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2014 Meetings

**January 11
Annual Orientation Meeting**

Find out all about WASART at the annual Orientation meeting. RSVP at registrar@washingtonsart.org
10am-12pm Free and open to the public

North

Shoreline Fire Department,
Station #61 (north)
17525 Aurora Avenue North
Shoreline, WA 98133

South

Lakewood Towne Center
(south)
City Hall Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

General Membership Meetings

These meetings are held

From the President

Looking Back, Looking Forward



It's always good to see where you are going.

As we head toward year's end, there's a lot to look back on. 2013 has been a busy and successful year in many respects. I'm extremely pleased that our membership has continued to grow, with the addition of many highly skilled and experienced new members. Our total membership is now headed toward 140, nearing an all-time high for WASART.

The year brought us a number of challenging technical animal rescues, several of which included teaming again with other organizations. We continue to be very pleased that these joint deployments have allowed us to work closely with Explorer Search and Rescue of King County, Seattle Mountain Rescue, King County 4X4 Search and Rescue, Whatcom County Search and Rescue, Northwest Horseback Search and Rescue, King County Sheriff's Office, and several different Fire Departments. Working with these various organizations has been a pleasure and

quarterly from 7-9pm. The first hour will be spent on WASART business and the final hour on a fun mini-training session followed by social time. All general meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

March 12, 2014 and
September 10, 2014

Key Bank Community Meeting Room
1212 Cole Street, Enumclaw, WA

June 11, 2014

Shoreline Fire Department, #61
17525 Aurora Avenue North
Shoreline, WA 98133

December 10, 2014

Location TBD south Sound

Did you know we're often available to talk to your group about WASART or disaster prep?

Mission Statement

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



a privilege.

We have also been active beyond western Washington, sending multiple teams to assist ASPCA in sheltering almost 400 dogs seized by the FBI last August from dog-fighting rings across the South, and 63 horses taken in November in a neglect and cruelty seizure in Spokane. All together, more than 20 WASART members have already deployed with ASPCA for these missions, several of whom have deployed multiple times, with still more signed up to go. When the ASPCA no longer needs them, they will have donated almost 26 weeks of their time to helping these animals in need.

So it's been a rewarding year, but not without challenges, as well. We are currently faced with the loss of our storage facility in Cumberland, Washington, previously generously loaned to us by the Enumclaw Fire Department, but now needed for its own use. This is a big problem needing an immediate solution, as discussed further below. We also have some important vacancies to fill. Our Vice Presidency is currently vacant, and we also need a member or members to Chair our Hospitality Committee for events in our northern training and meeting venues. We very much hope members will step forward soon to fill these important positions.

In closing, I want to wish each and every one of you, WASART members and friends of WASART alike, a wonderful holiday season. Some of you will be gone on deployment, taking care of animals far away, and you deserve our special thanks for your dedication and good will.

Bill Daugaard
President

We're Homeless – Well, Almost



The trailer is one of the items currently housed in the Cumberland Fire Station. A new location will be needed to house it and other supplies.

Though WASART has until now housed our trailer and equipment at the Cumberland Fire Station, it's time to move out. Chief Joe Clow and the Enumclaw Fire Department have been our gracious landlords for many years, allowing us to house our #1 Supplies & Equipment trailer and other rescue equipment at their fire station in Cumberland, WA. The EFD need our space for their big ladder truck.

Our get-out-of-Cumberland date is April 1st and we're looking for a rather large, enclosed, secure building in South King County to store our 14' trailer and other supplies including two life-sized static horses. We can pay a nominal rent if necessary and would continue to be careful and responsible tenants. If you have a suitable building available, or know someone who has, please contact our President, Bill Daugaard, at president@washingtonsart.org.

The generosity of the Enumclaw Fire Department cannot be understated. The whole Department, and Chief Joe Clow in particular, have bent over backwards to support us and the communities we serve and we could not have done it without them. The Enumclaw Fire Department is a shining example of a community focused agency supporting its community members in a community endeavor.

5K Walk/Run Event to Benefit WASART

SERIOUS ABOUT FITNESS PRESENTS
RESOLUTION 2014
5K RUN/WALK, FITNESS CHALLENGE & CHILI FEED

TO BENEFIT
WASART
Washington State
Animal Response Team

January 5, 2014 10 AM SERIOUS ABOUT FITNESS in Redmond, WA

Sponsored by



Post Event Party at



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PATTI MARGESON,
AND
PAT VACHEE

Massage a la Carte

REGISTER AT [SERIOUS ABOUT FITNESS.NET/EVENTS](http://www.SeriousAboutFitness.net/events)

For more info, visit us at www.SeriousAboutFitness.net

Register at <http://bit.ly/INOLs1>

Carol Swindaman, a long time WASART member, a very focused runner and the event coordinator for [Serious About Fitness](#), has organized a 5K Walk/Run Fitness Challenge and Chili Feed. This event will take place on January 5th at 10:00 a.m. in Redmond and the proceeds from this event will benefit WASART.

A large contingent of WASART members in their stand-out green t-shirts and yellow jackets will be participating and the an information booth will be staffed with members from WASART's Outreach Committee to spread the word about WASART and why we do what we do.

If you're in the mood for some fun, want to run/walk off some holiday pounds, and support WASART, please follow the link and register for this event.

Sheltering Skills Practiced in Exercise



Volunteers get hands-on experience with managing animals during the Annual Shelter Exercise.

The WASART Annual Shelter Exercise was again held at the [Enumclaw Expo Center](#) over the weekend of October 26th-27th, 2013. The event providing WASART members, partner agencies and community members the opportunity to get hands-on real life experience setting up and running an Emergency Animal Shelter.

During the 16-hour exercise plus overnight component, participants were exposed to the struggles, changes and improvements that can occur during a sheltering event. Leadership style, position management and the experience of available responders as well as the type, number and temperament of animals involved set the stage for a realistic exercise. Participants refreshed and expanded skills and gained a greater awareness of the skills needed to operate a temporary emergency animal shelter.

Thirty-three WASART members, 10 non-members,

five Red Cross, one Green Cross, and thirty five animals participated in the Exercise. Eighteen participants and 12 animals spent Saturday night at the facility. The overnight component provided another opportunity for participants to get to know each other better and continue to build the "team". The involvement of our partners - Red Cross, Green Cross and the Regional Special Vehicles Unit - provided needed support and helped exemplify our mission to support our community in times of disaster.

This event takes a tremendous amount of preparation and input from many individuals and I would like to *sincerely thank* all the WASART members and partners that played a part: the Enumclaw Expo Center staff who always help the event run smoothly; the [Regional Special Vehicles Unit](#) for ATV transport; the [Red Cross Disaster Services Mobile Feeding Unit](#) for Saturday dinner; Nathan Ray with the [Green Cross Academy of Field Traumatology](#) for mental health support; [De Young's Farm and Garden](#), timothy hay donation; Monroe Farm and Feed, shaving donation for stall bedding; and [Evergreen Holistic Veterinary Care](#), latex gloves' donation.

One result of this year's Exercise is the formation of the Shelter Exercise Committee. The committee's purpose is to plan, prepare for and oversee the 2014 Exercise. The committee is holding its first meeting on Tuesday January 21, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Bellevue/Issaquah area. For those WASART members eager to join the committee or for more information, please email b_b@comcast.net.

And if you'd like to join the committee but are not yet a member, the Membership Chair can be contacted at membership@washingtonsart.org and she'll be happy to answer any questions and forward the requisite membership application documents.

Submitted by Greta Cook
Event Coordinator



ORIENTATION
Jan 11, 2014 • 10:00-12:00

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SOUTH
City of Lakewood
(Lakewood Town Center)
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2 awesome locations!

Curious about WASART? Our annual Orientation is coming up. Learn about what we do, and learn a few things to make you and your family safer in emergencies. It's free and open to the public. We have two locations for your convenience! RSVP with registrar@washingtontart.org. See you there!

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Community within WASART: Holiday Edition



Making paella is a group activity using this large paella pan.

Over thirty WASART members and their families converged on Enumclaw on December 15th to celebrate the holiday season together. They came from Edmonds and Chehalis and all points in between carrying with them favorite dishes to contribute to the potluck.

But the hit of the evening was the huge Spanish paella prepared and cooked, with assistance from attendees, by the Benedetto family, Juan Carlos, Elizabeth, 21 year old Tatianna and 20 year old Gabe. The Benedettos are well known in the King County Search & Rescue community. Besides being WASART members, they are also members of NW Horseback Search & Rescue and the King County 4x4 Unit with Juan Carlos and Tatianna also members of King County Search Dogs. They are all members of WASART's Technical Rescue Team (TRT), Elizabeth is the lead on organizing the Shelter Exercise Committee, and Juan Carlos joins Greta Cook representing WASART on the 2014 Search & Rescue Conference Steering Committee.

Oh, and did I mention that Juan Carlos is heading back for a second rotation on the ASPCA's three-state dog rescue later this week accompanied by Gabe and Tatianna and Elizabeth and they're all flying back to WA on Christmas Day!

They're very, very busy folks . . . but not too busy to cook

delicious meals, organize a holiday gift exchange, and challenge non-TRT members to knot-typing competitions.

Search and Rescue and WASART are strengthened by their dedicated public service to the communities we serve.

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