

Humane Society of Tacoma May Be Forced to Euthanize Cats

The shelter, which is Washington states largest, is conducting an adopt-a-thon May 6 to save the lives of dogs and cats.

The animal shelter run by Humane Society of Tacoma and Pierce County in Washington state is filled to capacity and will soon have to start euthanizing cats, it says.

Tacoma-Pierce is attempting to become a no-kill shelter by the end of 2008, but with the shelter filled to capacity, its sounding the euthanasia alert.

Not only is the shelter full, but all 300 foster families that assist the shelter already are taking care of pets.

To help ease the crisis, a pet adopt-a-thon will be conducted on May 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the shelter, 2608 Center St, Tacoma. Other adoptions will also be conducted at Tacoma and Lakewood PETSMART stores and Wild Birds Unlimited in Gig Harbor.

Last year, 2,500 cats and dogs had to be euthanized at the shelter because they were not adopted. Kitty Gibbs of the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society said that Pierce County has one of the worst pet overpopulation problems in the state.

For more information, visit the Tacoma-Pierce humane society website.

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