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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

June 13, 2018

[Shoreline Fire Department](#)

17525 Aurora Avenue N
Shoreline, WA 98133

September 12, 2018

[Valley Regional Fire Authority](#)

1101 D Street, NE
Auburn, WA 98002

December 12, 2018

[King County Office of](#)

From The President

Looking Forward To A Safe Spring



Our 2nd annual Raise the Hoof fundraiser is almost here, and I'm thrilled to see how our generous community partners have supported us. WASART members love what we do, but it always makes me happy when others outside our organization make it known they share that love too.

Not only have our volunteers been very busy with the fundraiser preparations, but also responding to the animals that need us. Sending out a HUGE thank you for all you do! I know I'm biased, but WASART really does have the most amazing volunteers and supporters!

In peace,
Shawndra Michell
President

[Emergency Management](#)

3511 NE 2nd Street
Renton, WA 98056

The General 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 or discussion session on a subject of interest to members. And, of course, some social time, too. All General Meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Upcoming training

Register at

<http://bit.ly/WASART2018>

April 7, 2018

Emergency Animal Sheltering

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

30609 SE 352nd

Enumclaw, WA 98022

May 5-6, 2018

Ropes 1

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

[Eastside Fire & Rescue](#)

[Headquarters](#)

175 Newport Way NW

Issaquah, WA 98027

May 19, 2018

Technical Support

(f/k/a Technical Animal Rescue

- Awareness)

Location TBD

June 2, 2018

Transport

9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

[Enumclaw Expo Center](#)

45224 284th Avenue SE

Enumclaw, WA 98022

August 26, 2018

Open House (repeat)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location TBD

September 15, 2018

Base Support (f/k/a Fundamentals) (repeat)

Paying it Forward with Hay

Montana reservations in need of hay after severe winter weather

Posted: Mar 05, 2018 10:18 PM
Updated: Mar 06, 2018 10:46 AM PST

By Lindsey Ford - MTN News



We were able to assist Montana reservations. Find out more:

<http://www.kpax.com/story/37659137/montana-reservations-in-need-of-hay-after-severe-winter-weather>

In 2014 and 2015, the counties of Chelan and Okanogan called upon WASART to assist with setting up and managing temporary emergency animal shelters for pets whose homes had been damaged or destroyed by the wild-land fires blazing in those counties. We deployed teams of responders for several weeks, some responders doing one or more rotations. These responders took time off from work without pay, and used up vacation and sick leave to help these animals in distress.

In recognition of WASART's activities during this very trying time, the Snoqualmie Tribe gave WASART a very generous donation which was used, among other things, to help meet the fuel expenses of getting our supplies and equipment trailers to the scene. It was also used to cover travel, accommodation and food expenses of a team of 14 WASART members who spent two travel days to get to and from Chelan County in 2016 to

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Foothills Veterinary Hospital
28512 112th Street East
Buckley, WA 98321

September 16, 2018
Operations Support (f/k/a
Animal Handling &
Assessment) (repeat)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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October 20, 2018
Annual Exercise (free)

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Outreach Events

No registration required.
Stop by and say hello!

May 19, 2018

Petpalooza

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

teach a free two-day Animal Sheltering class to local volunteers. We surmised that the better prepared they were to meet a disaster or emergency that impacted their animal population, the less time would be spent learning during that disaster or emergency.

We are currently in a position again to recognize the Snoqualmie Tribe's generosity. NASAAEP (National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Programs) – a consortium of animal agencies, organizations and nonprofits (of which WASART is a member) – was contacted by the Montana NASAAEP representative with an urgent request for hay or feed for suffering livestock and horses on the Northern Cheyenne and Fort Belknap reservations in Montana. These animals were in very poor condition due to the lack of food. At the last Board of Director's meeting, the Board unanimously voted to make a sizable donation for hay and transportation services to assist them.

While we are confident other NASAAEP partners have also contributed to help meet these urgent needs, we are thankful for the generosity and example of the Snoqualmie Tribe for making our own donation a possibility.

If you wish to make a donation on line to ease the suffering of these animals, please visit the Montana Community Foundation website at www.mtcf.org or call (406) 443-8313. (Note about this page – it looks as if the donations go toward fire relief, but we called and confirmed they are going toward hay and hay transportation.)

For information on the situation on the reservations, please contact the following representatives:

Northern Cheyenne: Gene Small (406) 665-6290
or (406) 477-8474

Fort Belknap: John Young (406) 353-4874

Alternatively, you can donate hay directly to the

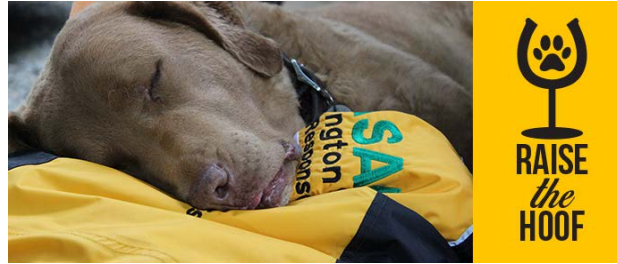


Dept. of Agriculture via their site here:

<http://agr.mt.gov/Hay-Hotline>

<http://agr.mt.gov/News/hay-donations-and-transportation-donations-needed-for-northern-cheyenne-and-fort-belknap-reservations>

Raise the Hoof Fundraiser March 24, 2018



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The Washington State Animal Response Team cordially invites you to our second annual fundraiser, Raise the Hoof, celebrating past and future rescues. We have a fun afternoon planned and hope you can make it!

- Wine and catered vegetarian appetizers
- 50/50 Raffle
- Auction of experiences and items
- Wine pull
- Guest speaker Julie Anderson
- In beautiful Titlow Park

[Titlow Lodge](#)

8425 6th Ave
Tacoma, WA 98465
4 pm-7 pm • \$45

Questions? event@washingtonsart.org

\$40 before March 7, 2018

\$45 after March 7, 2018

\$50 at the door

Buy tickets here:

<https://raisethehoof2018.brownpapertickets.com/>

2018 Training Dates



Sign up at <http://bit.ly/WASART2018>

OPEN HOUSE
Feb 10
Aug 27

BASE SUPPORT
(Formerly Fundamentals)
Mar 3
Sep 15

OPERATIONS SUPPORT
(Formerly Animal Handling & Assessment)
Mar 4
Sep 16

EMERGENCY ANIMAL SHELTERING
Apr 7

ROPES 1
May 5-6

TRANSPORT
Jun 2

COMMUNICATIONS PRACTICE
TBD

TECHNICAL SUPPORT
(Formerly Technical Animal Rescue)
May 19

ANNUAL EXERCISE
Oct 20 (tentative)

2018 TRAINING

 WASART
Washington Animal Search & Rescue Team

Some of our classes have changed names to better reflect what their function is. If you previously took Core, Animal Handling & Assessment, and Technical Animal Rescue, and your credentials are still current, you do not need to take the newly named Base Support, Operations Support, and Technical Support.

Technical Rescue – Monthly, contact the [Technical Rescue Chair](#) for info.

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P.S. We have exemptions for veterinarians and search and rescue members. Check with the [Training Director](#) for details.

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