

# Lauren McCluskey's Cat Wing

at the Whitman County Humane Society



Lauren Jennifer McCluskey, a beautiful young woman in all respects, was murdered on the University of Utah campus on October 22, 2018. A worldwide outpouring of grief is a testament to the light she brought during her life - a light that somehow still shines during these dark days.

Lauren was born in Berkeley, California on February 12, 1997. She moved to Pullman, Washington in August 1998 when her parents, Matt and Jill McCluskey, joined Washington State University as professors. From an early age, Lauren was bright, sensitive, and very active. She was an outstanding student and track athlete, earning a Division I scholarship to the University of Utah. Lauren loved animals and volunteered at the Whitman County Humane Society helping to socialize cats so they would be more adoptable. She had two beloved cats of her own, Fuzzy and then Victory.

To ensure that Lauren's light, love and compassion continues to shine, the McCluskey family and generous donors plan to establish the **Lauren McCluskey's Cat Wing** at the Whitman County Humane Society (WCHS). The 400 square foot addition to the existing feline building will allow the WCHS to expand their current facilities by installing eight modern kennels which will double the number of cats and kittens that can be currently housed at the facility.

Whitman County, particularly Pullman and Washington State University, continue to grow. As such, WCHS continues to care for more animals each year, particularly that of kittens. In 2016 and 2017, WCHS cared for 168 and 214 kittens respectively. Knowing Lauren's love for kittens and for the Whitman County Humane Society, all donations made in her memory will ensure there is enough room at the WCHS for all kittens and cats in need.

Two anonymous donors have generously pledged \$20,000 to the **Lauren McCluskey's Cat Wing**. We are seeking to match or exceed these initial gifts to name the cat wing in memory of Lauren. Please join us in donating to the **Lauren McCluskey's Cat Wing** by visiting the following website: [www.whitmanpets.org/how-to-help/donate](http://www.whitmanpets.org/how-to-help/donate). Please be sure to indicate **Lauren McCluskey's Cat Wing** in the "special instructions and designations" field when visiting the WCHS website. Checks can also be sent to PO Box 453, Pullman, Washington 99163.

