

TAILS *TRIBUNE*

FALL 2024



Letter from YHS Leadership

Dear YHS Supporters,

It has been my honor to serve as the YHS Board President for the past two years. These are challenging times but our team is devoted to solving the problems we face to help the animals in need. It takes a village of hard-working staff, selfless volunteers, a passionate board, and a supportive community to get animals off the streets and into loving forever homes. We have a lot of work ahead to achieve this vision, but we're committed to making it happen.



I hope you enjoy this edition of our Tails Tribune newsletter and learn about all we've been up to this past year. We've accomplished so much but many challenges remain. We need your help now more than ever, and the great thing is **there are so many things you can do to help YHS**. You can foster, adopt, donate, or volunteer. You'll learn about all the ways you can help in the pages that follow.

I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season and I look forward to working together as we embark on an exciting year ahead.

Gratefully,
John J. Gorman

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The State of Rescue Heading into 2025

Nationwide, animal shelters are struggling to keep up with the high demand of intakes coming their way. There are several factors at play, most notably a **lack of spay and neuter enforcement and not enough homes willing to adopt or foster an animal in need.**

Incredible animals of all ages and types come to YHS, all in need of loving homes of their own. We need to recruit more foster homes and find more adopters to allow us to continue to have the space we need to help so many more in need.

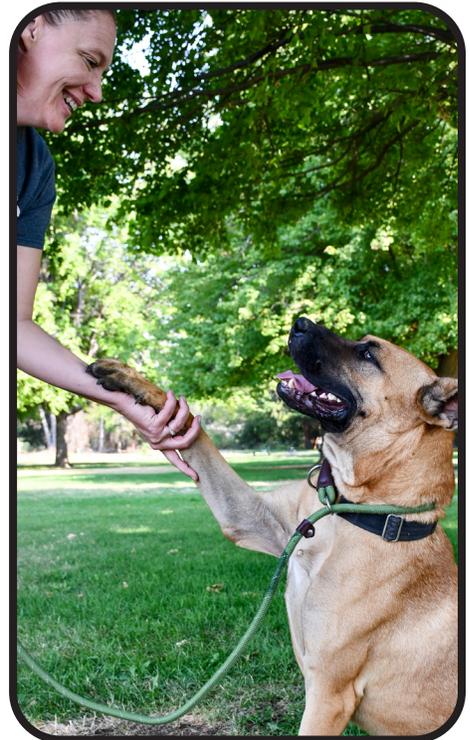
We are seeing record numbers of intakes and have a long waiting list for those who need help. **At any given time, we have over 150 animals in our care,** all awaiting adoption. Help us find them loving homes for the holidays!



Foster or adopt an animal in need!



Thank you to the Williams Foundation for their continued support of our work!



Help us find homes for these amazing pets!

All these adorable, loving pets need homes and YHS needs more space to help more animals in need. Check out some of our long term residents below.

You can learn more about these pets and many more by visiting our website (yakimahumane.org) or by scanning the QR code on the next page!



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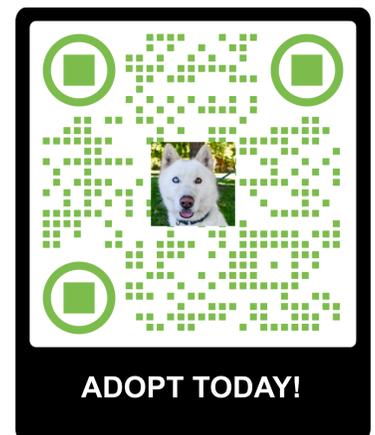


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Can't adopt? Consider fostering!

If you can't adopt at this time, fostering an animal is a great way to help without as much commitment.

Email rachel@yakimahumane.org or call us at 509-457-6854 for more information on how to become a foster home.



We ♥ Cats at YHS

Over the past 18 months, we've prioritized making many necessary improvements at our adoption center location on West Birchfield Road.

In 2023, the dogs were given a 7,500 square foot play yard which has made for an incredible difference in their lives. **This year, the cats got an upgrade starting with our new indoor/outdoor catio.** In addition, we installed "cat portals" to give each individual cat twice the space to roam and play in their kennels.



The cat portals in between cat kennels



The outside section of the catio



The inside section of the catio

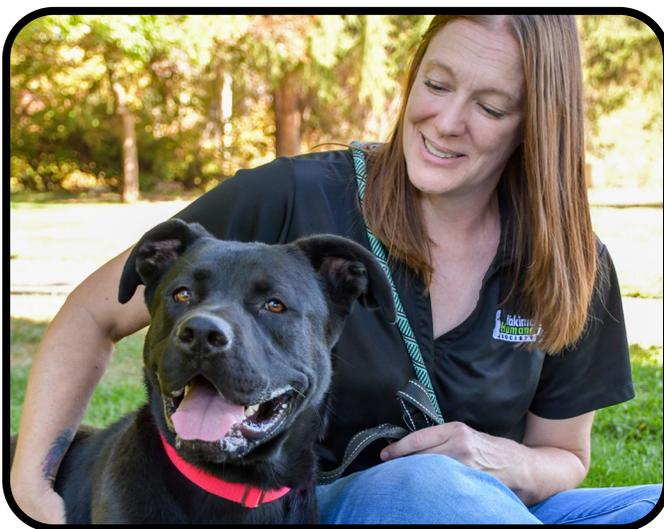


This is Einstein, but it doesn't take a genius to know how much our cats appreciate these facility upgrades!

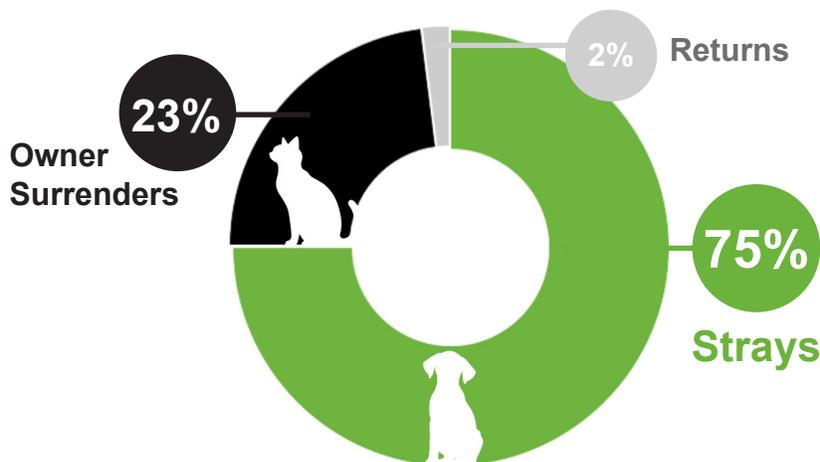
About our Adoption Center

Over 100 animals are entering and leaving the adoption center each week. Every day, our team of staff and volunteers are responsible for feeding, cleaning, walking, and socializing over 150 dogs and cats who reside within.

It's a massive operation and we are always in need of dog walkers and additional volunteers. Contact volunteer@yakimahumane.org for more information on how you can get involved.



How animals come to YHS



As you can see, the vast majority of the animals who come through our doors are strays. This highlights the importance of **controlling the pet population** through increased spay and neuter surgeries.

MARCH MUTTNESS

We are the March Muttness Champs!

Earlier this year, YHS made history by winning the 2024 March Muttness National Championship! This was made possible by the outpouring of support from our incredible community. **Over 500 individual donors helped raise \$136,000 throughout this tournament.** This support helped us invest critical funds into our spay and neuter program.

Our March Muttness championship run was a reminder of how incredible and passionate our supporters are. We are inspired to tackle the challenges ahead with our community by our side.



Every donor who contributed to this tournament has their name etched on our trophy case wall located in the lobby of our adoption center. Come on down to check it out and say hello to all the animals!



Our Spay & Neuter Clinic

The Yakima Humane Society Spay and Neuter Clinic first opened in 2015. The clinic has performed over 60,000 surgeries since its inception. **Thanks to the additional funding received from the March Muttness tournament, we are on pace for a record-setting year in 2024.** With your support, we are building the framework to continue to grow and increase our surgery capacity in the years ahead.

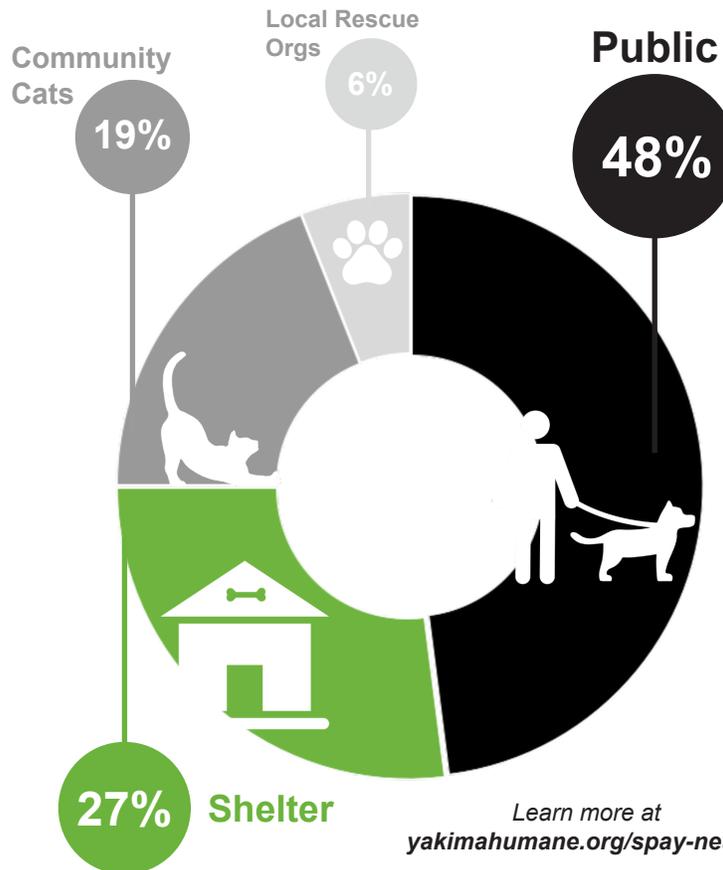
This support will not just fund spay and neuter surgeries, but other medical needs as well. **The YHS veterinary team handles all medical care for the animals at our adoption center.** We are investing in equipment to allow us to better support their needs.



Your support allows us to invest in vitally important equipment, like this x-ray machine!

Our Spay/Neuter Breakdown

This chart details where the animals we spay and neuter are coming from.



Learn more at yakimahumane.org/spay-neuter



#GivingTueSPAY

December 3, 2024

YHS' take on Giving Tuesday provides a vital service to our community through our spay and neuter program

Support YHS' #GivingTueSPAY

The Yakima Humane Society is committed to providing low-cost spay and neuter surgeries in our community. It's why **we're rebranding this year's #GivingTuesday (December 3, 2024) to #GivingTueSPAY.**

On this worldwide day of giving, we're asking for your support. Please consider a donation to YHS to help fund vitally important spay and neuter surgeries in our community. **For every \$100 raised, we can cover the cost of a pet's spay or neuter surgery.**



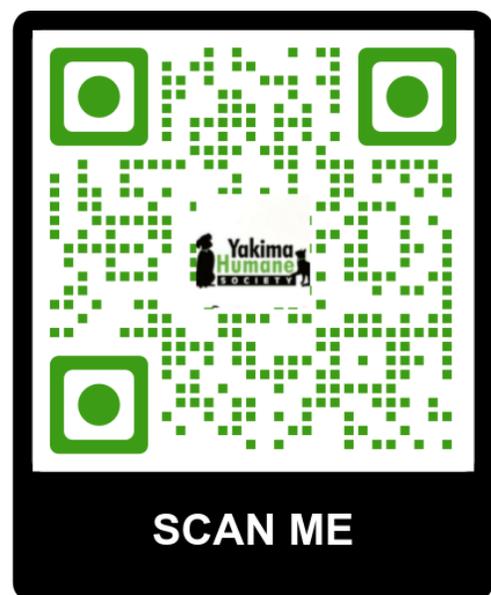
How to support YHS' work this #GivingTuesday:

1. Mail a check to the address below:

*2405 W. Birchfield Road
Yakima, WA 98901*

2. Donate online at yakimahumane.org

3. Scan the QR code to the right!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Save these dates!

We can't wait for what lies ahead in 2025! We are aiming for a record number of spay and neuter surgeries and adoptions. Success in both of these areas will allow us to take in even more animals in need. Below is a list of our major 2025 events. Save the dates and we hope to see you there!

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
 Wedding & Event Expo <i>Proceeds benefit YHS</i>	2/2/2025	Yakima SunDome
 YHS Crab Feed	2/8/2025	Yakima SunDome
 March Muttress	March '25	Virtual
 Shelter Slumber Pawty	4/5/2025	YHS
 Ellensburg Boots & Bling	Spring	Ellensburg
 Hops for Hounds	Spring	Breweries in Yakima
 Fur Ball	Fall '25	TBD

