

Welcome to this issue of the Washington State Animal Response Team's monthly newsletter! Find out what the President has to say, what deployments we've been on, where the next meetings will be, and where we'll be with upcoming events. [View this email in your browser](#)



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Helping Animals & Their Owners in Disasters

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Students at the Technical Animal Response class practice rigging a very patient horse, loaned to us by a student and WASART member. The class took place at [Foothills Veterinary Hospital](#), a full service veterinary hospital in Buckley that graciously donated their arena for the event.

Did you know rescuing a dog from a cliff can cost almost \$5000?

It's only possible because of you.

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General Meetings

December 10, 2014
Milton/Edgewood Library
900 Meridian E. Suite 29
Milton, WA 98354

The next General Membership Meeting will be

I want to take this opportunity to welcome the Washington State Department of Agriculture's new State Veterinarian, Dr. Joe Baker, and congratulate him on his new position. The State Veterinarian works under the auspice of the WSDA's Animal Health Program, which oversees such concerns as animal and livestock diseases and permits, import testing requirements and those areas where animal health intersects with food safety issues. In addition to these responsibilities, Dr. Baker's duties include a

held in Milton, WA from 7 pm - 9 pm. The first hour is spent on WASART business and the final hour is a mini-training session on a subject of interest to members. And, of course, some social time, too. All General Membership Meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Upcoming training

January 10 & January 25, 2015

[WASART Orientation](#)
Eastside Fire Rescue Headquarters
175 Newport Way
Issaquah, WA 98027

Upcoming events

December 1-5 & 6th, 2014

Value Village Fundraiser
Give to Get through
Woodinville Value Village

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

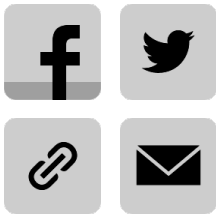
Mission Statement

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

disaster response component known as the [Reserve Veterinary Corps](#). Veterinarians who work in this unit of governance are trained in the Incident Command System and other aspects of disaster response. As such, the Reserve Veterinary Corp fits into the overall National Veterinary Disaster Response structure. This unit of the WSDA is responsible for providing emergency veterinary support in the event of future disease outbreaks or disasters like the Oso mudslide. In the event of another disaster, WASART is trained and ready to support, network, and assist in whatever possible ways we can to offer support. We look forward to meeting and working with Dr. Baker.

I'm happy to report that things have been pretty quiet on the animal emergency front recently. That's certainly good news from the animal welfare perspective but because our skills are perishable, it drives home the point of how necessary it is to provide our members with ongoing training programs to keep these skills current. As you'll read below, we recently conducted a Technical Animal Rescue Awareness training. I'd like to use this opportunity to thank our good friends for providing the ideal classroom for this most valuable training. Thank you, Dr. Dick and Kathy Vetter at [Foothills Veterinary Hospital](#) for your ongoing generosity in providing an excellent facility for our training.

Perhaps it's a question of demographics, but we at WASART don't often have the happy opportunity to report the arrival of new future members. But suddenly we get to announce that three current members, Carrie Lee Gagnon, Jennifer Crenshaw and Dr. Brooke Lucas, have given birth to three little potential rescuers. For Carrie Lee it's a boy, Chase Roy. For Jennifer it's a girl, Rayelin. And for Dr. Brooke, it's another boy, Kirby James. We couldn't be happier for all three of these new arrivals, and we fully expect to see them signed up for our training classes in about 2032.



Congratulations to all three of our proud new mothers!

Bill Daugaard

President

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Ebola Virus & Dogs: Where Do We Stand?



"Army Surgeon General Praises Medical Team Members Training to Fight Ebola" Image via [Army Medicine](#), (Creative Commons licensed, no changes made.)

A note about this article:

With Ebola very much in the news these days, there is a lot of information and misinformation available. One of our vet members found this article and we wanted to share it with you. It was originally published [here in Clinician's Brief](#) (account required, but sign up is free.) Reprinted by permission.

Written by J. Scott Weese, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM, Editor in Chief, Clinician's Brief

The recent euthanasia of a dog owned by a Spanish nursing assistant infected with Ebola virus has raised much concern about the canine role in Ebola virus transmission and the risks dogs may pose to humans. As is common with emerging diseases, there are many gaps in our knowledge—and these

gaps can create fear.

The following key points should be understood:

- There is limited concern about dogs playing a role in natural transmission of Ebola virus in areas where the virus is endemic.
- The likelihood of a dog being exposed to Ebola virus outside of endemic regions in Africa is very unlikely; this would require contact with bodily secretions of a human with symptoms of Ebola virus infection.
- There is evidence that dogs can become infected with Ebola virus, but there is no evidence that they develop disease.¹
 - This information comes from a study of dogs in a community where an Ebola virus outbreak was underway; 27% of healthy dogs had serum antibodies against the virus, but none had detectable virus in circulation. Evidence of exposure was not surprising, as some dogs scavenged the bodies of animals that had potentially died of Ebola virus infection and had direct contact with humans with active disease.
 - This situation is profoundly different than that of a household pet with transient exposure to a human that has been exposed or has early infection.
- Irrespective of whether dogs can be exposed to the virus, there is currently no evidence that infected dogs shed the virus.
- In the unlikely event of a pet dog outside of West Africa is exposed to a human with Ebola virus infection, veterinary and public health personnel can investigate the type of contacts between the dog and human (eg, when contact occurred with respect to the presence of symptoms, types and duration of contact) and determine whether exposure to the virus may have occurred.
- Coordinated efforts are underway to develop guidance for management of dogs exposed to

individuals with Ebola virus infection.

The lack of information about Ebola virus in dogs makes development of evidence-based practices difficult. Yet, given the available information about Ebola virus in dogs and the broader understanding of Ebola virus and containment practices, reasonable recommendations can be developed for the very unlikely event that more pet dogs become exposed.

Concerns about dogs and Ebola virus cannot be dismissed, and consideration of the role of pets in transmission of this virus is consistent with efforts to promote One Health. At the same time, the risks must be kept in perspective—and reason must outweigh paranoia—to optimize human and animal health and welfare.

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WASART Member Alive Because of CPR



CPR classes are widely available and offered by many fire departments, the Red Cross, and other organization. An internet search should help find the one nearest you. [Image by NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan](#). Creative Commons license, no changes made.

WASART requires all of its members to be certified in CPR, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation. Knowing CPR is empowering. You can save the life of a stranger or a family member. According to the [American Heart Association](#), anyone can learn CPR – and everyone should. Unfortunately, 70 percent of Americans may feel helpless to act during a cardiac emergency because they either do not know how to administer CPR or their training has significantly lapsed. This alarming statistic could hit close to home, because home is exactly where 88 percent of cardiac arrests occur. Put very simply: The life you save with CPR is mostly likely to be someone you love.

WASART member, Dee Waluk-Johnson can tell you all about the above statistics. This past winter, Dee's nuclear stress tests showed no sign of trouble, yet two weeks later, sitting at her desk, Dee felt a slight dizzy spell. Her husband, Scott, was home at the time. She remembers calling out to Scott and then nothing. "I was gone," says Dee.

Dee was experiencing a [Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#), a leading cause of heart related deaths. Nine out of ten people who experience SCA die without prompt CPR intervention.

Dee's husband remembered his CPR training from the military; he saved her life. When Snohomish County Fire District 5's Jon Perkins and Andrew McLaurin arrived on the scene Scott was performing CPR. Perkins and McLaurin took over for Scott and within one minute and three shocks using an Automated External Defibrillator, AED, Dee was fully conscious and sitting up.


If someone stops breathing or their heart stops beating, they can survive for only four to six minutes before lack of oxygen causes irreversible brain damage or death. As in Dee's case, if CPR is performed that person's life can be extended by artificially circulating oxygen to the brain. CPR can help "buy time" until paramedics arrive with more advanced care.

CPR is used for children and adults and not just for cardiac arrest but also for non-traumatic cardiac arrest due to drowning, electrocution, or choking. If you are a parent of small children this information can be life-saving.

To read more about Dee and Snohomish Co. Fire District 5:


<http://www.monroemonitor.com/2014/07/22/sultan-fire-department-seeks-property-tax-levy/>

CALL




CALL 911

PUMP




POSITION HANDS IN THE CENTER OF THE CHEST




PUSH DOWN IN THE CENTER OF THE CHEST HARD AND FAST TWO INCHES 30 TIMES. PUMP AT 100/MIN

BLOW



TILT HEAD, LIFT CHIN, CHECK BREATHING



GIVE TWO BREATHS

CONTINUE WITH 30 PUMPS AND TWO BREATHS UNTIL HELP ARRIVES

Intro to Technical Rescue Eases Transition onto a Challenging Team



Members get their first hands-on experience as well as learned some of the basic "rules of play" for being on the Technical Rescue Team. They were also visited by a dog, who, realizing he shouldn't be running through Golden Gardens without his leash being held, paused to pick it up before continuing on his way to visit the class.

On November 1, WASART's Technical Rescue Team held a training session in Seattle's Golden Gardens Park. This class was offered to WASART members who are interested in learning more about our Technical Rescue Team. Though there are some requirements and skills needed to be a member of the TRT not all members are required or expected to go "over the edge." Introductory classes like this one will be held periodically and we recommend that all members take advantage of the information offered. These intro level classes can serve either as a starting point to become a credentialed TRT member or, equally as important, will serve to enable non-TRT members to be able to safely provide support to the team during deployments.

The curriculum of this recent class included how to recognize the need for the Technical Rescue Team, how to support the TRT during deployments, and the inherent dangers of technical rescue. The focal point was, and always is, human safety. Skilled TRT members also demonstrated personal protective equipment, basic TRT commands (verbal and whistle) and the core awareness level skills required for TRT Awareness credentialing. The session concluded with a hands-on review of the types and names of equipment and the organization of equipment into appropriate gear bags.

Thirteen WASART members attended the training, including 3 senior members and 10 members new to technical rescue. WASART extends a warm welcome to these folks.

Technical Animal Rescue



A member loaned the class two of her horse and a dog to practice on. Her generosity and trust mean stronger skills the teams will be able to use in the field.

WASART was created in order to provide a safe and effective response to animal rescue emergencies. Over the years our skilled members have responded to all manner of animal catastrophes including extracting horses from wells, moving cows out of swimming pools, and lifting dogs, and horses, off steep cliffs. Because this work is dangerous and highly specialized, we offer Technical Animal Rescue Awareness training periodically to keep our skills honed and to train new members as rescue and support participants.

On Saturday Nov. 8, Dr. Richard and Kathy Vetter, of [Foothills Veterinary Hospital](#) in Buckley, WA generously hosted WASART for our latest TAR Awareness training. This training always includes animal handling safety with a focus on human safety priorities. We offer hands on demonstrations of specialized rescue equipment and the use of proper rigging techniques, emergency haltering and the many strategies used to accomplish successful multi-species rescues whether they happen in the backcountry or on the farm.

This training was well attended and WASART is pleased that many of our new members are so enthusiastic about learning how to help owners and their animals. Two members and one husband came

all the way from Eastern Washington and another two members came from Kitsap County to participate and we thank them, and all the participants, for their commitment to learning techniques that will aid our animal friends in distress.

WASART Receives Certificate of Appreciation from the ASPCA



In August of 2013 the ASPCA and HSUS were tasked to provide assistance with what turned out to be one of the biggest dog fighting busts in our nation's history. WASART was requested to be an ASPCA Response Partner and the experience we gained in this deployment was invaluable. Eighteen WASART volunteers traveled to an undisclosed location and some made multiple trips, to assist in the care, sheltering and handling of over 350 of the dogs seized in this horrific criminal case. WASART President, Bill Daugaard, said this of his volunteer experience, "It was extremely rewarding to see hundreds of dogs rescued from terrible cruelty and violence getting a new lease on life, and responding with affection and enthusiasm."

WASART was recently granted this certification of their appreciation for the work we did there.

To read more about the progress made in obtaining justice for this case:

<http://www.asPCA.org/blog/strong-sentences-handed-down-alabama-court-historic-dog-fighting-case>

Orientation



Heard about WASART but not sure what we do? Interested in volunteering but not sure how you can be involved? Come to either of our Orientation meetings (another duplicate meeting is scheduled for January 25th at the same location) and learn about the organization and the many volunteer opportunities available.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Sat Jan 10, 2015 10am – 12pm Pacific Time

Issaquah Fire & Rescue Headquarters,

175 Newport Way NW, Issaquah, WA 98027

For more information, contact

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Easy Money

Clean Out Your Closets for WASART, Dec 1-5

Value Village

The Woodinville Value Village is graciously donating 22 cents per pound of items dropped off at designated WASART sites for Dec 1-5 (Renton) or Dec 6 (Bothell) for an event they're calling Give and Get. Just bring any of the items you'd generally donate to a thrift store or second hand store (clothes, shoes, books, furniture, etc.) to the locations below and we'll get them to the Value Village drop off site.

Thank you Value Village for the opportunity, and thank you Holly Hills Clubhouse and PIMA Medical Institute for the loan of your space!

Drop off your items from Dec 1-5 at:

Not-quite-south

[PIMA Medical Institute](#)

555 S. Renton Village Place
Renton, WA 98057

Drop off Sat Dec 6th between 10-6.

North

[Holly Hills Clubhouse](#), lower parking lot.

19200 Hollyhills Dr NE
Bothell, WA 98011

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