



TAILS TRIBUNE

WINTER 2023

Hello fellow dog and cat lovers!

My name is John Gorman and I am honored to be taking on the role of the new Board President for the Yakima Humane Society. I am excited to enhance our mission to save animals from harm, find them loving families, and serve the community by bringing joy and happiness to those who seek a pet to love.

I certainly can't do it alone. My fellow board members are living and working in the area. They all have a profound dedication to accomplishing the goals and challenges before us. They are a selfless team who help guide us through the maze of today's challenges.

Our staff and volunteers are giving it their all each and every day. They ensure the animals are cared for, loved, and given the hope of a new family to adopt them. Our team is relentlessly devoted to the animals and inspire us to do more. I am especially thankful for our Executive Director, Sheryl Haga. Her vision and drive to improve the lives of the animals in this community are what keeps us going.

The times we are in have made it more difficult to continue to provide this high quality of care. Much of the medicine and supplies we use on a daily basis have tripled in cost. Our washers and dryers run 24/7 to keep up with the volume of laundry we go through and detergent is one of our most expensive supplies. Recently, we made a call to Jason Moser, the General Manager of Cintas. Jason pulled some strings and Cintas has begun providing laundry service to us free of charge! His generosity is a great example of what our community can accomplish together.

The Yakima Humane Society has been around for 118 years. I look forward to providing you with more information by telling our story and focusing on the work at hand. I certainly don't have all the answers, but with your help, we can work together to make a massive difference for the pets in our community.

Happy New Year!

-John J. Gorman



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YHS Board President

Updates from the Yakima Adoption Center



Our Yakima staff and volunteers stayed plenty busy throughout 2022. We saw a record number of intakes this year. As a no-kill shelter, we will always have room in our hearts and in our facility for animals like Snoopy (pictured right) who come to us in need of a new home.



The high volume of intakes increases the amount of cleaning our staff has to do each day. **To help with that demand, we were recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the ASPCA!**

This grant allowed us to purchase brand-new equipment (pictured right) to upgrade the shelter's biosecurity and sanitation capabilities. We've taken lots of time and effort to install the equipment and train our staff on how to use it properly. The new cleaning system has been extremely beneficial for YHS and our team. This state-of-the-art equipment allows us to clean the shelter much more effectively and efficiently.



Updates from the Ellensburg Adoption Center

Yakima Humane Society took over the operations of the Ellensburg Animal Shelter on August 1, 2022.

We had an exciting Open House event in September where we got to meet many of the wonderful members of the Ellensburg community. This new partnership will allow us to replicate the work we do in Yakima in a home away from home. The new center will allow us to save more animals and create more “tails” with happy endings like Ariel and Journey’s below.



A heartwarming story from the EAC

Late one evening, Ariel, a CWU student, was taking out her garbage when she heard the sound of a kitten meowing near her dumpster. She quickly realized the sound was coming from inside a garbage bag within the dumpster. Ariel opened the bag to find a small kitten nearly frozen to death. Ariel acted quickly and took the kitten inside to give him food and get him warm. The next day, she brought him to our adoption center in Ellensburg so we could look after the little guy.

Ariel bonded with the kitten that night and frequently called the adoption center to check in on him. After a while, she realized she and the kitten were meant to be together. She came back to the shelter to officially adopt him. She named him Journey to symbolize everything he had been through. In a delightful twist of fate, Journey went from being doomed in a dumpster to meeting his hero and future owner in one night.

Do you believe in Meow-racles? We sure do!



Join us at the Claws for Paws Crab Feed!



Thank you to our sponsors!



The highly anticipated Claws for Paws Crab Feed returns on February 18, 2023! Bring your friends and join us for a tasty meal and memorable night that benefits the Yakima Humane Society.

Enjoy dinner, drinks, an epic dessert dash, ring toss fun, raffle prizes, dancing, and more! This event sells out every year so be sure to purchase your tickets before it's too late.

When:

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023
5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Where:

SOZO Sports Complex
2200 South 36th Ave.
Yakima, WA 98903

Ticket costs:

Individual: \$75
Table of 10: \$750

Each ticket comes with crab, a baked potato, coleslaw, rolls, and one drink ticket. Please note all guests must be 21 years or older to attend.

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

Claws for Paws Sponsorship Info

Claws for Paws is looking for sponsors! See below for a list of our available sponsorship opportunities for the evening's festivities. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring the event, send an email to **Jeff Boyd** at jeff@yakimahumane.org.

PRESENTING SPONSOR

\$5,000

- Naming rights for event
- Two tables for 20 total guests
- Complimentary drinks for all guests
- One complimentary raffle ticket, ring toss ring, and heads or tails necklace for all guests
- Logo on all social media and printed promos

CRAB CRACKER SPONSOR

\$3,000

SOLD

EVENT GAME SPONSOR (x4)

\$1,500

- One table for 10 guests
- Logo on all social media and printed promos
- Signage and recognition at sponsored game (below)
- Complimentary play for all guests in sponsored game

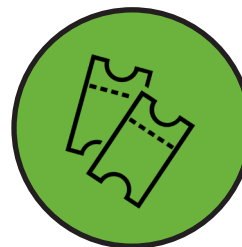
EVENT GAMES TO SPONSOR



DESSERT DASH



HEADS OR TAILS



RAFFLE DRAWING



RING TOSS

Adoptable Animals at YHS

Our YHS adoption center is filled with amazing adoptable dogs and cats. Here, we will spotlight **Davidson** and **Ford**, two special pups waiting to find their forever homes.

You can see all of our available pets online by visiting YakimaHumane.org/Adopt.

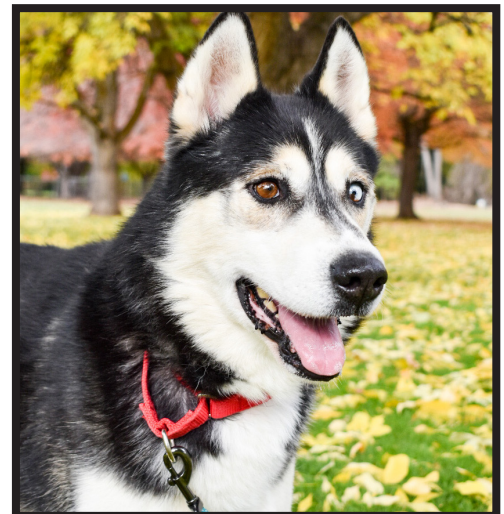
Davidson

Davidson is a 2-year-old Pit Bull Terrier mix. He was found at the Harley Davidson store in Yakima and taken to the YHS clinic. There, our team discovered cheatgrass embedded in his paws. He underwent surgery to remove the grass and he is recovering very nicely! Davidson has a friendly personality and really enjoys going out on walks. He might pull for the first few minutes but he settles down nicely once his wiggles are out. Davidson loves treats, attention, and tennis balls! If you are looking for a handsome boy with a big smile, Davidson just might be your guy!



Ford

Ford is an 8-year-old Husky mix. After he was hit by a car, animal control picked him up and brought him to our clinic for treatment. He has recovered well from the accident and is now eagerly awaiting a new home. Ford is as friendly as his eyes are beautiful. He's a very curious boy and walks well on a leash. He loves attention and would be over the moon to have a fenced yard and a family to play with. The fence is a must as we never want Ford out in the street at risk of getting hit by a car again. Let's get this husky a home!



Interested in these two or other animals in our care?
Email us at adoption@yakimahumane.org

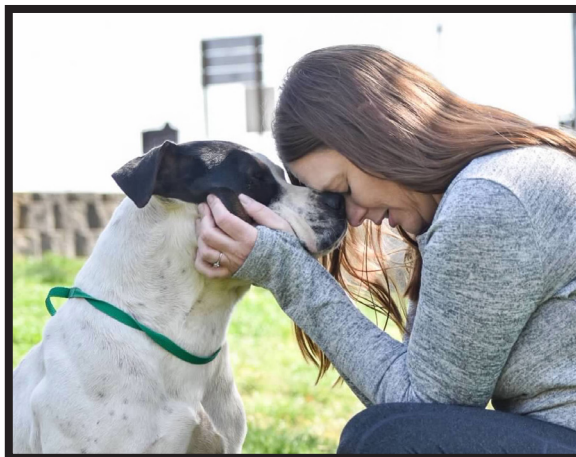
YHS Staff Spotlight

Kelli Peal **YHS Transfer Coordinator**

Kelli started her journey at YHS all the way back in 2005 when she was 23 years old. She started out as an animal control officer. After a few short months in that position, Kelli transitioned to working inside the adoption center at the front desk. Due to staffing shortages, Kelli also worked as part of the kennel staff and would continue to fill in as an animal control officer when needed. Soon Kelli began helping list pets online, review adoption applications, and process the lost/found animal reports. Kelli was then promoted to the Pet Listing Specialist and Transfer Coordinator where she quickly found her calling!

In 2012, Kelli gave birth to twin girls and was able to stay home with them for the next six years. Luckily for all of us here at YHS, Kelli returned in 2018 once her daughters headed off to kindergarten. She was happy to resume her role and has inherited several new responsibilities ever since, including serving as our in-house behavioral specialist and on-camera representative when media opportunities arise.

YHS and the animals of Yakima County are so incredibly lucky to have Kelli. We simply could not do what we do without her passion for animal welfare, dedication to our work, and immense knowledge about animals and the adoption processes. Thank you, Kelli!



2022 Year in Review

As we bid farewell to 2022 and welcome the exciting year ahead, we are overjoyed and grateful for all the support our community has given us over the past twelve months. **A whopping 6,800 homeless pets came through our Adoption Center doors in 2022.** In addition, **our Spay & Neuter clinic performed over 8,000 surgeries.** We hosted several events to give back to our community, including feral cat days, mobile vaccine clinics, and offsite adoption events. We also set new fundraising records at the Crab Feed, Fur Ball, and Hops for Hounds events, laying a rock-solid foundation for the future of our work.

Our work would not be possible without our network of supporters. You donate your time, hard-earned money, and energy to our cause so we can take care of the animals in our community. Thank you for helping make a difference and cheers to 2023!

