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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

From the President

Helping Beyond WASART



Lucinda and Renee make friends with Jake, a resident at New Moon Goat Rescue and Sanctuary.

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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.

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General Meetings

September 9, 2015

Location TBD

The next General

Though we've been busy so far this year, there are times that WASART is not out responding to animal emergencies. But that's only part of our mission. We are also committed to aiding our communities by outreach education about disaster preparedness, both for animals and humans, and to helping other animal-related groups when they need assistance. So we've organized and participated in work parties at [New Moon Goat Rescue & Sanctuary](#) in Arlington, [Serenity Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation](#) in Maple Valley, at one of our member vet's farm in Cumberland and at other members' homes when they were in need of assistance. These efforts sometimes give our folks added opportunities to work with animals, and sometimes they just give people in need of some help that assistance. And we continue to

Membership Meeting will be held 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

June 27, 2015

[Technical Animal Rescue \(Awareness\)](#)

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

July 11, 2015

[Emergency Animal Sheltering](#)

30609 SE 352nd
Enumclaw, WA 98022

August 30, 2015

[Core](#)

18080 NE 76th Street
Redmond, WA 98052

September 20, 2015

[Field Response Training](#)
Location TBD

Upcoming events

[WASART/Pierce County Animal Response Team Orientation](#)

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

staff Outreach booths at many community disaster preparedness events all over Western Washington. Through these activities and the emergency animal sheltering training class we conducted for attendees from Okanogan, Chelan and Ferry Counties in May, many WASART members are donating hundreds of hours to help our communities throughout the State.

Though most of these efforts are animal-focused, sometimes the need to help transcends just helping our four-legged friends. Even though we weren't finally deployed to assist with sheltering or rescue at the Oso landslide last year, many of our members still felt the need to do something, so a team volunteered to help clean and sort the personal effects being recovered from the slide site. I couldn't be more proud of our members who donate their time, knowledge and energy in any way they can to make life better for our communities and the animals and their owners that live in them.

Bill Daugaard
President

Memorable Memorial Day for Lager



Lager is attended in the Moses litter by Dr. Teri.

Eleven year old Shepherd mix Lager didn't intentionally get stuck down a ravine behind his home

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](#).

WASART will have a booth
at:

[Snohomish K9 Crimewatch
Kickoff](#)

Saturday, **June 20** from
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Snohomish Boys & Girls
Club
402 2nd Street
Snohomish, WA 98290

Marysville [Poochapalooza](#)

Saturday, **July 11, 2015**
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
New location! Asbery Field
@ Totem Middle School,
4th and Alder Ave. in
downtown Marysville
[\[directions and info\]](#)

[The Humane Society's 25th
Annual Dog-A-Thon](#)

Saturday, **July 25** from 9:00
AM – 5:00 PM
Fort Steilacoom Park,
Lakewood, WA

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.



but we later concluded that Lager could have been on a search and save mission; he was sure there were some toys down there that he needed rescue.. Unfortunately, Lager is diabetic and has some problems with his ACLs and was unable to get up from the tree he was lying against. Lager is a big dog whose body weight would it made it impossible for his owners to rescue Lager without help.

WASART arrived on the scene at about 9:30 a.m. on May 25th and a couple of volunteers went down the ravine to scope out the situation. What we found: Lager was lying down but appeared to be in good condition. The terrain however, was covered in nettles making long sleeves and gloves a wonderful thing.

We grabbed the "Moses" litter -- those of you who have been following us for awhile may remember Moses, a Newfoundland who made WASART news by being rescued on October 10, 2013. His grateful family did their own fundraiser and donated to WASART the litter we need to help dogs like Moses and Lager.

We made our way down the hill. The ground was soft and slippery so we held on to trees and shrubs to keep ourselves upright. We couldn't help but notice that we were stepping on numerous squeaky toys and tennis balls tucked into the undergrowth. Clearly this was a place beloved by resident dogs.

We got to where Lager lay and his owner met us. We approached the dog and set the litter down. His disposition was very sweet. He couldn't get up and may have been in some pain, even though his owners had given him some pain medication along with food and water. Lager let us handle him without so much as a worried look. He wagged his tail and even though we were strangers he looked at us with trust.

Fortunately, one of WASART's member vets, Dr. Teri, was on the team of responders. Dr. Teri gave him a quick exam, knowing the dog is diabetic, and checked



Lager's gums and other vitals. He seemed to be in stable condition.

It's WASART policy to muzzle dogs regardless of how sweet they seem. Dogs in stressful situations are not themselves, and we'd rather be safe than injured. Lager did not seem to mind.

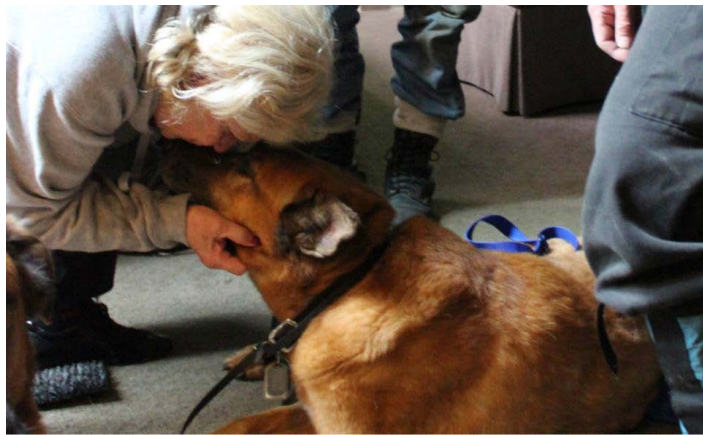
When it was time to get up, Lager did what he could but his back legs shook so he was unable to do much. We had a sling to help support him. We padded the bottom of the Moses litter and then tucked more padding around Lager. We strapped him in for stability for the trip down the ravine and allowed for careful attention to his body condition and the injuries we knew about.

While part of the team worked to secure Lager, other team members worked to bushwhack nettles and other underbrush out of the way. This is an example of why we appreciate having volunteers of various qualifying training levels onboard to participate in rescues.

In Lager's case, we gratefully accepted the owner's participation of accessing a neighbors property to provide transport for their dog once we reached the destination at the bottom. Upon reaching Lager's home, the dog was unstrapped and reunited with the rest of his family, including a couple of other dog buddies that seemed happy to have him back.

Lager drank a lot of water but he was still unable to stand. The owner consulted with Dr. Teri who recommended a trip to Emergency Clinic.

We wish Lager and his family the best and hope he gets well soon.



Lager is greeted by family on his return to his house.

Tucker Rescued With Help of Family, Off-Duty Firefighter



Tucker is strapped in the Moses litter and ready to go. His family and an off-duty firefighter were nearby to help with the carry.

No sooner was Lager (story above) rescued from a ravine in Redmond on May 25th than it was Tucker's turn in Mukilteo on June 4th. Fourteen years old and arthritic, Tucker had slid down the thickly wooded ravine behind his owners' home at about 5:00 p.m. on June 3rd. Despite responses from Mukilteo police and Mukilteo Fire Department personnel, they were unable to assist because they didn't have the necessary equipment to extract him.

By 10:30 p.m. that night, the anxiety of Tucker's

owners had risen as they could hear Tucker barking but could not see him. They were also concerned for his safety as they had seen coyotes and mountain beavers climb up the ravine into their back yard.

A resourceful family member searched the Internet for help and stumbled upon the website for the Washington State Animal Response Team (WASART). At 00:30 she gave us a call. After discussing the situation with our Duty Officer, she was advised that it was too dangerous to attempt a rescue in the cold and dark but that a team would be assembled later in the morning to try to help.

With approval from the Snohomish County Search & Rescue Coordinator, the family was notified later that morning that a WASART team was on the way and friends and family gathered at the home to offer support. One of the supporters was Mukilteo Firefighter Kelli Finnigan McNees who had responded the previous day but returned on her day off to assist with the rescue.

After reconnoitering the situation, WASART and family members hacked their way to Tucker through the heavy brush and found him lying against a log, unable to get up. He was strapped into a WASART litter, muzzled for protection, and had padding placed on either side of him and under his head to ensure he would not be hurt or jolted out of the litter as he was extracted. The team then trudged about a mile down the steep ravine to the bottom where a car was waiting to retrieve Tucker and rush him to the emergency veterinarian.

In a follow-up to the family for an update on Tucker's condition a couple of days later, it appears that Tucker's relatively minor abrasions had been treated and medications had been prescribed to ease his stress and anxiety.

Tucker is now home with his family, safe and sound, and all is well. A perfect ending to a perfect rescue.



Tucker enjoys some treats as his owners prepare to head out to the emergency vet.

Transport Training Boosts Ability to Get to Rescues



Aaron C. shows students the nuances of hitching a trailer.

WASART's Transport training was held on May 30, at the Cumberland fire station, and the hands-on segment was held at the King County Fairgrounds in Enumclaw. Attendees learned about the importance of providing safe transport. The training enabled volunteers to fully acquaint themselves with our various WASART vehicles and their purposes, and they learned the different skill sets necessary to make it all work. In addition, the curriculum covered the required and recommended supplies and equipment to be carried in the trucks and trailers for support of WASART vehicles and WASART responders.

After theory comes practice. Everyone took a ride in a horse trailer to demonstrate the forces that the animals have to deal with, an eye opener for many. The appropriate safety measures and breakdown of equipment was well demonstrated. Everyone was then given the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary in order to hitch and unhitch a trailer as well as driving and hauling a trailer. Backing with and without a trailer, both as driver and spotter, was also practiced. Teamwork, in regard to effective Driver/Spotter communication, is especially valuable when deployments call for difficult trailer maneuvers in uncharted territory.

It was warm and sunny day providing a nice change from practicing in the rain and the darkness. Happily there were no casualties to report other than a few dings in the traffic cones and the mortal wounding of one sandbag.

Helping Oiled Wildlife with HAZWOPER Training



WASART members attended the HAZWOPER training to learn how to clean up oiled wildlife.

Beginning in 2011, following the Deepwater Horizon Macondo BP oil catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico, Washington State began to implement many of the lessons learned in dealing with such a disaster. The Department of Ecology for the State of Washington hosts many levels of training for those responders interested in working safely and effectively in such a scenario.

These trainings include:

- *Health & safety. Facility requirements.
- *Bird anatomy & family characteristics, live & dead specimen practice sessions.
- *Effects of oil & secondary complications.
- *Search & collection planning.
- *Search & collection procedures (netting, stalking, teamwork, gear).
- *Initial “beak-to-tail” examination & treatment (breathing, pulse, eyes, temperature, etc).
- *Bird handling, intubation / hydration (optional blood drawing).

Several WASART volunteers attended one of these trainings on March 28, 2015, in Everett, at the Everett Community College. There are several different levels of HAZWOPER training. This was an 8 hour training giving attendees awareness of the hazards of oil spills, the levels of protection required for the various responders’ roles, and what role this particular training would qualify us for response. Completing this 8 hour course, WASART volunteers are able to respond, if called, to find, render basic first aid, and

safely retrieve oiled wildlife. Volunteers were taught that trying to clean oiled birds may cause more harm than good. Their breathing passages should be cleared and the bird brought in for evaluation before any other treatment is attempted. More advanced training is required for intake evaluation, treatment, and sheltering. Upon class completion our volunteers were entered into the state's call-out database.

If you are interested in obtaining this training you can find more information [here](#) at the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Quarterly Volunteer Award

Chris Black



Chris Black is a favorite of his fellow members and

teammates.

Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Quarter, Chris Black! Chris' hard work hasn't gone unnoticed as Chris had MANY peer nominations from the team this quarter.

Chris has been hard at work these past few months with the following WASART projects and he has done it all with a smile & good attitude: Instructor in Okanogan on Emergency Animal Sheltering, Instructor at Field Response training, presenter at the recent WA State Search & Rescue Conference, and assumed the position as WASART's Technical Rescue Team (TRT) Steering Committee Administrator, just to name a few things that he has helped us out with. Thank you, Chris (again) for being a part of our Team!

Technical Animal Rescue (TAR) Training



TECHNICAL ANIMAL RESCUE TRAINING

SECURING & RESCUING ANIMALS

June 27, 2015
9am-5pm

LEARN AND PRACTICE

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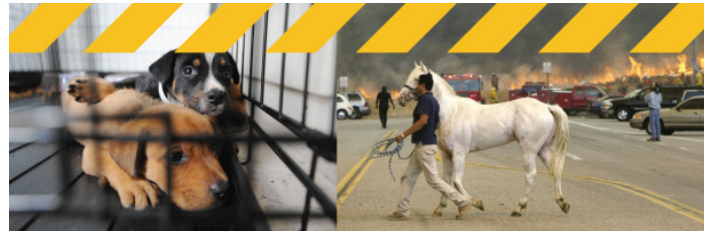
For general information about the course, contact
training@washingtontsart.org.

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

Emergency Sheltering



EMERGENCY ANIMAL SHELTERING TRAINING HELP ANIMALS DURING A DISASTER

July 11, 2015
9am-5pm

SAVE LIVES

Learn to help set up and run an emergency shelter for large and small animals. Live animal handling will be part of this training. This class also includes some online segments.

VOLUNTEERS & ANIMAL PROFESSIONALS

Animal owners
Veterinary professionals
Animal rescue organizations
Volunteers who love animals

LOCATION

Enumclaw, WA
Exact location provided after registration

TUITION

\$65 for members
\$32.50 for recertifying members
\$95 for non-members

REGISTER & INFO

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The training consists of on-line classes and on-site training. Registrants must complete the on-line segments and the on-site training to be credentialed in Emergency Sheltering. Links to the on-line segments will be provided after we receive registration and payment for the on-site training; there will not be an additional cost for the on-line instruction. Emergency Animal Sheltering is offered twice annually. The next class is October 4, 2015.

This training is geared towards setting up and running an emergency shelter, as well as working with large and small animals in an emergency sheltering situation. The on-site training provides a considerable amount of large and small live animal-

handling.

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Orientation



LEARN ABOUT WASART • WHY ANIMALS NEED YOU NOW • HOW YOU CAN HELP

ANIMALS IN TROUBLE 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 more information, contact
registrar@washingtonsart.org.

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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