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2013 Meetings

September 11 - Milton/Edgewater Library, 900 Meridian East, Suite 29, Milton, WA 98354. Entrance and parking at rear of building.

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

The next General Membership Meeting will held in Milton, WA 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.

Visit our booth at these upcoming events

[City of Auburn's 7th Annual Disaster Fair](#) - September 15, 2013 - Auburn, WA
[King County Employees Emergency Giving Program](#) -September 18, 2013 - Chinook Building,

From the President

Volunteers Ready To Help



Some of the seized dogs were puppies, some were seniors that have lived a decade long life of fighting. Photo courtesy of ASPCA.

As I sit down to write this column for September, the second group of our WASART responders are on the ground to assist the ASPCA in caring for the hundreds of dogs recently seized across the South in multiple raids on dog fighting rings. For the next month we'll have WASART members rotating to the shelter site to help care for the victims of this incredibly cruel blood "sport." At the present, a total of thirteen WASART members are committed for this mission, some for two deployments. The first to deploy, **Sara Scott**, has returned from her first tour and has volunteered for a second rotation. It will be a sad and heart-rending experience for all, but rewarding for the knowledge that these dogs have been rescued from a horrifying existence, and will never again have to endure such cruelty.

Please join me in wishing our WASART responders, as well as the responders from the other animal welfare organizations from across the country that are assisting in this rescue and sheltering action, the very best during their service in this very worthwhile effort.

Bill Daugaard
 President

5th and Jefferson,
Seattle, WA
[Maple Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair](#) -
October 13, 2013 - Maple
Valley, WA
[Community Health Plan's Preparedness Fair](#) -
October 17, 2013 -
Seattle, WA

Mission Statement

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



Demand for Core Training Prompts Fall Session



Members get instructions for their part in the hands-on scenario.

Due to the number of WASART members eager to deploy to calls to rescue animals in life-threatening situations, WASART's Training Committee scheduled a second Core training for September 7-8, 2013. Through the good efforts of Battalion Chief Cliff Griffin of Woodinville Fire & Rescue, whose department was involved with the multi-agency rescue of a 2,000 Percheron mare, [Coco](#), in June, WASART was able to utilize the classroom and facilities of their headquarter's building.

While the Disaster Stress Management, Biosecurity, Basic Communications, Base Camp Exercise, etc., segments were well received, the very clear winner with the attendees was the Basic Fire Safety & Suppression segment taught by Woodinville Fire & Rescue's PIO, David Weed, with live fire extinguishers.

With this course under their belts, two new WASART members have breezed through all their training requirements in record time. **Leah Lambert** became deployment eligible in just three months, even taking time out to travel to Africa to volunteer at an elephant sanctuary, and **Lucinda Yerbury** will be ready to deploy in just over four weeks, with two deployments already scheduled to travel to help care for the dogs now under the care of the ASPCA.

WASART welcomes all the trainees who participated in this class and looks forward to a long and productive relationship with each and every one of them.

Groupon Boosts Northern Trailer Effort



Gretchen and Michaela explain what the deal was with the Groupon Deal in this video. ([external link](#))

In late August and early September, WASART partnered up with the discount site Groupon to begin fundraising for the northern trailer.

Groupon Grassroots, the charitable arm of Groupon, set up a site where people could donate in increments of \$10 to go toward purchasing new horse head protectors for the new trailer. One hundred percent of what was raised was given directly to WASART, earmarked for equipment purchase. Groupon also stepped in to donate the processing fees charged by the credit card companies.

Additionally, the WASART Board of Directors agreed to match the first \$400 raised during the two-week engagement.

Selection by Groupon was based on an application made to the Grassroots team, who then decided which non-profit would fit best with their program. The representative from Groupon said WASART was chosen as a worthy cause because of its unique traits as an animal response team.

As of this writing, the effort has raised \$1430. \$990 from donations through both Groupon and WASART's donation page on the website, \$400 from the Board of Directors, and \$400 from the KLeo Foundation, and another \$40 from PayPal donations from people who did not wish to go through Groupon.

A big thank you goes to all who donated. As we said on Facebook while promoting the fundraiser: you can't actually help keep a horse safe more than if you were physically there placing yourself between the horse and the cliff face, (and that's not something we recommend). When you see the horse rescues happening, that's your gift protecting their heads from harm.

TRAINING: October's Shelter Exercise



Students practice observing a quarantine area where sick or suspect animals would be held during a shelter situation.

For the fourth year in a row, WASART is again holding its Annual Shelter Exercise at the Enumclaw Expo Center on October 26-27, 2013. WASART members, vets and vet techs, and representatives from various animal-related agencies and organizations will be practicing how to setup and operate a large scale emergency animal shelter.

Live animals such as horses, llamas, dogs, chickens, goats, pigs, etc., will be utilized for this exercise and some will remain overnight at the Expo Center, as will the volunteers. The American Red Cross and Green Cross International will also be participating in this exercise.

If you are interested in joining in the fun, have animals you'd like to 'volunteer' for the exercise, or wish to know more about this activity, please contact info@washingtonsart.org.

Phone Outage Fixed

If you have had trouble reaching our 24/7 response number - 425-681-5498 - we are very, very pleased to advise that the problem has been fixed and WASART is now back in full operation. Those pesky little telephone gnomes just needed sorting out, that's all.



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