

# BENTON COUNTY CANINE SHELTER

SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER



## FACEBOOK REVIEW

Carin was so great and I left feeling good instead of sad which is usually what I feel leaving the shelters. Very professional and kind place to be! Everyone was smiles. And super Clean! Loved it! - Cherie Jackson 02/5/18



# DONATIONS & UPDATES

*HERE ARE SOME OF THE AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING AT OUR SHELTER!*

This quarter brought lots of wonderful things! We established a new relationship with Tri Cities Food Bank they are now donating all the feline and canine food they receive to our shelter. In addition, we will be receiving monthly donations from Amazon through our amazing relationship with Tacoma Humane Society. These donations will not only help our shelter, but we will be able to help even more rescues with our Pay It Forward program.

This quarter brought in Maria, Kimo, and Yasmin: three very abused dogs with extreme fear of human contact. After working with them we were able to get them comfortable enough to transfer to Grant County Animal Outreach who placed them in training at Coyote Ridge for further one on one training. We have been informed that their training is going very well and should be up for adoption soon.

In June we had two emergency cases come in, one was Rosie who had large leaking sarcoma around her neck. The situation did not look very optimistic but as always, we took Rosie to Vista Veterinary Hospital to determine if she was in any pain and what her life expectancy would be. Dr. Meyer determined Rosie was not in any pain and could enjoy proximity a 6 month to a year of life as long she continued to receive her daily medication. At that point we started reaching for a hospice home Rosie could be placed in for her care and to spend the rest of her life. Within a few days we found one located in Yakima and transported her to their home. She is enjoying her time with them and it is being determined if she is a candidate for surgery to remove her tumors.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Yoda, who had been laying in a reporting parties yard for two days unable to walk. Officer Josh Castilleja went to the reporting parties home and picked up Yoda, who did have what was believed to be a bite wound and extensive muscle bruising to his abdomen along with his legs. We took Yoda to Vista Veterinary Hospital to have him examined, and Dr. Goebel found that although Yoda was pretty roughed up he would make a full recovery. Within a couple of weeks, Yoda was up and running around being a silly little puppy. After we took him for his free grooming at The Groomery he was adopted with in an hour of getting back to the shelter.

Josh and I would like to thank our community so very much for all your support we could never help dogs like Rosie and Yoda without your help.

## **DONATIONS**

April, May, and June brought numerous generous donations to our shelter!

During this time, we received approximately 6300 pounds dry of food and treats, numerous dog sweaters, toys, and some handmade pillows for our little dogs.

## **PAY IT FORWARD >>**

At Benton County Canine Shelter, we have a philosophy of “paying it forward” when we receive donations that we cannot use. This quarter, we donated 2200 pounds of dog food, dog treats, cat food and cat litter to Prevent Homeless Pets, along with dozens of towels and wash cloths.





# TRANSFERS & FOREVER FAMILIES

## PARTNER TRANSFERS NEWS:

- Nine (9) dogs were transferred to Benton-Franklin Humane Society
- Two (2) dogs were transferred to Tacoma Humane Society
- Nine (9) dogs were transferred to Grant County Animal Outreach

## FOREVER FAMILIES:

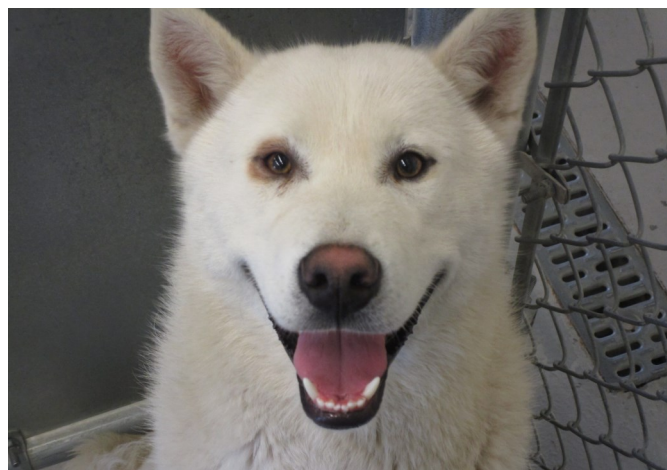
- Fourteen (14) dogs were adopted directly from our shelter this quarter by their forever families.
- Seventeen (17) dogs were returned to their owner and countless posts on our Facebook page were shared to help reuniting families with their pets.

## HAPPY TALES

Nanuk came to our office on May 5, 2018. Shelter staff thought he had to have a family looking for him, but, sadly, after his 3-day hold was complete no one had come to claim him. So he was placed for adoption and we hoped he would find the perfect adventure family. Then on June 6, 2018, the day before he was to be transferred out, a wonderful family came in to the shelter asking if we just happen to have seen their dog, Lobo. We saw the photo and, sure enough, it was him! The son started to cry, we cried. It was such an amazing experience - they are not on social media, and just happen to hear about our shelter so they came in. What a wonderful outcome and Lobo was so happy to see them.



*Receiving donations from the Tri-Cities Food Bank*



*Our happy boy, Nanuk (Lobo)*

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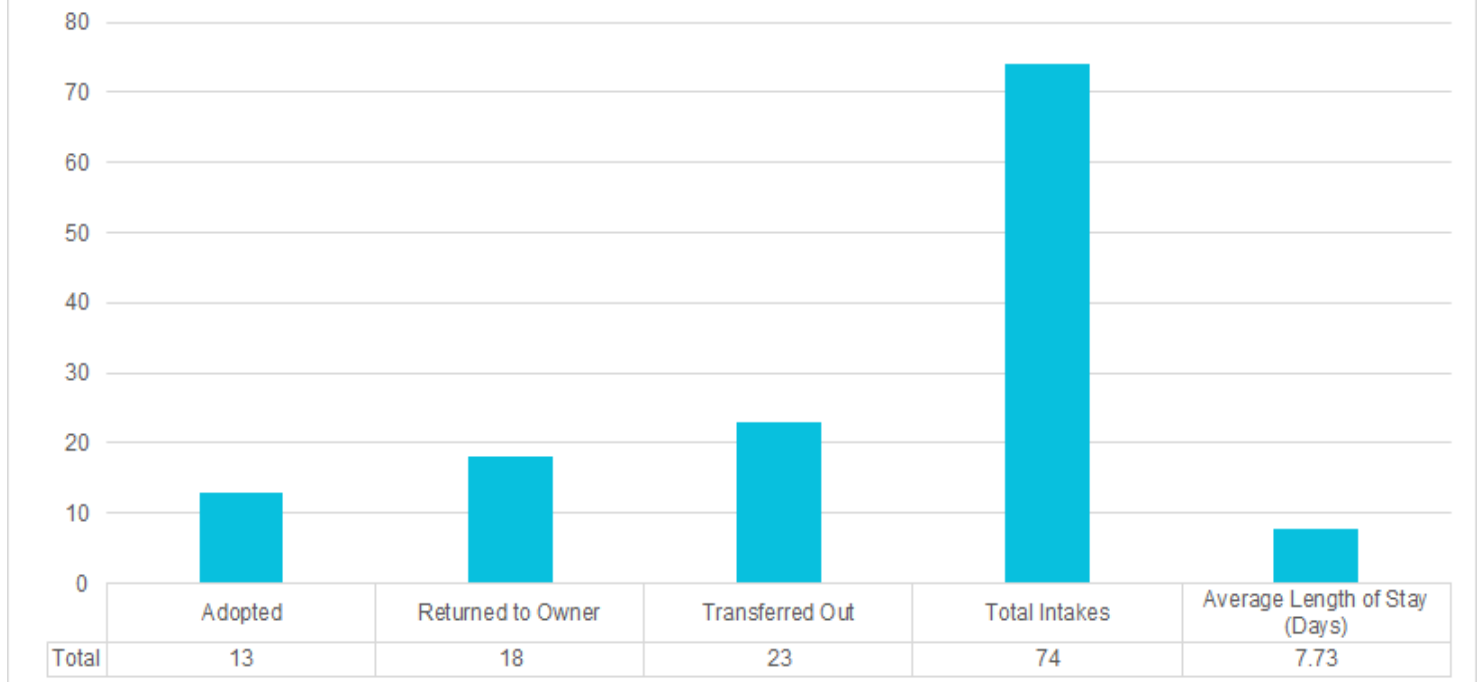
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# QUARTERLY STATS

AN OVERVIEW OF THE QUARTER'S STATISTICS

## Summer 2018 Canine Shelter Statistics

April 1, 2018 - June 30, 2018



This quarter, we took in a total of 74 dogs, with 13 being adopted directly out of our shelter, 18 returned to owner, and 29 transferred out, and the average length of stay for our dogs this quarter was 7.73 days. This length of stay is significantly less than our target goal of 15 days or less.



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