

# Washington State Animal Response Team

"Helping Animals and their Owners in Disasters"



## WASART NEWS

### From the President

WASART has lost two good friends to retirement from King County government this month. **Sgt. David Morris** has been a stalwart at Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC) for more than 20 years, and has been an outstanding person for WASART to work with since our inception. He has been instrumental in our excellent working relationship with RASKC, and we will miss him there. We look forward to working in the future with **Sgt. Tim Anderson**, who will step into Sgt. Morris' shoes. It will be a challenge to fill them, but we have every confidence that Sgt. Anderson will be fully up to the task.

Meanwhile, another friend, **Shad Burcham**, has also retired from his post as Public Assistance & Critical Infrastructure Officer at King County Office of Emergency Management. Shad has been great for WASART to work with and certainly took his public assistance role to heart. We like to feel that WASART has fit into his Critical Infrastructure role, and he has always made us feel so.

We wish both Dave and Shad the best of luck in their future pursuits. We'd love to have them both as future WASART members – with their experience and expertise, what great assets they'd be!

Bill Daugaard  
President

### July 2012 Adopt a Shelter Rabbit Month



### Mission Statement

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

### EMERGENCY ANIMAL SHELTERING COURSE

July 28 & 29, 2012 • 9am - 5pm

Classroom + hands on experience

Cumberland Fire Station  
35420 Veazie-Cumberland Rd  
Enumclaw

Learn via classroom instruction how to operate an emergency animal shelter through hands-on practice with companion animals and livestock, and a mock drill.

\$85.00 members  
\$110.00 general public  
Register by July 16, 2012

For more info, see us at [washingtontsart.org](http://washingtontsart.org) or contact [registrar@washingtontsart.org](mailto:registrar@washingtontsart.org)



registration form

**IN A DISASTER,  
BE THE SOLUTION**

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### WASART Training Opportunity

There's still time to sign-up! This course is open to the general public (adults only, please) and WASART members and no pre-requisites are required.

The registration form is listed on the WASART website.

For more information, contact [registrar@washingtontsart.org](mailto:registrar@washingtontsart.org) or [training@washingtontsart.org](mailto:training@washingtontsart.org).

Hope to see you there!

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The frantic call was received at 11:30 a.m. on a sunny Sunday morning. Annie, Stefani's beloved canine companion, had disappeared over the cliff off the Rim Trail in the Mud Mountain Dam Recreation Area in Enumclaw, WA and may have fallen 350 feet to the banks of the White River below. Could WASART help find her dog?

Within 45 minutes of the phone call, 14 WASART member had indicated their availability to respond and had either departed for the scene, arrived on-site, or had been placed on standby. The WASART Supplies & Equipment trailer was also on its way and the Army Corps of Engineers had been advised of WASART's deployment to their area.

In her capacity as Incident Commander, Greta Cook met with Annie's owner, and obtained more information before quickly surveying the terrain and calling the park maintenance staff requesting information and assistance.

Once all responders arrived at Base Camp, teams were assigned, briefed and issued binoculars and VHF and FRS radios. Incident Command was transferred to Gretchen McCallum and Greta joined Team 1, WASART's Technical Rescue Team, of which Bill Daugaard, Zoe Clelland and Jason King were also members. Team 2 was comprised of Joodie Klinke and Molly Reagan Axt and Team 3 of Ken Hasbargen and Ken Cottle. Lanette Knapp was assigned to Base Support.

While Teams 2 and 3 scouted all the paths and view points north and south of Base Camp, Team 1 rigged up and departed Base Camp for Annie's last know location on Rim Trail.



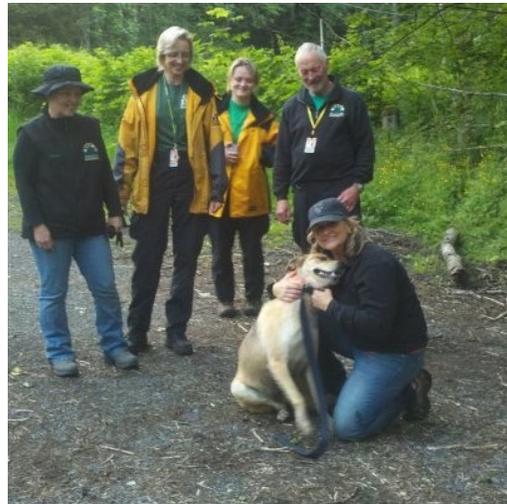
After setting up a main line and belay system, Jason was lowered over the cliff. However, he found the slope to be steeper than it had appeared from the top; it was actually inverted, undercut beyond vertical, with no ledge for a possible stopping point. Based on Jason's observations, it



quickly became apparent that Annie was either caught in the underbrush or had fallen the 350 feet to the bottom of the cliff.

While Jason was still over the cliff face, the owner's friends went further up the trail and one of the party lowered himself over the cliff face on a cotton rope down to the river where he sighted Annie. He was able to retrieve her and reunite her with her relieved owner. Annie was injured in her fall but is expected to recover.

This was the best possible outcome and the result WASART always hopes is achieved. The WASART members responding to this deployment or placed on standby were **Cathy Reaney, Greta Cook, Bill Daugaard, Gretchen McCallum, Jason King, Zoe Clelland, Lanette Knapp, Joodie Klinke, Ken Hasbargen, Ken Cottle, Michaela Eaves, Patty Vanassa, Michael Durkin, and Amy Adams.**



**2011 and 2012 Deployment Statistics**



A review of the first two quarters of 2012 reveals that calls for assistance to WASART's designated number of 425-681-5498 and transport requests from Regional Animal Services of King County are similar in number and type for the same period in 2011. National partners such as the ASPCA and the American Humane Association requested assistance from WASART to various animal-related disasters in Tennessee and Missouri in 2011 and WASART was able to send teams of trained responders to those locations. Year-end comparisons for 2011 and 2012 will be published in the January, 2013 'WASART NEWS'.

<b>2011</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Transport</b>
1/18/2011		X (Enumclaw)		
3/25/2011		X* (Oak Harbor)		
3/26/2011		X* (Marysville)		
4/3/2011		X* (Montesano)		
4/8/2011				X (Cumberland)
4/11/2011				X (Fall City)
4/12/2011				X (Kent & Hobart)
5/3-18/11	X (Memphis, w/ AHA)			
5/9/2011				X (Enumclaw)
6/24-7/3/11	X (Joplin, w/ ASPCA)		X Cats (Joplin, w/ASPCA)	
6/28/2011	X* (Monroe)			
<b>2012</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Transport</b>
1/1-2, 2012				X (Kenmore)
1/7/2012; 1/11-12, 2012		X (Kent)		
2/18-19, 2012				X (Auburn)
3/16-17, 2012				X* (Enumclaw)
4/5/2012				X (Maple Valley)
4/8-9, 2012	X (Nth Bend)			
5/14/2012		X* (Enumclaw)		
6/23/2012		X* (Arlington)		
6/24/2012	X (Enumclaw)			

**Legend: \* = includes calls in which no deployments or almost deployments occurred, or were stand-downs.**

## Outreach Activities

Eight WASART members volunteered to staff a booth at the Mill Creek Festival on **July 14-15, 2012**. Over 12,000 attendees visited the multi-day event which offered rows of vendor tents with artisan items for sale, animal agility events, critter adoptions, pony rides, and many more activities for the whole family. The WASART members were **Terry Garcia, Molly Reagan Axt, Jason King, Denise Steinkerchner, Christy George, Amy Adams, Carol Satre, and Hollie Smith** assisted by two non-WASARTs, Kevin Garrett and Shauna Hilmot. Kudos to everyone for a job well-done.



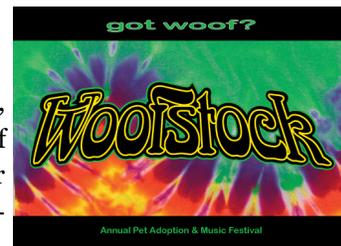
## Upcoming Events

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](http://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 the cost \$50.00. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact [registrar@washingtonsart.org](mailto: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](http://www.duganfoundation.org).



The **2012 NW Citizen Corps Expo** will take place on Saturday, **August 18, 2012** at the Washington State Fire Training Academy, North Bend, WA from 7:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. This hands-on Expo provides opportunity for CERT volunteers, MRC members and ham radio operators to work together in a disaster scenario to practice and advance their skills. Pre-registration is required; \$30.00 registration fee. For more information, contact [citizencorps@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:citizencorps@ofm.wa.gov) or 360-725-5290. The website is [www.nwcitizencorpsexpo.com](http://www.nwcitizencorpsexpo.com).

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.