

# Happy Tails to Share...

Auburn Valley Humane Society strives to find a loving family for every animal in our care. AVHS adopted over 10,600 animals in the past 8 years and has a live release rate of 98%. We love it when our new adopters share heartwarming stories about adopted animals in their new homes. We love to share these success stories with you, so join us on Facebook to enjoy these Happy Tails and feel free to share with your friends, too!

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Instagram: [Auburnvalleyhs](https://www.instagram.com/auburnvalleyhs)  
Twitter: [@auburnhumane](https://twitter.com/auburnhumane)

## Russell - now Dreidel

Russell - now named Dreidel is such a great puppy and is fitting in well. We are working on housebreaking and learning not to chew furniture and clothes, but he is so playful and gentle with the kids. He is getting used to our routine and adapting how he plays with each family member. Dreidel is super interested in other dogs we meet along our walks. He definitely has some separation anxiety whenever one of us leaves the room. He loves to pounce on leaves that blow in the wind and has the cutest "roo" sound when he is happy to see us walk into a room. **Adopted 12.18.2020.**



## Buddy

Buddy has successfully transitioned, and he definitely knows he's the king of this house! He's decided my bed is his bed. He is certainly a cuddle bug and a bit of a diva. He's a perfect match for my little family. The staff went above and beyond to prepare us for him, making us aware of his history both medical and behavioral. They were super friendly. You guys run a tight ship! The facility was clean and well organized. **ADOPTED 1.24.2021.**

## Wyffe - now Nox

Things are going great! I renamed Wyffe as Nox, after the Roman goddess of the night. Nox was shy at first, but would still come up to me and sit on my lap. After getting more comfortable, she joins me at my desk to "help" me at work. She is my colleagues' new favorite coworker! Nox loves to watch the world from my living room windows and cuddle up at night for lots of pets. **ADOPTED 1.14.2021.**



## Freckles

I am happy to give an older cat a home. Freckles is taking her time to warm up to us but she will now come near me and occasionally has something to say. So far she has no bad manners. She is in charge of when she will allow me to pet her but I believe that time will come. She seems to be more comfortable with us each day. She has free roam of our home. **Adopted 1.5.2021.**

## Help Support the Animals at Auburn Valley Humane Society

Consider **giving monthly** to AVHS to provide the animals with food, shelter, warm beds, compassionate veterinary care, training, enrichment, playtime, and love. Best of all, by spreading your gifts throughout the year, giving becomes convenient, affordable, and an efficient way to make a real difference in the lives of the animals in our care! Every animal can have a bright and loving future. Your **monthly donation** helps us to continue our life-saving work.

No matter how small or large, your gift makes a big difference to ensure that every animal gets a second chance. You help provide the dogs and cats with food, shelter, medical, and dental care until we find them a furrever home. To continue our quality of care, we rely on generous financial support from our community to provide animal and human services programs. All gifts are tax-deductible.

As you work with your financial planner, tax consultant, or lawyer, please consider including Auburn Valley Humane Society in your **will, trust, or estate plan**. Our **Faithful Friends Legacy Club** honors those who make special arrangements to ensure animals will benefit from our care. This program allows you to ensure that your love and support for animals continues beyond your lifetime. You can make a simple bequest, establish a trust, designate AVHS as a beneficiary of your IRA or your insurance plan, or donate stocks. Contact AVHS about our **Pets Without Me** program and for further details on planned giving.

Please help us by using your **Rewards Card when shopping at Fred Meyer**. Link AVHS to your Rewards Card - Check to be sure you are linked to **KF808**. Kroger (Fred Meyer) provides AVHS with a quarterly donation check based on your purchases.

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!

During this time of uncertainty, a donation, big or small, makes a difference in allowing AVHS to continue its lifesaving efforts. On behalf of the AVHS Board of Directors, staff and the animals in our care, we would like to thank you for supporting your local humane society.

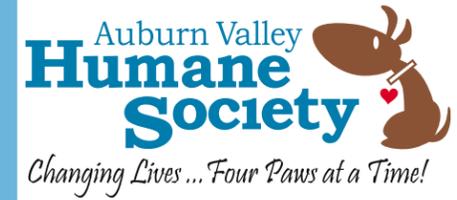


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# Four Paws

Newsletter of Auburn Valley Humane Society



Spring 2021



I hope this newsletter finds you, your family, and your furry friends happy, healthy, and safe. Looking back at 2020, COVID-19 left nothing as it was. Disruption of our lives and loss have been experienced by all. With the impact on public health, job loss, and the great struggles we have seen over this past year, there are no words to describe the heavy toll this year has taken. Our hearts go out to all affected during this tumultuous time.

The welfare of animals is no exception to these tragic times we have experienced. Some of our dearly loved pets and their human companions have, and are continuing to experience unprecedented hardship. We are seeing a desperate increase of need by those who share their lives with and depend on their furry four legged friends. The impending threat of losing a loved pet because of housing instability is daunting. Simple services such as basic and routine veterinary care are becoming unattainable due to families having to choose to eat and keep a roof over their head or provide the care our furry friends most desperately need. The effects are lingering, and now more than ever we need your assistance to help care for these innocent, loveable creatures and their families.

While this year has been one of most challenging of any I can remember, it has also been a year of growth for AVHS. Because of the limitations the pandemic has created for our organization, intake mitigation and providing more social services to the public have prevailed... pivoting our efforts to low cost spay and neuter services and public assistance programs has become a natural path for us. With this said, the AVHS Board of Directors and I are happy to celebrate with you, the merger of Auburn Valley Humane Society and Northwest Spay & Neuter Center. Providing over 60 plus surgeries a day, Northwest Spay & Neuter Center is the largest

spay and neuter clinic in Washington State. The two organizations have a natural kinship, and the outlook for this coordinated merger is a huge win for the Washington State's animal welfare community. For the past 20 years, Northwest Spay & Neuter Center has worked tirelessly to prevent pet overpopulation by providing high-quality accessible and affordable care to the community at large. Since their inception in 2001, NWSNC has altered over 150,630 pets in the Pacific Northwest. Natural partners, the specialties of both AVHS and NWSNC will remain, allowing the communities served to benefit from a unified animal welfare organization by promoting regional animal welfare through animal sheltering, programs, and expanded community engagement. Over the next several months we will be working diligently to expand our programs, strengthen our partnerships, and do our best to provide the greatest possible care for those who need it most.

The one thing that hasn't changed over the past year is the support from our community. We need your help and sincerely appreciate your continued assistance and support to provide the best possible care that is so desperately needed during these trying times. Today I ask you to think of the lives of animals that Auburn Valley Humane Society and Northwest Spay & Neuter Center see on a daily basis. Without your support, achieving our mission would not be possible. Auburn Valley Humane Society strives to be a model of excellence in the advancement of animal welfare and our goal is to enrich the lives of companion animals and people through animal sheltering, programs, and community engagement.

As we spring into 2021, and our lives continue to adjust to the new normal, our dedication and concern for the advocacy of our pawsome friends has not changed. In my last letter to you, I hoped there would be light at the end of the tunnel for everyone sooner than later. Now that light is becoming stronger, and we are getting closer, we continue to persevere now more than ever before.

Please, do your best to stay safe, healthy, and happy. Together we will make it through. **THANK YOU** for your continued support and being such an important part of helping us change lives...four paws at a time!

**Phil Morgan**  
President/CEO



## Meet JoJo!

JoJo came to the shelter in rough shape as his owner had just passed away. Being 9-years-old, JoJo was smelly, matted

and unkempt as a result of poor grooming. The hair around his muzzle had grown together making it very difficult for JoJo to eat and caused JoJo to lose weight.

After being checked out by the awesome AVHS medical staff that gave him a medical shave to remove the mats, JoJo went to live with a foster family for a month to play with their senior pack of dogs. JoJo filled out to a normal weight. He needed additional medical care to remove his right eye, but that loss of eyesight didn't slow JoJo down. With a pampered grooming, his true happy, new dog personality emerged. He was well-

behaved and loved to go for walks and car rides. JoJo would sit nice for treats. He loved to cuddle on the people couch.

JoJo became available for adoption and was waiting for a new family. His adopter was looking for a Shih Tzu dog for a longtime so was excited to meet JoJo. They are so happy together. The adopter says, "He is the best guy! I'm so grateful to have him. Thanks for taking such good care of him."

AVHS does not give up on animals like JoJo. Reach out to AVHS if you need help with your pet. We have many human/pet programs like Pets in Crisis, Public Veterinary Medical Assistance Fund and Pets Without Me to help keep pets in their homes.

We need **your help** to continue caring for animals like JoJo and supporting animal welfare in our communities. COVID-19 has taught us many things, and teaming together to provide compassionate care and support is more critical now than ever. We face uncharted territory and genuinely rely on **your gift** to sustain so many of our lifesaving programs.

Please consider **donating** to strengthen our community and support animals in need.

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**Hours of Operation:**

**Animal Shelter**

11 am to 6 pm - 7 days a week  
**Check our website for updates**  
4910 A St SE, Auburn WA 98092  
253-249-7849  
[www.auburnvalleyhs.org](http://www.auburnvalleyhs.org)  
AVHS Federal Tax ID # 45-0638467

**Thrift Store**

Monday-Saturday 10 am - 6 pm  
Sunday 11 am - 5 pm  
1123 E Main St SE  
Auburn WA 98002  
253-545-0314

**NW Spay & Neuter Center**

Monday-Tuesday 8 am - 5 pm  
Wednesday - Friday 7:30 am - 5 pm  
6401 Pacific Ave  
Tacoma WA 98408  
253-627-7729

**Whiskers & Paws will be in May**



BEGINNING  
**MAY 22, 2021 • 6 PM**  
ENDING  
**MAY 28, 2021 • 8 PM**



Like many organizations in our area, after much careful thought and consideration, AVHS has decided to do our part to help keep our supporters, volunteers, and employees healthy and safe, and change the format of our annual **Gala and Auction** to a secure **Online Auction and Week of Giving!** Our signature annual fundraiser "Whiskers & Paws" will run from **Saturday, May 22nd through Friday, May 28th, with a 'Kick-Off' on May 22th at 6 PM.** That's right - six full days for you to support the homeless animals in our community and make sure you get the highest bid for your dream getaway, artwork, or fun items for your furry friend!

Will **YOU** help us reach our goal of raising \$100,000, to support our sheltering of the homeless animals, to continue our humane education and human services programs, and to subsidize our Spay and Neuter programs at AVHS and NW Spay and Neuter. AVHS and NW Spay & Neuter Center have merged and are combining their efforts to host a virtual Online Auction and Week of Giving. Register and join us as a bidder to watch the videos featuring the accomplishments of both organizations. Raise the paddle to help us with our fund-a-need to save more lives. Special thanks to our sponsors: King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer, Marsha Goodwin, Green River Veterinary Hospital,

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**April is Pet License Amnesty Month!**



**Late fees are waived in April 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 benefits the lost and homeless animals in the City's care and continues 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](http://www.auburnvalleyhs.org/petlicensing)
- All local Auburn veterinary clinics and hospitals
- Tiki Tails, PetPros, and Reber Ranch
- By mail at Pet Licensing, 4910 A St SE, Auburn 98092

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**AVHS Thrift Store & More Treasures Galore!**  
every day of the week at  
1123 E. Main St. Auburn



Find your Treasures!  
Every day there are new items at the store. Donations of household goods are being accepted by appointment only. 100% of our proceeds benefit the animals at the AVHS Shelter.

**Thrift Store & More**  
Sunday 11 am - 5 pm  
Monday-Saturday 10 am - 6 pm  
1123 E. Main Street, Auburn  
253-545-0314



Promotes and provides affordable, high-quality spay and neuter services for cats and dogs in an effort to prevent overpopulation.

Go online to make an e-appointment for a cat or dog. Vaccinations and other services are offered at the time of surgery, including microchipping, flea treatment, toenail trim, and many other services.

Over 10,000 cats and dogs are altered each year for the income qualified and the partner shelters and rescues.

[nwspayneuter.org](http://nwspayneuter.org)

Mon-Tues 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wed - Fri 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

6401 Pacific Ave  
Tacoma WA 98408

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES**

**AVHS VOLUNTEERING**

- The safety and well-being of our AVHS staff, volunteers, and supporters is of the utmost importance to us. In an effort to support social distancing, AVHS has limited volunteers at the shelter and continues to have volunteers wear masks, and stay home and healthy.
- Limited **On-call emergency foster volunteers are needed** to house pets. AVHS provides veterinary care, crates, supplies, and food to fosters.
- If interested, please go online to complete a foster application at [www.auburnvalleyhs.org/fostering](http://www.auburnvalleyhs.org/fostering).
- The shelter staff contacts fosters when they have animals that match the foster profiles.
- Kitten season is starting, so we want to encourage new fosters to complete an application online.

Watch our website and social media sites for updates.

**SUPPORT OUR 2021 Events**

**Pet Photo Calendar Contest**



The AVHS Pet Photo Calendar Contest starts with a kickoff on May 1st. You can still reserve a calendar date with your pet's photo. Entering a great photo of your dog, cat, or your favorite pet ends on September 30th. Voting continues through October 12th. More entries and reserved calendar dates means more lives saved and gives the homeless and abandoned animals who come to us scared, frightened, and confused, a second chance.

Help us change lives...four paws at a time!

**Virtual 2021 Barkfest & Rover Romp**



2021 Virtual Barkfest & Rover Romp will be different again this year. Supporters will create teams and invite their peers to donate to our cause to raise funds for the lost animals in our community. The virtual event will be one week of videos, demonstrations, interactive activities and auction baskets from August 21-28. Our goal is to raise over \$50,000 to continue our lifesaving efforts! Join a team and walk/run for the animals.

[www.auburnvalleyhs.org](http://www.auburnvalleyhs.org)

**DONATIONS**

At this time, AVHS is accepting donations of supplies at the shelter. We can still use gift cards to Amazon, grocery stores, Costco, Walmart, Lowe's and Home Depot. We encourage you to go to our website and click on the Amazon Wish List. Your generous donations are 100% tax-deductible.

**When the world returns to normal we will need Volunteers to be:**

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



In 2020, AVHS reunited 55.7% of lost dogs and 6.3% of lost cats with their pet owners. Special thanks to our social media friends that help us reunite lost pets with their owners.