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General Meetings

September 10, 2014
Key Bank Meeting Room
1212 Cole Street
Enumclaw, WA 98022

The next General Membership Meeting will be held in Enumclaw, 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.

Big Plans for a Bright Future



With a bright past behind us and a shining present filled with support, we at WASART plan to make the future even brighter. Future lives depend on us.

Now that WASART's capabilities have become known well beyond our original service area, it has become increasingly clear that we need additional equipment if we are to provide timely emergency response to those areas. Therefore WASART has begun to venture into the realm of fundraising. Our recent GiveBig fundraiser successfully raised \$4,000 with an additional \$333 donated by the Seattle Foundation, the folks who generously organized the effort. Encouraged by that good news, I'm very pleased to announce the beginning of WASART's first-ever Capital Campaign. Our objective will be to raise the funds necessary to

Training Opportunities

(Open to the public)

[July 12-13 - Animal Sheltering](#)

Enumclaw, WA

Visit our booth at these upcoming events

July 19 - Tacoma/Pierce County Dog-A-Thon

Ft. Steilacoom Park - Lakewood, WA

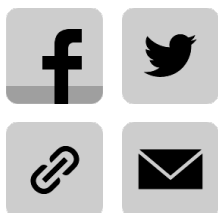
August 2 - Woofstock

Tacoma, WA - Univ. of Puget 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.



obtain some of the major equipment items WASART needs to reliably support our mission and expand our current capabilities.

We currently own three trailers; two are utility trailers filled with rescue equipment, one staged in south King County and the other north of I-90 to provide faster response to emergencies further north. The third is filled with corral panels for emergency animal evacuation and sheltering. But we have only one truck to tow them, stationed with the south King County trailer. That means that for emergencies that occur in the north or for wider disasters that require deployment of all our trailers at once, we must rely on our members with trucks capable of towing them being available to tow the other trailers, or add an hour or more to our response time to get the WASART truck deployed in the north, or possibly not being able to deploy 2/3 of our assets at all. We badly need another truck, capable of towing trailers through mud and snow and over steep backcountry roads.

Other equally important capital needs include the educational equipment necessary to aid us in training our members in one of our specialties, rescuing large animals in distress. Effective training aids are expensive, highly specialized, sometimes entirely customized and well beyond our current budget.

The Capital Campaign is intended to enable us to obtain these key pieces of equipment in order to meet our mission objectives. We'll be posting a list of the items we hope to acquire through this Campaign. We're hoping for support from our many friends to help make the Campaign a success. We'll keep you posted.

Bill Dugaard
President

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Dog in Hot Car: What can you do about it?



How hot does it get in a car? Veterinarian Dr. Ernie Ward films himself in a car to demonstrate how quickly temperatures can rise. <http://bit.ly/vetInHotCar>

Along with warmer weather comes a seasonal parking lot dread: You find a dog locked in a hot car and what do you do about it? Below are recommendations from a WASART Advising Specialist Board Member, Retired Sergeant David Morris. Sergeant Morris has almost 30 years of experience as an Animal Control Officer and as a Cruelty Investigator with Regional Animal Services of King County, formerly King County Animal Control.

Whether overcast or sunny, when the outside ambient temperature reaches 75 degrees Fahrenheit, the interior of an enclosed vehicle can easily reach 100 degrees quickly. Increased outside ambient temperatures, if the vehicle is in full sun, color of the vehicle, interior volume and amount of glass are factors that can accelerate the internal temperature to over 120 degrees.

A dog's normal body core temperature is between 101 and 103 degrees. They have no sweat glands, per se, and keep their bodies temps regulated by panting and convection. When the interior ambient temperature of a vehicle rises to 100...110...120...

140 degrees, these mechanisms cannot sufficiently keep their body core temps in the normal range and they will suffer heat stroke injuries. Unless you happen to have a thermometer and an opening in the car's window through which to get a reading you should assess the dog's condition by looking for the following heat stroke symptoms:

- Increased heart rate
- Excessive panting
- Increased anxiety/restlessness
- Increased salivation
- Bright red or pale gums
- Thick, sticky saliva
- Bright red tongue
- Dizziness
- Weakness
- Depression/lethargy/unresponsiveness
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea – bloody diarrhea
- Shaking-Tremors-Seizures
- Cardiac Arrest
- Coma
- Death

Severe heat stroke occurs at a dog's body core temp of 106 degrees and above. It can be deadly and requires immediate veterinarian treatment. At a body core temp of 110 degrees cells rapidly begin to die, the brain swells, dehydration damages the kidneys and ulcers form in the gastro-intestinal tract.

Some dogs may be more prone to suffering a heat injury. Black coated dogs, heavily coated dogs, short-nosed dogs and obese dogs may not be able to easily regulate their body temps because of these characteristics. Older and younger dogs, dogs with heart and respiratory history and previous heat injuries may have compromised systems.

So what should you do if you see a dog with heat stroke symptoms? Progression through the symptoms is not incremental and, depending on environmental factors, can be very rapid.

- **Observe** – Note the time, the description of the dog,

and the symptoms being exhibited as well as a description of the vehicle, make, model, color, license plate number and location. A partially rolled down window does not significantly reduce the ambient temperature inside the vehicle.

- **Report** – Send someone to the surrounding businesses with the vehicle info and request a loudspeaker announcement. Call the local Animal Control Authority, Police or Fire Department to report the incident.
- **Monitor** – Stand by the car to monitor the changes in symptoms. Report any adverse changes to the authorities.
- **Action** – If the symptoms deteriorate to severe heat stroke (i.e. Unresponsiveness, vomiting, diarrhea, etc) before help arrives, you may have to take action. Breaking the smallest window in order to gain entry is risky, but may be your only choice.

(NOTE: Washington State does NOT have a “Good Samaritan” law related to citizens assisting animals. You must be prepared to incur civil liabilities from the dog/car owner.)

- **First Aid** – First remove the dog from the car. To cool the body core completely wet the dog down with water. If water is limited, focus on the paws and underbelly of the dog. Then begin fanning the dog and place in an air-conditioned space if possible. DO NOT USE ICE TO COOL THE DOG. It can lead to an equally dangerous hypothermic situation. Get the dog immediately to a veterinarian for treatment.
- **Update** – Follow-up with the local authorities with your actions should you have to leave the scene.

The 4th Amendment to the Constitution protects citizens from unreasonable search and seizures. Law Enforcement Officers may, however, enter a building or car without a warrant in a case of exigent circumstances. In order to qualify for an exception to

the 4th Amendment the local authority will have to, in short, show the court that a “reasonable and prudent person would have perceived the need to take swift action to prevent death or injury.”

There is no specific ordinance in Washington State regarding the legality of leaving a dog in a hot car however, if the dog dies the person responsible will likely face animal cruelty charges.

The answer to keeping your pet safe in hot weather is simple; keep them home ... keep them cool. The reward of taking them shopping with you on a hot day is just not worth the risk.

Here is a link for a downloadable informational flyer you can print and share:

<http://www.asPCA.org/sites/default/files/pets-in-hot-cars.pdf>

Exempting Members with Search & Rescue Training



WASART is fortunate to have well-trained partners to turn to when extra help is needed. Sometimes these extended teams sign on to the WASART family. WASART is now exempting some prospective members from certain training requirements.

Members of state Search and Rescue (SAR) units bring a wealth of training and experience to the table when called upon to search for and rescue humans in distress. Because WASART recognizes the value of their efforts, the Board of Directors recently approved the Training Committee's suggested revision to the Training Curriculum that would exempt such SAR members from having to complete all of WASART's training program if they wished to be eligible to deploy. The exemption is quite similar to the exemption already granted to veterinarians who wish to join WASART.

At a minimum, a SAR member would need to be field qualified, be a current SAR member for a minimum of two years, and have a minimum of 60 mission/deployment hours in the previous two years. Other mostly on-line classes would also need to be completed but such a prospective member would not need to complete all of the training that is currently required of WASART's non-SAR members. For more information on these requirements, please [check out the Training Policy](#).

Emergency Animal Sheltering Training Next in the Chute



"Help!" One goat isn't sure of her fate as she takes part in sheltering training. One of the situations

WASART trains for is helping out or running an emergency shelter, especially when other shelters in the area don't have room or staff and could use the help. Here's our main training for those situations.

Emergency Animal Sheltering

When

July 12-13 8:30am – 5:00pm (Sat & Sun)

Where

Cumberland Fire Station, 35420 Veazie-Cumberland Rd., Enumclaw, WA 98022 ([map](#))

Description

Location: Cumberland Fire Station

Cost: \$85 (\$110 for non-members)

Emergency Animal Shelter Training is a two-day course geared towards setting up and running an emergency shelter, as well as working with large and small animals in an emergency sheltering situation. Covered topics include: Animal First-Aid and Psychology, Shelter Planning, Set-Up, and Operation, and a considerable live animal-handling component where attendees will be instructed and given the opportunity to handle horses, cows, goats, dogs, cats, pigs, alpacas and chickens. The class will finish with a mock exercise where students set up and run an emergency shelter. Emergency Animal Shelter Training is open to both members and non-members (adults only, please).

To register, complete this online form:

<http://bit.ly/WASARTshelter14>

For more information, or to download and print or email a registration form, [check out the calendar](#).

Questions? Contact the

registrar@washingtonsart.org.

Table Top and BBQ with WASART

Both WASART Members and non-members are

invited to an intake tabletop exercise and BBQ. Come help us brainstorm ideas on troubleshooting and setting up an emergency shelter.

When: July 26, 2014 from 10:30am to 2:30pm

Where: Point Defiance Park in Tacoma

See the intake process from the animal owner's perspective; get hands-on practice with WASART's intake forms and join us for a potluck BBQ while overlooking Commencement Bay. Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be provided but do bring a stuffed animal and a dish to share. By the end the afternoon, you'll reclaim your sheltered 'pet' (stuffed only; sorry, no live animals at this event) and leave knowing you're ready to help when needed.

RSVP: washingtonsart.org/calendar.html no later than 7/18

Questions: Contact Jo,
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Honored Volunteer: Lucinda Yerbury



WASART is fortunate to have the dedication of Lucinda Yerbury. Photo by Angie Marmion.

Our organization is comprised of many generous and dedicated people. We would like to make a quarterly habit of thanking and acknowledging those particularly outstanding members who form the backbone of WASART.

We are honored to introduce our first Volunteer of the Quarter recipient, Lucinda Yerbury. With this award we recognize her commitment and dedication to WASART and to the welfare of animals, large and small. Lucinda's passion for serving the community is evident not only in her participation in local disasters such as the 530 Slide in Oso, WA but in multiple deployments to the ASPCA dog fighting shelter in Gainesville, FL. Her professionalism and positive attitude makes her a delight to work with and we are fortunate to have her on the WASART team!

When we asked Lucinda what compels her to volunteer she said this, "When I volunteer I love it. 13 months ago I was in a car accident that triggered some chronic pain issues. Volunteering takes away my physical pain and whatever pain I carry from the stress of my daily life. It all goes away! When I focus my energy into helping, it melts all my troubles and I feel positive about everything." When Lucinda talked about being a member of WASART she said, "I love WASART for the community, the organization and all the many life changing opportunities I've experienced simply because I'm a WASART member."

Lucinda joined our organization less than a year ago and she has already donated 91.40 hours and driven 894 miles for WASART. She is also an active volunteer for the Tacoma/Pierce County Humane Society and the Red Cross. Thank you, Lucinda. We are so honored that you've chosen to be a WASART member.

Seattle Humane: Affordable Spay &

Neuter Services



Help prevent pet overpopulation by spaying and neutering your pet on the cheap, thanks to the Seattle Humane Society. Special deals for pitbulls! Photo by [jeffreyw](#), licensed Creative Commons. (No alterations made to the photo.)

Did you know that affordable Spay & Neuter services are available through The Humane Society for Seattle/King County? Please help spread the word.

Cat Neuter	\$25
Cat Spay	\$40
Dog Neuter	\$60-\$99 (based on weight)
Dog Spay	\$60-\$99 (based on weight)
Pitbulls	\$50

If your annual family income is less than 80 percent of the median income in your county, you qualify for Seattle Humane Society's low-fee spay and neuter services for your pets. To determine your eligibility visit:

www.seattlehumane.org/fix or call (425) 649-7560.

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