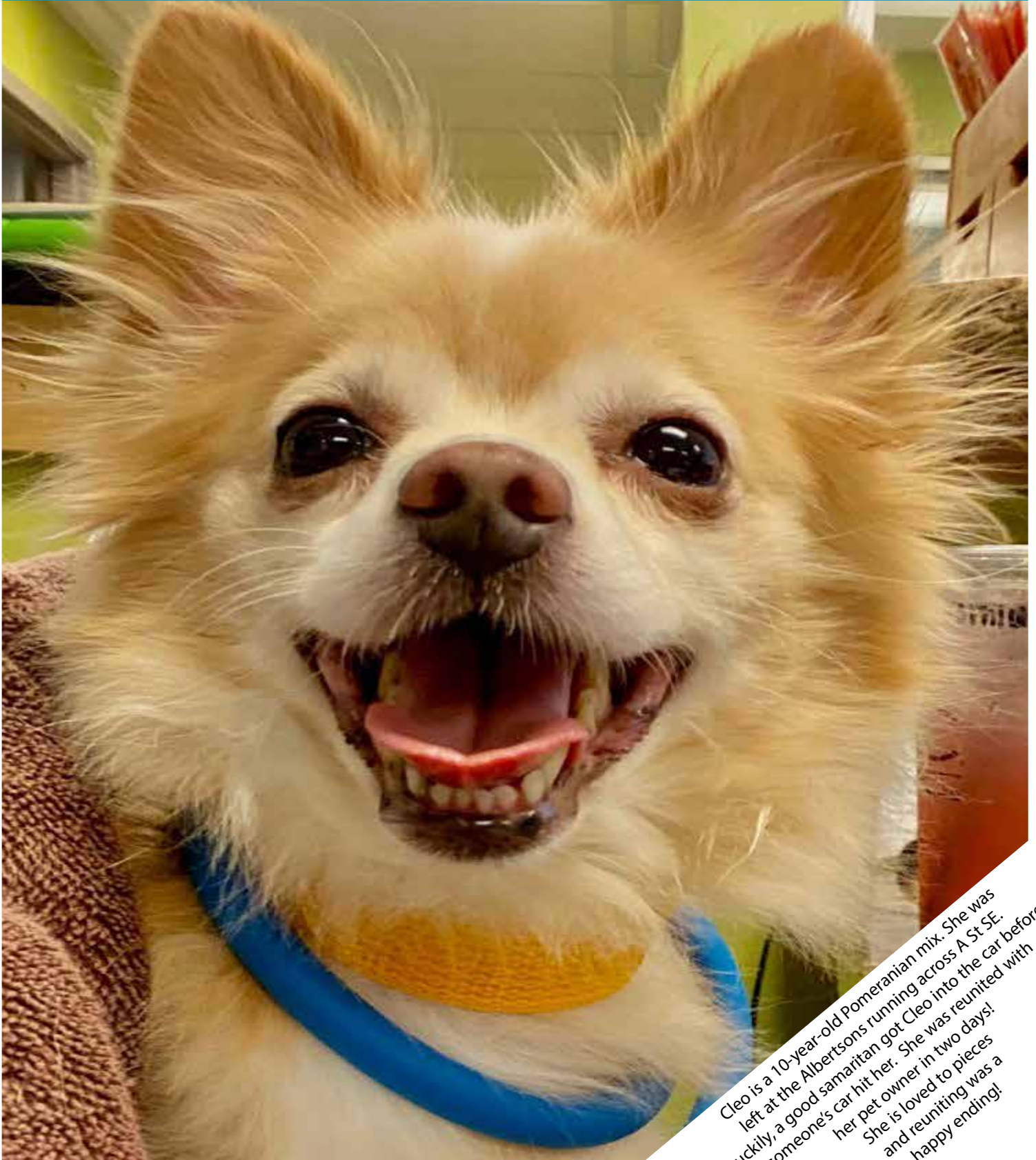


# Scratching Post

Annual Report of Auburn Valley Humane Society



2021



Cleo is a 10-year-old Pomeranian mix. She was left at the Albertsons running across A St SE. Luckily, a good samaritan got Cleo into the car before someone's car hit her. She was reunited with her pet owner in two days! She is loved to pieces and reuniting was a happy ending!



*Changing Lives ... Four Paws at a Time!*

**AVHS ANIMAL SHELTER**

4910 A Street SE Auburn WA 98092  
253-249-7849

**11am - 6pm 7 days a week**  
EIN # 45-0638467 | UBI # 603094796

**AVHS NORTHWEST SPAY & NEUTER CENTER**

6401 Pacific Ave Tacoma WA 98408  
253-627-7729

**10am - 4pm Monday-Friday**

**AVHS THRIFT STORE & MORE**

1123 E Main St Auburn WA 98002  
253-249-7849 option 6

Monday-Saturday 10am - 6pm, Sunday 11am-5pm

**AVHS Executive Board**

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*Chairperson*

**Shelley Coleman**

*Vice-Chair*

**Marsha Goodwin**

*Secretary*

**TBD**

*Treasurer*

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as of Dec. 31, 2021

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**AVHS Staff**

**AVHS Animal Shelter**

- Jennifer Haskins**  
*Shelter Director of Public Services*
- Michelle Gaston, MCVR**  
*Shelter Veterinarians*
- Vanessa Rucker, DVM**  
*Shelter Veterinarians*
- Emily Mattison**  
*Animal Welfare Coordinator*
- Angela Russell**
- Jade Todd**
- Kass Withrow**  
*Veterinary Assistant*
- Chloe O'Baya**
- Grant Wyena**
- Alli Jones**
- Meredith Besabe**
- Julieann Wright**  
*Animal Care Assistants*
- Carlos James**  
*Public Services Assistant-Front Desk*
- Felix Walker**  
*Public Services Assistant-Front Desk Lead*
- Emilia Duncan**  
*Public Services Assistant-Licensing*
- Reina Grimes**  
*Public Services-Licensing Lead*
- Ally Nauer**  
*Development Assistant*

**AVHS Senior Leadership**

- Phil Morgan**  
*President/CEO*
- Emily D. Purvis, DVM**  
*Director of Veterinary Services*
- Sharon LaVigne**  
*Director of Philanthropy*
- Tori Heath**  
*Director of Special Programs*
- Jennifer Haskins**  
*Shelter Director of Public Services*
- Chloe Williamson**  
*Clinic Director of Public Services*
- Candi Kesler**  
*Thrift Store Manager & Director of Retail Services*
- Jeanine Riss**  
*Volunteer Coordinator*
- Judy Lovejoy**  
*Finance Coordinator*
- AVHS Thrift Store & More**
- Candi Kesler**  
*Thrift Store Manager & Director of Retail Services*
- Amy Dobyns**
- Laurie Nygren**
- Belinda Thompson**
- Clara Vazquez**  
*Thrift Store Assistants*

**NW Spay & Neuter Center**

- Chloe Williamson**  
*Clinic Director of Public Services*
- Vanessa Rucker, DVM**
- Erin Donovan, DVM**
- Abby Snodgrass, DVM**  
*Veterinarians*
- Amanda Nemier-Smith**
- Heather Gascon**
- Michelle Wetzler**  
*Licensed Veterinary Technicians*
- Jade Todd**
- Nadine Ogrine**
- Kass Withrow**
- Sandy Petersen**  
*Veterinary Assistants*
- Tallee Brewer**
- Zeri Hoskins**
- Sarah Gavre**
- Katarina Pearson**  
*Front Desk Assistants*
- Kalloway Abraham**
- Carston Cox-Davis**
- Sarah Taubel**
- Jessie Carner**  
*Animal Care Technicians*

# OUR ORGANIZATION.....

## AVHS VISION STATEMENT

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

## AVHS MISSION STATEMENT

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

## AVHS CORE VALUES

*We value the compassionate care of companion animals*

*We value the humane treatment of all animals*

*We value our staff and volunteers*

*We value our relationship with our partners and supporters*

*We value our role as a leader in animal welfare*

*We value integrity, fiscal responsibility and careful stewardship of our resources*

*AVHS is a local, independent 501(c)3 nonprofit, which relies on donations to fund the shelter and educational programs. Donations made to AVHS are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*

## 2021 Revenue and Expenditures\*

**Community support makes our work possible.**

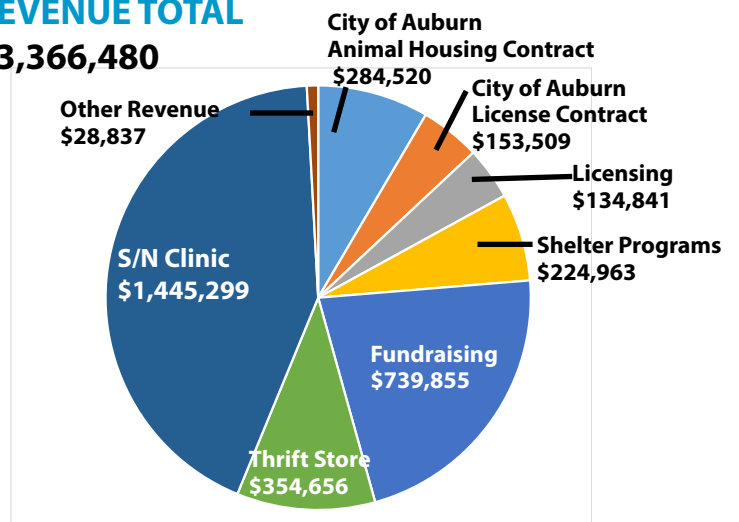
### REVENUE \*\*

COA Housing	\$284,520
COA License	\$153,509
Licensing	\$134,841
Shelter Programs	\$224,963
Fundraising	\$739,855
Thrift Store	\$354,656
S/N Clinic	\$1,445,299
Other Revenue	\$ 28,837
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,366,480</b>



### REVENUE TOTAL

**\$3,366,480**



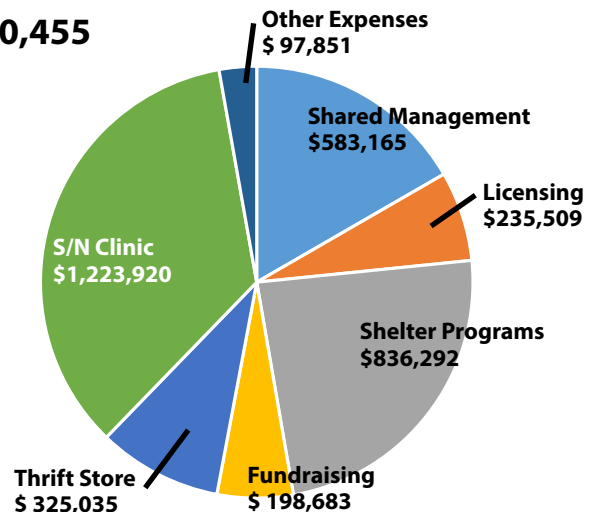
### EXPENDITURE \*\*

Shared Management	\$583,165
Licensing	\$235,509
Shelter Programs	\$836,292
Fundraising	\$198,683
Thrift Store	\$325,035
S/N Clinic	\$1,223,920
Other Expenditures	\$ 97,851
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,500,455</b>



### EXPENDITURES TOTAL

**\$3,500,455**



\*AVHS does not receive federal or state funds. AVHS receives municipal funding through agreements with City of Auburn for the housing of lost pets from Auburn and for pet licensing. AVHS is not affiliated with any national humane or animal welfare organization. AVHS is also supported by generous donations and support from private individuals, corporations, foundations, grants and program revenues.

\*\* Unaudited 2021 financial figures as of 1/31/2022



Rick Oliveira with Samson

# Message from the Board of Directors

Greetings my fellow animal lovers!!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'm pleased to present the Auburn Valley Humane Society annual report. 2021 was a remarkable year for the Auburn Valley Humane Society as we begin to turn the corner from the 2020 pandemic. The accomplishments noted on these pages are a proud marker of the dedication and compassion of not only our team, but also the community.

We continued on our path of being a leader in animal welfare through humane education reach, advocacy efforts and by advancing our animal care best practices, further fulfilling the AVHS mission, vision and strategic priorities. The people, programs, and services at AVHS are nothing short of a synergistic symphony. It is through the day-to-day operations of this organization that a message of empathy and compassion can be heard and felt in the community.

The successes of this past year would not be possible without our supporters and partners whose continued efforts help saves lives and highlight the human-animal bond. On behalf of my fellow board members, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dynamic CEO and the entire AVHS team, the volunteers, members, donors and valued partners.

Thank you for your continued support – past, present and future,

Rick Oliveira, Board Chair



# Message from the PRESIDENT/CEO

It is hard to believe I have been a part of Auburn Valley Humane Society, changing lives four paws at a time for nine years now. It seems like yesterday when dozens of dedicated volunteers, three employees, and I performed all of the daily duties at the animal shelter. As I look back at all of the challenges and triumphs of the past nine years, I am reminded of the real reasons Auburn Valley Humane Society continues to be successful.

Despite the chaos the pandemic caused, 2021 was a year of growth and progress for Auburn Valley Humane Society. This last year was a time of commitment and determination of our staff and dedicated volunteers to ensure our organization's continued success. Because of our merger with Northwest Spay & Neuter Center, we have grown stronger as an organization, strengthening our philosophies, beliefs, and practices, and reaffirming our mission and dedication to the citizens and animals in the communities we serve. We are very excited to look forward to our future in a post-pandemic world.

As 2021 ended, the dream of having a first-rate local animal sheltering facility nine years ago had become a reality. This past year, we revisited our mission and vision statements and reaffirmed our core values. As an organization, we reviewed our policies and procedures and always looking to increase the quality of care for the homeless and abandoned animals in the shelter and the programs we provide to the community.

During this year of growth, I am proud of our organization's accomplishments. Because of the pandemic, we looked at ways to pivot our efforts and continue ways to fulfill our vision and mission. Our dedicated staff and volunteers continued the hard work of fostering, caring, and adopting homeless pets, and the humane education of children and adults throughout our community. Partnerships with local businesses continued to flourish. The strength of relationships AVHS had built with the City of Auburn, the local veterinary community, and King and Pierce Counties' citizens enabled us to make it through this past year. Our donors' and supporters' generosity and concern for our efforts were critical in achieving our vision and mission. The continued pandemic turmoil did not impact our fundraising efforts that so vitally assist us financially to support the animals in our care. We held two successful hybrid virtual events, and the support was overwhelming. Auburn Valley Humane Society Thrift Store & More also continued to thrive. Because of the thrift store's 2021 success, we continued to grow our Humane Services programs and continue funding these vital services.

Our primary goal is always to find lasting, loving homes for the companion animals that come to us. In 2021, a total of 437 dogs, 945 cats, and 78 other animals were owner relinquished, transferred from other shelters, or found as lost animals and taken into our shelter. We gave them loving care, certified their health, administered all necessary vaccinations, microchipped them, evaluated their temperaments, and then spayed or neutered them. Many homeless or abandoned animals received necessary dental or extraordinary medical care. Once accepted into our shelter, there is no time limit on the animal's stay with us.

In 2021 we placed 941 pets into adoptive homes, and we reunited 220 lost pets with their owners. We also transferred 86 homeless pets to local rescue organizations. Because euthanasia is never our first choice, we are proud to report that our 2021 live release rate was 98%. AVHS reunited 56.48% of lost dogs and 7.44% of lost cats with their owners, both being higher than 2021, as well as higher than the national average. This year, all adopted animals left our shelter spayed or neutered, vaccinated,

and microchipped. Auburn Valley Humane Society spayed or neutered 717 shelter animals and 665 public animals owned by income-qualified of King and Pierce County residents through our SPOT program. In 2021, our new acquisition, Northwest Spay & Neuter Center, spayed or neutered 2,833 non-profit partner animals and 11,005 public dogs and cats for a total of 13,838 animals.

We are not only an adoption agency and a spay & neuter center; AVHS is also an educational organization. Community outreach is a vital part of our shelter. For most of this past year, we asked volunteers to stay home and stay safe. While our dedicated core of volunteers stayed home and stayed safe, they also pivoted, and many continued to volunteer their time both in their homes and at the shelter in limited numbers. Over 238 active volunteers spent 15,022 hours caring for 440 dogs and cats in foster care, doing laundry and dishes, constructing enrichment toys for the animals in our care, and helping at the thrift store. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and staff, we can keep the world informed on our progress through our website and AVHS Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages.

Over the past year, our Board of Directors has grown and given valued direction and support. We have diversified and successfully navigated our expenditures. We also grew our important animal-related/human service programs. The Public Veterinary Assistance and the Pets in Crisis funds assisted the owners of 73 animals with emergency medical care and boarding needs. The Pets for Life program provided support for 212 animals. With the pandemic beginning to subside, our Humane Education program, the Shelter Buddy Reading Program and the Girl Scout Badge Program were relaunched live and via virtual presentations with great enthusiasm. AVHS continued a memorandum of understanding with King County and DAWN to house the pets of domestic violence victims in our community. We partnered with Seattle Humane Society for the Pets of Seniors Food Bank, which continues to grow.

Acknowledgment for these many successes again goes to our dedicated staff and volunteers, the support of the City of Auburn and neighboring animal sheltering agencies, and the generous devotion of the King and Pierce Counties' citizens ... and especially, the financial donors and supporters of Auburn Valley Humane Society.

Despite being a year like no other, we have ended 2021 as an essential and vital part of our community. We are thankful for our 2021 accomplishments and we look forward to great growth in 2022 and a new normal post-pandemic world. We could not have done it without your help, and we are honored to still be here among you, continuing our mission.



Phil Morgan  
President/CEO



# BY THE NUMBERS

## INTAKES

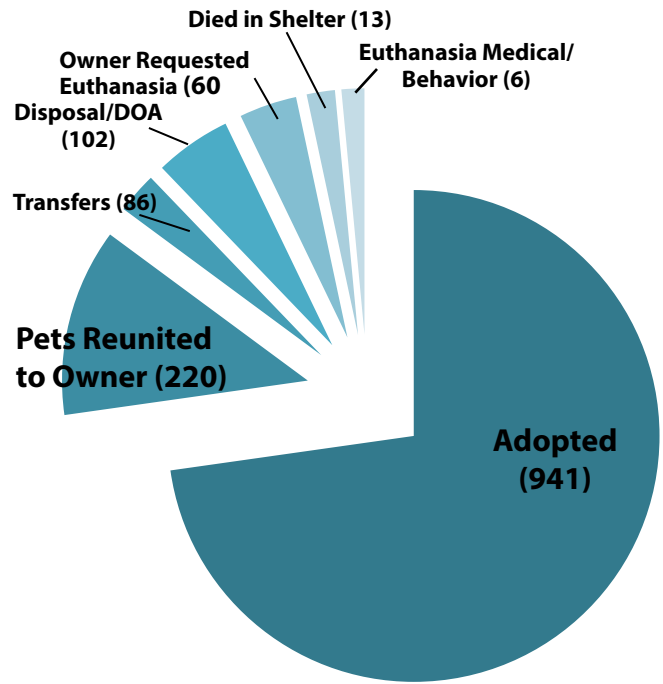
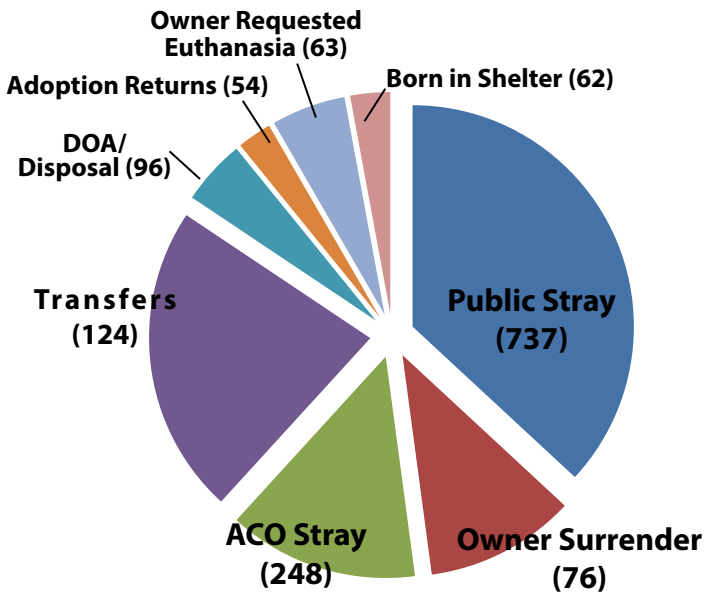
Intakes include animals that came into AVHS as owner surrenders, public strays, animal control strays, transferred from other animal welfare organization, born in care, owner requested euthanasia, DOA/disposal and adoption returns.

**TOTAL INTAKES: 1460**

**Dog/Puppy Intakes: 437**

**Cat/Kitten Intakes: 945**

**Other Intakes: 78\***



**TOTAL OUTCOMES: 1460**

**Dog/Puppy Outcomes: 445**

**Cat/Kitten Outcomes: 945**

**Other Animal Outcomes: 70\***

## OUTCOMES

Auburn Valley Humane Society strives to find a loving family for every adoptable animal. The outcomes include animals that were adopted, transferred to rescue groups, reunited with their owners, died in shelter, DOA (dead on arrival), euthanasia medical/behavior and owner requested euthanasia.

AVHS does not euthanize animals for time limits, space or age of the animal. AVHS utilizes every resource possible to find forever homes for the animals in our care.

\*Other intakes and outcomes include birds, rabbits, guinea pigs, reptiles, small pets and wildlife.



# MEDICAL STAFF AT WORK

In 2021, Auburn Valley Humane Society medical and animal care staff provide quality, loving care to every animal who comes into our shelter. The animals in our care receive physical exams, vaccinations, spay/neuter services, microchips and in some cases, extensive medical and dental care prior to adoption to a loving family.



**815**  
surgeries on  
shelter animals

Over **3,230**  
vaccinations were  
administered

Over **2602**  
medical exams  
on shelter pets



Live release rate:  
**97.5%**

Over **596**  
income qualified  
reduced cost SPOT  
spay and neuters

**0**  
Adoptable animals were  
euthanized



Over **25**  
dental surgeries on shelter animals

Simba before



Simba Adopted!



# ANIMAL WELFARE STAFF AT WORK LENGTH OF STAY ....

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

One of the ways we measure our success is by how long a cat or dog is in the shelter before they are adopted. The smaller the number, the sooner they go to a new home and the more animals can come to us for lifesaving care. Moving animals through the shelter faster reduces stress and illness.



**5.6** days for dogs for 2021

**8.4** days for cats in 2021

**126** pets transferred into AVHS from surrounding overcrowded shelters

**35** pets were transferred out of AVHS to surrounding rescues/shelters to better fit the pet's needs

**54** feral cats were trapped, neutered or spayed, and returned to the field to their place of origin to manage cat over-population



## WORKING CATS

**58** feral cats adopted to work as barn cats

**338** adopted through the Home to Home program



## FOSTER CARE

391 cats placed in foster care

39 dogs placed in foster care

10 other small pets in foster care

**440** Foster animals cared for by **79** foster volunteers



# FUNDRAISING

In 2021, AVHS donors showed their support throughout the year and helped us change lives... four paws at a time. Generous donors supported us through special event fundraisers, appeals, newsletters, gifts and many other opportunities.

## 3 Signature Hybrid Events

- AVHS Gala & Auction
- Barkfest & Rover Romp
- Photos with Santa Paws



Barkfest & Rover Romp



Raised Over  
**\$739,855**



Hybrid Gala - Online Auction & Week of Giving

## 35 Outreach Events

## 8 Adoption Events



Photos with Santa Paws



# VOLUNTEERS ... MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*Changing lives ... four paws at a time*

AVHS could not accomplish the mission without the support of dedicated volunteers. From foster care to dog walking to washing the kitty bowls and counseling at adoption events, the volunteers make a difference in the lives of lost and abandoned animals.

**238**  
Active  
volunteers

**15,022**  
Volunteer hours  
contributed in 2021

**440** dogs and cats  
lovingly cared for by  
**79** foster families

# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

2021 Special Programs include:

- Humane Education Program
- Pet Pantry (pet food bank in partnership with Seattle Humane)
- Pets for Domestic Violence
- Shelter Buddies (school children read to shelter cats)
- Girl Scout Badge Program
- Senior Pets for Seniors (sponsored adoptions of senior animals to senior citizens of Auburn)
- Pet Therapy (AVHS animals visit local assisted living facilities)
- Pets in Crisis
- Pets without Me
- Public Veterinary Assistance Fund
- Pets for Life
- NWSNC Pet Pantry



Reading to cats  
in the shelter to  
reading at home



**67** Pets helped by  
Public Veterinary  
Assistance Fund

NW Spay & Neuter  
Pet Pantry started in  
December, 2021  
and provided

**245** lbs. of food

**31** Seniors & **90** pets  
served each month through the Pet Pantry  
in partnership with Seattle Humane Society

**Pets for Life**  
provided support for **212** pets  
spending an average of \$126.24  
per pet





# PET LICENSING

AVHS is contracted to be the service provider for pet licensing for the City of Auburn.

## Why license my pet?

- Licensing your Pet is the law.
- All dogs and cats over 8 weeks of age that reside in the City of Auburn require a pet license.
- Pets without a license are subject to fines and penalties.
- Having a pet license quickly reunites a lost pet with their owner.
- Funds received through pet licensing benefit the animals in the City's care at AVHS.



Licenses Sold in 2020: **4494**  
 Revenue Generated by Licenses:  
**\$121,465**

### Locations to license your pet

- Green River Veterinary Hospital
- Auburn Veterinary Hospital
- Auburn Valley Animal Clinic
- A Valley Animal Hospital
- Affordable Emergency Animal Clinic
- Auburn South Auburn Veterinary Hospital
- Forest Hill Veterinary Clinic
- Hair of the Dog Pet Grooming
- Lakeland Pet Pros
- Tiki Tails
- AVHS Thrift Store & More
- NW Spay & Neuter
- Reber Ranch
- City of Auburn Annex
- Coastal Farms

Licensing Outreach Events: **0**

### Marketing Capacity:

- 4** Auburn Magazine Ads
- 2** Utility Inserts
- 18** Facebook Boosts
- 4** Nextdoor Boosts
- 2** Campaigns (Social Media/Display Ads) with Hibu

## Social Media Followers

Facebook (Shelter):  
auburnvalley

**20,368**

Facebook (Thrift Store):

**448**

Facebook (NWSNC):

**9,268**

Twitter (Shelter):

[twitter.com/AuburnHumane](https://twitter.com/AuburnHumane)

**174**

Twitter (Thrift Store):

[twitter.com/AVHSThriftStore](https://twitter.com/AVHSThriftStore)

**32**

Instagram:

[@auburnvalleyhs](https://www.instagram.com/auburnvalleyhs)

**2,644**

[@auburnvalleyhs](https://www.instagram.com/auburnvalleyhs)

**194**

[@northwestspayneuter](https://www.instagram.com/northwestspayneuter)

**823**

# THRIFT STORE

Auburn Valley Humane Society Thrift Store & More is more than a thrift store with housewares, tools, books, videos, clothing and pet items, pet kennels and so much more. It has dealer consignment booths featuring antiques, jewelry, specialty items and collectible treasures. 100% of the proceeds benefit the lost and abandoned animals at the AVHS animal shelter and funds humane programs.



Last year, AVHS Thrift Store & More...

Over **98,518** donated items raised over **\$354,856**

**15** dealer booths

**12** dealers sold

**10,011** items raising over **\$94,874** for AVHS



Dealer booth rentals, non-dealer and cash donations **\$179,788**

The public medical/pets in crisis fund (booth #59) raised **\$25,393** in 2021

The special medical fund (booth #60) raised **\$54,132** in 2021



Since 2014 the Thrift Store, raised over **\$252,159** from items in booth #60 for medical surgeries, dental needs, & medical food for shelter animals

Dealer booth #59 (Public Medical Fund) raised **\$114,528** to help public owned pets with veterinarian non-routine medical procedures





# NORTHWEST SPAY & NEUTER CENTER

Northwest Spay and Neuter Center provides high-quality spay and neuter services for cats and dogs in an effort to prevent overpopulation. Surgeries are performed to the public, partner rescues and shelters throughout Western Washington.

## Services at NW Spay & Neuter

- Spay & Neuter surgeries for the income-qualified
- Vaccinations and Other Services
- Partner Rescues and Shelters for Spay & Neuter Programs
- Pet Licensing for City of Tacoma and Pierce County
- Pet Licensing for City of Auburn
- Pet Pantry
- Volunteer Program
- Financial Assistance
- Feral Cat Program
- Spay it Forward
- Responsi-Bull Program with Hello Pitty Rescue
- Clayton's Fund provides financial assistance to pitbull, pit bull mix, and large breed dogs with spay and neuter services



## Surgeries in 2021: 13,838

### SPAYS

- 4718 Cats
- 2326 Dogs

### NEUTERS

- 4343 Cats
- 2451 Dogs

Partnered with over **45** local and regional animal welfare groups to provide services for **2,833** animals

Revenue Generated by Surgeries  
**\$1,445,299**

Provided **14,142** vaccinations

Placed **3,000** microchips to help return lost pets safe to their homes

## Why spay & neuter my pet?

Allowing your pets to breed contributes to the pet overpopulation problem in Pierce and King Counties. ONE female cat and her offspring can produce over 400,000 unwanted kittens in seven years! ONE female dog and her offspring can produce 65,000 unwanted puppies in seven years!

## What are the benefits?

- Your pet will not produce litters of unwanted puppies and kittens
- Your pet is less likely to roam or run away
- Your pet is less likely to bite and show aggression
- Your pet will be more calm, affectionate and overall healthy
- Your pet will be less likely to spray or mark their territory

Spaying and neutering your pet is a part of being a pet owner.

Having your pet sterilized benefits you, your pet, and the community.

Most importantly, spaying or neutering your pet reduces the number of homeless animals in our local communities.



# SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS OF OUR EVENTS

## Hybrid Whiskers & Paws - Online Auction & Week of Giving

Auburn Veterinary Hospital  
 Back Office Services  
 CBAK Designs  
 Columbia Bank  
 Comcast Corporation  
 Green River Veterinary Hospital  
 Marsha Goodwin  
 King County Councilmember  
 Pete Von Reichbauer  
 Kriss Chiropractic  
 MudBay Inc.  
 Pebbles  
 Praece Consulting  
 Singletary Law Office  
 Span Alaska Transportation  
 State Farm - Doug Klein  
 The Keimig Associates  
 Kristina Swanson - Windermere  
 RE West Campus  
 KIRO7 Cares

## Hybrid Barkfest

Auburn Veterinary Hospital  
 Ziva & Bailey  
 Coastal Farm & Supply  
 Columbia Bank  
 Green River Veterinary Hospital  
 Hello Pittie Rescue  
 King County Councilmember  
 Pete von Reichbauer  
 Kiro7  
 Kiwanis Club of Auburn  
 Kriss Chiropractic  
 Pure Ayre Eliminators  
 MudBay  
 Pebbles  
 Red Canoe Credit Union  
 Span Alaska Transportation  
 State Farm - Doug Klein  
 Valley Professional Firefighters - Local 1352  
 Kristina Swanson - Windermere  
 RE West Campus

## 2022 Calendar Sponsors

Anardi Family & Cosmetic Dentistry  
 Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Auburn Minuteman Press  
 Auburn Valley Animal Clinic  
 Auburn Veterinary Hospital  
 CBAK Designs  
 Columbia Bank

## Other Organization host events to help AVHS

AmazonSmiles Foundation  
 Anonymous  
 Auburn City Employees  
 Auburn Eagles Aux. #2298  
 Auburn South Veterinary Hospital  
 Auburn Valley Animal Clinic  
 BestHour Kickboxing  
 BJ's Enterprises  
 Charity Gift Certificates  
 Coastal Farm & Ranch  
 Cobbler's Pet Pantry  
 Emerald Downs  
 Facebook  
 Frugals of Auburn  
 Girl Scout Troops  
 Green Planet  
 The Kroger Company  
 LakelandLiving  
 Lake Tapps Living  
 Mt. Rainiers Cruisers  
 Mud Bay Inc.  
 Mud Bay - Sumner  
 Mud Bay - Federal Way  
 PayPal  
 PetSmart Charities  
 Puget Sound Law Group  
 Rairdon's Subaru of Auburn  
 Reber Ranch  
 Simple Smiles Auburn  
 Subaru of America Inc.  
 The Grand Cinema  
 The Bernese Mt. Dog Club of Greater Seattle  
 Toril Sells Homes  
 West Coast Sports Cards

## Paws for a Cause

Anonymous  
 Auburn Valley Humane Society  
 AVHS Thrift Store & More  
 Chris Bakholdin  
 Michael Carlton  
 Green River Veterinary Hospital  
 Anya & Gwen Heggen  
 Pebbles  
 Pet Pros  
 Mario Rivera

Farmers Partridge Insurance Agency  
 Green River Veterinary Hospital  
 Kiwanis Club of Auburn  
 Rairdon's Subaru of Auburn  
 Singletary Law Office, PLLC  
 Spectrum Sign Co.  
 Toril Sells Houses Team

## 2021 Photos with Santa Paws

CBAK Designs 2021 AVHS Annual Report [www.auburnvalleyhs.org](http://www.auburnvalleyhs.org)

*The kitties say  
 THANK YOU  
 on behalf of  
 all the furry critters*



*Thanks to our youngest donors giving to help the animals in our care from food drives, lemonade stands, and birthday parties*

*Thanks to our newest philanthropist for her learning how to give money to a non-profit*



*Thank YOU for your support and for helping us change lives...four paws at a time!*

# Highlights from Community Giving



**Thanks to Kentridge High School students who helped with food for the community**



**Thanks to Frugals presenting a check to AVHS President/CEO Phil**



**Thanks to the Toril Sells Houses team, our partner for giving back to the community**



**Thanks to our partner PetPros for helping with the Pawlidays**

**Thanks to our partner adoption centers at Petsmart-Federal Way and Petsmart Charities for helping us find homes for 150 animals**

**Thanks to MudBay & Pet Pros, our partners for food drives and holiday giving programs**



**Thanks to our contributors, CBak Designs for hosting her wreath fundraiser**



# HAPPY TAILS



*Changing Lives ... Four Paws at a Time!*

## Goose



Goose is doing amazing! He is such a sweet baby. He has really grown character, he is so silly and crazy, always playing and loving on us and our dogs. He immediately fit into our family and we can't imagine life without him.

The staff at Auburn Valley were so helpful and kind. I could see they loved all their animals and made sure they were taken care of. Adopted 9.21.2021

## Babs now MoMo

Babs has been renamed MoMo and she is already part of the family! She just got a clean bill of health from the vet today and was extremely well behaved throughout her entire visit. It took a few days for her to warm up to us, but now every morning, she bounds up to us waiting for her greens to be served. She also loves to socialize over a little bit of banana and apple. She is definitely bananas for bananas. We could not have asked for a better bunny.

Your staff were all warm, welcoming and extremely helpful throughout the entire adoption procedure. Thank you for all you do! Adopted 8.21.2021



## Albondigas

It's been a week and a half with Albondigas (Albie for short) and I'm very much in love! The staff and volunteers at Auburn Valley Humane Society were extremely helpful to me as a first-time dog owner, letting me know what to expect.

Albie has been a constant bundle of joy as he's getting used to Seattle. We've had a great time exploring the city and learning more about each other. When he isn't out and about Albie can be found either in his bed or cuddling with me or at my feet while I work. Adopted 10.4.2021

## Velna now Stasha



My name is Stasha, I was named after my super adorable mustache. My sister Zoe and I get along great and have become best friends! We love to cuddle and play together! My mom says I am the perfect addition to the family!

Adopted 9.13.21



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## Raava



AVHS does not know much about Raava's past, but we hope that her story can help shape the future for how we help our community and make a difference. Raava was found lying at the AVHS animal shelter doorstep in the early morning.

Shortly after her arrival, our medical team found Raava was incredibly malnourished with areas of sloughing skin, possible fractures, and weakness in her limbs. The vet indicated that Raava was very sick, the next 24 hours would be crucial

to her recovery. She was given fluids, medications, and offered small portions of food. The next day, the staff celebrated that Raava made it through the night. As the days passed, she slowly ate food and started her amazing recovery.

She went to a foster home to recover and heal. Each week she would visit the shelter to be weighed and treated medically. She was slowly gaining weight and starting to show more personality each time we saw her. Thousands of dollars have been spent on care, medications, and special treatments as she slowly recovers on the road to adoption.

Raava was an exceptional case with special medical treatments that were necessary to give her a second chance.

Raava is the embodiment of everything good in the world. At first, she was a bit shy but now as she is feeling better, the word "stranger" is NOT in her vocabulary. Everyone she meets is her new best friend!

Raava was adopted and has a playmate. They enjoy playing and walking together. It has been a great fit! Adopted 10.23.2021



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## Picante now Bennie

Picante, now named Bennie, is doing great in her new home. My husband and I have spent a long time talking about getting a cat and when we saw her in the window at the adoption center in PetSmart it was a done deal. She warmed up to us and our dogs so quickly and we couldn't be more pleased! She's extremely playful and adventurous and enjoys long naps in your lap. Here's a couple of pics of her enjoying her first Christmas in her new forever home.

The adoption process was smooth and easy and the staff at PetSmart were kind and knowledgeable. Adopted 12.12.2021



## Tulip now Octavia

Octavia is doing absolutely great, she is still a little shy meeting new people and with loud noises. We are working on basic commands (sit, stay, come, no, down, off, leave it, load up, with clicker training, and potty training with bells on the back door, which she is doing awesome with. We are trying to find something to help with her separation anxiety when I go to work, right now she likes to empty out the dirty laundry basket and sleep with my clothes.

She gets along really well with all other animals, she meets. She's learning "leave it" when someone isn't interested in playing with her, which is hard cause she is just so very excited.

All in all, she's a wonderful girl and we love her so much! As long as I have her clicker and a pocket full of healthy treats she doesn't get distracted and all she wants to do is learn and give all her love. Adopted 2.7.2021

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## Elvira

First and foremost I would like to say thank you to AVHS for helping me find my best friend. The first day I brought her home she was very shy and loved hiding under my bed and inside my closet. However, by the next day it became her house and we are now just living in it! She has the funniest personality, she's very playful, very curious, and

loves to cuddle with anyone in the family whenever she gets the chance. It's actually crazy because before her my parents were very strict on no pets and it took a lot of convincing and almost a powerpoint to get them to let me submit the adoption application for her and now my parents call her their "grand daughter". We've been calling her Meech and she's definitely a character and my soulmate. Thank you to all of you at Auburn Humane for making the adoption process so easy and helping me find our newest family member, everyone that's met her so far falls in love with her!!! I could sit here and write for hours on how happy she makes me, like when I wake up smiling because I can hear her little bell when she has the zoomies. I can't say thank you enough, Meech has changed my life thanks to you guys. Adopted 8.27.2021



## Luna and Nova

Luna and Nova are doing great! They are settling in well and having so much fun with each other and our 3 girls. Their first vet appointment went well and they are both healthy and growing! They love their cat tree, scratchers, boxes, crinkle balls, toy mice, and wand toys. We just love them!  
Adopted 7.29.2021

## Coraline now Zelda

Coraline is now Zelda and she is settling in great! Her energy levels are off the charts and she's so much fun. Our 2 older cats are getting a lot more exercise nowadays! Here is a pic of her on my desk telling me it's quitting time! Adopted 11.1.2021



## Huey now Zoro

Zoro (Huey) has been doing great with us! He is a people lover and is always down for a walk to the park or just laying around on the couch watching TV. I have noticed that he is very sensitive to other dogs depending on their breed. His favorite treat so far is dried lamb or pig ear. He's very easy to handle and has great house manners. We're still trying to figure out the situation with the cats but I think he will eventually get used to it. When coming to you guys all the staff were so nice and helpful which made my experience adopting Zoro great. Zoro has been a great addition to the family and I am so thankful I've found him. Adopted 9.7.2021

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## Shelby



We are so happy we saw Shelby on the Auburn Valley Humane Society website! This was the first time we adopted. Everyone was so helpful and the whole process went very smoothly! Shelby is settling in with the Carter pack very well. We love her very much! Each day, she becomes more comfortable with her new surroundings. She sleeps through the night, on our bed of course. Being only 2 years old, she's still very much a puppy and full of energy. From day one, she let us know she was house trained. She knew "sit", "stay" and "come". She's learning "off" when she jumps on us and "quiet" when she gets too exuberant when she's barking. She has conversations with the dogs in the homes surrounding us. We go for a walk around the neighborhood every day—weather permitting. We are extremely happy to have Shelby in our family. Adopted 11.24.2021



## Gizmo now Jax

Gizmo is now Jax, as we already had a Gizmo in the family. He is doing well and is still working on a couple things, but he gets better every day. Everyone who has met him LOVES him and he even comes to work with me. We are excited about Christmas, well I am!! He already has presents waiting! So, I'm looking forward to him becoming accustomed to his yearly stocking. Adopted 11.12.21



## Meowth now Lulu and Skitty now Poppy

Everything is going great with our 2 new kitties. They have adjusted to our home amazingly well. They are the sweetest, most active kittens I've ever known and are keeping us on our toes for sure. The adoption process was great. All the staff at the shelter were amazing and couldn't have been happier with the whole process. We were well informed, and the adoption went exactly as expected. Adopted 12.8.21.

## Frappuccino now Mac

We have renamed Frappuccino to Mac, so we now have Mac and Jax. Mac is adapting well. He is so loving and trusting. He is quite the adventurer and loves to be outside exploring. He has been the purrfect addition to our family. We really appreciate how helpful the staff and volunteers were, from dropping Mac off after we found him in our yard, to the adoption process a week later. Adopted 6.19.21





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