

WAGS TO RICHES

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ANIMAL RESCUE
AND SANCTUARY, INC.

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WAGS TO RICHES INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

1st Annual BBQ and Brew on August 22nd from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Selah Civic Center (Must be 21 to attend.)

Catering by Miz Dee's BBQ Works, a **Silent and Live Auction** with some great items including a piece of artwork by LEO ADAMS, 4 days and 3 nights on the beach, some great overnight date packages that include dinners partnered with events at the Capitol Theater. A bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon from Leonetti, a special quilt, a beautiful afghan by Jan Woolen, 3 baskets from Shannon Elizabeth Waxing, a free month of Dog Poo pickup, a free website, dinner certificates in Spokane and Wenatchee and much more.

PLUS, Karaoke With a Twist. (Do you know of anyone who you think can sing or better yet someone who can't but you would like to see them try? It is all up to you and it WILL BE FUN!!.)

Tickets are \$20.00 each and includes 2 drink tickets and can be purchased at Mannings at 1008 W. Ahtanum Rd. in Union Gap, Sea Galley on Valley Mall Blvd. in Union Gap, Hands On Art at 5603 Summit-view, Suite 100 in Yakima and K9 Country Club at 2310 Terrace Heights Drive in Terrace Heights, from Miz Dee at the Farmer's Market or go to our website www.WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.Org

Jenifer Wilde of 92.9 The Bull has agreed to be our emcee. Just think how much fun that will be!!! (Hmm..I wonder if she can sing??!!) And Paul Newman www.paulnewmanauctions.com has agreed to be our auctioneer.

Your support of this event will allow us to rescue and feed and care for more animals, continue our Children's education program pre-school thru 6th grade, continue and further our Senior Citizen programs, help fund our 3 scholarships, help us build our Sanctuary and allow us to broaden the scope of Wags to Riches to several other programs we are planning for in the future.

ANIMAL CRUELTY IS A CRIME

On July 22nd I witnessed two guys not only leaving their young dog in a car around 7pm, it was still over 90 degrees but also hitting it several times as they reached thru the open window.

I was paralyzed wondering if it was emergent enough to call 911. I went out and got their license plate number and looked thru the window and saw this poor animal's face as it was panting like crazy hunkered down under the steering wheel on the driver's side of the car.

I have since talked to three police officers and found out that animal abuse IS a felony and I should have called 911. (Which leaves me with a whole host of regrets considering I have spent much of this last year of my life devoted to rescuing animals!)

Union Gap's K-9 officer Shawn James also, I am told, has a device that he can point into a car and it will tell the temperature inside. I called YPD and also the Sheriff's office to see if they have similar devices.

Please help Wags get the word out, not only about the risks for animals, but what we, as citizens, can do to help protect them. **Someone has to help the helpless!**

By Kim

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Animal cruelty is a crime. It is a Class C Felony and a person convicted of a Class C Felony can go to Prison. Kim did give the Police the license plate number and a description of the guys.

So.. just maybe that dog will get lucky and someone will rescue it or the guys will get caught and convicted. And, just maybe Kim's information will have saved that poor dog's life.

SOMETIMES WE LAUGH.....



WE LOVE IT!!!

This is the tag that is on the quilt that will be auctioned off at the BBQ and Brew on August 22nd.

AND...SOMETIMES WE CRY

WAGS' FIRST EDUCATION DOG BENTLEY WENT TO THE RAINBOW BRIDGE JUNE 12, 2009



On Monday morning Bentley was out doing his usual thing.....barking at the Garbage Man. On Monday evening Bentley didn't eat his dinner. Over the next 3 days he was given 2 transfusions and medication.

He had an immune mediated anemia problem that is often fatal, happens very rapidly and is not an old dog disease. Bentley was 5.

The amazing thing was the cards from the kids at Union Gap School and their teachers. And, the impact Bentley had on them is tremendous. They loved him and they will be good to other animals because of him and the little boy who was so afraid of all dogs until Bentley came to school will not be so afraid the next time he sees a little brown dog.

Bentley was rescued from the streets and from 2 little boys who thought his life was meaningless. The way he was treated by those boys is the very reason that the Wags' education program exists...to teach kids to be respectful of animals and to be responsible for them.

We know that Bentley's life did have meaning. He touched their lives and they will remember his message.

RESCUED-ANNIE AND ANDY

(Bottle fed from 2 weeks old by Jaime's Mom...once a Mom always a Mom!!)

I just wanted to let you know that Annie and Andy made it home to their new home just fine. Annie meowed a little off and on but all in all they were very quiet. They are all settled in their new temporary room, the laundry room, while they and my other kitties get to know each other.

Annie and Andy are both wonderful kitties! You did a great job with them. They are super friendly, love to be held, very curious and confident, and not at all afraid of the other cats sniffing at them through the door. We had them in our bedroom this morning while we were reading the paper and had the rest of the cats and the dogs shut out so we could have the kitties lose in the room. They were so cute as they explored and jumped around. During the day we will leave them in laundry room with Boo our kitty who gets along with everyone.

Jamie, thanks for fostering them and for doing such a wonderful job! We will be making vet appointments for them in the next week so they can start their shots. Keep up the good work and bless you all.

Sue S.



TRISTA HULL TURNS 6 YEAR OLD

For her birthday party Trista asked for donations of dog and cat food instead of gifts and below is what she donated to Wags. Wow!!! We took her to see one of the puppies that would be able to eat because of her.

Thank you Trista!!! We think you are pretty special! We think her Gramma Kathi is pretty special too.





**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ED STOUT**

*Who loved animals and was
involved in animal rescue.*

**Laurel & Dan Belton
Steve & Cheryl Belton**

**It was their wish to honor "Uncle Ed Stout"
and his love of animals by donating to
Wags rather than buy flowers.**



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MAY HERMANN
(Mom)**

Christina and Eric Eldridge

WAGS HEROES

Wags would like to acknowledge Cynthia and the folks at Cummins NW for saving 2 mama dogs and their 18 puppies. They cared for them with love and kindness. You are our heroes!!!

**ROGER AND BEV VANDIVER "STEP UP TO
THE PLATE" AGAIN**

They got a call from Yakima Veterinary Clinic on April 27th. One of their older clients needed someone to take their big dog while the husband was getting a bone marrow transplant.

Here's the interesting part it will be for 5 to 6 months. The Vet said that they thought of the Vandivers because of Wags to Riches and because they have German Shepherds. These folks didn't know what they were going to do with their dog whom they dearly love.

So, Roger and Bev, with their usual style, stepped up to the plate and are fostering this dog for the 5 to 6 months it will be necessary for the husband to get his health back after the bone marrow transplant and treatment.

Thank you Yakima Veterinary Clinic for thinking of Bev and Roger and Wags to Riches and for letting us be a part of the recovery and healing of this family knowing that they wouldn't need to worry about their dog.

**POODLES RESCUED FROM BACKYARD
BREEDER**

By some people's standards receiving 23 dogs from a backyard breeder doesn't seem like a lot.

BUT... think about 23 new mouths to feed at least twice a day. Their kennels cleaned at least twice a day. 23 extra dogs who need to just have somebody sit with them and hold them so they aren't afraid. 23 dogs who were so matted and dirty that they had to be shaved one by one, and then bathed at least twice. Thanks goes to Jane at Mannings for rounding up some volunteers to come out and help with the 2nd round of bathing.

And think about a handicapped dog, much larger than the rest, who needed to have his leg amputated because of an old injury. Then think about 5 or 6 maybe more of those guests who are due to have babies any day.

Most importantly, think about 23 lives that were saved (more when you count babies), 23 animals that won't be euthanized and 23 animals who will be spayed or neutered so they don't have to have any more litters of puppies in a world where there is such an overpopulation of dogs. This is the 3rd rescue of puppy mill/backyard breeders that Wags has been involved in in the last year.

One unfixed female dog and all of her unfixed babies, in 6 years can have 67,000 more puppies.

This is what keeps these Puppymills rolling. An endless supply of puppies, an endless supply of pet stores willing to buy or an endless supply of people willing to pay huge fees to an unknown breeder that runs an ad in the paper. Most of these puppies are the result of inbreeding and come with a whole host of problems.

We would like to thank Ginger's Pet Rescue in Seattle for helping us with these little guys. 19 were transported to her rescue and after substantial medical treatment have all found new loving homes.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! WE WON'T ASK HOW
OLD YOU ARE!!!**



*Donation made in honor of Linda
Kusske's Birthday.*

THANK YOU FRED MEYER, BI-MART AND THE YAKIMA BEARS

Wags would like to thank the folks at Fred Meyer for selecting Wags to Riches to be one of nine groups to be featured in the Fred Meyer Community Spotlight for the 2009 season of the Yakima Bears.

We would also like to thank Bi-Mart for sponsoring the evening of June 24th.

The game was great as were the fans and we appreciated their donations to our emergency medical fund. We gave away over 200 Wags Dog Tags to the kids and each time we do that we know we have made a positive impact on those kids and an animal in their future.

**DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE and...
are necessary for the animals to survive.
We are an all volunteer organization and all
donations received go to help Wags help the
animals.**

EVENTS IN OUR FUTURE.....

Calendar Photo contest start	August, 2009
Brew and Barbeque	August 22, 2009
Dia De Los Muertos	October 2009
Photo's with Santa	November 2009
Christmas Event	December 2009

Each one of these events is a fund raiser for Wags to Riches but equally as important, they are designed to educate the public about animal rescue and create top-of-mind awareness of pet over-population and the need to Spay and Neuter.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

So many individuals help our animals in so many different ways. We would like to give special recognition to:

The Yakima Lion's Club for their donation towards the purchase of a Micro-Chip Scanner and a Micro-Chipper.

Have you ever felt the fear that you would never see your beloved pet again? Imagine the animal's fear. And, even if a kind hearted person picks them up, if that person doesn't know how to locate you then your pet may never be returned to you.

Did you know that 1 in 3 dogs will get lost in their lifetime and 90 % of them will never make it back home. An estimated 9 million cats enter shelters and only 3% of them ever make it back to their owners.

Those animals that are micro-chipped have a much better chance of being returned to their family. It is important that your pet always have identification some type of identification on them. But many times a pet will slip out of it's collar and then the ID is gone.

A micro-chip is a tiny computer chip housed in a special type of glass that is compatible with living tissue. It is implanted between an animals shoulder blades. It is small and it starts to work immediately. It never needs to be replaced.

Micro-chipping your pet is not a 100% guarantee that you will get your pet back but your chances are much greater with it than without it.

THANK YOU YAKIMA LION'S CLUB!!

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I want to help the animals with my tax-deductible contribution.



Amount Enclosed: ___\$35 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$250 ___Other

Funds to be allocated as follows:

- Where most needed _____
- Merlin Scholarship Fund _____
- Emergency Medical Fund _____
- Sanctuary Building Fund _____
- Kid's Education Program Fund _____
- Forever Remembered (Memorial) _____
- In Memory Of (Newsletter) _____

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