

Washington State Animal Response Team

"Helping Animals and their Owners in Disasters"



WASART NEWS

From the President

I continue to be pleased and encouraged by WASART's expanding community outreach activities. Over the past several months we have worked with the disaster management agencies of numerous communities in the Puget Sound region. We have taught the recently added Animal Response Modules of the Community Emergency Response Teams' (CERTs') training curriculum to the CERT groups in Shoreline, Redmond and ESCA (Emergency Services Coordinating Agency), a coalition of emergency response agencies for the communities of Brier, Edmonds, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Woodinville and Woodway. In addition, we have been working for several months with the City of Renton to formulate a two-tier animal disaster response and sheltering training program for their emergency response staff and their citizen volunteers. And during the recent Evergreen Earthquake exercise in the City of Issaquah, WASART members both organized and led the emergency animal sheltering training exercise and served as evaluators of the exercise's effectiveness. Aiding communities by educating their governments and citizens about disaster response planning to aid animals is an important part of our mission, and I'm pleased by the progress we're making.

Our Board of Directors is losing a stalwart this month, with the resignation of our Treasurer, **Barb Archer**. Barb is stepping down to gain a little more time for life outside WASART, and we're going to miss her. She promises to stay with us and become more involved again when she's able, and we look forward to that time. But we are fortunate to have found an exceptionally well-qualified replacement from among our ranks, and **Hollie Smith** has become our new Treasurer. With her experience and expertise, we can be confident that she'll keep the books balanced and the bills paid, and keep us on the right side of the regulators. We're really pleased to have Hollie join the Board.

Bill Daugaard
President

June 2012

Adopt a Shelter Cat Month



Mission Statement

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

New Graduates

At the General Membership Meeting on June 13, 2012, the following hard-working members received Certificates of Graduation for completing some or all of WASART's training segments: **Laura Clarke, Michael Durkin, Chris Hollinger, Joyce Moody, Molly Reagan Axt, and Susan Mosby**. The Board of Directors salutes them all and welcomes their continued participation in WASART's mission.



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Emerald City Reptile Expo, June 2-3, 2012

Thousands of people attended the annual Emerald City Reptile Expo at the Seattle Center on June 2-3, 2012, and WASART was there, also, staffing a booth in the Education and Conservation Section. Hundreds of lizards, geckos, snakes, chameleons, turtles, frogs, and tarantulas were available for viewing, touching, and adoption. While our scaly friends do not immediately come to mind as needing WASART's services in evacuation/rescue, WASART's attendees were more than pleased to spread the word about disaster preparedness for all our animal friends, scaly and otherwise. WASART members staffing the booth were **Bill Daugaard, Carla Dimitriou, Michaela Eaves, Linda McCoy, Shawndra Michell, and Tammy Schmidt**. They volunteered a total of 45.5 hours and over 520 miles to further one of WASART's goals of educating the public in disaster preparedness for all pets.



Goat Field Day, June 16, 2012

WASART's long-time member, Operations Leader, and Goat Lady extraordinaire, **Cathy Reaney**, graciously opened up her farm and goat herd to give advanced goat management training to WASART members. Attendees tried their hands at milking, moving recalcitrant goats, loading and unloading reluctant critters, etc. They also



learned about goat diets, behavior patterns, common diseases and ailments, breeding capabilities, milking and meat production, conformation characteristics and many other goat facts of which the attendees were unaware. A cheat sheet was provided for the neophytes to test their knowledge on identifying the different goat breeds on the Reaney farm. A productive and enjoyable day was followed by a BBQ and dessert with the Reaney



family. More animal-specific field days are planned for the future so that WASART members receive more advanced training and hands-on animal management.

Dual WASART & SAR Member Receives Award, May 2012

Following hard on the heels of his wife, **Lauri McBeath-Davies**, who was awarded the 2011 Adult Achievement Award, **Fred Knight** (wearing a WASART t-shirt) was awarded the 2012 Adult Leadership Award at the 2012 Search & Rescue Conference in Goldendale, WA. This is the second year in a row that a Whatcom County Search & Rescue Volunteer (and a dual WASART member) has received an award at the Washington State SAR Conference. The Washington State SAR Volunteer Advisory



Council presents only five awards a year so this is a great reflection on the Whatcom County SAR program to have a volunteer so honored. Fred is a certified swiftwater rescue swimmer, a confined-space rescuer, a high-angle rope expert and a member of the Whatcom County's 4x4 unit, Summit to Sound SAR, and the County SAR Council. Fred is also instrumental in teaching the rope rescue and water rescue components in WASART's Field Response course. Way to go, Fred. A well deserved award. You add luster to WASART's team of instructors.

Advanced Training Commitment

Some people just don't have enough to do in their lives. Long time WASART Team Leader, instructor, and member of WASART's Technical Rescue Team, **Pat Conaway**, seems to be one of them. Besides training horses, managing a 400 acre farm, and keeping up with a busy family life, Pat has just returned from yet another week's advanced training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL. This was his fourth training at the facility and this latter course added further to the knowledge he obtained in the previous courses he took in Anniston in 2009 and 2010. In the first course in January, 2009, WMD AgERT (Weapons of Mass Destruction



Agricultural Emergency Response Training), 31 students travelled from around the U.S. and learned about agricultural terrorism and threats to the U.S. food supply. He next attended the HazMAT Technician course in February, 2010 that covered all aspects of HazMat detection, decontamination and mitigation following in March by graduating from the WMD HazMat Technician course that covered all of the training obtained in the previous month's course with the addition of operating in an environment with live chemical agents. 30+ students attended both of these courses. Pat's most recent training was entitled HOTS (Hands-On Training for CBRNE Incidents). CBRNE = Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosives. This latter course included triage, decon, ambulatory and non-ambulatory patient transport. Pat's advanced training and expertise has resulted in him teaching, among other courses, the 'HazMat and Biosecurity Awareness' segment in WASART's annual Field Response training and being the go-to guy for all things Hazmat. WASART is a grateful beneficiary of Pat's commitment to such education and in his belief that such knowledge should be shared.

Upcoming Events

Drop by WASART's booth in the Pet Plaza and the upcoming **Mill Creek Festival** and Street Fair on **July 14-15, 2012** in Mill Creek, WA. Over 12,000 people are expected to attend this free event which offers a main stage with live entertainment, arts & crafts booths, a beer and wine garden, and many food booths. For more information, visit www.millcreekfestival.com.



For the fourth year in a row, WASART will again staff a booth at this wildly popular event. It is being held on **July 21, 2012** at Fort Steilacoom Park, 8714 87th Ave SW, Lakewood, WA 98499. The **Dog-A-Thon** provides vital support for adoption programs at the shelter. Last year, participants raised a record \$200,000 for homeless animals, which helped find loving, forever homes for more than 6,000 pets. For more information, visit www.thehumanesociety.org.

On **August 4, 2012**, WASART is offering a **CPR/First Aid** class that is open to the public and taught by a licensed instructor. It will take place in Enumclaw, WA and cost \$50.00. For more information, contact registrar@washingtonsart.org.



Woofstock 2012, the Annual Pet Adoption & Music Festival will take place on **August 4, 2012** at Todd Field, University of Puget Sound, 1500 N. Warner Street, Tacoma, WA 98416. Over 30 rescue groups from around Washington State will have companion animals available for adoption. For more information, contact www.duganfoundation.org.

EMERGENCY ANIMAL SHELTERING COURSE

Offered by the Washington State
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www.washingtonsart.or

Cost: \$85.00 for WASART members; \$110.00 to the general public.

Pre-registration and payment required. **Registration deadline: July 16, 2012.** Minimum 10 attendees required for course to be held.

Dates: Saturday, July 28-29, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Location: Cumberland Fire Station, 35420 Veazie-Cumberland Rd., Enumclaw

This course is open to the public (adults only, please) as well as WASART members training for deployment. It will involve classroom instruction, hands-on practice with companion animals and livestock, and a mock drill on the final day.

Registration form available on WASART Calendar.

Mail form and check to:
WASART, P.O. Box 21,
Enumclaw, WA 98022

More Info:
registrar@washingtonsart.org

WASART's General Membership Meetings are currently held on the **2nd Wednesday of each quarter** at 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. The **March 14th** meeting was held in Shoreline and the **September 12th** meeting will be held at the **American Red Cross Mount Rainier Chapter, 1235 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA**. The **June 13th** and **December 12th** meetings will be held at the **Key Bank, 1212 Cole Street, Enumclaw, WA 98022**. All these meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.