

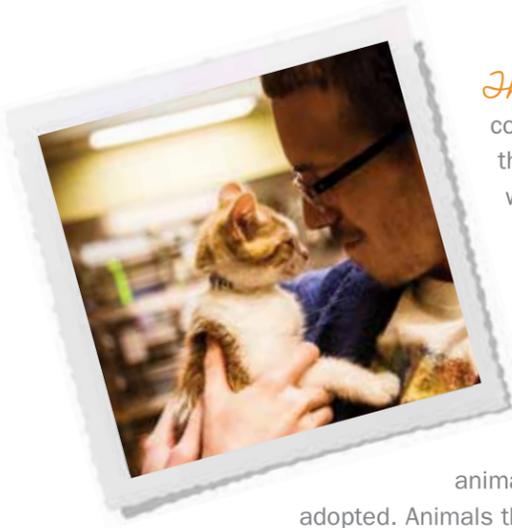
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Humane Society
FOR SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON



The kittens just keep coming. Today's animal count shows that we have 111 kittens living with foster families. Did you also know that we have more than 200 individuals and families who serve as fosters for kittens, puppies, dogs and cats. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, our foster parents care for, work with, and train

animals who are not yet ready to be adopted. Animals that are hurt, afraid, too young, too aggressive, need healing time....prevented by any number of physical or behavioral challenges that delay their immediate adoption. Sometimes, this takes only a few days or weeks; sometimes fostering lasts for months. And yet, these incredible people come back again and again taking another dog or another cat into their care.

There is no way to ever appropriately thank these volunteers for their time, passion and dedication they show these needy animals. Because of them, hundreds of our furry friends find their way into new families

every year where their lives are enriched, as they enrich the lives of their new loved ones. Of course, from time to time, these fosters "fail" in their mission, like I did, and fall in love with their charges. Unwilling to give them up, they adopt them into their own families. Either way, everybody wins! The way we see it, fosters are modern day heroes. And, they deserve our grateful thanks and respect!

Stacey A. Graham
President

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ReTails is a hit



Opening its doors for the first time on September 2, ReTails Thrift Store is well received by loyal customers as well as new friends. It is great to watch people enter the store for the first time. Customers are pleasantly surprised with the layout, size of the new store, variety of items as well as flow and merchandising. Room sets throughout the store help create warmth and ideas for shoppers.

Things happening around ReTails

- **A Christmas Tail...** Beginning Monday, November 10, A Christmas Tail will move from the "blow out" location to the ReTails Thrift Store boutique. It will feature fully-decorated, ready-to-go trees, wreaths, ornaments, snow globes, nutcrackers and serving ware. A Christmas Tail will be open until December 24.
- **Cats are available all the time for adoption at the store.** Numerous cats have gone to their new homes via ReTails since opening.
- **Volunteers needed at ReTails.** Volunteering at ReTails is a great way to support the dogs and cats. If you're interested in merchandising, sorting items, working with customers or an array of other tasks, email **Shonda Feather at sfeather@southwesthumane.org**.

A CHRISTMAS Tail

- **Each month, special promotions are created for the store.** Located near the front check-out area, you will find a monthly flier that features specials and fun things happening that month. Sign up to receive monthly e-blasts featuring the latest promos and info.
- **Donations are always welcome.** Remember ReTails for your gently used items. It's all for the dogs and cats.
- **New store hours.** From now through March 31, store hours have been shortened for the winter. Open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., we're waiting to see you and help you find some new treasures.



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Pet Portraits with Santa

At Retails Thrift Store - 5000 E Fourth Plain Blvd.

Fri, December 5, 2-6pm &
Sat, December 6, 12 noon-4pm

Santa's packing up his sleigh and headed to ReTails Thrift Store! Your favorite jolly holiday man will be here to celebrate the season with Santa photos for the entire family. On December 5 and 6, you'll be greeted by a store full of helpful elves working away to make your portrait session worthy of your family holiday card.

So whether it's over the river or through the woods, make sure you save time in your holiday calendar for this perennial favorite.

Cost: \$15 session fee. Prints and reproductions not included. Digital images will be available for download the following week.



It's a Match! We asked our Facebook community to share stories of matches made through adoption, and we're thrilled with what we received. Adopted animals are thriving in the homes and hearts of happy adopters.



We adopted Max in January 2013. He was known as "Potter" while living at the Humane Society. I still have his paperwork from his foster family where they described him as a "Gentle Giant." He lives up to that description, and he's been a wonderful addition to our household. I'd never adopted an older cat before, but I'm glad I did. We love Max!

- Jennifer Stephenson



Cubby and GiGi have been with us for 2 months now. They are darling and seem to do everything together. When GiGi was groomed, we questioned if our Shaggy-Independent was really this Oo-La-La Uptown poodle they handed to us. Cubby is grateful to be with her life-long sister. The two of them have brought so much joy and happiness to our home.

-Christine Elias



Adopted at 8 weeks old, now 4 years old! My favorite thing about Paddy? Her sweet voice and kind demeanor. Plus, she is very affectionate.

-Bentley Haynes



We adopted Kingsley in May! He is 6 years old, does not like the rain, loves to snuggle and thinks he is a Rottweiler when he sees other dogs. We love him so much!

-Heather Beam



That's a lot of pet food!

Did you know that every year HSSW feeds more than 80,000 pounds of dry dog and cat food to the animals in our care? This summer, HSSW launched its food drive program and in only 4 short months community food drives have collected nearly 3,000 pounds of food! Our food barrel program is mobile, allowing a larger audience to donate food at sites throughout the community, meaning more meals for more animals!

Who can host a drive? Almost anyone! Previous drives have included banks, fast-food restaurants, summer education programs, state agencies and veterinary hospitals. It's a great way to engage your community and an excellent project for kids who want to help.



How long can I host a food drive? As short as 1 week or as long as a month!

Where can I donate? Most of our barrels are on the move, but you can donate any time at our adoption center-shelter, ReTails Thrift Store, Columbia River Veterinary Specialists or VCA East Mill Plain.

What do I need to do to host my own drive? Contact Sam Ellingson, Outreach and Strategic Partnerships Coordinator at 360.213.2626 or sellingson@southwesthumane.org to get started. Sam will work with

you to find a date for your drive and provide you with both print and digital materials to make sure your drive is as successful as possible.

Volunteer with us

From our ReTails Thrift Store to our adoption center-shelter, we rely on volunteers every day. With varied positions and times, we'd love to have you join our community of animal lovers as a volunteer.

Attend a volunteer orientation to get started. You do not need to register for the orientation, simply drop in and learn about our programs.

Volunteer Orientation

Where

Community Education Room

Humane Society for Southwest Washington (1100 NE 192nd Ave. Vancouver, WA 98684)

When

- November 15 – 3 to 5pm
- December 6 – 10am to 12 noon
- December 13 – 3 to 5pm
- January 3rd – 10am to 12 noon
- January 17th – 3 to 5pm

Adult Volunteer Program Requirements

- Open to adults (ages 18 and older) only.
- Volunteers must be able to commit to a volunteer term of at least 6 months, with a minimum of 8 hours of service per month.
- Volunteers must meet the requirements and scheduling availability for their chosen assignment.
- Volunteers must complete all required training prior to starting their volunteer service.

Freedom Fence

Have you ever seen a herd of Chihuahua's prancing and dancing all over each other? Or two labs, mouths open, galloping around enticing each other to play? The sight is full of joy. Here at HSSW, we are looking forward to repeating this scene in many variations every day for years to come. With our newly constructed, Freedom Fence areas, two off-leash areas for dogs, it's possible.

With a yard in the front of the building for small dog playgroups and dog-meet ups, and a larger yard in the rear of the property, Freedom Fence improves the care HSSW provides during each dog's stay with us.

Providing time away from the kennel environment can help alleviate stress, and provides an outlet for excess energy. The results are calmer, more relaxed dogs. Animal care staff have witnessed the transformative powers of a little free play time already.

"We've seen dogs cowering at the back of the kennel blossom out in Freedom Fence. It provides such a release. That same dog will come back and jump in your lap, come out of her shell and become an actively engaging dog. Many of the barriers to adoption (barking, a lot of energy, shyness) can be solved by time in an off-leash area," explains Tara Zimmerman, HSSW Canine Enrichment Specialist.



Freedom Fence also is used for playgroups; trained volunteers and staff organize and conduct play sessions with dogs with similar temperaments and size.

"It's a great way to teach social skills. Playgroups also help us learn more about each dog which allows us to give more information to a potential adopter," Tara says. Kennel cards now indicate a dog's play style and who their playgroup buddies are.

With the help of our community and partners like All Natural Pet Supply, Banfield Pet Hospital, GreaterGood.org and Pedigree®, Freedom Fence is a reality! We are excited about the possibilities and opportunities, and we are proud to say "let 'em run!"

Let 'em run!



Available for Adoption



Do you need help with estate planning?

Your Humane Society Can Help!

Many people are confused about what is involved in estate planning. The tax code is ever-changing, the legal words used to describe estate planning are hard to understand. For many people, it's just easier not to get involved!

Don't give up. Let us help you get "jump-started."

HSSW has a helpful Estate Planning Guide and professional assistance to help you, confidentially. All costs are covered by HSSW.

Contact Brittany Gosselin, Director of Development at 360.213.2617 or bgosselin@southwesthumane.org for your free resource material or to schedule an appointment.

We are here to help you complete your estate plan and check it off your to-do list!



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 ADOPTION | ANIMAL ADMISSION | LOST & FOUND VIEWING
 Tuesday - Sunday, 12 noon - 6:00 p.m. | 360.693.4746
 Closed Mondays

RETAILS THRIFT STORE Shop. Donate.
 5000 E FOURTH PLAIN BLVD, VANCOUVER, WA 98661
 Shopping Hours: Daily - 10am-6pm
 Donation Hours: Daily - 10am-5pm
 360.693.4746 x 400

MOBILE DONATION TRAILER: 1100 NE 192ND AVENUE, VANCOUVER, WA 98684 (HSSW Parking Lot)
 Donation Hours: Daily - 8am-5pm



Super Friends of HSSW

We'd like to take a moment to give an extra shout-out to some of our amazing supporters and partners.

PIONEER PEST MANAGEMENT - Pioneer Pest Management has adopted the Humane Society for Southwest Washington- donating their services on an ongoing basis as a gift to help us help the animals! Thank you Pioneer Pest Management.

BANFIELD PET HOSPITAL - When we needed help, you answered! Thank you for helping us get Freedom Fence up and running with a force of volunteers, and for contributing volunteer time to our new ReTails Thrift Store.

GOOD NEIGHBOR VET - We are proud to be a partner with you. Thank you for giving our community access to affordable vet-care through mobile vaccine and exam clinics hosted at HSSW and ReTails Thrift Store once a month.



RIDES TO THE RESCUE! VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM

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That's right, we accept cars, trucks, motorcycles, RV's & motorhomes, trailers, personal watercraft and most boats.



Learn the simple steps to donate at www.southwesthumane.org/vehicledonation