pets by helping us provide lifesaving veterinary care, low-cost spay/neuter and vaccinations, rehabilitative behavior and foster support, and loving forever homes by visiting kitsap-humane.org/donate.

PLANNED GIVING

Make a big impact with a future gift as a member of our Friends Forever Society! Ready to start? Please contact jnocula@kitsap-humane.org.

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VEHICLE DONATION

Honk if you love shelter pets! Turn your clunker into cash for pets in need. For assistance, please email info@kitsap-humane.org

VOLUNTEER

Kitsap Humane Society needs you! Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions and help with all kinds of duties at the shelter. To get started, please visit kitsap-humane.org/get-involved.



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