

# PetsWALK for Participants

## The Big Day is Almost Here!

**Thank you for being a part of PetsWALK and supporting the mission of Kitsap Humane Society!** The 33rd Annual Kitsap Humane Society PetsWALK, presented by **Animal Emergency & Specialty Center**, is just around the corner and thanks to your incredible support, we're close to eclipsing our \$50,000 fundraising goal. Below are a few details about the event and what you can do to make the most of the most fun event of the summer!

### Help Us Finish Strong

There's still time to make an impact. While event day is almost here, fundraising isn't over yet. Share your fundraising page one more time, send a quick message to friends and family, or make a gift yourself. **Every dollar raised helps provide lifesaving care for animals in need.**

### What Donations Can Do

- \$30** provides vaccinations for a shelter animal
- \$50** covers 10 microchips
- \$100** helps repair a wound for an injured animal
- \$250** supports a diabetic pet throughout their stay
- \$500** helps transport 10 at-risk pets from partner shelters
- \$1,000** helps raise a litter of orphaned kittens

Cash or check donations can be turned in at the **Kitsap Humane Society Merchandise Booth** during PetsWALK and will count toward your fundraising total. Every gift helps provide shelter, medical care, and second chances for animals in our community.

### Meet Charley & Harley

Our beloved **PetsWALK spokespets, Charlie and Harley**, will be waiting at the finish line to greet participants, help hand out fundraising prizes and participant bags, and celebrate your fundraising achievements.



### Could Your Pet Be the Next PetsWALK Spokespet?

Any individual who raises \$1,000 or more will be entered into a drawing for the chance to have their pet named the **2027 PetsWALK Spokespet** and be featured throughout the community. Our Top Individual Fundraiser will also receive a featured spot in the 2027 Kitsap Humane Society Calendar, including a professional photoshoot with **FourFoot Photography**. Top fundraisers will be contacted after the event as donations come in throughout the day.

## Parking Information

We strongly recommend using the designated event parking at either:

### First Lutheran Church

18920 4th Ave NE, Poulsbo

### Gateway Fellowship

18901 8th Ave NW, Poulsbo

From either location, make your way to **Lion's Park (585 NE Matson St., Poulsbo)** for check-in and the race start. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m.

**We recommend arriving early.**

Most downtown Poulsbo parking lots have time limits and paid parking will be implemented this summer. For more information, visit:

<https://poulsbo.gov/downtownparkinglandingpage/>

## Walk & Run Information

Choose either the 5K or 1-mile route and participate at whatever pace feels best for you. Check-in and both starting lines are located at **Lion's Park**.

Course maps will be available at check-in or online at:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/petswalk2026/page/3620670/>

Water stations for both humans and pets will be available along the course. **Please remember to bring waste bags** and clean up after your furry friend.

## Important Safety Reminders

To help ensure a safe and enjoyable event for everyone:

- Dogs must remain leashed at all times.
- Please leave dogs with known aggression or crowd anxiety at home.
- Dogs attending the event should be current on vaccinations.
- Please ask permission before approaching any animal.
- Children should be supervised when interacting with animals.



## Race Awards

Prizes will be awarded to:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place **Adult Finishers**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place **Youth Finishers**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place **Finishers with a Dog**

**First Family Finisher** (with children age 5 and under)

Winners must check in with volunteers at the **Finn-ish Line** and provide their name to claim their prize. **The Awards Ceremony** will take place at 11 a.m. on the Main Stage, where prizes will be presented.

## Finn-ish Line Festival & Vendor Fair

After crossing the **Finn-ish Line (named for our former Spokes-Dog Finn)** at **Waterfront Park (18809 Anderson Pkwy, Poulsbo)**, enjoy more than 40 animal-loving vendors, activities, food, and family fun. **DJ Big Dog Entertainment** will keep the energy going throughout the morning, followed by live music from **The Harmony Wombats**.

## Event Schedule

**9 a.m. – Vendor Fair** opens & **DJ Big Dog** entertainment

**9-11 a.m.** – Special presentations from the **KHS team** about KHS programs

**11 a.m. – Race Awards Ceremony**

**11:15 a.m. – Costume Contest** - Show off your style on the main stage!

**11:30 a.m. – Talent Contest** - Let your pet show every how smart they are!

**11:45 a.m. – Wiggle Butt Contest** - Need we say more?

**12:15 p.m.** – Live music by **The Harmony Wombats**

**2 p.m. – Vendor Fair** closes

Contest sign-ups happen onsite after the race and are **open to all PetsWALK participants and community members**. Be sure to visit the **KHS Adoption Booth**, where adoptable puppies and kittens will be onsite throughout the event. Since many of these animals may find homes quickly, we encourage you to **stop by early** if you'd like to meet them.

## Merchandise & T-Shirts

Be sure to stop by the **Kitsap Humane Society Merchandise Booth** at the Finn-ish Line Festival to browse KHS merchandise or get a commemorative t-shirt featuring original artwork by acclaimed illustrator Hubert Buel. **Exclusive PetsWALK 2026 t-shirts** will be available at the **Fingers Duke Booth**.



## Food & Treats

Hungry after your walk? Be sure to visit our food vendors near the pavilion.

**Yodi Dogs** will be serving hot dogs (vegan options). Participants wearing their 2026 PetsWALK shirt will receive free chips and a drink with the purchase of a hot dog.

Cool off with treats from **Cool Vibes Ice Cream**, grab a puppuccino for your pup from Starbucks, or enjoy refreshing Italian Ice near the pavilion.

There will be plenty of treats available for both two-legged and four-legged attendees.