Humane Society
FOR SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

CITY OF BATTLE GROUND 2024 ANIMAL SHELTERING REPORT

In 2024, Humane Society for Southwest Washington (HSSW) continued to serve as a vital resource for pets and the people who love them. Our work extends far beyond sheltering; we are committed to keeping families and their pets together, providing essential services, and fostering a compassionate and thriving community.

We cared for and provided shelter to nearly 6,000 animals across Clark County. As the dedicated sheltering partner for seven jurisdictions in Clark County, we remain steadfast in our mission to support both animals in need and the people who care for them.

Beyond sheltering, we provided essential resources to over 4,500 pet owners through community programs such as:

- Our pet food pantry, ensuring pet owners have access to food
- Emergency veterinary assistance, providing lifesaving care
- Wellness services for pets, for both low-income and houseless residents
- Public feline spay/neuter services for low-income residents
- Emergency boarding services for pet owners facing hardship

Through these efforts, we impacted more than 10,000 pets and their families, meeting the increasing need for support in our community.

Battle Ground Partnership

With our continued partnership, we provided care for 136 animals from the City of Battle Ground in 2024. This number does not include the additional services we provided, including wildlife support, owner-requested euthanasia, animal disposal services, and assistance for pet owners in crisis.

The total cost to house, feed, and provide medical and behavioral care for these animals was $99,688, an average of $733 per animal. The total reimbursement from Battle Ground was $68,460, covering only $503 per animal. Our donors subsidized this gap of $230/animal.

Total contract intakes from City of Battle Ground: 143*

Dogs: **41**

Cats: **74**

Small Animals: **21**

Wildlife / DOA: **7**

*This total reflects the sum of live animal intakes along with wildlife and DOA.

2024 Contract Cost: $68,460*

Average Cost to Battle Ground Per Animal: **$503**

*This cost does not include wildlife and DOA.

2024 HSSW Cost: $99,688

Average Cost to HSSW Per Animal: **$733**

Expanding Our Reach in 2024

Last year, we launched several transformative initiatives to expand our reach:

- Mobile Veterinary Clinic: Bringing subsidized veterinary care directly to under-served pet owners, ensuring pets receive the medical attention they need.
- Acquisition of the Longview Campus (formerly Humane Society for Cowlitz County): Strengthening our ability to provide high-quality care and sheltering services in Southwest Washington.
- Expansion of Veterinary Services: We began work to open a Community Veterinary Clinic that will open in late summer of 2025, which will be dedicated to providing accessible care for low-income residents.


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Lifesaving care for Battle Ground Dogs

In November of 2024, Battle Ground Police Department discovered nine abandoned dogs at a residence, five of which were deceased. The remaining four were severely malnourished and came to HSSW where they received immediate care and long-term support to help them recover both physically and behaviorally. After weeks of TLC and support, all four remaining dogs were adopted. Today they have the happy, loving homes they deserve.

2024 HSSW IMPACT REPORT

IN THE SHELTER

Total animals served:
5,969

Total adoptions:
4,230

3,492 spay / neuter surgeries

16,031 medical exams

Average length of stay:
12.98 days

759 animals reunited with their owner

517 animals transferred from areas of high need (over 100% increase from 2023)

IN THE COMMUNITY*

140,000 free pet meals distributed

59 animals received emergency boarding

Free Wellness Clinics serving more than **548 pets** experiencing houselessness (over 218% increase from 2023)

90 families received veterinary care through our HELP! Fund

2,491 public cat surgeries through our Spay & Save program (over 34% increase from 2023)

**Community Solutions programs are 100% supported by HSSW donors.*

AT ReTails THRIFT STORE

ReTails Thrift Store gives used items a second chance and helps fund our lifesaving work for people and pets in Southwest Washington. In 2024, ReTails provided **$1,920,045** in funding for HSSW.

Voted Best Thrift Store in Clark County eight years running

Sold over **852,724** donated items

Served as a **distribution site** for free pet food and resources

Provided clothing and housewares to partners serving houseless population

Job site for Partners in Careers (PIC), Goodwill Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), and Clearview Employment Services

OUR VOLUNTEERS

1,106 volunteers provided more than **$4 million** worth of donated labor in support of our mission

OUR PATH FORWARD

To support the growing needs in our community, we are adding services and programs that reach beyond the walls of the shelter. To learn more about our strategic plan, Path Forward 2025, please visit **hssw.org/PathForward2025**.

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