



# NEWS

## FROM HOMEWARD PET

FALL 2015

# A NEW START

Read how you are helping to keep families and their beloved pets together.



Sometimes our job is not finding new homes for homeless animals, sometimes it's helping animals stay in their homes. Lending a little support to someone who is trying desperately to live up to the promise of providing their dog or cat a 'forever home'. Everyone who's ever loved an animal knows the incredible bond between you and your pet. For Melissa, that bond is absolutely essential...and was about to be broken.

Melissa has been homeless off and on for the last 3 years. She's making every effort to overcome difficult circumstances and get her life back on track. Through the tremendous work of Hopelink, she was able to find transitional housing in Duvall for her and her son. But one family member was not able to move in.

Rosco is Melissa's 1 year-old Jack Russell mix, a certified therapy dog that provides aid and comfort, and assists Melissa with challenges in mental health. Rosco's been part of the family since he was a pup, but Melissa hadn't yet been able to afford to get him neutered, and that was required by the lease. "I could lose my place to live if I don't get him neutered, and I don't have the money to pay for neutering anywhere," Melissa told our Clinic Manager when she made her first worried call to Homeward Pet.

"He's such a great dog. I could really use the help," she added. But she didn't have to. We already knew that she and Rosco shared an extraordinary bond, and we could hear in her voice her dedication to give Rosco the best home she could.

She just needed a little help.

A week later, Melissa brought Rosco into the Dunmire Veterinary Clinic at Homeward Pet, and that afternoon, with Rosco recovering from his procedure, they were off to the home they would now share. Their forever home.

Keeping animals in their homes is at the heart of what we do. It's why our Adopter Support team is available to help every adopter with the transition of their new pet into their home; it's why the Homeward Pet Food Bank distributes pet food and supplies to 9 area food banks, including HopeLink, helping 700 families a week provide for their pets; and it's why we didn't hesitate when Melissa needed our help to keep her family together. "You guys were really great for doing this for me. Thank you," Melissa told us when she picked up Rosco. But she didn't have to. Rosco's wagging tail said it all.



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As one of Washington State's leading no-kill animal shelters, Homeward Pet Adoption Center's mission is to give homeless animals a second chance through our rescue, shelter and adoption programs.

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# From the Operations Director

## Giving More Animals Hope

Thanks to your generous support, 2015 is turning out to be our best year ever. Eight months into our 25th Anniversary year, you've helped us place nearly 1,100 cats and dogs into their forever homes, and we're on pace to do more adoptions this year than ever before.

One of the things we're most excited about is the increase in cat adoptions at Homeward Pet this year, as the number of unwanted litters born each year continues to be a major issue across the state. Through August, our adult cat adoptions are up over 18%!

All of your status shares on social media, personal referrals to friends and family, and generous gifts are making a meaningful difference in the lives of our cats and dogs.



But it's not just about the number of animals that find their forever homes. It's also about the Special Needs animals that require extra medical or behavioral attention, and the quality of care that, with your help, we're able to provide every animal during their stay. Neo, a beautiful 10 year old cat, was surrendered after her owner passed away. She needed extraordinary care from our clinic, including surgery to remove a cancerous mammary gland, treatment for hyperthyroid and a history of anemia. Through it all, she was the sweetest cat, and finally regained her health and a loving home with one of our amazing volunteers. Another story from the frontlines is Wynn, a Chiweenie, weighed less than 5 lbs. and came to us after a previous trauma had broken his hip. Our clinic was able to save him by amputating his leg. He was adopted to his forever home the moment his recovery was complete!

Not a day goes by that we aren't thankful for the tremendous support we receive from our caring community. Every donor, every adopter, every volunteer and staff member all share the same goal – to give every animal we take in every chance to find their forever home. Thank you for being part of the Homeward Pet Family.

Sincerely,

**Jim Keller**  
Operations Director

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# Homeward Pet Calendar

**October** Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog-Month

**October 3** Pawsitive Alliance's 4th Annual Statewide Shelter Open House Event

**November** Adopt-A-Senior-Pet-Month

**November 27** Homeward Pet Holiday Pet Food Drive begins

**Dec 5** Northwest Cellars Holiday Party

**Feb 2016** Homeward Pet's 26th Anniversary

**Mar 26, 2016** Homeward Pet Fur Ball Auction and Dinner - Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, WA

## Kirkland Uncorked

For the second year, Homeward Pet was chosen to be the beneficiary of Kirkland Uncorked, receiving a portion of ticket sales and valuable exposure to hundreds of animal lovers. The intense sun and heat didn't keep the crowds and dogs away from this wine and food festival at Kirkland's Marina Park.

In the dog-friendly Tasting Garden, Homeward Pet volunteers provided a little canine cooling with a doggy wading pool and some games. Staff were thrilled to meet so many alumni, including a 15 year old retriever, adopted from Homeward when she was just a pup! The shelter also benefitted from City Dog Magazine's Cover Model contest, held at the event on Sunday. Thanks City Dog Magazine!



The event resulted in an amazing \$10,577 for the animals in our care! Thanks to Bold Hat Productions, the producers of Kirkland Uncorked, and the animal loving attendees for their generous support and dedication to animal welfare!



## You're Invited!

**FUR BALL AUCTION  
& DINNER 2016**

**Saturday March 26, 2016 at the Meydenbauer Center**

[www.homewardpet.org/auction](http://www.homewardpet.org/auction) or call 425.488.4444

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# Happy Tails Wine Walk

On September 19, 550 dog lovers and 320 dogs took to the tasting rooms of Woodinville's Hollywood Wine District in support of Homeward Pet! 15 wineries opened their doors to man and man's best friend along with 19 vendors in our Dog Zone!

Each "taster" participant received an event t-shirt, dog bandana, tasting glass and 10 tasting tokens to redeem at any participating winery. There was no start, no finish and no stopwatch...except for the PupCake eating contests! Between sips of wine from our logo'd tasting glasses, participants brought their Pekignese, Poodles and Mastiffs to devour treats from PupCakes bakery! Dog massages, agility demos and raffles kept the entertainment coming.



The day was a wonderful combination of community support, relaxation and FUN! Thanks to all the sponsors, wineries, vendors and the dozens of volunteers whose combined effort raised close to \$45,000 for the animals!

**Happy Tails Wine Walk was made possible with the generous support of these contributors:**



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**Registration and Dog Zone hosts; Patit Creek, Forgeron Cellars, Genoa Cellars and Cave B Estate Winery.**

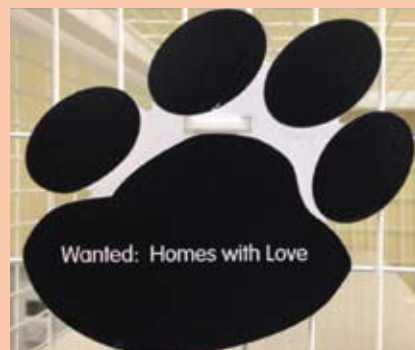
## Be There For Them Every Day of the Year

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# Banner Bank Gives Back

Banner Bank in Woodinville has been a Homeward Pet Holiday Giving Tree site for four years. Support from the community during the holiday season is so important in collecting the food we need to feed our animals year round. Without the help of local businesses, our Giving Tree program would not be such a great success!

Stacy Rapp, from the Woodinville branch says “we thoroughly enjoy viewing all of the wonderful volunteers walking and exercising the dogs available for adoption. As an organization very committed to supporting the communities we do business in, it is an honor and a privilege to participate with Homeward Pet Adoption Center in any way possible.” Not only does Banner Bank Woodinville display a Homeward Pet Giving Tree during the holiday season, Stacy says they “maintain a table in our lobby year round with the annual calendar available for a donation and many of our customers enjoy being able to support the shelter while picking up a calendar as part of their Christmas shopping!”

Thank you to Banner Bank Woodinville for their continued support of Homeward Pet Adoption Center, during the holiday season and all year long!

Want to learn how you can help homeless animals this holiday season?  
Visit: [www.homewardpet.org](http://www.homewardpet.org)

## Free Microchip Event

With the generous support of Invisible Fence, Homeward Pet microchipped 167 dogs and cats during our June Free Microchip Event! Each Tuesday, as well as June 26-27, Homeward Pet's doors were open to the pets' of our local community. They came in a steady stream for our vet team to painlessly implant this potentially lifesaving tool.

Every day, microchips enable the safe reunion of lost pets with their families, resulting in fewer homeless animals in shelters like ours. Thanks to Invisible Fence for making our event possible!



### Year Round Donation Locations

**Pet Pros** – Bothell, Mill Creek, Monroe

**Mud Bay** – Canyon Park, Redmond, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, West Seattle

**Petco** – Redmond  
7215 170th Ave NE  
Redmond, WA 98052

**Denny's Pet World** – Kirkland  
12534 120th Ave NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034

**VCA Sno-Wood Animal Hospital**  
17954 Woodinville-Snohomish Rd NE  
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4426 168th St SW  
Lynnwood, WA 98037

**Doggy Haven Resort** - Bothell  
5303 W Interurban Blvd  
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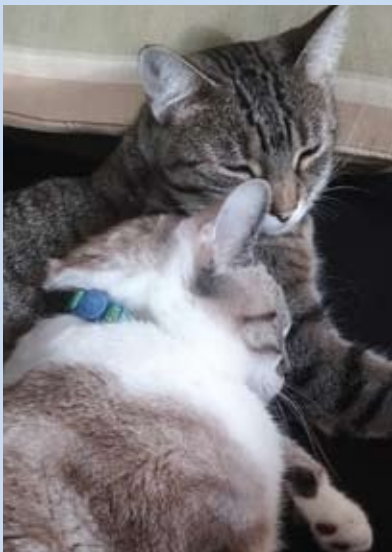
**The Whole Pet Shop**  
14219 NE Wood-Duvall Rd  
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**Interested in having a pet food drive for Homeward Pet?**

Contact Peggy Noll,  
Community Development Director at  
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## Happy Adoption Tail - Kebap and Pipa

"Kebap and Pipa (previously Boo and Cuddles) are doing really well in their new home. Their company is exactly what I was missing. They adjusted to the house within hours and were immediately social with the girls living in the Annie Wright Schools dorms. They've gone to their new vet and been deemed very healthy.



As for their habits, they love to cuddle and relax. Kebap is fond of crawling under blankets and into bags so that he can sleep. He's quite talkative and everyone loves his beautiful blue eyes.

Pipa loves following me around and smelling my food to make sure it's not meant for her. She also loves to chase strings and feathers, but once she calms down for the night, she loves to cuddle and groom her adopted brother (or me, if my face is closer)."

- Charlotte S.

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