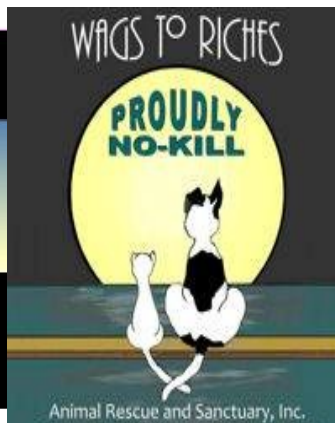


# WAGS TO RICHES

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IRS recognized 501 (C) (3)  
Non-Profit Organization



# ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

October~November 2013

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- THANK YOU!!!
- GENERAL MEETING
- CALENDAR CONTEST!!

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Some people don't understand why we help animals in need.

We don't understand why they wonder.



## ~ 2013 ~

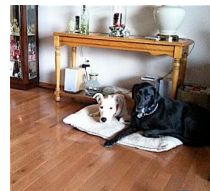
Webster's Dictionary defines the words "rescue" as freeing from imminent danger, release of a person or animal from confinement, slavery or suffering, to free from danger or evil, to save. What Webster fails to properly define is the heart within the rescuer, the soul full of compassion, endurance and patience. Rescue is not a word easily defined. Perhaps the clearest explanation I can find is:

*Res-cue: To love when no one else loves, to give when no one else gives, to be the voice for the voiceless, to have faith when it seems all faith is lost.*

So very often when we rescue, we find ourselves rescued in return. Please enjoy a glance at what this last year has brought to our rescues, our community, and to our volunteers ~ The Editor



Hearts speak! 2013 brought multiple Humane Society animals to Wags To Riches! Living proof that working together saves lives!



James & Scooter Adopted Together

Our two biggest misfits to date, adopted together and living the good life. What a happy forever story for these two. Best buds at the rescue then separated for about a year. Together again and happy forever! 06/07/2013.



*"Heroes make us smile because they not only rescue us outwardly, but inwardly too."* -Richelle E. Goodrich

## Donations In Memory Of...



~ The heart that truly loves, never forgets~

**VOLUNTEERS...The FIRST to lend a hand...the LAST to walk away**



### Barbara Powell

- ~Gay Dorsey & Mike Poppoff
- ~KC Kwak
- ~Jean Lemke
- ~Thomas & Barbara Prediletto
- ~Betty de Beauchamp
- ~Arthur & Katharine Giusi
- ~Clary & Gloria Cronkhite

### Tyler Lundberg

- ~Kevin & Renee Bouchey
- ~GFWC Emerald Peaks

### Elly Patnode

- ~Michelle Newhouse

## Donations In Memory Of...

### Sue Schenk

- ~Kathi Mercy

### Milo

- ~Linda & Vic Kusske
- ~Mark, Anita, Marble,Chin

### Rootbeer O'Malley

- ~Dr. Kelly O'Malley

### Gayle Wingerter

- ~Michael & Lynda Bauer

### Les Zehr

- ~Michael & Lynda Bauer

### Karen Williams

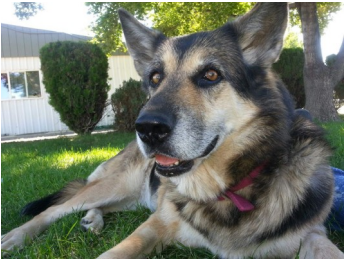
- ~June Lenseigne



## Editors Note!!!

Thank You  
**Tieton Drive Animal Clinic!**  
 We did not forget your wonderful Malamute Sponsorship for our 2013 BBQ & Brew!

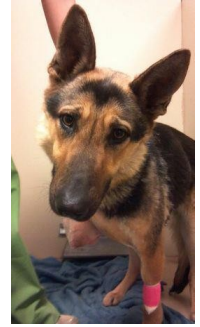




Kia first came to Wags for evaluation on 6/10/2010 and over the past 3 years won the hearts of so many volunteers who cared for and loved her. Diagnosed with end-stage cancer in late August, our rescue tended to her every need until she let us know she was ready to make her way to the rainbow bridge. Kia enjoyed her car ride as she always did and strolled into the vet with quiet dignity. She left this world in the company of people who loved her and will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. 09/03/2013



This is Matt & Jon Watson. They are 6th graders at Wilson Middle School. For their birthdays they asked that donations of food, toys and treats be bought for our rescue dogs in lieu of gifts for themselves. Not only that, but they carted it all in to the shelter for us too! Let it be said that they are some really outstanding youth in our community. If you see these handsome young men out and about, tell them how proud you are of their compassion and dedication to the voiceless in our community. 08/12/2013



**Samantha's Story**  
PP&L workers, while doing some line work, spotted a German Shepherd in a backyard with a horrible leg wound. Though the homeowners were not home, inquiries to neighbors revealed this dog had been hit by a car several weeks prior and had received no medical attention. They were also told that one of the owners would come out and kick the dog simply because "she hated it." These PP&L workers managed to contact the owners and were given permission to take the dog. The owners did not want her anymore, so the workers took her straight to Terrace Heights Vet Clinic. They contacted Wags. Samantha's injury was so severe and gangrene had set in. The leg would be need to be amputated and they asked us for help. Wags agreed. The surgery took longer than expected, but went smoothly. She was a new dog, wagging her tail and welcome her new life! 03/06/2013

Cobblestones Gifts & Antiques came through again for Wags! In January 2013 they posted a "current needs" list for Wags on their Facebook...and with that post came donations! Our rescues are so lucky to have the generous support of local businesses and residents in our area!



**The Wags to Riches Senior Pet Companion Program** continues to make a difference in the lives of a segment of our community that struggles both physically & emotionally. Many of these seniors are trying to deal with situations in their lives that were unexpected. No one likes to face our own mortality or worse, having to deal with the loss of their mate, with their decreased independence & financial stability, the fear of change, the fear of loneliness. We created this program for the segment of our community as a way to pay back a portion of what they have given to our generations.

Since the inception of this program, Wags has assisted 297 senior citizens in the Yakima Valley to include a total of 372 animals. 83% of callers are women, many of them were single. Some seniors had more than one dog and/or cat. Many had several and most had a combination of pets. Some seniors were assisted more than one time. So far a total of 631 services have been provided which included shots, medications, emergency surgeries, spay/neuters, exams and treatments.

In 2011, two Wags volunteers were awarded the Yakima Chapter Red Cross Real Heroes Humanitarian Award for the creation of this program. Because of the generous donations we continue to have the opportunity to do something extraordinary for our community. Thank you!



## ATTEND OUR GENERAL MEETING !!!

Quarterly Meetings

3rd Wednesdays

January, April, July & October

American Red Cross

302 S. 2nd Street

Yakima, Washington 98901

**7:00 PM**

One By One...

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## ~Wags To Riches 2014 Calendar Contest

### Fundraiser~

Over TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED votes submitted for our calendar contest fundraiser! Wags Friends & Supporters Are The BEST!!! Thank you so much for your kindness! Overall results are on our website! We will notify everyone that will be included.

Calendars will be printed and available soon for purchase!

Here are some of the winning photos!

