

Washington State Animal Response Team

"Helping Animals and their Owners in Disasters"



WASART NEWS

From the President

The WASART 2011 training season started off very well indeed and our new members have already completed the Core and Transport training offered in early February. Again, a formidable crop of new members have brought their skills, dedication and enthusiasm to WASART's doors.

Among our new members are vets, social workers, IT specialists, self-employed business owners, etc., all of whom are welcomed and appreciated. Two of them have already joined and participated in training with our Technical Rescue Team and another new member with years of experience will join shortly.

We can never have enough of these eager and willing members and we look forward to a long and fulfilling relationship together.

Gretchen McCallum
President

February 2011
National Pet Dental Month

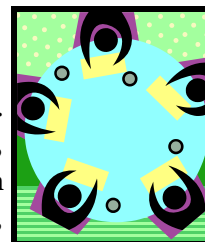


Mission Statement

To help animals and their owners through disaster preparedness, education, and emergency response.

WASART March General Meeting Change

The **March 9, 2011** General Meeting will **NOT** be held in Enumclaw. Rather, it will be held at the **Northshore Utility District Building, 6830 NE 185th Street, Kenmore, WA 98025**. It will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will be hosted in person by Training Director, Bill Daugaard. The meeting will be conducted via WebEx teleconferencing from Enumclaw. If this experiment is successful and attracts more attendees from our north-of-Seattle members and friends, the September meeting will be held in Tacoma or Olympia for the convenience of our south-of-Seattle folk. The June and December General Meetings will continue to be held in Enumclaw as they are also Graduation Ceremony meetings.



WASART's 2011 Training Schedule

All WASART training opportunities are now open to the general public (but you have to be a WASART member to be eligible to deploy)! Adults only, please.

March 12-13, 2011, *Sheltering*, Shoreline Fire Department, Shoreline, WA;

April 9, 2011—*Training on Hauling the WASART Trailer*, Cumberland, WA;

April 9, 2011—*Base Support* training, Cumberland, WA;

May 14-15, 2011, *Field Response*, Sunset Lake Camp, Wilkeson, WA.

Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. For more information, visit the Calendar on the WASART website or email training@washingtonsart.org.

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Core & Transport Training—February 12th & 13th, 2011

The annual Core training was held at the City of Snoqualmie Fire Department in Snoqualmie, WA on February 12th. Thirteen



attendees completed the training, three of whom were staff members of a large animal shelter. All segments of the Core training, except the hands-on demonstration portion of the Basic Fire Safety segment, were conducted in the



classroom. For the fire safety demonstration, the class moved outside to the parking lot where class members practiced using fire extinguishers to put out fires set in burn pans by volunteer firefighters from the Snoqualmie Fire Department. The Basic Fire Safety segment was taught in the classroom by City of Snoqualmie Battalion Chief and Training Officer, Todd Reynolds, and the Disaster Psychology course was taught by the ever popular Mary Schoenfeldt, Public Education Coordinator for the City of Everett Department of Emergency Management. Senior WASART members taught the remaining segments.

The next day, after completing the classroom segment of the Transport training in the Enumclaw Fire Department's Cumberland Fire Station, everyone adjourned to the North Parking Lot of the Enumclaw Expo Center for the hands-on segment.



Ken Hasbargen

A variety of truck and trailer rigs were provided for practice including two- and three- horse bumper pull horse trailers and several gooseneck trailers. 10 members practiced driving forward and around cones set up on several different courses and then practiced backing up the rigs while responding to directions from other trainees. Then, they switched places. Senior WASART members who were experienced trailer operators were in close attendance at all times.

On a scale of 1–5, with 1 being awful and 5 being great, attendees rated the Core training at an average of 4.8, an excellent score which tells the Training Committee that it's on the right track with its presentations. But Transport rated at 5.0! I guess there's absolutely no doubt about what the attendees thought about this course!

Sheltering— March 12-13, 2011

Our friends at the Shoreline Fire Department have granted WASART permission to hold its two-day Sheltering class on their premises at 17525 Aurora Avenue North, Shoreline, WA 98133. The course is on **March 12-13, 2011** from **8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** and will involve classroom instruction as well as hands-on practice with companion animals and livestock. This class is open to the public, as well as to WASART members who are training for deployment. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. More information can be obtained from the WASART website under 'Training' or on the WASART Calendar. Or email the Training Director at training@washingtonsart.org.

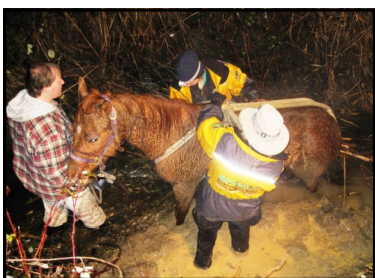


WASART's General Meetings are currently held each quarter on the **2nd Wednesday of each quarter** at **7:00 p.m.** The **March 9th** meeting will be held at the **Northshore Utility District Building, 6830 NE 185th Street, Kenmore, WA 98025**, and the **June 9th, September 14th, and December 14th** meetings are currently scheduled to be held at the **Key Bank, 1212 Cole Street, Enumclaw, WA 98022**. All are welcome.

When WASART Duty Officer, **Greta Cook**, received the call at 6:45 p.m. from the Enumclaw Fire Department that Buddy, a four year old gelding, was trapped in a 15' drainage ditch in two to three feet of water and mud, she was alarmed for the horse but pleased that the site was so close to her home. It was unknown how long he had been in the ditch but was eventually located by his owner at 4:30 p.m. After unsuccessfully trying to get him up the steep and slippery sides of the unfenced ditch, she contacted the Enumclaw Fire Department.

After notifying the WASART Call Coordinator, **Gretchen McCallum**, that deployment was necessary, Greta left for the site in Enumclaw, WA while Gretchen sent out an automated telephone message to Field Response trained members with advanced training in Technical Large Animal Rescue asking for volunteers. **Ken Cottle, Heather Stewart, VMD, Ken Hasbargen** and **Lynn Henke** quickly responded and were deployed. **Ritz Duchesne** in Olympia and **Bill Daugaard** in Kirkland were placed on stand-by.

Animal Control Officers **Sergeant Steve Fuchser** and **Jenee Westberg** from Regional Animal Services of King County were also on the scene.



Greta and Heather went down into the ditch and rigged Buddy with a four inch rescue strap while another boarder on the property held Buddy's lead rope. Several attempts were made to guide and pull Buddy up the bank but the wet rescue strap kept slipping and had to be repositioned several times. Buddy was also too exhausted and the bank was too steep and slippery; his front legs just buckled and he collapsed and would not move. After getting him to his feet, he was

blanketed and rubbed to be warmed up.

Buddy's condition was deteriorating quickly so it was decided to lift him up and out on the east side of the ditch. Greta and Heather rigged him with a 1.5" fire hose lift harness while a neighbor retrieved his large tractor. Greta shielded Buddy's eyes while a tarp was slid over the bank to help protect him from debris and brambles sticking out of the bank during the lift.



Buddy Being Hoisted Out

When the tractor arrived, Gretchen instructed the driver in how to lift the horse. Greta and Heather attached the rope to Buddy while two other volunteers attached it to the tractor. The tractor lifted Buddy up and onto the pasture in one smooth motion. Buddy lay resting for a few minutes, then got to his feet. He was re-blanketed with a dry blanket and eagerly consumed some hay. Buddy was unsteady on his feet, so he was walked slowly back to the barn where he was put in a stall, the rigging removed, and he was towel dried and blanketed again. The vet arrived shortly after to check his condition. The rescue gear was loaded up, the mud washed off, and everyone departed the scene at 9:45 p.m.

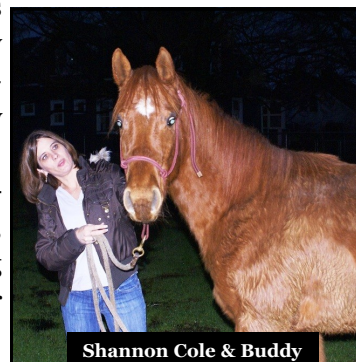
The mud and water in the ditch, as well as the overhanging blackberry bushes on the ditch's bank, created a difficult rescue situation for this horse. However, the Field Response Team,

the Animal Control Officers, the property owner, the tractor owner and driver, and the various onlookers all worked cooperatively and effectively in difficult conditions to affect a flawless rescue of a horse that could very well have drowned.

When Greta checked on Buddy's condition several days later, his owner, Shannon Cole, said he was recovering well and seemed none the worse for his ordeal.



Greta & Heather Afterwards



Shannon Cole & Buddy

Upcoming Events

On **March 18-19th** and **March 26th, 2011** the Bothell Fire Department is offering another **HAM Radio Licensing class** at the main Bothell Fire Station, 10726 Beardslee Boulevard, Bothell, WA. This class is concentrated with fast-paced sessions and the goal is to have the attendee pass the exam at the end of the course. On March 18th, the class is from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.; on March 19th, from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.; and on March 26th, from 9:00 a.m.—noon with the test starting at 1:00 p.m. on March 26th. The cost is \$45.00 which includes the text book (Gordon West's Technician Class Study Guide), test fee, and class materials, or \$20.00 without the text book. Pre-registration is required. To obtain a registration form, contact Kirsten Clemens, Public Education/Information Officer, at 425-489-3364.



WASART will be staffing a promotional booth at Cabela's "**Spring Great Outdoors Days**" Spring Promotion on **March 19-20, 2011**. This is an annual store promotion that focuses on getting back outside for fishing, camping, and the many fun outdoor activities during the spring and summer seasons. The promotion will be at its Lacey store, 1600 Gateway Boulevard, N.E., Lacey, WA 98516. One of WASART's goals is to spread the word about WASART's services as well as public education in disaster preparedness. This is an ideal opportunity to accomplish those goals. For more information about this Spring Promotion, contact Cabela's Event Coordinator, Arlen G. Veleke at 360-480-5490 or email him at arlen.veleke@cabelas.com. And if any WASART volunteers would like to volunteer for a few hours at the booth, contact Ritz at secretary@washingtonsart.org.



The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington's **2011 Rendezvous** will be held in Ellensburg, WA on **March 18-20, 2011**. WASART will be hosting a promotional booth at this well-attended annual meeting which offers clinics, Dutch oven cooking demonstrations, speakers on various topics such as horse health and map and compass navigation information to its many Washington chapter members. If any WASART member wishes to spend some enjoyable time in Ellensburg with some great folks and join Ritz in helping to staff our booth, please contact her at secretary@washingtonsart.org.



About 25-30 WASART members are also current or former Search and Rescue members from various counties such as Whatcom, King, Pierce, etc., and from different disciplines such as horseback, dogs, man tracking, swift water, 4x4, mountain rescue, etc. Every year, a different county hosts the annual **SAR State Conference**. This year it will be hosted by Cowlitz County at its Cowlitz County Regional Event & Exposition Center in Longview, WA on **May 20-22, 2011**. Over 50 classes will be offered in such topics as Basic Drift Boat Operations, K-9 First Aid, Urban vs. Wilderness SAR, Handheld Radios in the Wilderness, Basic and Intermediate Helicopter Operations, NIMS Resource Credentials and Typing, etc. WASART members are encouraged to attend this excellent training opportunity. One of the classes being offered is a demonstration by WASART's Technical Rescue Team on how to safely and effectively extract a large animal from a ditch or well and transport it in a recumbent position on a rescue glide to safety. For more information on this Conference or to obtain a registration form, visit their website at www.sarconwa.org.

