

Cuddle Chronicle



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LETTER FROM NANETTE

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your support of Homeward Pet. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of dogs and cats, and the families adoption creates.

I know I am not alone in treating my dogs like my family. It is not unusual for me to refer to Frankie and Ursula as my kids or my babies. I have grand-puppies and grand-cats as well. I had a grand-rat once, although we didn't spend a lot of time cuddling.

Pets, whether they have fur or feathers, are family. They provide us with love, companionship, and support, and they make our lives richer in so many ways. They teach us responsibility, empathy, and compassion. They give us a sense of purpose and belonging. And they make us laugh.

This year, you have made so many families bigger by supporting Homeward Pet. You have helped to find homes for pets who were lost, abandoned, or surrendered. You have provided food, shelter, and medical care for pets in need. And you have helped to educate the public about the importance of pet adoption.

You have also changed lives for the positive. You have given children face licking giggles, promoted healthy living through long walks, and increased serotonin for complete strangers. You have brought joy to the lives of dogs, cats, and humans that will sit together in family photos during the holidays this year.

When you donate to Homeward Pet, you are not only helping a dog or cat in our shelter, you are doing so much more. You are helping to create a world where every pet has a loving home. You are helping to make our communities stronger and healthier. And you are helping to make the world a better place.

Thank you for your support of Homeward Pet. You are making a difference!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nanette McCann".

Executive Director
Homeward Pet Adoption Center



FINDING HOMES, SAVING LIVES

Allen Johnson Properties has been matching people with new homes in the Puget Sound area since 1990. A family business of "The Hardworking Nice Guys," Allen, Ben and Natalie are a three-person team that makes buying and selling easy by covering the costs of photography, home cleaning, yard cleaning and more. As a wonderful partner and advocate for homeless animals, the Allen Johnson Properties team also gives back to Homeward Pet as a Kennel Sponsor. Their charitable gift covers the cost of each dog that will reside in their sponsored kennel in our dog room for the next year! They are providing a reliable stream of support, so that we can continue to say yes to each animal in need that comes through our doors.



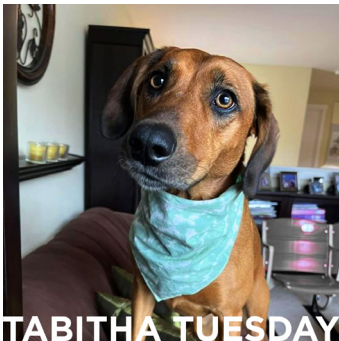
In the same way that The Hardworking Nice Guys find homes for people, Homeward Pet is honored and proud to work together in finding homes for the cats and dogs that need us. As a valuable partner and longtime, generous supporter, we thank you, Allen Johnson Properties team, for providing the home at Homeward Pet!

For more on how you or your business can become a hero as a kennel sponsor, contact Alora Knapp at alora@homewardpet.org.

LONGEST RESIDENTS

Every animal that comes through our doors is well loved and cared for. It's why we're here. As with any relationship, the longer you know a being, the more you learn about them and the more you fall in love with the nuances of their personalities. Our longer-term animals become staff favorites because we know them better. And, because we know them better, we can give you so much more information about the home that would make them the happiest.

Ask your adoption counselor about the animals you see here to find out more.



Tabitha

Tabitha has been with us for 326 days waiting for someone to take her home. While she has a loving and engaging foster home, we would love to see her in a permanent home that will love her for the rest of her long life. With the people she loves, she is sweet and cuddly and entertaining. Are you the person she will love next?



Couper

Couper has been at the shelter for 82 days, but he was just made available for adoption at the beginning of August, so we're hopeful he'll find his family soon! He also needs a dog-experienced home who is willing to continue all of the work our Behavior Program has been doing for the last three months.



Basil

Basil has been with us for 163 days waiting for a special home! Similar to Tabitha, he needs very experienced adopters who are looking to help take this sweet, sensitive pup to the confident, playful dog he truly wants to be!



Stanley

Stanley has been with us for 53 days, waiting for a pittie-lover to scoop him up and take him home! He loves his walks around Woodinville and can't wait until he has his very own neighborhood to show off how handsome he is.

HAPPY TAIL

Happy Tail Ahead: Junior and Nala

"About a month ago my husband and I adopted Junior and Nala! I wanted to let you all know that they are doing so well and we absolutely adore them. They have both (especially Nala) come out of their shells and shown their spunky little personalities! They have adjusted great to apartment living and enjoy long walks and lounging on the couch for a nap afterwards. They are the absolute best cuddlers and everyone who meets them just falls in love. Thank you so much for all that you do for your animals! We cannot believe how good of a match these two have been for us.



~ Lindsey and Ethan

RECENT ADOPTIONS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 09/16 **There's No Place Like Home 5K run/walk**
10:30 a.m. - Wilmot Gateway Park, Woodinville
homewardpet.org/events/5k
- 09/25 **Kitten Yoga at Homeward Pet**
homewardpet.org/events/kitten-yoga



INSIDE THE NUMBERS 2023 YEAR TO DATE



Adoption	
Shelter Adoptions	601
Dogs	140
Cats	461
Intake	
Shelter Intakes	667
Dogs	153
Cats	514
Animals helped through Whoopi's	
Fund for Special Needs	130
Dogs	49
Cats	81
Volunteer and Foster	
Volunteer hours	30,311.67
Number of Active Volunteers	680
Food Bank	
Dry food donated to HPAC	101,885 lbs
Cans of food donated to HPAC	36,920
Dry food donated to the Community	91,106 lbs
Cans of food donated to the Community	29,010

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook (@homewardpet) - 22,325 Followers

Instagram (@homeward_pet) - 6,114 Followers

You Tube (@homewardpet) - 116 Followers

TikTok (@homewardpet) - 242 Followers

Linked In ([linkedin.com/company/homeward-pet-adoption-center](https://www.linkedin.com/company/homeward-pet-adoption-center)) - 746 Followers

Next Door ([nextdoor.com/pages/homeward-pet-adoption-center-woodinville-wa](https://www.nextdoor.com/pages/homeward-pet-adoption-center-woodinville-wa)) - 197 followers

Please consider giving us a good review on [Yelp](#) and [Google Business](#).

NOT ALL KITTENS ARRIVE HEALTHY

As told by Jim Keller, Shelter Operations Director

June 27th was an unusual day at the shelter.

Actually, many of our days are unusual but this one really stood out. It was during this year's first stretch of warm summer weather that **we received a transport of 17 kittens who'd been living in a car with 3 mother cats and 2 caretakers.** They'd been doing what they could to take care of this "more-than-a-litter," but they were overwhelmed and needed help.

During their intake exams, the kittens were among the friendliest, most social we'd ever seen. We began with the usual - 17 FVRCP vaccinations and 17 microchips, treatment for roundworm, testing for FeLV/FIV - and then added some extra care, medications for giardia and tapeworms, and treating their tiny ears for severe mite infestations.

And then the test results came back.

Eleven of the kittens initially tested positive for FeLV.

Immediately, our clinic team sent blood samples to our partner lab for confirmation as the kittens were isolated and staff gowned up to provide their daily care. **The lab results showed that seven of those 11 kittens were negative - possibly exposed but not carrying the disease.** But four of the kittens were positive for FeLV, a highly contagious retrovirus that can cause significant illness and fatality in cats.

Ten years ago, these kittens would likely have been euthanized. Even today, some shelters must make that difficult decision to prevent further spread of the disease. But with our Isolation Room, an extremely committed staff, and most importantly, your donations to **Whoopi's Fund for Special Needs, we're able to provide the care they need and give them the opportunity to find their forever homes.** If their FeLV remains "regressive", as it is now, then with good care and extra visits to the vet, they may live long lives unaffected by the disease. If it progresses, they will have shorter, but no less happy, lives.

My wife and I adopted the most recent FeLV-positive kittens that arrived at Homeward Pet, 6 years ago. We had no other cats at the time and just wanted to do the best we could for Exene and Darby, for however long we had them. Exene lived to about 1-½ years of age; Darby to 3. They were playful, curious, comfortable, silly, beautiful, best buddies, friends with our dogs, and a part of our family. They deserved that. And we treasured every day with them.

Rhonda, Nova, Karma and Snake are available for adoption. They deserve it. **Your donation to Whoopi's Fund for Special Needs will make it happen.**

