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Banfield Foundation Grant for Spokane Humane Society

*Banfield Foundation Medical Equipment Grant 2023 was awarded to
Spokane Humane Society for an on-site EKG machine*



SPOKANE, WA (January 24, 2024) - Banfield Foundation Medical Equipment 2023 Grant was awarded to Spokane Humane Society (SHS) of \$5,711.76 intended for the purchase of an EKG machine for the SHS on-site clinic.

Spokane Humane Society applied for the grant to purchase an EKG machine that allows veterinary staff to closely monitor many aspects of an animal's well-being while under anesthesia, including their heart rate, blood pressure, and oxygen level.

Libby (feline) was the first animal at SHS to use the EKG machine for a leg amputation. Upon intake, SHS clinic staff's evaluation determined that Libby had a hock fracture and a 3rd-degree sprain resulting in ligament damage.

Libby had a fantastic recovery in her foster home and was adopted by her foster family. She is more mobile than she has ever been after surgery and is now able to

easily run around on three legs.

"Through the use of the EKG machine, we are able to provide a higher standard of care to every animal that undergoes general anesthesia. The impact of the EKG allows us to better monitor our patients, quickly catch any issues that may arise during anesthesia and properly respond to these issues to ensure the best outcome for our patients." - Spokane Humane Society Lead Veterinarian, Dr. Megan.

Spokane Humane Society expects to serve at least 2,000 pets over the next five years following the purchase of the Banfield-funded EKG machine. Two EKGs were made possible through leveraging the grant for a match, SHS has been able to serve 557 pets since using the EKGs beginning in June 2023. If SHS keeps at this rate of utilizing the EKG capacity at 93 pets each month, they will have been able to serve 3,348 animals in total by the end of 2027. The completion of 8 specialty surgeries that would have previously had to be outsourced has been a cost saving between \$1000 - \$4500 each. The grant from Banfield has paid for itself in savings alone.



For clinical appointments, visit spokanehumanesociety.org/vet-clinic/ and contact clinic@spokanehumanesociety.org with questions.

ABOUT SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY

Spokane Humane Society is the oldest animal shelter in Spokane with an over 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. Stay updated by following the Spokane Humane Society Facebook page <https://facebook.com/SpokaneHumaneSociety/>.

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