

## Wags' Kids for Kritters Newsletter

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#### WAGS TAGS

So far Wags to Riches has handed out over 600 dog tags to kids. We love giving them away and we know you love getting them.



If you haven't gotten yours yet please let us know so we can send one to you.

Ethan Krebs is a Wags Kid and you can see how proud he is of his dog tag. Ethan is 4 years old and lives in Bellingham.

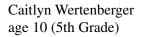
#### A WAGS BOOK REPORT

#### **CAGES** by Peg Kehret

The story is about a young girl who's name is Kit. She gets in trouble for stealing a gold bracelet. Her punishment is working with animals at the Humane Society (which she doesn't feel it is much of a punishment). She feels caged like the animals, by helping them find good homes she feels set free.

Kit learns about something called "the love light" which is when an animal is full of love, their faces light up when they see you. She saw the love light in a little cocker spaniel named Lady. You will have to read the book to find out what happens between her and Lady.

I think this is a good book because it teaches you many lessons.



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#### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Star Fish are not fish?

Also called Sea Stars, they have no brains and no blood. Their nervous system is spread through their arms and their "blood" is actually filtered sea water.

#### BE A WAGS KID

Be a responsible pet guardian! Other people will learn from you when you make sure that your pets have everything they need:

Healthy food and clean water every day.

Shelter from the weather in hot weather and in cold weather.

Veterinary care, vaccinations (shots), and a license.

Training for good manners.

Safe toys and plenty of interesting things to do so that they don't chew up something that they shouldn't.

A safe place of his own. Just like you need a safe place so do they.

Keep their fur brushed and clean and their toenails clipped.

Lots of time with you! They need hugs and kisses and to be loved.

#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Did you know that kids just like you are making a difference in the lives of animals every day?

Kids just like you are having bake sales, pet food drives and collecting donations to help animal rescue groups like Wags to Riches. Some kids have birthday parties and ask for pet food rather than gifts.

Kids, with their parents permission, are donating time to go and walk, hug and pet animals.

It takes a little time but you can help make the world a better place.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

#### WAGS WANTS TO KNOW...

Question-What happened to the cat that ate wool?



Answer-It had mittens!

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#### ASK WAGS...

#### Do animals see in color?

The general answer is that scientists have reason to believe most animals see in color to some extent. For simplicity, a very general rule is sometimes offered: most diurnal (daytime) animals see in color, while most nocturnal (night) animals don't — but even here there are exceptions.

Animals like cats and dogs are color-blind to specific colors. They do, however, have greater night vision and a keener ability to detect motion.

Dogs can't distinguish between green and orange which will both look grayish. Reds appear as differing shades of gray to a cat. It is believed both dogs and cats see mainly in grays, yellows, and blues.

# WAGS HEROES APPLE VALLEY K KIDS

Wags wants to send a big Thank you to these kids, from 2nd to 5th grades, who were able to collect almost 300 pounds of pet food and donated it to the animals of Wags.

Thanks for getting involved. This food made it possible for us to be able to rescue more dogs and cats and have food for them.

It was great to be able to sit around the table and talk to you about animals and hear about your pets and to be able to tell you about what we do and how we save animals.

And we do want to thank your parents too. The West Valley Kiwanis parents have great kids who really care about animals.



Apple Valley K Kids with the Van loaded with dog food, cat food and newspapers.

WISE WORDS from a box decorated by the Apple Valley K Kids.

