

SUMMER 2026



TAILS TRIBUNE



CONGRATS ELLIOT!!

2026 PAWS ON THE WALL MURAL CONTEST WINNER

WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN SO FAR!

Dear YHS Supporters,

As we head into the second half of 2026, I find myself reflecting on just how much this community has shown up for the animals in our care. From **the energy of March Muttiness** to a **milestone year at our Spay and Neuter Clinic**, the momentum we have built together is something I am incredibly proud of.

For the third year in a row, you helped us win the March Muttiness national championship, making us the **first shelter in the competition's history to win back-to-back-to-back titles**. That is a testament not to us, but to you.

But the win that I am most excited about this year is happening right here at home. In the first six months of 2026, our clinic has **completed a record 4,641 spay and neuter surgeries**, and we are on pace to surpass 10,000 surgeries for the first time in our history. That number would have been unthinkable just a few years ago, and it would not be possible without the community support that has allowed us to grow.

A big part of that growth is our **\$99 Spay and Neuter Program**, which we launched late last year. For many families in Yakima and Kittitas Counties, the cost of spaying or neutering a pet is simply out of reach. This program removes that barrier, offering income-qualified residents access to a surgery that protects their pet's health, prevents unwanted litters, and reduces the number of animals ending up in shelters.

And yet, animals still need us. In just the first six months of this year, we have taken in over 1,100 strays and more than 600 owner surrenders at our shelter. That is **nearly 1,800 animals in six months**, and each one requires food, care, medical attention, and a dedicated team to get them ready for a new home.

Summer is our busiest and most expensive season, and we need your help to keep up. Our annual Summer Supply Drive is underway with a goal of \$25,000. Every dollar goes directly to the supplies that keep our shelter running for the animals in our care right now.

None of what we do is possible without you. Thank you for being part of this community and for standing beside us in this work.

With gratitude,

JEFF BOYD

Executive Director, Yakima Humane Society



OUR 2026 MID-YEAR IMPACT By the Numbers

**STRAYS
ACCEPTED &
CARED FOR**

1,100+

Strays taken in
and provided with
comprehensive care
and a new start.

**OWNER
SURRENDERS
TAKEN IN**

600+

Owner-surrendered
pets accepted and
supported through
transition.

**PREVENTATIVE
SURGERIES**

4,641

**RECORD SPAY &
NEUTER SURGERIES**
Setting a record at
our clinic to reduce
overpopulation.

DONATE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE \$99 SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM.

Together, we are creating a more compassionate community, one pet, one family, one surgery at a time.



MEET SOME OF THE FURRY FRIENDS WHO CALL YAKIMA HUMANE SOCIETY HOME

Many of these animals have been with us for quite some time and are anxiously awaiting their new homes.

Stop by and get to know them today!



SKINNY arrived MAY 21, 2026

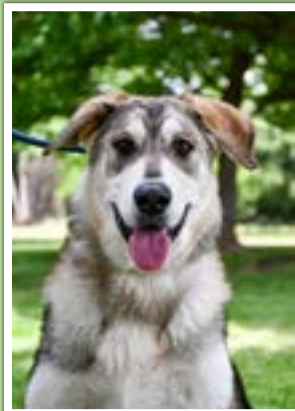
After spending about a week on the run before being safely rescued, Skinny is still learning that the world isn't such a scary place.

Though he can be shy in new situations, Skinny wants to please and looks to people for reassurance. He's already walking nicely on a leash and is eager to learn. With patience, love, and a little confidence-building, Skinny is sure to become a loyal and devoted companion.



SPILA This smart and playful girl is ready to find a home where she can truly shine. While the shelter has been overwhelming for her, she blossoms once she's outside, showing off her affectionate, fun-loving personality.

Spila already knows "sit" and is eager to learn more. Kennel trained and walking well on a leash, Spila just needs a little time to build trust - and once she does, she's a loyal and wonderful companion!



FORREST Forrest is a big, sweet, goofy boy who's learning that the world can be a safe and happy place. While new experiences can still be overwhelming, his gentle, loving personality shines through as he gains confidence.

This handsome pup is looking for a patient, calm home where he can learn at his own pace. With kindness, reassurance, and a little time, Forrest is sure to grow into a loyal and devoted companion.



YUKI Through no fault of her own, Yuki has found herself back at the shelter after previous adoptions, but she continues to greet everyone with a wagging tail and a loving heart!

Yuki may prefer a calm canine companion - just no cats - or being the only dog after being bullied in a previous home. With her affectionate personality and loyal heart, Yuki is ready to make her next home her last.



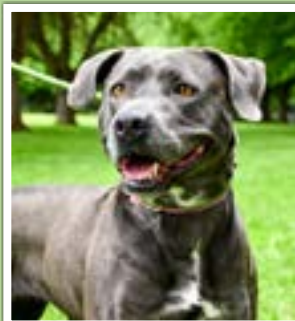
BENNY This handsome boy is friendly, playful and full of energy. He loves everyone he meets and is always ready to play, show off his zoomies, or make you laugh.

He's still learning his manners, especially on leash, but he's treat-motivated, already knows "sit," and is eager to learn. With a little patience and guidance, Benny will grow into a fun, loyal, and loving companion.



PANCHA Pancha is a beautiful senior Presa Canario with a calm, gentle spirit. A little aloof at first and delightfully stubborn, she's happiest relaxing near her people and enjoying the comforts of home.

Pancha has an old injury and likely arthritis, so she'll thrive in a loving home that can provide regular veterinary care, a cozy bed, and a slower pace of life. Pancha is ready to enjoy her well-earned retirement by your side.



NALA Sweet and affectionate, this girl truly shines once she's out of the busy shelter environment. She already knows "sit," loves attention, and has a fun, playful side - especially when it comes to chasing tennis balls.

Nala would thrive with an active family that can provide structure, exercise, and plenty of love. She would do best in a home without cats or other small animals.

GIVE ST. NICHOLAS THE HAPPY ENDING HE DESERVES!

Porcupine quills are much more dangerous than they appear.

Their tiny backward-facing barbs make them incredibly difficult to remove, and if left behind, they can migrate deeper into the body, causing painful infections and damaging the eyes, mouth, jaw, and other vital tissues. They can also make eating, drinking, and even breathing difficult.

St. Nicholas knows this pain all too well. This handsome Mastiff/Pit Bull mix spent weeks surviving on his own with a face full of porcupine quills, growing thinner by the day until a compassionate community member was finally able to bring him to Yakima Humane Society.

Our veterinary team carefully removed his quills, and while he still has some healing to do, **he's already feeling so much better.** Through it all, St. Nicholas has remained incredibly sweet, greeting everyone with a wagging tail, a happy smile, and endless affection.

It's no surprise he's quickly become a staff favorite.

Now, all this gentle giant needs is a family to help him finish healing and give him the love he's always deserved.

With a heart of gold, St. Nicholas is sure to become your new best friend.



EMBER

Ember is a beautiful, fluffy kitten with a gentle, shy personality. She may take a little time to warm up, but with patience and a loving home, she'll blossom into a sweet and affectionate companion.



FLARRIETTA

Flarrietta is a beautiful kitten with big golden eyes and a gentle, shy personality. She may take a little time to settle in, but with patience and love, she's sure to blossom into a wonderful companion.



CINDERELLA

This beautiful girl is a sweet little kitten with a gentle, shy personality. She may need a little extra time to feel comfortable, but with patience, kindness, and a calm home, she's ready to blossom.



SUZIE

A sweet kitten who is still learning that the world is a safe place. A little shy at first, she may need some time to warm up, but with patience and gentle encouragement, her personality will shine.



MARCH MUTTNESS CONTINUES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

What started as a March Madness-inspired fundraising competition has grown into one of our most impactful annual campaigns. **March Muttiness is a national online fundraising tournament** where animal shelters compete in a bracket-style format, with supporters voting through their donations. The shelters that raise the most money advance each round, creating friendly competition while shining a spotlight on lifesaving work happening at shelters across the country.

After winning the national championship in both 2024 and 2025, we entered this year's competition hoping to build on that momentum and you answered the call once again. This year we raised \$125,000, bringing our **three-year total to \$380,000** raised through March Muttiness alone.

In the end, we became the first shelter in March Muttiness history to win three consecutive national championships.

While bringing home another title was exciting, the real victory was what those donations made possible. Every day, we provide shelter, food, medical care, and a second chance to more than 150 animals. Last year alone, **more than 3,600 animals came through our doors**. The funds raised through March Muttiness help us meet those needs, covering everything from vaccinations and medical treatments to food, supplies, and kennel improvements that make a meaningful difference in the lives of the animals we serve.

Perhaps most importantly, this campaign reminds us how deeply this community cares. Every donation, share, and word of encouragement reflects the compassion that exists throughout the Yakima Valley.

To everyone who voted, donated, and cheered us on, THANK YOU!

This championship belongs to us all - most importantly, to the animals whose lives are changed because of your support.



BECOME A LIFESAVER EVERY MONTH

March Muttiness may be over, but we still need support every month!

Caring for animals is a year-round commitment. Each year, thousands of animals rely on us for shelter and care.

While one-time donations make an immediate impact, **monthly giving provides something equally important: stability.**

When you become a recurring donor, you help ensure that we can count on reliable support month after month, allowing us to plan ahead and respond to the needs of animals as they arise. Whether it's providing emergency medical care for an injured stray, purchasing food and supplies, or maintaining safe and comfortable housing for the more than 150 animals in our care each day, recurring gifts help make it all possible.

The best part is that **even a small monthly contribution adds up to a big difference** over time. Even a gift of just \$10 a month makes a meaningful difference, helping us provide daily care to homeless pets. A \$25 monthly gift helps cover vaccinations and preventive care, while larger monthly gifts help fund medical treatments, enrichment programs, and lifesaving shelter operations.

Monthly giving is also one of the **easiest ways to support our mission**. Once enrolled, your donation is automatically processed each month, **providing consistent help** for homeless pets while fitting comfortably into your budget.

As we continue working to care for thousands of animals each year and build a stronger future for animal welfare in our community, **recurring donors are among our most dedicated partners.**

If you believe every animal deserves a chance at a better life, we invite you to join our community of monthly supporters. **Together, we can create lasting change - one month, one donation, and one animal at a time.**

Become a recurring donor today and help provide hope all year long.

CONTACT JEFF FOR MORE INFORMATION - JEFF@YAKIMAHUMANE.ORG

OUR ANNUAL SUMMER SUPPLY DRIVE IS BACK!

At any given time, there are **100+ animals in our care**. That means our washer, dryer, and dishwasher are running around the clock so every animal has clean bowls, fresh towels, and a comfortable place to sleep.

Summer is our busiest and most expensive season. The volume of animals goes up, and so does the cost of keeping up with their day-to-day care. This year, **our goal is to raise \$25,000** to help offset rising costs and keep pace with increased demand.

The fastest way to help is with a monetary donation. A financial gift lets us buy exactly what our animals need, when they need it, and stretch every dollar further by purchasing in bulk. You can give by scanning the QR code below or by including a check made payable to Yakima Humane Society in the enclosed envelope. Every dollar raised through this drive goes directly to the supplies that keep our shelter running.

HERE'S WHAT YOUR GIFT MAKES POSSIBLE:

\$5,000 - Feeds every animal at the shelter for one month

\$2,500 - Feeds every animal at the shelter for two weeks

\$1,000 - Feeds all the dogs at the shelter for one week

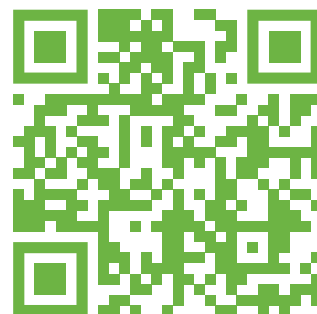
\$500 - Feeds all the cats and kittens at the shelter for one week

\$250 - Covers food, laundry detergent, and dish soap for one day

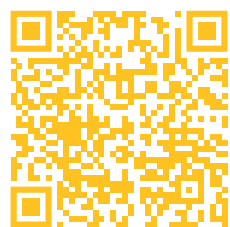
\$100 - Covers laundry detergent for one week

\$50 - Covers dish soap for one week

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TO DONATE



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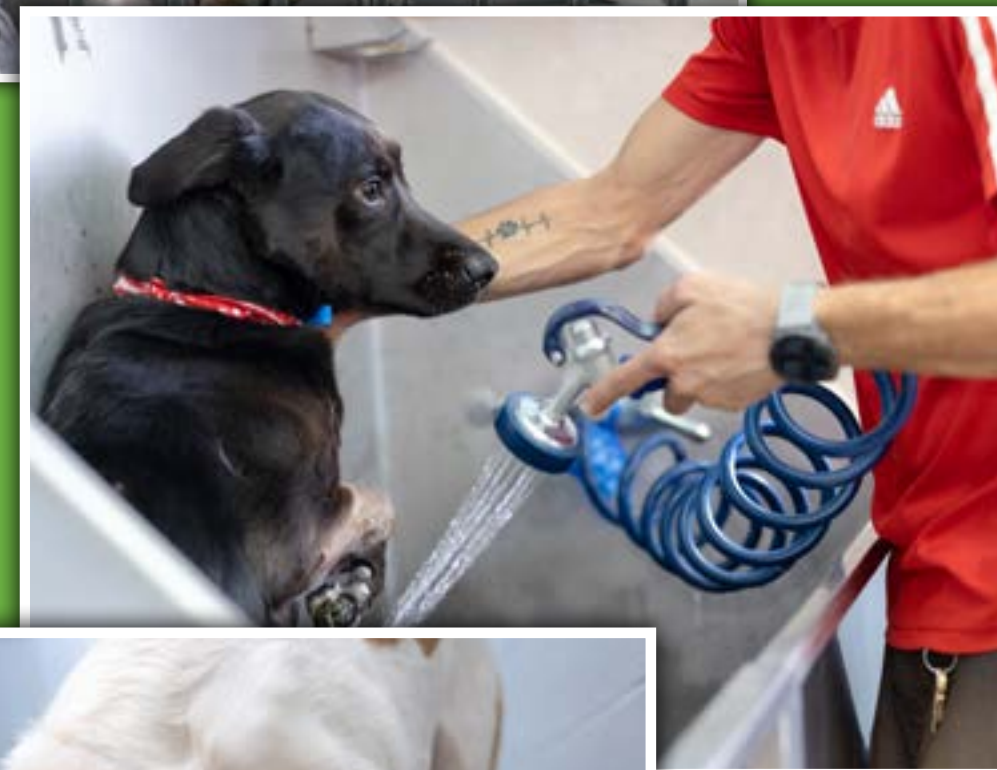


Walmart

We've put together registries on both Amazon & Walmart! Every item makes a difference, and we're grateful for your support. Items can also be dropped off at the shelter Monday through Friday, 10am to 4pm.



amazon



PAWS ON THE WALL LEAVES A LASTING IMPACT

This year, we launched our inaugural Paws on the Wall Mural Contest, giving petlovers throughout our community the opportunity to celebrate their beloved companions while supporting homeless animals in our care. The response exceeded our expectations, and **we're grateful to everyone who submitted photos, voted, donated, and shared the contest** with family and friends.

Together, participants helped raise more than \$12,000 to support the animals who rely on us every single day. **Our mission is only possible because of the generosity of supporters like you!**

In total, 48 pets were entered into the contest, and votes were cast by supporters throughout our community. The **winning pets are now part of a permanent mural on the exterior of our Yakima Adoption Center**, creating a colorful and meaningful tribute to the special bond between people and their pets.

More than just a fundraiser, Paws on the Wall has helped strengthen our connection with the community. **The mural will serve as a lasting reminder that when people come together for animals, incredible things happen.** Every pet featured represents not only a beloved companion but also a community committed to helping vulnerable animals in our Valley.

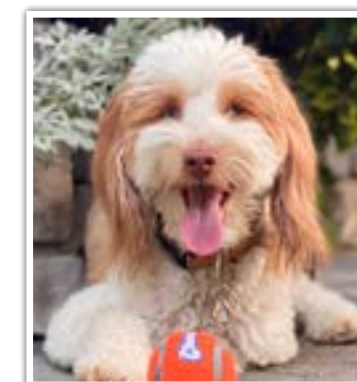
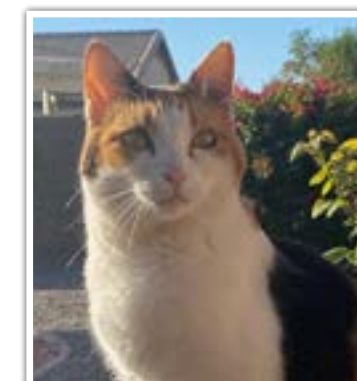
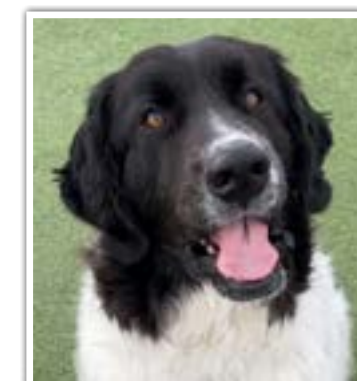


As we continue working to improve our shelter, expand services, and care for more animals in need, fundraising events like **Paws on the Wall play an important role in making that work possible.** It has been exciting to watch the mural come to life, and we can't wait for each and every one of you to see it!

Thank you for helping us turn a wall into a celebration of pets, people, and compassion.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP 3 PETS!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2027
PAWS OF YAKIMA
Calendar Contest

SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2026



JANUARY 30, 2027

#GIVING
TUESDAY

DECEMBER 1, 2026

Fur Ball
GALA & AUCTION

*FINALLY RETURNS
MAY 15, 2027!*