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## **Exciting News from Spokane Humane Society: New State-of-the-Art Kennels Coming this Fall**



1: Current K2 wing for SHS K9s.

Spokane Humane Society (SHS) is thrilled to share some exciting news with our wonderful community. Over the past few months, our dedicated Board of Directors and Executive Director have been hard at work, improving our 55+ year-old shelter location at 6607 N Havana. And now, we are thrilled to announce that we will soon be installing brand new, state-of-the-art Midmark kennels in one of two canine wings, totaling up to 53 new kennels.

*"These new kennels are specifically designed to enhance the quality of life for our furry friends. By reducing sounds and visual distractions, as well as providing enhanced kennel space, the Midmark kennels will truly make a difference. We will also be installing acoustic baffles in the*

*kennel wing to further dampen noise. Importantly, these kennels are also designed to be easily reinstalled in our future shelter, making them a smart and fiscally responsible investment."* – Jeff Milligan, SHS Board and Property Committee Member



2: Kennel rendering shown here is a standard depth of 6'. Kennels by Midmark to be installed at SHS are custom 12' deep. The kennel design includes frosted fronts on the bottom half and will include a wire grid over the kennel tops.



To make this incredible project a reality, we have partnered with Nokes Builders and Midmark. Nokes Builders has completed the pre-construction timeline and contract, while Midmark has finished the pre-design of the kennels. Before we can begin the installation, we do need to temporarily decrease the number of K9s housed in our shelter over the next few weeks.

*“Midmark is proud to partner with Spokane Humane Society to offer an exceptional housing solution for canines in one of their two K9 wings – the Sani-Kennel.”*

*Working closely with the humane society team, we have meticulously designed these kennels to prioritize the well-being of animals, reducing their fear, anxiety, and stress. Our innovative solution includes improved ventilation, reduced visual stimulus, sound dampening, rest benches, and FRP divider panels.*

*Midmark Sani-Kennels are built with a watertight-sealed frame to prevent the spread of disease between kennels. Additionally, they boast a convenient two-way door latch, facilitating easy interaction between canines and staff.*

*By providing a comfortable and safe space for these animals, we aim to help them feel at home while in the shelter environment. When they are content and relaxed, they are more likely to form connections with people and ultimately find their forever home.”*

– Matt Christiansen, Territory Portfolio Manager Midmark Corporation

We predict the project to start late September 2023. A preliminary timeline will be shared with our team, volunteers, and the community within the next couple of weeks, and updated as changes may occur.

Throughout the construction process, we will work closely with our fosters, team members, and key partners to ensure that we can continue providing housing for homeless K9s. We understand that this may increase the need for shelter housing from other agencies and impact the community for surrenders. At this time we have temporarily paused intake of K9s until demolition and installation is complete. We greatly appreciate our community's patience and support as we make these important improvements, and highly encourage adoption.



We will keep our community updated on our social media outlets and website as adjustments are made to the timeline. If you have any questions or feedback regarding this project and timeline, please do not hesitate to reach out to [kim@spokanehumanesociety.org](mailto:kim@spokanehumanesociety.org).

Exciting times are ahead for Spokane Humane Society. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey!

Find current 'before' video and photos [here](#) and model of new kennels [here](#).

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## **ABOUT SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY**

*Spokane Humane Society is the oldest animal shelter in Spokane with a 126+ year legacy. 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 [www.spokanehumanesociety.org](http://www.spokanehumanesociety.org). Stay updated by following the Spokane Humane Society Facebook page <https://facebook.com/SpokaneHumaneSociety/>.*

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