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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

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## Spring Brings Intensified Training



*Gabe gives a thumbs up to the team on top to show everything is going well over the cliff during an extra training session.*

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.

[Donate](#)

Happy April!

## General Meetings

### June 8, 2016

Milton-Edgewater Public Library  
900 Meridian East  
Milton, WA 98354  
(entrance at rear of library)

### September 14, 2016

King County Office of Emergency Management  
3511 NE 2nd

Spring is truly here in the Pacific Northwest and it's been gorgeous! WASART has been busy preparing gear, training and helping our communities in a variety of ways. Our Technical Rescue Team has been diligently honing their skills and is in the process of completing an expert-level technical rescue class. I am so proud of these rescue volunteers and their dedication to helping animals, often in dangerous and precarious situations. Their expertise, their commitment and their abilities are often the only reason that an animal is rescued and reunited with its family. The fact that they are able to accomplish this, and do it safely, speaks volumes of the caliber of people in this organization.

Renton, WA 98156

**December 14, 2016**

Shoreline Fire Department,  
Station 61  
17525 Aurora Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98133

The General Membership Meetings are held from **7 p.m. - 9 p.m.** 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**

Register at  
<http://bit.ly/WASART2016>

**Fundamentals (f/k/a Core)  
April 16, 2016 and September 17, 2016 (repeat)**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Foothills Veterinary Hospital  
28512 112th Street East  
Buckley, WA 98321  
[Register](#)

**Animal Handling & Assessment  
(f/k/a Field Response)**

**April 17, 2016 and September 18, 2016 (repeat)**  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Foothills Veterinary Hospital  
28512 112th Street East  
Buckley, WA 98321  
[Register](#)

**Communications Workshop  
April 30, 2016**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Marymoor Park (near off-leash Dog Park)  
6046 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE  
Redmond, WA 98052  
[Contact the Registrar to register](#)

**Technical Animal Rescue**

Some of our other amazing volunteers have been very busy preparing for upcoming trainings (see below for dates and locations) and ensuring that the training curriculum is filled with valuable, relevant and fun elements. These trainings are often times the catalyst for new volunteers to discover their passion of making a difference and giving back.

In case it isn't obvious, I love this organization and have so much respect for the people that proudly wear our WASART logo!

Shawndra Michell  
President

**Baby Girl, A Pig Raise**



*The family comforts Baby Girl after the raise attempt. [Check out more photos on our Facebook page.](#)*

On March 28, we deployed to help out a 450 lb pet pig, Baby Girl, who could not stand on her own. We rigged her with straps, loaded her onto the rescue glide, and moved her under the tripod for the raise.

Once on her feet with the straps supporting her weight in part, we worked on getting her to move her hind legs, which seemed to be keeping her from standing without support. She didn't seem to be

June 18  
Info TBD  
[Register](#)

**Emergency Animal  
Sheltering**

**June 4, 2016**  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
30609 SE 352nd  
Enumclaw, WA 98022  
[Register](#)

**Transport**

**June 5, 2016**  
10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.  
Enumclaw Expo Center  
South Parking Lot  
45224 284th Ave SE  
Enumclaw, WA 98022  
[Register](#)

**Open House (repeat)**

**August 27, 2016**  
Location TBD  
[Register](#)

**Communications Workshop**

**October 1, 2016**  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Fort Steilacoom Park  
8714 87th Ave SW  
Lakewood, WA 98498  
[Register](#)

**Annual Exercise**

**October 15, 2016**  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Enumclaw Expo Center  
45224 284th Ave SE  
Enumclaw, WA 98022  
[Register](#)

**Upcoming events**

**May 21, 2016**

[Petpalooza](#)  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Game Farm, North Annex  
3030 R Street SE  
Auburn, WA

**July 9, 2016**

[Poochpalooza](#)  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

improving after a reasonable amount of time, so after consulting with veterinarians, the owners made the difficult decision to humanely euthanize her.

A deployment is not always a happy ending, but we are glad to have had the opportunity to meet this sweet girl and help out where we could.

Our thoughts are with the family.

If you appreciate what we do, we can always use donations for gas and to replace rescue equipment retired from service because it is too stressed to safely reuse. We're an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

<http://washingtontart.org/donate>

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## Every Dollar Means More on May 3



The cost of running WASART adds up – from the specialized equipment needed for the deployments to the advanced training that makes us safer and more effective to the upkeep of the vehicles and even insurance. As an all-volunteer donation-supported 501(c)(3), the only way we can save animals is through the generosity of donors.

We're very excited to be able to participate in the one day GiveBIG event put on by the nonprofit Seattle Foundation on May 3.

### We get a boost

The great part about being involved in this event is

Asbery Field, Totem Middle School  
4th and Alder  
Marysville, WA

**July 23, 2016**

[Tacoma Humane Dog-A-Thon](#)

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fort Steilacoom Park

8714 87th Ave SW

Lakewood, WA 98498

**August 13, 2016**

[NW Citizen Corps Expo](#)

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Renton Technical College

3000 NE Fourth

Renton, WA 98056

**August 27, 2016**

[Barktoberfest](#)

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Roegner Park

601 Oravetz Road SE

Auburn, WA

that all donations get a boost from the Seattle Foundation at the end of the drive. Mark your calendars! GiveBIG will stretch a portion of all donations that day. Every dollar means more on May 3.

**Worried you'll forget?**

You can also schedule a donation starting April 18 on the GiveBIG website.

Check out more info on the [GiveBIG website](#) and follow the #giveBIG tag on social media to see what everyone else is up to.

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.



**2016 Training Dates**



Here's an overview of the training dates. You can register at <http://bit.ly/WASART2016>

2016 will see some updates to the approach the training committee takes. The goal is to have one weekend of training and then the volunteer is ready to deploy. That weekend is the Fundamentals and Animal Handling & Assessment weekend (listed below).

Location and date are still being determined for the Annual Exercise are TBD.

Questions? Check with Training Director [Lucinda](#).

There is also a monthly training for those wishing to be training on the technical rescue team. Contact Aaron at [trtmanager@washingtonsart.org](mailto:trtmanager@washingtonsart.org) for details on those.

NOTE: The names of trainings have changed for clarity, but the trainings are still the same.

**Fundamentals and Animal Handling & Assessment (Formerly Core & Field Response)**

April 16-17, 2016

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Free!

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Marymoor Park  
Redmond, WA

**Emergency Sheltering & Transport**

June 4-5, 2016

Two Enumclaw, WA locations

**Technical Animal Rescue**

June 18, 2016

Location TBD

**Open House (Formerly Orientation)**

Free!

August 27, 2016  
Location TBD, will be south of Seattle

**Fundamentals and Animal Handling & Assessment (Formerly Core & Field Response)**

September 17-18, 2016

Locations TBD

**PS: We have exemptions for veterinarians and search and rescue members. Check with [Lucinda](#) for details.**

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