

Four Paws

Newsletter of the Auburn Valley Humane Society



FALL 2019



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Kaluna

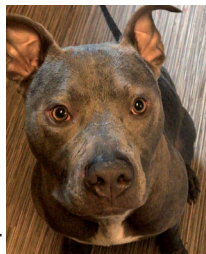
Kobe & Kaluna

The generous donations from our supporters give a running start and a new lease on life to dogs like Kobe and Kaluna. Kobe arrived at Auburn Valley Humane Society in May 2019 and extremely emaciated. He weighed a mere 30 lbs., which is devastatingly thin for

a 5-year old Pit Bull Terrier Mix who should weigh approximately 65 lbs. Though his body was weak, with signs of extreme malnourishment and open wounds, Kobe greeted everyone here at the shelter with big, sloppy kisses. The animal care technicians, volunteer dog walkers, veterinary staff, and his foster family, worked tirelessly to rehabilitate Kobe's broken body so it could match his sweet spirit. By the time Kobe was adopted in June 2019, he weighed a whopping 53 lbs and was steadily gaining more weight.



AVHS could only assume what Kobe's life looked like before he arrived at AVHS. They just knew he deserved the best care we had to give. So many pets like Kobe and Kaluna come through AVHS' doors; deserving of the compassionate care they need to start new lives and leave our shelter with a forever home. Kobe gradually gained weight and trust in his new owners. Then they brought Kobe back to AVHS shelter to meet with Kaluna. Kobe now has a furr sister, Kaluna and they go for long walks, romps in the park, and roll in the dirt in the backyard together. Kaluna puts her paw on Kobe and won't let him up. Kaluna and Kobe are very loyal to their people and very happy dogs.



Our Vision

To be a model of excellence in the advancement of animal welfare

Our Mission

Auburn Valley Humane Society enriches the lives of companion animals and people through animal sheltering, programs and community engagement.



Now that fall is approaching, we at AVHS look back at a busy 2019. To start, the Board of Directors has grown by three new members! The Gala and Barkfest, were both a huge success and the Pets Without Me program has kicked off. The Thrift Store had its fifth anniversary and a five year lease extension has been signed.

Our seven year agreement for housing the City of Auburns lost pets, ending in December of this year, and has also been extended for an additional seven years. Pet Licensing numbers have significantly increased over last year and animal intake, owner reclaims and adoptions have increased as well.

At the half way point of 2018, AVHS is on track to meet and exceed all the budgetary expectations set by the Board of Directors for this year. Most importantly, our live release rate for animals in our care has maintained at 98% + and our length of stay for cats is trending at 9 days and for dogs is trending at 4 days.

While this all may seem like business as usual at AVHS, it could not have happened without the efforts of our dedicated staff, the guidance and direction of our Board of Directors and the triumphs of this past year could not have happened without our loyal and hardworking volunteers. We have a great team here at the Auburn Valley Humane Society and as I look to the end of this year, I am very proud to be a part of it.

Thank you all again for all you do and helping us change lives... four paws at a time!

Phil Morgan
President/CEO

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www.auburnvalleyhs.org

AVHS Federal Tax ID # 45-0638467

Current Hours of Operation:

11 am - 6 pm

7 days a week

Closed on Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 and Christmas Day, Dec. 25 and New Years Day, Jan. 1.

Thrift Store

1123 E Main St SE, Auburn WA 98002

253-545-0314

Current Hours of Operation:

Sunday 11 am - 5 pm

Monday 10 am - 6 pm

Tuesday 10 am - 6 pm

Wednesday 10 am - 6 pm

Thursday 10 am - 6 pm

Friday 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday 10 am - 6 pm

Open on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Closed on Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 and Christmas Day, Dec. 25.



October is Pet License Amnesty Month!



Late fees are waived in October only!

Did you know? All dogs and cats residing in the city limits of Auburn require a pet license. Licensing your pet provides yet another layer of protection in the event that your pet goes missing. Each pet is given a 5 digit tag number that is unique and associated to them only. Purchasing a pet license will not only quickly reunite a pet with its owner, but funds received from licensing directly benefit the lost and homeless animals in the City's care and continue the Auburn Valley Humane Society's mission of enriching the lives of companion animals through animal sheltering, programs, and community engagement. Failure to obtain a pet license in the City of Auburn results in a civil infraction with a monetary fine of \$50.

Pet licensing locations:

- Online at www.auburnvalleyhs.org/petlicensing
- In person at the shelter or at Customer Service Center, One Main Street
- All local Auburn veterinarian clinics and hospitals
- By mail at Pet Licensing, 4910 A St SE, Auburn 98092

Thank You for the support

AVHS BARKFEST & ROVER ROMP 2019

The AVHS Barkfest & Rover Romp was a success and so much fun with more than 400 runners, walkers, vendors, volunteers and staff. Before Barkfest, we raised money by collecting sponsorships, pledges, and donations.

We raised over \$31,949 from sponsors and donors, to help with animal sheltering, medical and dental needs of the homeless animals that are cared for at the shelter.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Rairdon's Subaru of Auburn, MudBay, Marsha Goodwin, Green River Veterinary Hospital, Painting with a Twist, Pebbles, Singletary Law Office, Columbia Bank, Kriss Chiropractic, Walmart, Valpak, Pet Connection Magazine, Coastal Farm & Ranch, Kiwanis Club of Auburn, Professional Firefighters Local 1352, and Auburn Veterinary Hospital.

Special media sponsors: Auburn Reporter, Kiro7Cares and Warm 106.9 Hubbard Radio.

Thank you to all of our supporters, donors, and volunteers for making a great and successful Barkfest & Rover Romp!



Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube

AVHS Thrift Store & More

TREASURES GALORE!

every day of the week at
1123 E Main St. Auburn



Find your new treasures!
Every day there are new items
at the store.

We accept donations and
100% of our proceeds
benefit the animals at the
AVHS shelter.

Thrift Store & More Hours:

Sunday 11 am - 5 pm

Monday-Friday 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday 10 am - 6 pm

1123 E. Main Street, Auburn
253-545-0314

SUPPORT 2019 Events

www.auburnvalleyhs.org

Share the Love with our "Day with the Grinch" and Fill up the Subaru!

Date: Sat Nov. 16, 2019

Time: 11 am - 2 pm

Location: Rairdon's Subaru
3025 Auburn Way N
Auburn, WA 98092

Join us at our event featuring Share the Love at Rairdon's Subaru of Auburn. Fill up the Subaru with pet food & supplies and see the Grinch's heart get larger. There will be pictures with the Grinch, raffle baskets, holiday treats and cookies. We will have a photographer and a Grinch! Saturday, Nov. 16 - 11a-2p. Come early!

Photos with Santa Paws

Date: Sat & Sun,
Dec. 7- Dec. 8, 2019

Time: 9 am - 4 pm
Location: 4910 A St SE
Auburn, WA 98092

Bring your pet to our community fundraising event featuring Santa Paws, photo cards, raffle baskets, holiday outfits, treats and cookies. We have three photographers, 4 Santas and two scenes to get your pictures of your pet early in the month. Bring your pet for Photos with Santa Paws from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8. You won't want to miss this event. Come early!



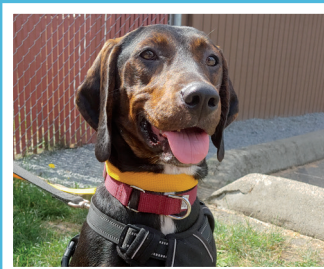
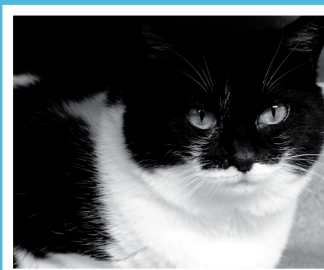
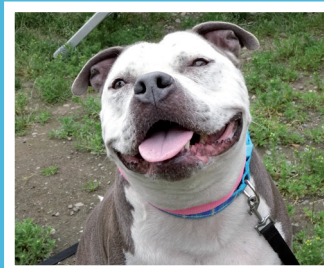
Gala & Auction

Date: Sat, Mar. 21, 2020

Time: 5 pm - 9:30 pm

Location:
Green River College
Auburn, WA 98092

Our annual Gala & Auction is scheduled for late March at Green River Lindbloom Center with a silent auction, live auction, dessert dash, wine toss game, pluck-a game, heads and tails, plus so much more. Support us to raise lots of money to help the homeless and abandoned animals who come to us as scared, frightened or confused. Help give them a second chance. Help us change lives...four paws at a time!



AVHS reunites 59.4% of lost dogs and 5.4% of lost cats with their owners. Special thanks to our social media friends that help us reunite lost pets with their owners.

DONATE GOODS

AVHS relies on donations from the public and we are always in need of supplies. We need:

- Friskies Canned Paté Cat Food
- Purina Kitten Chow Food
- Paper towels, toilet paper and kleenex
- Copier paper

We also love gift cards to Costco, Lowe's, Walmart, Home Depot, and Office Depot or requests from our Amazon.com wish list. All in-kind donations are 100% tax-deductible.

Please, NO dry dog food!

**JOIN OUR
VOLUNTEER
TEAM!**

VOLUNTEER PROCESS

- Complete a volunteer application online at www.auburnvalleyhs.org/volunteer.
- Attend a volunteer orientation to learn about the organization and the various opportunities available to volunteers.
- Interview with the Development Staff and schedule your training and volunteer experience.
- Take the appropriate training classes or hands-on training.
- Start volunteering! You can enter hours online when volunteering using AVHS' Volgistics Information Center portal.

Without volunteers, we would not be able to enrich the lives of companion animals in our community.

Volunteers Needed:

- Dog Walkers & Kennel Assistants
- Cat Care Cleaners & Cat Enrichment Assistants
- Adoption Events, Outreach Volunteers & Licensing Outreach
- Front Desk Greeters & Office Assistants
- Pet Pantry Food Bank, Pet Transport Volunteers
- Vet Services Assistants, Animal Care Assistants
- Laundry/Hospitality
- Foster Cat & Dog Volunteers
- Special Projects and many more positions!

Happy Tails to Share...



Use the QR code or visit our website for different options to donate to AVHS.

The Auburn Valley Humane Society strives to find a loving family for every adoptable animal. We saved over 2,266 animals in the past 12 months and had a live release rate of 98%. We love it when our new adopters share stories about our adopted animals. We love to share our success stories with you, so join us on Facebook to enjoy our stories regularly. Share our success on our social media.

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/Facebook-AVHS>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/AVHS Thrift Store & More
Instagram: [Auburnvalleyhs](https://www.instagram.com/auburnvalleyhs)
Twitter: [@auburnhumane](https://twitter.com/auburnhumane)

Skipper

Skipper, a 10 year old Japanese Chin mix, came to AVHS as a stray in June. He was given a full medical exam and Skipper appeared to have a small mass near his butt. During surgery, he had a big hernia repaired as well as extensive dental surgery. A total of 24 teeth were removed for his severe periodontal disease. He went to foster care to heal and he loves belly rubs now. He was adopted in late August as part of our Seniors (dogs) for Seniors (humans) Program. Adopted 8.22.19



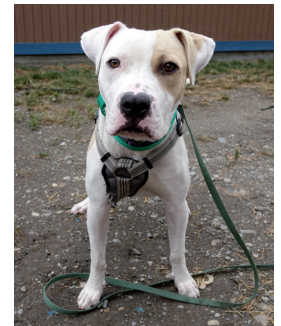
MooMoo

MooMoo, a 5 year old male black & white cat was brought to the shelter by an Animal Control Officer in early May as an owner surrender. He was neglected and scabbed from lack of care. He was also on the verge of being euthanized at another shelter for being too fearful and scared.

AVHS came to his rescue, AVHS was not going to give up on him. After examining him, they put him in foster care to socialize, heal and gain his trust. A wonderful donor paid his adoption fee in advance as an adoption sponsorship to remove any barriers for MooMoo's adoption. He was adopted after 30 days. His new furrever family says he is doing well and is an amazing cat. He uses his litter box, eats well and settled right in their daughter's room. Their hearts are full of purrs and snuggles. Adopted 6.1.19.

Duke

Corbin, now Duke, a 10 month old white large breed mix, came to AVHS as a transfer in January. He a teenager with no manners, needed training and an outlet for his puppy energy. He loved people but needed a family to love and train him. Adopted 8.24.19



Help Support the Animals at Auburn Valley Humane Society



Your gift no matter how small or large, makes a big difference to ensure that the animals get a second chance. You are helping to provide the dogs and cats with food, shelter, medical and dental care until we find them a furrever home. In order to continue our quality of care, we rely on generous financial support from our community to provide animal and human programs. All gifts are tax-deductible. During the fall months, many companies participate in **workplace giving campaigns**. AVHS is proud to participate in several campaigns. You just indicate that you want your payroll deductions to benefit Auburn Valley Humane Society.

- **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) - Employees of federal agencies in Washington State:** Charity ID #17577.
- **Washington State Employees Combined Fund Drive (CFD):** Charity ID #1481379
- **King County Employees Giving Program (KGE GP - King County employees):** Charity ID #9621
- **Microsoft Employee Giving Program:** #405474

Check with your employer to see if they support matching gifts for its employees. You can help the animals at AVHS by finding out if your company has a **Corporate Giving Program**, Or if your employer **matches your volunteer hours** while volunteering at AVHS.

Help us by using your **Rewards Card when shopping at Fred Meyer**. Link AVHS to your Rewards Card - Check to be sure your are linked to **KF808**. Kroger (Fred Meyer) provides AVHS with a quarterly donation check based on your purchases. This can be **\$700-\$800 in a quarter!**

Love to shop online at **Amazon??** You can use your same account by shopping at **smile.amazon.com**. Log in and select Auburn Valley Humane Society as your charity. A portion of your purchase will be donated to AVHS.

Give today!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and all the furry friends in our care, we would like to thank you for supporting our mission and your local Humane Society!