



TAILS TRIBUNE

SPRING 2022

Dear Members of the YHS Community,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the **Tails Tribune**! Our goal for this quarterly newsletter is to keep you informed with all the exciting happenings here at the Yakima Humane Society. You do so much to support our work and we are committed to keeping you up to speed with what we're up to.

I have been an animal advocate all my life. Passion met profession when the opportunity to lead YHS presented itself back in 2019. It has been a tumultuous two years as we navigated all our normal challenges plus those brought on by the pandemic. But through it all, we remain committed to the animals and have made an incredible impact on animal welfare in our community through our Adoption Center and Spay & Neuter Clinic.

In 2021, over 4,000 homeless animals entered our Adoption Center while the Spay & Neuter clinic performed over 8,000 surgeries. We continue to host community events such as pet supply drives, mobile vaccine clinics, feral cat days, and offsite adoptions. We're just getting started and can't wait to build off this momentum in 2022 and beyond!

In this first edition of the **Tails Tribune**, we'll introduce you to some of the programs we offer and the people who make it possible. We'll also highlight our upcoming events and show you all the ways you can get involved in our mission.

I am constantly amazed by the work our team at YHS does on a daily basis. Through this newsletter and increased communication from us, you'll get a better look at the work we do and the animals who benefit from it.

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YHS Executive Director



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About Yakima Humane Society

The Yakima Humane Society is a private, nonprofit animal welfare organization. We are proud to have served the people and animals of Yakima County since 1904. Our work to end animal suffering and cruelty is spread over two locations - our Adoption Center off of West Birchfield Road and our Spay & Neuter Clinic over on 6th Ave.

Our **Spay & Neuter Clinic** provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries as well as vaccines, microchips, and new this month - dental services (more info on page 8!) The clinic is designed to provide affordable health care so cost does not deter pet owners from getting the proper care their pets need. This work will go towards our larger mission of reducing animal overpopulation.

The **Adoption Center** is a 24/7 operation caring for the many homeless pets who come our way. The pets stay with us as long as they need while they await adoption. We spare no expense to keep these animals happy, clean, safe, and healthy during their stay with us.

We could not run the Spay & Neuter Clinic or the Adoption Center without our amazing staff and volunteers or the generous support of our donors. You don't make it 118 years (and counting) as an organization without dedicated people like we have.



Check out our new and improved website at
YakimaHumane.org

Program Spotlight

My Last Litter (MLL)

Unwanted puppies and kittens create enormous strain on shelters and contribute towards pet overpopulation. Our My Last Litter program is designed to help lower the amount of unwanted offspring of owned pets in our community.

MLL offers free spay, vaccinations, and microchipping of mother dogs and cats. After their puppies or kittens reach eight weeks, we take them in and spay/neuter them, provide their vaccines, and microchip them before adoption.

Want to learn more about MLL?
Call our Adoption Center at (509) 457-6854

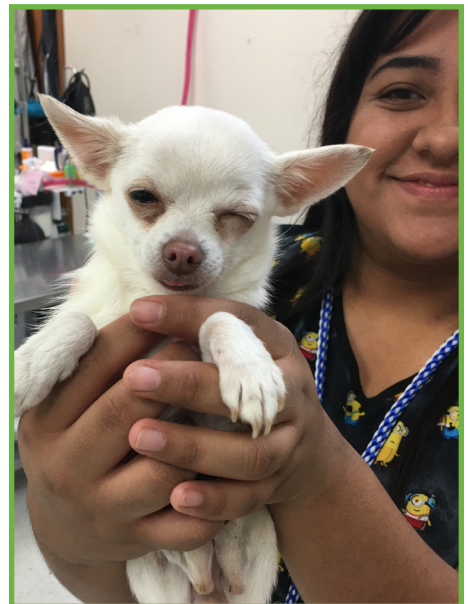


Pets for Life (PFL)

We are proud to have been chosen as one of the National Pets for Life Partners. The program is another way we are creating a more humane Yakima County.

Through PFL, we reach out to underserved communities to offer free pet care resources, services, and information. PFL builds a consistent community presence and uses an extensive follow-up process to build relationships and trust within a segment of the pet-owning population that has largely gone untouched by animal service providers.

Want to learn more about PFL?
Contact Erika at EOjeda@yakimahumane.org



Tonia Buckley



Tonia started fostering special-needs pets for YHS in 2019. Soon after, she began helping out daily in various support roles at our Spay & Neuter Clinic. Tonia quickly became an invaluable asset to the team and was determined to help in even more ways. In the summer of 2021, she took over as our Volunteer Coordinator and continues to fill this important role today. She spends 40 hours a week volunteering her time to do this role, yet still finds a way to foster multiple animals at home - primarily nursing moms with newborn kittens and providing for special-needs pets.

As our Volunteer Coordinator, Tonia has a vast understanding of what it takes to volunteer for our important cause. She is always looking to expand our volunteer pool by finding community members who are willing to do what it takes to support our animals.

Tonia and the rest of our volunteers are an essential part of our success. Without them, we would not be able to provide the highest standard of care to as many pets as we do.

Want to join our volunteer team?

Send us an email at volunteer@yakimahumane.org

Aimee Sullivan



Aimee Sullivan started fostering for YHS in 2019. She is an Air Force Veteran who spent 13 years in active duty as a combat medic. Upon leaving the military in 2008, Aimee had a challenging time acclimating to civilian life after so many years serving our country. When Aimee started volunteering for YHS, she realized animal welfare was her new calling. Since then, she has dedicated her time and energy to support the animals in our care.

Beyond her foster responsibilities at home, Aimee spends her Saturdays at our Adoption Center doing well, everything! She supports the front desk, conducts meet and greets, writes pet bios, and supports with adoptions. Aimee is also a mainstay at every adoption event we hold.

In 2022, Aimee joined the YHS Board of Directors. We are overjoyed to have her support and grateful for all she does for the Yakima Humane Society!

Want to join our foster network?

Fill out an application at yakimahumane.org/get-involved/foster

See Spot Run 5K

Lace up those running shoes, grab a leash and join us at Sherman Park on Saturday, May 7th for our See Spot Run fundraising event!

See Spot Run is a family-friendly 5K run/walk to support YHS. All proceeds from the event go directly towards supporting the thousands of dogs and cats who come through our doors each year.

The See Spot Run race course runs through Sherman Park and across the Arboretum and the Yakima Greenway. Runners and walkers can bring their own dogs to join them on the course, or you can walk one of our available shelter dogs!*

All racers will receive a commemorative t-shirt and complementary water and the top three adult and youth runners will receive medals at the finish line.



When:

Saturday, May 7, 2022.
10:00 A.M.

Where:

Sherman Park
W Birchfield Rd,
Yakima, WA 98901

Ticket costs:

Adults (18+): \$30
Youth (5-18): \$20
Family Four Pack: \$85

Check-in runs from 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. with the race beginning at 10:00 A.M. sharp. If you plan on running with a shelter dog, please arrive early so we can match you with the appropriate dog for your running style.

**We cannot guarantee a shelter dog will be available to walk. Size, breed, and strength of the dog may vary. You must be 18 or older to check out a dog and you must have a valid I.D. to be matched with a shelter dog.*

[Click here to register for the event!](#)

Fur Ball Gala 2022

The Fur Ball is our annual dinner, auction, and party! The Fur Ball gathers our supporters together for an unforgettable evening to fundraise for our work.

Every Fur Ball, the community's most passionate animal lovers and advocates come together to taste some fine dining, sip some incredible, local wines, bid on show-stopping auction items, and dance the night away. But a ticket to the Fur Ball doesn't just guarantee a fun evening - it puts you in a position to help save and transform the lives of the animals in our community.

All proceeds from the Fur Ball Gala go toward providing food, shelter, and medical treatment for the countless animals who come through our doors each year. Your support also helps sustain community engagement programs (more info on pg. 3), which directly curb animal overpopulation and provide resources, support, and education about responsible pet ownership in Yakima County.

We can't wait to raise a glass and have a blast with you at Fur Ball 2022!



When:

Saturday, May 14, 2022.
5:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Where:

Modern Living Building
at State Fair Park

Ticket costs:

Individual: \$125
Table for 8: \$1,000

[Click here to get your tickets
and learn more!](#)

New Mobile Dental Unit



Routine dental care is critical to our pets' health. If left unattended, periodontal disease can cause bacterial infections and destroy pets' gums, teeth, and bones. Bacteria from the mouth can also spread into the bloodstream and damage the kidneys, liver, and heart.

Far too many animals in our care suffer from preventable dental issues. To help these animals, we asked for your support in raising money so we could purchase a mobile dental unit that would allow us to perform dental procedures on these pets.

Unsurprisingly, you delivered in our time of need! **Thanks to you, we raised over \$9,000 for the unit and corresponding supplies.**

We are now scheduling dental appointments and because we were able to fund this equipment entirely through donations, we can provide dental services at a very affordable kickoff price of just \$150 - \$300 depending on the size of your pet's chompers!

Want to schedule a dental appointment?
Contact the Spay & Neuter Clinic at **(509) 426-2460**
