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# Pets get the spotlight at Animalocity

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From four legs to two legs, and no hair to long hair, all types of animals will be parading down Opera Alley between South 7th and St. Helens Avenue in Tacoma's Theatre District Aug. 26 as part of Animalocity.

A free family and pet-friendly event, Animalocity in its third year offers the only pet parade in Tacoma.

Beginning at 3 p.m., the parade will travel south down Opera Alley with hundreds of pets and their owners, each encouraged to dress in costume.

In between each pet will be a pet bed, created by artists, business people and individuals.

The pet beds will be auctioned off after the parade.

Dugan Foundation boardmember David Rekow said there were nearly 3,000 people at the event last year. This year he hopes to beat that number.

There will also be an artisan market where attendees can purchase arts and crafts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along Opera Alley. Many of the artisans, in keeping with the animal theme,

will bring the latest in pet items, including jewelry and clothes, Rekow said.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale will go to the Rwanda Relief Fund to help a children's orphanage, and the other half to the Dugan Foundation, a non-profit organization helping to end euthanasia as a form of animal population control in Pierce County.

"They will be selling their creations and at the same time helping the community," Rekow said.

But not to worry, Rekow added, there will also be artisans that don't have an animal theme.

Following the parade there will be a live auction of the specialty made pet beds, with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Dugan Foundation.

Last year, Rekow said doghouses were auctioned off to the highest bidder.

"These are one-of-a-kind pet beds," Rekow noted.

The beds, which were created by community members, were first acquired through donations of lumber by local businesses and later assembled through a skill class by inmates at McNeil Island



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**LOVEABLE PETS.** Animals of all shapes and sizes will be the stars of Animalocity, Aug. 26. Proceeds from the pet and family-friendly event will go to support the Dugan Foundation, a non profit organization helping to end euthanasia as a form of animal population control in Pierce County.

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The event will also feature educational opportunities for children, including

watching demonstrations of llama wool spinning.

"Outreach to the community is a big part of our

organization," said Rekow of the Dugan Foundation, who said other animal organizations will also be there

with information booths.

For more information or to participate in the parade call (253) 572-7700.