

Adoption

The Washington Area Humane Society does not offer euthanasia services. If after an in-depth discussion with your veterinarian and euthanasia is your only ethical decision, please discuss euthanasia options with your veterinarian. If you've run out of all options and you must bring your senior pet to the Washington Area Humane Society, please bring all available medical information with you. Our staff will help you with this procedure and guide you in the paperwork process. The more information you provide us, the more information we can provide to potential adopters. The Washington Area Humane Society does its best to get these special ones into loving homes, but seniors are often passed over for adoption which results in extended stays.

Hospice Care

Shelter life is an incredibly stressful atmosphere for any dog or cat, puppy or kitten, but for a senior in a shelter this atmosphere can be horrible for them. They've spent their life in a loving home, then suddenly, losing their eyesight or hearing, they are now living on cement or a small cage, surrounded by strangers and other scared dogs and cats and as expressed above, seniors are often passed over for adoption which results in extended stays. The Washington Area Humane Society does everything in their power to care for seniors, but please, do not let a shelter life be the end for your pet, reach out to your veterinarian, family and friends for support in caring for your senior or to make an ethical end of life decision.



At times though, the Washington Area Humane Society is faced with caring for a senior dog or cat. When this happens, the Washington Area Humane Society does not want this life for a senior so they reach out to a special group of volunteers, their Foster Families. Foster Families take in senior pets and provide hospice care for them so that the dog or cats last days are spent being loved and cared for in a comfortable home, the home that these senior pets so deserve.

Every November is
Adopt A Senior Pet Month!
Come celebrate with us!



If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Foster Family, or wish to adopt a senior, or you need additional information, please reach out to us.

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Washington Area Humane Society



Saying Goodbye

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P.O. Box 66
Eighty Four, PA 15330
724.222.PETS (7387)
www.washingtonpashelter.org



Our Mission

The Washington Area Humane Society's mission is to provide shelter, safety and food for the orphaned and abused animals of Washington County with the goal of placing them in loving homes. Provide public education about the humane care and treatment of animals. Provide affordable veterinary outpatient services including spaying or neutering. Investigate and resolve abuse cases in the best interests of the animal and community.

Saying Hello

At 2 months old; look at you, you are SOOOO CUTE!

At 2 months and 1-minute; I will love you forever!

At 6 months old; you ate WHAT, you scratched up WHAT?

At 1 year old; you pottied WHERE? Why would you think that would taste good? You rolled in WHAT? AGAIN?

At 18 months old; you are the smartest cat in the world!

At 2 years old; you truly are my best friend.

At 9 years old; you get me, I'll take you anywhere.

At 16 years old; it's time to say goodbye, I'd do it all over again if I could keep you forever.

Saying Goodbye

We know this is hard, the hardest thing you will probably have to do, but an end of life decision for your pet is something all responsible pet owners must face. We can't ease your pain or make the decision for you, but maybe we can help. Surrendering your senior pets to any shelter should be your last resort, not your first choice when you are facing the end of life decision for your pet. You have spent your life caring for your special friend and they've been there for you every step of the way, let the last be with you.



Our Mission, Adopt into Loving Homes

Senior Pets

There is an abundance of resources available for you to help you and your pet adjust to their advanced years. There are books, websites, but, as we often suggest, always check with your veterinarian for what is appropriate for your pet as they age. Besides learning more about your pets age-related changes, medicine is available to help your pet manage pain, and there are countless little things you can do to help your dog or cat get around once their eyesight or hearing starts to fail. All of your loving care can't stop the aging process, no matter how much we try. You've been a good pet parent, your relationship with your pet is unique, and your pet's wellbeing is important to you.



How do you know it's time

We cannot make the decision for you, but consider the following questions, and speak with your family and veterinarian.

- Is he able to eat and drink to maintain health, eliminate appropriately, walk and rest comfortably?
- Is she still full of life, still enjoying life? Or sadly, are her bad days outnumbering her good days?
- Is he in pain even after all of yours and your veterinarians efforts?
- We are sorry to break this down to money, but, sadly, finances must be considered. If after all of your efforts; is her condition causing financial stress?
- Your pet's health may be weighing on you emotionally, so try to make the ethical decision; what is the right thing to do for your pet even if it is the hardest decision for you?

Grief Resources



There is nothing like coming home at the end of the day and be welcomed by a tail wag or a purr; don't underestimate this intense bond with a being that loved you unconditionally, asking very little in return; their passing is a painful loss for you, your grief is real and nothing to be ashamed of. There are resources and pet loss support hotlines available to help you deal with your grief or guide you in helping your children deal with the loss of a pet.

Please support our Mission

We hope that you will consider helping the Washington Area Humane Society support its mission. If you would like to help, please consider a gift of:

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Washington Area Humane Society, or you may choose to pay by credit card as follows. Please mail this completed form along with your donation to: Washington Area Humane Society, P.O. Box 66, Eighty Four, PA 15330

Please charge my credit card for my one-time gift of: \$ _____

Account Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

3-Digit Number: _____

Signature: _____

Telephone Number: _____

If you would like, please provide us with your email address:

~Thank you for your continued support!~



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