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## 2013 Meetings

September 11 - Enumclaw or Tacoma. Still TBD.

December 11 - KeyBank, 1212 Cole St, Enumclaw, WA

The next General Membership Meeting will either be in Enumclaw or Tacoma from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** The first hour will be spent on WASART business and the final hour on a mini-training session on a subject of interest to members.

And, of course, some social time, too. All general meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

When the meeting site is finalized, it will be posted on the Calendar on WASART's website.

Visit our booth at these upcoming events

[Dog-a-Thon](#) - July 20, 2013 - Steilacoom, WA

[Touch-a-Truck Safety Fair](#) - July 27, 2013 - Tukwila, WA

[Adopt and Shop](#) - July 27,

## From the President Partnerships Add Up To Lives Saved



*Most WASART rescues are multi-agency, as in the case for Scooby's rescue in Acme, WA.*

It's proving to be a busy summer for WASART's rescuers. During the five weeks ending June 30, our rescue teams were called out for four major technical rescues of horses. Three of the four involved extensive interagency cooperation between three firefighting companies (Woodinville, Redmond and Kirkland) and WASART, and two also needed the participation of King County Search and Rescue. We're extremely pleased to be developing a close working relationship with the SAR community, and are very grateful for their assistance in several difficult rescue deployments. Our organizations each bring complimentary skills and capabilities to rescue situations, and we look forward to continuing to work together.

On another subject, I'm very excited to report that WASART and Red Rover have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding to assist each other when either group needs additional resources to respond to emergency situations. Red Rover is a widely respected national nonprofit dedicated to sheltering animals in emergency situations, deploying all over the country for disaster responses and animal cruelty and neglect seizures. Completing our agreement with them is very reassuring to me, because I now know that if our resources are overwhelmed by a major disaster here, we have an ally we can turn to and be confident that Red Rover will come to our aid with their highly capable and experienced volunteers. I've had the pleasure of working with them on several deployments around the country, and have seen the skill and dedication they bring to their work.

2013, Kent, WA  
[Woofstock](#), August 3,  
2013 - Tacoma, WA  
[11th Annual Harbor  
Hounds](#) - September 14,  
2013 - Gig Harbor, WA

## Mission Statement

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



Bill Daugaard  
President

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## Scooby's Bark Saved His Life



*Teamwork raises the chances of success.*

Acme, WA is about 120 miles from WASART's headquarters in Enumclaw, WA but when a call for assistance was received by WASART's Duty Officer on July 17th about a dog stuck on a hillside, WASART's Whatcom County members did not hesitate. Local residents had heard a dog barking all night and most of the day for four days. The barking was stationary, so the neighbors assumed the dog was stuck somewhere. They looked daily, but the dog stopped barking when people were in the area, so they were unable to locate it.

Scooby was eventually located on steep sloping terrain that was covered in leftovers from a clear-cut operation. He was at the tree line, about 400 yards from the logging road landing where the vehicles were parked. It was difficult and slow going trying to reach him.

When he was found, he was shaking but receptive to people. He didn't have a collar, so Lauri made a temporary collar using green webbing with a water knot. The dog was stranded on a log that was three feet off the ground. The far side of the log was at the edge of a steep embankment, the ground at the nearside of the log was sloped toward the steep embankment. The end of the log was blocked by the root ball and the other end of the log was blocked by other trees across the log. The log has been worn smooth by the dog. Scooby was kept on the log while until they were ready to return to the landing.

Scooby was hungry and thirsty and gratefully drank the water cupped in Fred's hand and ate the canned dog food provided by one of the other rescuers. A walking harness was fashioned out of yellow webbing and attached to a very long lead rope. After being lifted of the log and down to the ground, everyone made their way back to the vehicles led by a very anxious Scooby.

Rembering seeing a missing dog poster at the local Acme Store, Lauri drove Scooby home to be reunited with his grateful and relieved owners.

Once again, WASART's partners united to bring about a happy result. Volunteers from Summit to Sound Search & Rescue, a visiting member

from the Redmond Fire Department (mentioned in the following article), the Whatcom County Search & Rescue Coordinator, as well as concerned neighbors all worked together to bring young Scooby to safety. This is the result we always strive to achieve. It makes everyone very, very happy.

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## Pippi's Problem Solving Technique



*Great answers come from great teamwork -- WASART members take a quick break to pose for a team picture with Redmond FD.*

She didn't mean to panic but those danged bees just wouldn't leave her alone so Pippi, an Arabian mare, took matters into her own hands, er, feet on June 30, 2013. She bucked off her rider, slid about 75 feet down a steep, overgrown loose dirt ravine in Redmond, WA and became mired in mud. The floor of the ravine was boggy, with some running water, and a multitude of downed trees, limbs, Devil's Club and detritus. She could not self-rescue because of the depth of the mud and the steep angle of the incline.

The Redmond Fire Department's Rescue Division and Dr. Robert Fleck, Pippi's veterinarian, were already on the scene when members of the WASART Technical Rescue Team arrived at about noon. And, once again, volunteers from the several units of the King County Search & Rescue community stood ready to deploy to assist as needed.

After assessing the situation and discussing alternatives, a plan was developed to assist Pippi in a walkout of 100 yards or more up the gradual slope of the ravine.

The Rescue Division built a super highway by clearing the planned egress route using chain saws, handsaws and shovels. Small logs and branches were used to fill low areas with the softest footing. After filling, those areas were bridged by plywood sheets and chain link fencing to create stable flooring for Pippi to walk on. The Rescue Division used the plywood and fencing to leapfrog footing for the horse; ferns were placed on top of the fencing to alleviate concerns about her shod hooves getting stuck. About four hours later, Pippi was safely brought to the top of the

ravine and reunited unharmed with her owners.

As has been mentioned in previous newsletters, this rescue could not have been accomplished without the cooperation and expertise of partners such as the Redmond Fire Department. Pippi is no doubt grateful to be out of her predicament, and so are all who helped bring her to safety.

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## Another Successful Technical Large Animal Rescue (TLAR) Training



*Members learn to rig on a mannequin. The green rescue glide is nearby for another demonstration.*

The use of live animals and manikins at the **Technical Large Animal Rescue (Awareness)** training offered by WASART in Enumclaw, WA on June 29th greatly assisted participants in learning the basic concepts and techniques of rescuing animals in distress. This introductory class was open to WASART members and the general public and WASART plans to offer the class again early in 2013. Nearly half of the WASART membership is now trained in these basic techniques and are thus able to better assist WASART's Technical Rescue Team members when on deployment to pull horses out of bogs, swamps, up hillsides, etc., as has been occurring in the past several weeks.

Sometime in the near future, this Technical Large Animal Rescue (TLAR) class will be expanded from an awareness level class to a two-day operations level class as soon as the very necessary articulated horse Rescue Randy is acquired. The cost for this piece of equipment is

about \$16,000.00 and WASART's Fundraising Committee is focused on acquiring him as soon as possible.

It should be mentioned here that it is through the generosity and support of the Enumclaw Fire Department that WASART is able to store its #1 Supplies & Equipment trailer as well as other supplies at the Fire Department's Cumberland Fire Station. We are also able to use its extensive outdoor area for our TLAR training. The Fire Department has been an active supporter of WASART since early 2008 and we continue to be grateful for its support.



*Learning the Becker Sling with this group involved hoisting Old Blue, WASART's first practice mannequin.*

## Emergency Shelter Training Best Ever



*Students learn about different kinds of animals on a working farm.*

On July 13-14, 2013, volunteers traveled to Enumclaw, WA from as far afield as Portland, Oregon and Port Angeles, WA to learn how to setup and operate a temporary emergency shelter that would accommodate large and companion animals. This 16 hour course utilized live animals, large and small, for this training to provide participants with as much hands-on training as possible. Horses, cattle, goats, alpacas, dogs, a curious cat, and a loudly protesting pot bellied pig 'volunteered' to help participants in this endeavor. The final segment of the course was a mock shelter setup exercise.

The attendees evaluated the training and the results were very positive and met the expectations of the participants. The course will be offered again on July 13-14, 2014 and will be open to all WASART members as well as the general public (adults only). More information will follow in subsequent newsletters.

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