

Thank You

Wags would like to thank Founding Board Chair and Friends *Roger Vandiver and wife, Bev* for sponsoring a training for 7 of our Wags volunteers by Susan Signor, CPDT, owner of Dog Dilemma, L.L.C. The topic of the training was Dog Assessments and is critical to Wags making sure that we are able to properly assess dogs that come into our rescue. It also helps our Adoption Team make the best decision when deciding which potential adopter is the best possible match for our rescued dogs. Each one of these dogs become very special to us and our Team is pretty picky about where they go.

TWIGS BISTRO & MARTINI BAR

Wags would like to thank Twigs for holding a Tuesday Night At Twigs for Wags. It was a great evening with lots of Wags supporters showing up for dinner. The food was superb and the service excellent. All money raised that evening went to our Guardian Angel Emergency Medical Fund.



Sweet Memories . . .

Frank the Rottweiler
from Karen and Greg Stewart

Maggie from Karen Roff

Yakima Police Department K-9 Havoc - donation
from Wags to Riches Board of Directors

In Loving Memory of . . .

Dwayne Dufault
donated by Jerry & Joyce Roth, Lesa & Scott
Chaney, Kevin & Renee Bouchey

Juanita Kuhlman donated by Paula Vye

Tyler Lundberg donated by Columbia Valley Fruit

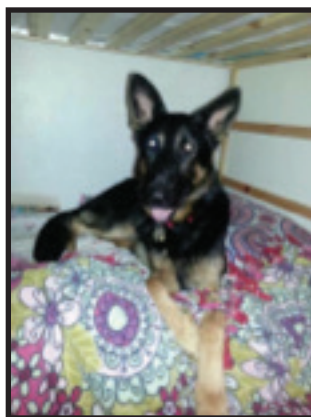


Donation as a holiday gift from Steve Wise in the names of Mike Picatti & Lisa Savage

Due to the changeover to our current Accountant, we may have missed someone's Memorial in the newsletter. If we did, please accept our apologies and get in touch with us so that we can include their names in the March issue.

Happy Endings

Camper: From being tossed out of a vehicle to the bottom bunk of his new family's kid's bunk beds.



From Euthanasia to a happy ever after!

WAGS TO RICHES

An all volunteer
IRS recognized 501 (C) (3)
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PROUDLY NO-KILL

Animal Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc.

ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

January - February 2015

WAGS TO RICHES SPAY-GHETTI AND NO BALLS DINNER (TO BENEFIT SPAY & NEUTER)



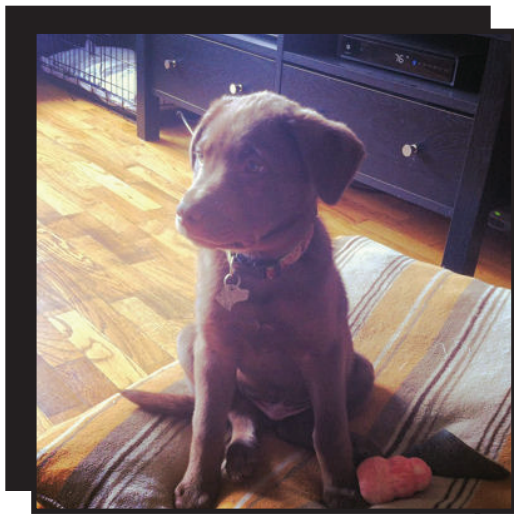
Saturday February 21st, 4pm-7pm
Washington National Guard Armory
2501 Airport Lane, Yakima 98903
(off of 26th and Ahtanum)

Spaghetti (regular or vegetarian)
Salad-Bread-Beverage
\$8.00 Adults - \$5.00 kids 12 & under
Dessert is extra
Dine-in or take out (same price)

Tickets available at the door or online (held at Will-Call)
50/50 Drawing
Proceeds to benefit the Wags to Riches
"Spay it Forward Program"

Wags to Riches Animal Rescue
and Sanctuary, Inc.
PO Box 3177 Union Gap, WA 98903
509-453-4155

Your donation is 100% tax deductible.
www.WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.org



Ollie sends greetings.

No words to describe the absolute joy and happiness our new addition makes! Ollie (Sprite) quickly stole our hearts and many laughs too since he joined our family. He is named after my children's favorite book "Lost in the Snow", where the main character (a puppy) is named Ollie.

The boys were so excited to add a "little brother" to our male-dominated household (3 boys and a husband)!

He is affectionate, smart, curious and is quite the comedian! He has adjusted very well to potty training, his crate and the car! He loves to go bye-bye!

Thank you to Wags to Riches for saving this precious bundle and his family. Without your continued work to care for stray and abandoned animals, we would not have had the opportunity to enrich our home and lives with his spirit!

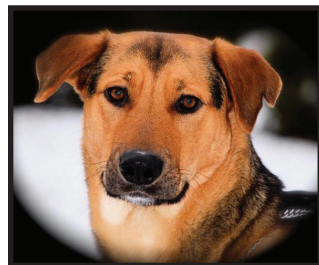
He has definitely found his FOREVER home!

*Sincerely,
Vicente, Allison, Joaquin, Phoenix, Nico and Ollie*

Because Of You Chance Got His Chance

Chance came to Wags as an injured stray. He was a pretty sick and hurt guy and his world was dark and lonely and scary. Then something pretty wonderful happened. He came to Wags and his world will, forever after, be filled with light and love. A vet examination showed he had been shot with a shot gun and most likely living on garbage and ditch water for quite awhile. You would think this would make Chance pretty mad at the human race but that just is not the case. Chance adores the human race. He is incredibly loving and would be a dream come true to someone looking for that velcro dog that worships the ground you walk on.

Chance is smart too. You can see the intelligence in his eyes. He has an old soul and has had his share of hard times. We are ready to change that for him.



Chance just plain melts your heart and wants everyone to know that each and every dollar that you donate does make a difference in a life.

UPDATE as of Saturday, January 31st:

We could not be happier to report that Chance went home in the loving care of Marie who traveled from Gig Harbor with not only her heart and her adoption donation, but an entire car load of supplies for the rescue. CAN YOU BELIEVE HOW WONDERFUL THAT IS??? This photo shows Chance right at home on the couch with the biggest, "I'VE HIT THE JACK POT" grin on his face ever. This is what rescue and adoption is all about.



Be A Winner!

Take her to dinner & a movie

This raffle includes 7 nights of dinner for two at 7 different sit-down restaurants. In addition, 7 nights of movies for two includes tickets to Orion.

- Cowiche Canyon Kitchen
- 2nd St Grill
- Golden Wheel
- Mickey's
- El Porton
- Sea Galley
- Bob's Burger & Brew

The drawing will be held on Thursday, May 7th at 8:10 am live on 104.1 KXDD with Dewey and Charlie, the Wake Up Gang.

Kicking off ticket sales go on sale at the Spay~ghetti and No Balls Dinner February 21st. and are \$1.00 each.

Other locations that you can purchase tickets include: Cobblestones more locations to follow. Check our Facebook page for more locations.

A Big Thank You to

Washington Federation of Animal Care and Control Agencies and DOL

The We Love Our Pets spay/neuter grant from the Washington Federation of Animal Care and Control Agencies is a big success! The grant was designated for the Spay or Neuter of companion dogs and cats in the Lower Valley. This program was not for feral dogs or cats.



We would also like to thank Zillah Veterinary Clinic, Wapato-Toppenish Veterinary Clinic and Harrah Veterinary Clinic for their cooperation and assistance in making this project a success.

Finally, we would like to thank the owners for agreeing to have their pets spayed or neutered.

Wags was able to use all of the funds and has a waiting list.

A total of **106** pets were either spayed or neutered in the grant period of between June and December 2014. **Of those 106 pets, 64 of them were females which means that the new homeless dog and cat population, in the Lower Valley, has been reduced by 11,233,000 dogs and cats.**

Those are conservative figures considering that we had 42 males neutered but there is no way to account for how many more puppies or kittens would have been born because of the "busy boys". Had all of those puppies & kittens been born, it is more likely that many of them could have be a part of the 12,500 homeless animals that are euthanized, nationwide, every hour.

<http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/splovespets.html>

TAKE NOTE!

Wags Wednesday @ Cobblestones Gifts & Antiques

The last Wednesday of **EVERY** month for 2015. They will donate 10% of their sales for that day to Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc!!!! Stop in and see all of their fun stuff, animal related....and not!

They have Seahawks gear for your pets!!! Collars too. (Please share to help us spread the word!)

