WAGS TO RICHES



ANIMAL RESCUE

AND SANCTUARY, INC.

An all volunteer, IRS recognized 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Organization

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Yakima Herald Republic 2017 Reader's Choice Best Nonprofit Organization by the Readers of the Valley.

Each and every one of our Wags family say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who voted for us and to the Yakima Herald Republic for the great story about Wags.

As an all-volunteer organization each volunteer has repurposed our lives for those who cannot speak for or help themselves.

We are grateful for the acknowledgement of a job well done.

JUST SIX OF THE MANY REASONS WHY YOUR DONATIONS ARE SO IMPORTANT.....









Please meet Freya! (The Baby Mama) When she was found she was very very pregnant. This adorable girl was a stray in Wapato and was running the streets. Neighbors said that she had been hanging around the area for a couple of weeks and didn't belong to anyone there. We had to get her off the streets before she had those puppies! She kept everyone in suspense for two more weeks before Frodo, Friday, Fern and Forrest joined the Wags family 3 weeks ago. They are not available for adoption yet.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE FOOD, A WARM BED, SURGERY AND ONE MONTH MAKES ...

On July 31st we received a desperate plea for help with a dog that was sick, lethargic, injured, and suffering from starvation and heat exhaustion as it was over 100 degrees that day. He was covered in ticks, and cheat grass was embedded all over his fur. He laid there gratefully as our volunteers began the process of making him comfortable. Our volunteer held his head in her hands and WILLED HIM to be okay as they worked on him. **RESCUE** showed us his fighting spirit. But then we found out that, without our help, the odds would be stacked against him..

Dr. Ken sent the x-rays of his chest, leg and shoulder to WSU for a consult. RESCUE had two breaks ~ in his left shoulder and leg. But those were secondary concerns. BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA (possibly from being hit by a car) are the words that the Vet used ~ causing a thoracic muscle tear creating a diaphragmatic hernia. The muscle separating the abdomen from the rib cage had been torn open. With this being torn open it meant his internal organs had moved to places they didn't belong. Two days later. August 18th. Rescue was at WSU for surgery. His stomach is



they didn't belong. Two days later, August 18th, Rescue was at WSU for surgery. His stomach, intestines and liver had moved/moving into his chest cavity. His liver was compressing his lung and heart. It was a very complicated surgery.



RESCUE UPDATE!!!

Rescue is a different boy!!! He went from near death to being a puppy. His fractures will take time to heal. It is really hard to imagine how sick he really was. He was determined to live and the Wags volunteers were determined that he was going to live too.

His recovery took dedication on everyone's part as he healed. He had to build up lung capacity, he couldn't play or run and had to remain calm.

He is now in a Foster Home and is doing very well. Thank you to every one who donated to help with the cost of his surgery. And thank you to all of the volunteers for all the love and care you have given Rescue. Rescue's story is truly what "rescue" is all about. Wags gave him a chance to be a normal, happy puppy growing into an amazing dog and Rescue is forever grateful. P.S. He was also neutered during surgery. :-)



Melissa will bring through loved ones for several audience members, validating that life does indeed exist after our human experience and it will validate that your loved ones are still with you, watching over you and encouraging you from the other side. Melissa will randomly connect with numerous pets for an hour and a half of the evening.

WAGS volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions and Melissa will give pet reading demonstrations for numerous guests. NO pets will be allowed at the event, however, you are encouraged to bring a photo or even a pets collar.



Wags really needs your help.

Wags took in five puppies yesterday, three are in foster homes while the remaining two still need fosters ASAP. Please apply to become a foster. All food, vet bills and supplies will be paid for, all we need is a place for them to stay for a few weeks until they get adopted. We already have 4 others in foster homes.

We are also expecting another litter of puppies by the end of the week (rescuers are currently working on catching them). Please email the foster coordinator if you are willing to become a foster, or want to learn more. foster@wagstorichesanimalrescue.org

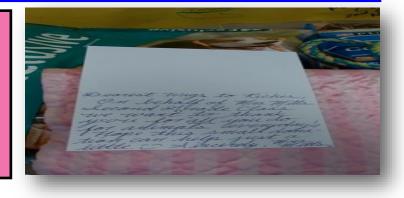
These puppies desperately need our help!!!

KIDS FOR KRITTERS.....

Mrs. Mitt's Class—2nd grade

Naches Elementary School

THANK YOU!!! Your kindness for animals & generosity means the world to us & the animals you help us save.



Wags Rocks... (yes we do!)

Wags started "rockin' it" the evening of BBQ and Brew when more than 200 rocks were put on the tables and attendees were asked to take them when they left for the evening.

When they are found we ask that people take a picture

of their rock, go to the Wags Facebook page and post a picture, then either rehide them somewhere else on their travels or keep them. Since that



time more have been painted and placed. Thank you Nicole Van Eaton for these adorable rocks. This is a fun way to spread the word about Wags to Riches Animal Rescue on Facebook as well as promoting our goals of rescuing, fostering, adopting, spay/neutering etc.

We will be doing Dia de los Muertos rocks and Holiday rocks to give away. Want to help? We would love it.



Deborah Gray Wanda Lang
donation by donation by
Blair Qunell family John & Nancy Muldoon



Pee Wee donation by Karen Roff

Smokey donation by the Wags crew

OUR CALENDAR

Oct. 7th- Blehyl's Grandview

Oct. 10th—Dinner with a Medium at The

Squeeze Inn—Zilllah

Oct. 21st- Military Stand Down and Veteran's

Benefit Fair

Oct. 28th thru November 3rd- Dia de los Muertos

Oct. 31st-Trucks Plus USA- Trunk or Treat

Nov. 25th - Glenwood Square Christmas Bazaar

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"I don't live anywhere near Yakima, but have long admired the work Wags to Riches does, and have recommended them whenever the opportunity arises! Keep up the good work, Wags, you're an awesome group of loving ppl! Thank you for what you do! "

THANK YOU PAULA!!! (Quoted from FB with Paula B.'s permission.)

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Thank you! You are making a difference.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year was our biggest success yet. Thanks to our event sponsors, to the donors who donated amazing items for auction, to Emcee Mike Bastinelli and Auctioneer Paul Newman, to Earl and L Catering, to everyone who attended and to our volunteers who worked so hard to put this amazing and fun event together. Our Board of Directors and Volunteers thank you for your generosity and support!

A special thank you to <u>Yolanda Morris</u>, of <u>Pawsitive Alliance</u>, for her moving and heartfelt Keynote Speech. Pictured here is Yolanda and <u>Coco</u> who is a retired service dog who is in Sanctuary status with Wags and lives with Amie Hixon and family.

Coco seems to be giving Yolanda a pep talk before her speech. "Just go out there and wow them, Yo. The crowd will love you, now give me a kiss for luck!!!"

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