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PAWS Building New Home off Highway 9 in Snohomish

Lynnwood, WA – Property along Highway 9 in Snohomish purchased by PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society) a few years ago to build new facilities is currently in the permitting phase. The site is approximately eight miles east of PAWS’ headquarters in Lynnwood, which has served the community since its founding in 1967.

“Like a baby bird who has outgrown her nest, our ability to meet the growing need for our services is challenged by a facility with an aging infrastructure,” says PAWS CEO Annette Laico.

PAWS’ breadth of services is unique among animal organizations in the Pacific Northwest – combining shelter and adoption services, a wildlife hospital and rehabilitation center, and humane education and outreach programs.

“The new campus will be a refuge for animals in need of care, a destination for people who love animals, and a gathering place where the public and professionals can come to learn about and pursue solutions for animal issues,” says Laico.

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Other improvements include:

- Expanded medical facilities which will provide more veterinary students the rare opportunity to receive expert training in shelter and wildlife medicine.
- Increased spay/neuter services offered to low-income members of the community.
- Wildlife areas specifically designed to meet the diverse needs of a constantly changing population of animals, including endangered and threatened species.
- More homelike settings for companion animals, thereby reducing their stress and susceptibility to illness and allowing them to interact with potential adopters in a more natural way.
- Increased trails for dog walking and areas for families to meet and interact with dogs as well as dog training classes.

Jones & Jones Architects is designing the facility. Costigan Integrated is managing the project. Sellen is the General Contractor. PAWS hopes to break ground later this year.

For 50 years, PAWS has been a national leader in rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife, sheltering and adopting out homeless pets, and educating people of all ages about compassion for animals. Since its founding in 1967, PAWS has provided a second chance at life for more than 250,000 animals representing 260 different species—from orphaned seal pups, injured owls and great blue herons to homeless dogs, middle-aged cats, and puppies and kittens.

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