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Spokane Humane Society's Announces New STAR Program

Program Designed to Help Animals in Need

SPOKANE, Wash., June 23, 2020 – The Spokane Humane Society (SHS) is announcing the launch of a new program designed to ensure every animal that comes through their doors gets the medical care they need - with the community's support.

The new program is called STAR which stands for Special Treatment and Recovery. The STAR program is funded by donations and provides medical care to abused, neglected, injured and sick shelter animals. Homeless and abandoned pets with poor medical or behavioral conditions tend to be dismissed as adoption candidates, even though many of these animals are simply reacting to the trauma of an injury or the impact of a new circumstance and surroundings.

To help launch the STAR program, SHS is focused on helping their very first STAR Animal, Dior - a sweet free-roaming, lost Siamese mixed cat. Dior was rescued with a severely injured eye that had resulted in total blindness in that eye. Such injuries are often a precursor to cancer. Removal of the blind and painful eye was in Dior's best interest. In addition to vaccinating, spaying and removing her eye, Dior was treated for multiple internal and external parasites. Given the SHS team's diligent care, they are happy to report that she is on her way to recovery!

If not for STAR, SHS may not have been able to provide this life-saving care.

The STAR program is only possible with the help and support of staff, volunteers – including foster families willing to provide temporary housing in a loving home, their compassionate veterinarians, and most importantly, generous donors like you. If you would like to help save the lives of animals like Dior, you can send tax-deductible donations through their <u>Facebook</u> page, on their <u>website</u> or via mail to Spokane Humane Society, PO Box 6247, Spokane, WA 99217.



Dior is a gentle and affectionate girl who would love a FURever home. If you are interested in adopting this adorable gal, please contact SHS at 509-467-5235 ext 0.

ABOUT SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY

The Spokane Humane Society is the oldest animal shelter in Spokane. They are a 501c3 private, non-profit serving the public since 1897 by providing care, shelter, and placement into loving homes for homeless, neglected, and unwanted animals in the greater Spokane area through adoptions.

To view adoptable animals or provide life-changing support to furry friends, please visit the SHS website at <u>www.spokanehumanesociety.org</u>. Stay updated by following the SHS Facebook page <u>here</u>.