

The Humane Society of Central Washington Newsletter

Winter 2011

MISSION

The Humane Society of Central Washington is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and serving the animals of Yakima County. Our mission is to end animal suffering and cruelty, reduce animal overpopulation, and educate the public regarding responsible pet ownership while promoting community kindness and commitment to their welfare.

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Dear Friends,

As 2011 draws to a close, all of us at the Humane Society of Central Washington are feeling deep appreciation for our friends & supporters like you, who have made this an especially successful year for our shelter.

Some achievements include:

- **Over 1,500 adoptions.**
- **More than 1,300 transferred animals** exceeding our record of 1,006 in 2010. We partner with shelters in larger cities for the best chance of finding homes for our animals.
- **400+ animals returned to their owners.** One of the most rewarding things we do is to reunite a lost pet and their grateful owners.
- **5,651 hours of donated volunteer time.** Generous people working tirelessly to clean kennels, walk dogs, socialize animals and support our small (*but mighty!*) shelter staff.
- **Completely updating our Cat Room** (*see pictures page 3*), thanks to a generous memorial from the estate of John C. Larson.
- **Replaced our aging and leaking roof.**

We are a small organization doing **BIG** work!

We hope that you feel a part of this success. Your contributions large and small have improved the lives of thousands of homeless pets in Central Washington.

But our work is not done. Our shelter was built in 1984 and is in need of many improvements. We continuously stretch our dollars to do more. We know we can do it with your support. We have provided compassionate solutions for our community's homeless pets for more than **100 years**. We will continue to dedicate our resources to help them *until every pet has a home*.

The family pet can provide solace and comfort but sometimes their human companions are forced to abandon them due to financial hardship. In these tough economic times,

isn't it good to know there is a place in Central Washington whose sole purpose is to help them?

From now until year's end, our shelter will receive an average of **18 of animals per day** needing our help. *We need your support now more than ever.*

Please think of us when you plan your charitable giving this holiday season.

Seasons Greetings

Sincerely,

Alan Landvoy, Executive Director

P.S. For the full story on our history and milestones visit our website at www.yakimahumane.org – About Us





It's a shelter pup!

My little "she probably won't be bigger than 20 pounds" terrier mix, has grown into a 30 pound Whippet Mix. She is fast, beautiful, and smiles when she runs. We adore each other and I couldn't imagine my life today without her. She "owns" me way more than I own her. Thank you for rescuing her, so that I could find her. She brings me such happiness every day! I love her very much.

~ Jessica Michelle ~



Save the Date! ~ Crab Feed

January 28th, 2012 ~ 5:30 pm—11:00 pm
Harman Center ~ 101 N. 65th Ave.

Tickets are available now! ONLY \$40

Purchase online or at the shelter
www.yakimahumane.org ~ 509.457.6854

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Iris, Goddess of Destruction



It has been a full year since her adoption and I can't picture my life without her. She is a special addition to my family. When she came home she had a few health problems, but with such a great Vet she was alright in no time. Since living here I can honestly say her favorite toy is her scratching post. She loves her food and kitty treats (which she doesn't like to share with her adopted sister, but does anyway). She loves to type Cantonese if you let

her, such a helper when it comes to homework. She likes to play chase and tag, terror to all toy mice everywhere. She is a clean, healthy and happy cat. I love when she comes to snuggle with me—her favorite movies are the Aristocats & 101 Dalmatians. Her yearly check-up is approaching and I know she will do fine. I don't know what kind of life she had before, but I can assure you she is a gorgeous, sweet, loving kitty that has found her forever home. She will always be well taken care of. I couldn't keep calling her "Butter" so I have changed her name to "Iris, Goddess of Destruction"—Iris for short. Thank you for saving her!



~ Ilaria Marcucci ~



Santa Claws Pet Photo Days

Bring your pet during our Santa Claws promotion for a picture with Santa Claws! You will receive a beautifully framed 4 x 6 photo of your pet for only \$9.95 with your PetPerks card.

In addition, PetSmart will donate \$5.00 per photo to the shelter!

Dates:

Saturdays & Sundays
in December
4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th & 19th

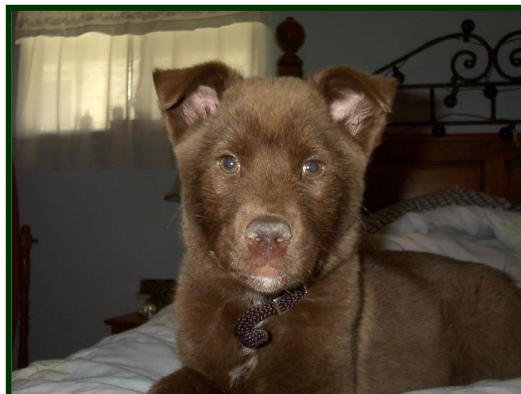
Time:

11:00 am—4:00 pm

Location:

PetSmart in Union Gap
1403 E. Washington Ave.
Union Gap, WA

Seven Years & Counting...



Nearly 7 years ago, I adopted a little puppy from your shelter as a companion since I was alone and more than a little sleep deprived working shifts. Mandy has completely fulfilled her end of the bargain by becoming the most wonderful, if high energy, loving companion I could have ever asked for. She has welcomed my husband into our routines and is wonderful with our young nieces and nephews. It is hard to imagine life before her or without her. She is now a 40 pound beauty that has literally stopped traffic by people wondering what mix she is. I just tell them she's a shelter dog and there are more that need loving homes.

~ Chandra McGuire ~

Youth Uses Christmas Money to Help Homeless Pets



On November 17th, we were surprised by donations... and by a young girl's inspiration!

Hannah Trammell (age 10) and her brother, Ben (age 8), each received 2 Christmas gifts this year: one big gift just for them, and one gift of \$50.00 to be donated to the charity of their choice. Hannah says, *"I've always liked animals, so it seemed fitting to give to the shelter"*. Imagine our delight when Hannah and her family walked in armloads of pet food, bleach, soap, toys, paper towels!

Ben is looking at donating his gift to World Vision, helping needy children across the globe. *Way to go, Ben!*

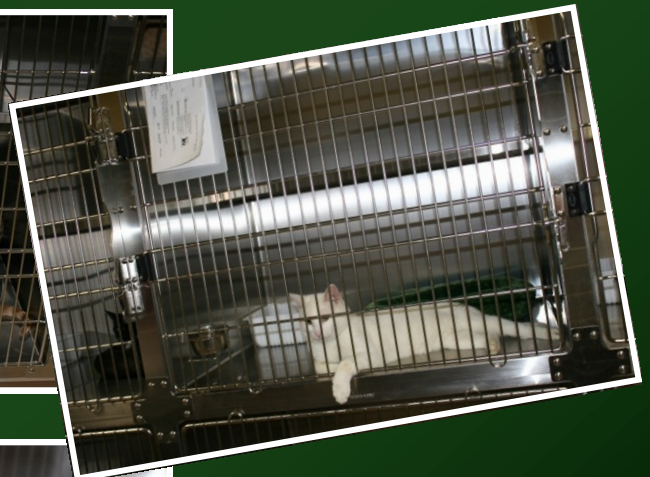
Jen Trammell (mom) states that she *"wanted the focus to be less on what the kids expect to get and instead on how they can serve"*. When asked what she's learned from this experience, Hannah replied, *"I'm realizing it's better to give than to get."*

Thank you, Hannah and Ben, for showing kids that they CAN make a difference this Christmas!

Your Support Makes A Difference!

Thanks to a generous memorial from the estate John C. Larson the shelter was able to completely remodel the Feline Adoption Room—providing for a healthier and more enjoyable stay for all the kitties entering our facility. Each unit comes complete with a stainless steel litter pan, plush kitty bed, toys and a resting shelf for our furry little friends. The room has been completed with sound dampening materials to help reduce the noise levels of the adjacent barking dogs and the hustle and bustle of daily business. Already, we are seeing how much the kitties are enjoying their new living quarters—stretching out on the resting shelf, snuggled up in plush beds, or just playing and having fun.

The generosity of this community continues to astound us! By supporting your shelter monetarily or with your time and skills **YOU** make the difference in the lives of countless animals everyday!



Students, YOU make a difference!



Our volunteers expand our resources and extend our positive influence for animal welfare in Yakima County. Our High School Community Service Program allows students to fulfill their senior project graduation requirement through direct service learning experiences. Seniors complete an application, interview, orientation and training, and are required to serve at least 30 hours in our program.

Only a select few are invited to be part of our team, and **we highlight an example of excellent service here:**

Ruby Zarate, senior at East Valley High School, began her service with HSCW in July 2011. Her stated goal for her senior project was *"to make a difference in the lives of animals in my community"*. In addition, Ruby was interested in

exploring her career interest as a veterinarian. Ruby met our staff bright and early at 7am every Saturday for 2 months, assisting our Animal Care Technicians with cleaning cat and puppy condos, feeding and watering, as well as socializing needy puppies. In addition, Ruby coordinated 3 car washes at Auto Zone over the summer, which netted \$700.00 in donations. Wow!

Ruby's car wash donations have purchased new cat beds for our renovated cat room AND sponsored a dog kennel for an entire year! Moreover, her service in our shelter has made a difference in hundreds of animals' lives.

Thank you, Ruby, for showing Yakima what a difference our students make!

ADOPT ~ DONATE ~ VOLUNTEER

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Donating helps us continue our life-saving efforts!

Volunteering enriches the lives of animals in our care!

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