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From the President



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In a large animal rescue, much of the more expensive equipment needs to be replaced for safety reasons.

It's only possible because of you.



## **General Meetings**

September 9, 2015 Location TBD

The next General
Membership Meeting will be held from **7 p.m. - 9 p.m**.

## The Linchpins of Rescue



Endurance horse Dane rests in the glide while responder Juan Carlos B. straps him securely in for a short transport.

As I sit down to write this column, we have yet another team in the field to assist another downed horse, this time in Woodinville. Whether it's the unusually hot weather, affecting equine neurological systems and peoples' desire to hike in the backcountry with their dogs, or the phase of the moon, I don't know. But late June and early July have been extraordinarily busy for WASART. We've had new requests for assistance coming in at a rate of several per week. I don't want to let this opportunity go by without thanking our team members that have responded to these callouts over and over. There are too many to name individually, but we see several of

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.

the same names repeatedly, in difficult situations for long periods of time. It's very tough to deploy on an overnight rescue mission and then get up with an hour's sleep and go to the training mission that you're committed later that morning. But that's what a number of our members have done during this very busy period. You'll see accounts of several of these missions in the articles below.

## **Upcoming training**

## August 22, 2015

<u>Technical Animal Rescue</u> (Awareness)

Cumberland Fire Station 35420 Veazie-Cumberland Road Enumclaw, WA 98022

## August 30, 2015

Core

18080 NE 76<sup>th</sup> Street Redmond, WA 98052

#### September 20, 2015

Field Response Training

Foothills Veterinary Clinic 28512 112th Street East Buckley, WA 98321

October 4, 2015 Emergency Sheltering 30609 SE 352nd Street Enumclaw, WA 98022 Many of these recent deployments have utilized our new A-frame, shown in the pictures below. We've long needed this vital piece of equipment, the only one in the Northwest, and were only able to obtain it as a result of generous donations from people who appreciate the work we do. If you'd like to help us put gas in our trucks and replace safety-critical equipment as it wears out, please follow the links in the Donate button in the sidebar.

I think it's only appropriate for me to remind our readers that our responders are all volunteers, and none are compensated, beyond their immediate out-of-pocket expenses if they request reimbursement (they often don't). They donate their time and energy simply because of their unwillingness to see animals suffer if they can do something to alleviate it. And they very often succeed. My hat is off to them, and has been off for a long time. I am honored to be associated with them.

Bill Daugaard President

## **Upcoming events**

WASART/Pierce County Animal Response Team Orientation

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Pierce County Emergency Operation Center 2501 S. 35th Street, Suite D Tacoma, WA 98409 For more info click here. Two Malamutes, 10 Miles, & Feminine Hygiene Products

The Humane Society's 25th Annual Dog-A-Thon Saturday, **July 25**, **2015** from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Fort Steilacoom Park, Lakewood, WA

#### Dog Days In The Park

Saturday, **August 1, 2015** noon - 3:00 p.m. 3rd and Bell Street (next to the Regrade Off-Leash Area) Seattle, WA

## Woofstock

Saturday, **August 1, 2015** 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Todd Field, University of Puget Sound 1500 N. Warner, Tacoma, WA 98416

Frogs & Dogs (fundraiser for WASART & Salmon Hatchery)
Saturday, August 15, 2015
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Issaquah Brewhouse
35 West Sunset
Issaquah, WA

### Dog Days in the Park

Saturday, **August 15**, **2015** noon to 3:00 p.m.
3rd and Bell Street (next to Regrade Off-Leash Area)
Seattle, WA

#### Scrub-a-Mutt

Saturday, **August 22, 2015** 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Strawberry Athletic Fields 6100 152nd Street NE Marysville, WA 98271



One of the Malamutes takes a break from the hike out. The bandages on the feet are vet wrap and panty liners, along with surgical gloves. Photo courtesy of Summit to Sound Search and Rescue.

A WASART Duty Officer's anxiety level always rises when the answering service calls late in the day. And that's what happened on June 26<sup>th</sup> when WASART was called at 7:30 p.m. by the Search & Rescue Deputy in Bellingham, Whatcom County. Deputy Mark Jilk was advising that a 95 lb Malamute needed to be packed out of a popular trail in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest because its paws were torn and bleeding from walking on the rocks that littered the trail. The dog was about three miles up the trail.

Recognizing that WASART members from the King County area would not be able to reach the trailhead until very late in the evening, we reached out to our friends in <u>Summit to Sound Search & Rescue</u> (STS) to help with this deployment. Lauri M., a WASART

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.









and STS member, immediately called for volunteers to assist with the packout and by 10:00 p.m., after a 90 minute drive from Bellingham to the trailhead, three teams of three members departed up the trail. They took a soft Stokes litter in case the dog needed to be carried, and bandaging supplies in hopes that the dog could walk out. A radio check interval was set for 1 hour. Two STS members had previously attended a similar mission on the same trail in August, 2013 and two members were STS dog handlers. The Lake Ann Trail is well traveled and easy to follow. Fred K., a WASART and STS member, remained at the trail head parking lot and assumed the role of Incident Commander.

The decision had been made to respond at night because the temperatures for the next day were forecast to be in the mid-to high 90s which would have made a packout very difficult and perhaps hazardous to the health of dogs and humans. This trail is rocky with very little shade, so dogs that aren't prepared for the terrain get cuts on their paws from the rocks. In the hotter weather, the rocky trail is also very hot and the paws can burn. Dogs that regularly walk on rocky or rough ground have tougher paws than dogs that spend their time on grass or indoors. Dogs that don't regularly walk on rough ground should wear booties to protect their paws on trails like these.

The responders were initially informed that the dog was only three miles up the trail. However, once on the trail they were advised that hikers passing by had carried the dog back into Lake Ann, making the trip to the dogs about 4.5 miles with a 1500 foot elevation change.

At about 0130, the first team arrived at the lake and was informed there were two, not one, 95 lb Malamutes with injured paws. The team bandaged the dogs' paws using feminine sanitary pads, vet wrap, wool socks and duct tape in that order dogs and prepared for return to trailhead.

The team left the lake with dogs and owners at 0205 with the dogs were walking on their own and all three teams met up together at different stages along the trail. The first teams arrived back at Base Camp at 0530 at the parking lot with the dogs and owners. By 0545 all parties arrived back at Base Camp at the parking lot after hiking nearly nine miles round trip in total darkness except for the light provided by their headlamps.

The bandages were removed from the dogs' paws, the injuries were rechecked by the two dog handlers and then the dogs were loaded into the owner's car and the owners advised to have the dogs seen by a vet due to the cuts on their feet. Both dogs were friendly, cooperative, and alert but tired. Then, it was time for the responders to pack up and make the 1.5 hour drive back home where, we were informed, they still needed to attend a mandatory eight hour inclassroom Search & Rescue training!

Altogether, our partners in Summit to Sound Search & Rescue contributed a total of 124.5 hours and 604 miles to this deployment.

Our members are spread all over Western Washington and with growing numbers in Eastern Washington, Oregon and British Columbia and we are always grateful that when we have members close by a potential rescue site, plus other trained and capable personnel with whom to partner. Once again, our friends in the Summit to Sound Search & Rescue nonprofit organization were willing to provide the assistance needed when our animal friends were in distress. We couldn't do what we do without them.



Bow and Arrow taking another rest near the end when the sun has finally started to rise. Photo courtesy of Summit to Sound Search and Rescue.

## Dog of Vedder Mountain Calls for Help



Rory K., takes a much-needed and well-deserved rest. The dog was finally found on a ledge just big enough for her to stand on.

The whining and howling are what did it. Vedder

Mountain, a small, thickly forested mountain that borders Canada in Whatcom County, is very steep and has patches of exposed rock and cliffs that reflect the sound into the valley and field below. Pretty much any conversation that happens on that mountain echoes across the farmer's field. Residents in Canada began hearing whining, barking, and howling. They contacted Whatcom County Humane Society and an Animal Control Officer (ACO) who came out to check it out on the morning of July 27th.

The ACO, recognizing this was a technical situation, contacted Whatcom County Search and Rescue, of whom Summit to Sound is a part. The coordinating member of Summit to Sound is also an active and experienced member of WASART, so Lauri M. arranged to have WASART brought in as well.

After the King County contingent departed for Whatcom County between 4:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m., they met up at 9:30 a.m. with the Whatcom County contingent assembled across the street from the farmhouse that abuts the Canadian border. The farm's field separates Vedder Mountain from Canada by about a quarter of a mile. This would be Base Camp where the Incident Commander, who runs the show, would remain.

A senior WASART member led the group through a pre-deployment briefing. As is always the case on a deployment, the responders were reminded that humans come first and safety is priority number 1. The group decided on a strategy and split into teams, each with definined responsibilities. One part of the team would stay at Base Camp (Operations). A second team would walk along the bottom trail that traces the foot of the mountain and try to generally locate the area where the dog was trapped (Team 1). Another team would stay at Base at first to provide backup assistance for the other teams since we didn't know what was going to happen; this was our hedge to be as flexible as possible (Team 2). Yet another team would drive ATVs around and up the mountain to access the equine trails at the top to deliver rope

gear, drinking water, and anything else that was needed (Team 3).

Team 1 headed out along a trail that runs along the foot of the mountain, 100 feet or so into the tree line; the howling could be heard all along it. The steep angle of the mountain along with the exposed rock also meant it was hard to pinpoint a location. Team 1 gave its best guess and the team was divided into two teams. Team 4 was stationed at the bottom trail and Team 1, comprised of the more technical rescue folks who were most experienced in rope work, headed the steep side of the mountain.

The terrain was covered with loose hazards – rocks that rolled easily down, loose tree limbs and logs that shifted when stepped on. About 100 feet up, the angle increased further and it became more of a scrabble to get up the hillside. The first of the cliff faces was about 200 feet up from the bottom trail and it was here that Team 1 moved back and forth, trying to better locate the dog. They determined the dog was above them but as there was no way to get up to the dog, they retraced their steps and met up with Team 3 for the ropes and rescue equipment needed to access the areas from the top.

Team 1, which now consisted of WASART member, Rory K., and Summit to Sound member, Ed H., began the first of nine or so descents, rappelling from anchor points above to safely make it to more level spots below. By the end of the day, they'd rack up about 500 feet of descent as well as countless other elevation changes from just walking/scrabbling up and down while they triangulated the dog from its sounds.

Team 1 was certain they were close but had yet to actually see the dog. The dog could have been loose, pacing or hiding. It could have fallen into a hole. At 6:06 p.m., we heard over the radio from Team 1: "We are going to try one more descent and then call it." The rest of us held our breaths in the ensuing radio silence that was maintained so Team 1 could focus

on safety and concentrate on their work. No one liked the idea of leaving the dog for another night but we trusted Team 1 to make the right decisions in regards to capability and safety

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Finally, at 6:35 p.m., after 9 hours on-site of planning, strategizing, and arduous physical activity up and down the mountain, came Team 1's radio transmission: "I'm coming down and I've got a puppy in my backpack." Apparently Rory had rappelled further down the mountain, seeing and hearing nothing because the dog kept silent as he went past. Then, towards the bottom Rory heard the dog above him. He climbed back up and found it was standing on a 9" ledge, just large enough for it to stand, but no more. He grabbed the black dog, which looked to be a Schnauzer mix of about 35 lbs, thrust it into his backpack, and continued on. The team then made their careful way back down the mountain, which included several more rappels. They took a lot of breaks as they were exhausted. The dog rode quietly down with them.

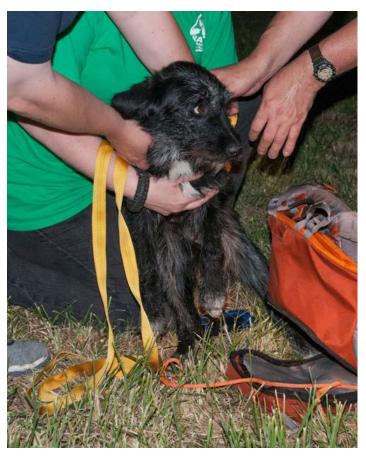
Team 4 waited at the bottom trail for them along with Team 3, which had brought ATVs to help carry out the packs and very heavy ropes. It took a couple of hours to safely get back down to the trail, and Team 1 was preceded by rolling rocks and the sounds of them moving through the underbrush.

The returning teams drank a lot of water, and one of the Team 4 members took the backpack and dog and hiked out to deliver the dog to Operations and the Animal Control Officer (ACO) who had been on site during the operation. The ACO checked the dog out and immediately left for the emergency veterinarian clinic. The dog was not obviously injured but after days of standing on a rock cliff during the heat without food or water, the ACO determined it was necessary for the dog be checked professionally.

The teams all began the process of packing up, resting a bit, and hydrating. We debriefed and began to disperse. The King County contingent arrived back

home between 3:00 a.m. - 4:45 a.m. on July 28th.

And the rest of the story? Well, that little black dog has been adopted by her rescuer, Irish born Rory, and has been renamed Tulla, which is Gaelic for 'hill' or 'mountain'. A fitting end for a very lucky dog.



The subject of our search gets unpacked from the backpack at base camp.

## Horse Down in Arena



Elizabeth B. cradles the head of Shayne, who awaits a lift.

On Sunday July 5th, about noon, WASART received a call about a horse that had been found cast in his stall that morning around 07:30 a.m. The people at the barn in Snohomish had removed one of the stall walls in order to get the horse, a 19 year old Appaloosa gelding named Shayne, out into an arena. They had hoped that the additional space would allow them to help him up, but they were unsuccessful.

Once WASART was authorized to proceed, the call went out for qualified volunteers. Lucinda Y. coordinated the calls and WASART members Amy A. Bill V., Bonnie O., Elisabeth B., Gabe B., Jon M., Juan C., Libby O., Michaela E., and Rory K. were available and deployed to the site.

Dr. Mike Howell of Evergreen Equine Veterinary had already been administering IV fluids and pain medication. A wooden beam had been placed over the arena entrance as a lifting point.

By the time WASART 2, our supplies and equipment box van, arrived on the scene about 4:30 p.m., the members of our Technical Rescue Team (TRT) who had arrived earlier had decided on a course of action that they hoped would get Shayne to his feet. We immediately began to unload the needed equipment

and set up the rope system and the Becker sling, a sling especially designed to fit snugly around a horse that need help getting to its feet. The barn folks had dug under Shayne to help him into a more upright position, easing pressure on his flanks. He was attempting to get up, but only using his front legs.

As the TRT folks completed their rope system, other WASART members dug under and around the horse so that we could pass the wide straps of the Becker sling under Shayne. A hauling team was assembled using people from the barn and WASART members. The attempted lift had to be modified once as the beam being used as a lifting point did not appear to be strong enough to support the horse from the center. However, when we just moved the rope system to one end and proceeded to lift, things went a little smoother.

We did manage to get Shayne lifted to his feet, but, sadly he could not stand. After extensive consultation between Dr. Howell and the owners, the decision was made to humanely euthanize this much loved gelding.

WASART members, each and every one of us, are always saddened when owners are forced to make this very difficult but very compassionate decision and we always wish it didn't have to be. However, everyone on site with Shayne did they best they could for this lovely horse and we hope he is galloping wild and free in the lush green pastures just beyond the Rainbow Bridge.

## Horse Down in a Pasture



Gabe B. attends the ropes at the A-frame's anchor point.

Only three days after the deployment to a horse down in Snohomish, WASART was again called out on July 8<sup>th</sup> to assist another horse down in a field north of Woodinville. Jazz, a 10 year old thoroughbred gelding, had fallen and was unable to get himself upright. Jazz had been down since 7:00 a.m., and Dr. Dana Westerman, a WASART member who was on site in her private capacity as a veterinarian, was already administering fluids and pain medication.Dr. Westerman is from Professional Equine Therapeutic Services and was Jazz' regular vet.

A total of 6 WASART members began arriving at around 10:00 a.m. with WASART2, one of our supplies and equipment vehicles, arriving a while thereafter. While Jazz was bright, alert and eating what was offered, initial attempts to persuade him to get to his feet were unsuccessful. He was unwilling or unable to use his hind legs to get off the ground.

With WASART2 on-site the decision was made to deploy the A-frame to help get Jazz on his feet. This was the first time the A-frame was used in a deployment, and the open field conditions, while hot, were otherwise nearly ideal. The A-frame was laid out, stakes were pounded, ropes were run and the device rose above the horse. The Becker sling, a purpose built sling that wraps around a large animal to aid it in being pulled to its feet, was put in place, and after checking and double checking both assembly and safety, Jazz was lifted from the ground. Unfortunately he was unable to gain his footing, to the extent that he couldn't even try. After lowering Jazz onto the sled placed under him, the decision was made to humanely let him go.

While the final outcome was not what we had hoped for, the call out gave Jazz an opportunity that he simply would not otherwise have had and we share in the sadness his owners must have felt when they made this heart rendering decision. He was a very brave horse and tried the very best he could.

Muddy Success for Endurance Horse



Dane, a 27-year-old endurance horse, gets help out of unexpectedly deep mud.

Dane, our subject on our July 12th deployment, ended up sunk to his belly in mud at about noon. At the request of the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department, we set out from the equipment van's base in Enumclaw for Snohomish's Lord Hill County Park, a popular equine destination. When we arrived, we were met by Snohomish County Search & Rescue Coordinator, Deputy Danny Wikstrom and volunteers from the Snohomish County search and rescue community. We knew we were looking at a 1.5 mile hike in to the horse's location, so we were happy to see the search and rescue team's ATV to help carry much of our heavy rescue gear. Included in this were pieces from the aluminum A-frame, our Becker sling, a purpose built sling used to help raise large animals to their feet, and our rescue glide which is a heavy-duty flexible backboard for large animals.

Once we were on site, we found the 27-year-old Dane surrounded by law enforcement officers from the Sheriff's Department (horse people themselves), more search and rescue volunteers, the owners, the other people and horses who had been riding with Dane's owners, and a veterinarian and veterinarian technician who both just happened to be riding in the area.

The WASART team got right to work. First they tried the easiest solution, in hopes that Dane, an experienced endurance horse, just needed a bit of help to get unstuck. The procedure, called a forward assist, involves sliding a very wide strap around

Dane's chest and between his front legs. The strap has loops at the end for attachment to a pulley system where mechanical advantage meant a few people could really give the horse a boost.

The forward assist did not work because the angle was too low, so the team set up the A-frame. The frame is set into place with spikes hammered into the ground through the feet, and stabilized with anchor points. In this case, the A-frame, which pivots, was leaned over Dane, so he could be pulled up at much as possible.

While part of the team was setting up the A-frame, another part was outfitting the horse with the Becker sling around his chest and just in front of his hind legs. The Becker sling has a couple of straps with thick padding to protect the horse as possible during lifting. We also made plans to protect the legs. The concern was that suction from the mud could damage the joints and ligaments on legs that are meant to bear weight from above rather than remain attached from below.

Dr. Liana Wiegel who worked for Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital in Snohomish, called for IV fluids and administered them as she and the vet tech monitored Dane, who by then had been in the mud about five hours and was likely both cold and exhausted from trying to fight his way out.

Dane was pulled out of the mud very carefully and very slowly. However, it appeared that his left hind leg was stuck. We'd seen the other hind leg move, as well as the forelegs, shaking, as he tried to lift himself out. The rescue glide was set in front of him with a rope attached so that we could pull it out of the way if he tried to stand.

As he ascended, he was still. Everyone near him tried to encourage him with claps and shouts. He finally fought himself alert although it was obvious he was not yet ready to stand on his own and the mud on which he was mired was too soft to bear his whole

weight. With that in mind, we carefully laid him on the glide and began to strap him in for both safety and in preparation for transport, should we need it. The Becker sling was left on, though we removed the heavy spreader bar. The A-frame was left in place as well. There was a bit of a race against time as he started to slide backwards, very slowly, into the muck again.

Bundling him into the glide meant padding, hobbles, and ratchet straps. Dr. Wiegel continued to monitor him and give him fluids while we tucked a couple of emergency space blankets around him to help combat hypothermia. Once tucked into the glide, we moved him forward onto ground both firmer and more level. We consulted with Dr. Wiegel and she felt it best to try to get him on his feet as soon as possible, even if the A-frame needed to assist his ability to stand.

We unstrapped Dane and moved to reattached the spreader bar. But Dane had ideas of his own. He burst into effort, slipping on the muddy glide. He tried again and we quickly removed the glide as he gained his feet. The relief among the now 30+ rescuers was palpable. Dane seemed very glad to be able to stand, even if it just meant now he could urinate all he'd been holding in for the past five and a half hours.

Dr. Wiegel encouraged him to take a step and he cautiously flexed his back legs. Step by step, he seemed to warm and loosen. The vet tech and a WASART member walked next to him with the IV bag. It was time to head him back to the horse trailer and the trail would be just enough length and incline to keep warming him up. He was aware enough to realize he was leaving his 4-legged buddies behind and hollered for them, so the riders standing by quickly followed with their horses to help soothe him.

Dane, his owners and Dr. Wiegel all left immediately for Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital. We received word later that he's doing very well and expected to make a full recovery.

And if helping to pull a 1300 lb horse out of a swamp wasn't enough work for one day, the search and rescue volunteers got a call and were needed elsewhere for yet another emergency (heroes!), and departed. As our part of the emergency was over, we packed up and began to haul equipment out, again with the help of the ATV unit.

At the trailhead, we ran into a rather problematic situation: a couple of people had locked their keys in their truck along with their little dog, so Deputy Danny Wikstrom and WASART members helped unlatch the door and get that cute dog out of there. Bonus!

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the teamwork that allows us to save these lives. The Snohomish Sheriff's Department is incredibly kind and generous with their time and volunteers. Deputy Wikstrom and his team are always great to work with. We very much appreciate their willingness to call in additional search and rescue volunteers. Dane was also very fortunate for Dr. Wiegel and her vet tech, Kerry Pfaltzgraff, who happened to be riding by and stopped to help.

If you like what we do, we can always use monetary donations to help. There is a chance we'll need to replace the rope as well, and they aren't cheap. We are an all-volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) and not supported by tax money. These rescues are made possible only by donors and your gifts of generosity. You can donate through PayPal, or send a check to WASART P.O. Box 21, Enumclaw WA, 98022

Want to volunteer? Learn more and sign up: <a href="http://washingtonsart.org/getInvolved">http://washingtonsart.org/getInvolved</a>

We have a Core training coming up August 30th, which is the main training you'll need to deploy, though there are a few other prerequisites, such as CPR/First Aid and free, online FEMA classes.



Dane got out and on his feet to the relief of everyone involved.

## Technical Animal Rescue (TAR) Training



# TECHNICAL ANIMAL RESCUE TRAINING

# **AUG 22, 2015 9am-5pm**

Washington State

## LEARN AND PRACTICE Learn the techniques and equipment

Learn the techniques and equipment used to rescue animals in emergency situations. Live animals and manikins will be used at this hands-on training. Open to members and the public.

#### LOCATION

Cumberland Fire Station 35420 Veazie-Cumberland Rd Enumclaw, WA 98022

#### TUITION

\$30 for members \$15 for recertifying members \$60 for non-members

## **REGISTER & INFO**

info: registrar@washingtonsart.org register: http://bit.ly/WASART2015

WASART is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on animal-related disaster response needs in the State of Washington.

Technical Animal Rescue (TAR) (Awareness) training will introduce the concepts and techniques of rescuing large and companion animals in distress. Hands on practice with live animals and manikins will help to increase proficiency. Use of readily available equipment such as

rope, webbing and tarps to help facilitate rescues will be emphasized in addition to demonstrations with specialized rescue equipment.

Register online: http://bit.ly/WASART2015

If you prefer to download, print, and send via email or mail, click the following link and follow instructions on the form: http://bit.ly/Download-n-Print-RegistrationForm

For more information, contact registrar@washingtonsart.org.
For general information about the course, contact training@washingtonsart.org.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuition:** \$30.00 WASART members \$15.00 for WASART members (repeat)

\$60.00 for non-members

## Orientation

# ANIMALS IN TROUBLE NEED YOU NOW HOW YOU CAN HELP NEED YOUR HELP



Animals on the side of a cliff, in a well, in the path of a fire, could use your help. Find out what you can do at the Washington State Animal Response Team's Orientation.

- · Field rescue
- Fundraising
- Community education & outreach
- Emergency sheltering

6:30 PM-9 PM Free for everyone

Pierce County Emergency Operations Center 2501 South 35th St. Suite D., Tacoma, WA 98409



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Are you interested in learning how to setup and operate a temporary emergency animal shelter or shelters? Or being trained to rescue large and companion animals in life threatening situations? If so, join volunteers from the WA State Animal Response Team (WASART) at a special Orientation meeting on July 15th to learn more about this opportunity. More information about this event is contained on the attached poster.

Register online: http://bit.ly/WASART2015

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For general information about the course, contact training@washingtonsart.org.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m . - 9:00 p.m..

Tuition: Free

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