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Welcome to this issue of the Washington State Animal Response Team's bi-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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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 12, 2019

[Valley Regional Fire Authority](#)
1101 D Street NE
Auburn, WA 98002

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

From The President

Looking Out For Each Other



As I sit here watching the Mariners play and win all but two games so far, it makes me think of animal response and rescue. Seriously. The two games they've lost have been when a pitcher wasn't doing well, and the manager didn't pull him from the game in time.

In emergency responses, each member of the team not only needs to be at their best but selfless enough to let their lead know when they're off and need to be either pulled out or reassigned. It's also up to the other team members to be watching out for each other and recognize when someone is not focused or performing at their best.

Unlike baseball however, anyone on our team can make that call and ensure that everyone, including the animal is safe and protected from start to finish.

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and everyone is invited to attend.

Upcoming training

Register at
<http://bit.ly/WASART2019>

Calendar and events,
 including training
 descriptions
<https://wasart.org/calendar/>

Upcoming Training

June 8, 2019

Emergency Animal Sheltering

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 30609 SE 352nd
 Cumberland, WA 98022

June 30, 2019

Technical Animal Rigging (Awareness)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
[Grateful Pine Farm](#)
 13620 Old Snohomish
 Monroe Road
 Snohomish, WA 98290

August 25, 2019

Open House

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (2
 sessions)
[King County Office of Emergency
 Management](#)
 3511 NE 2nd
 Renton, WA 98056

September 14, 2019

Base Support

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

September 15, 2019

Operations Support

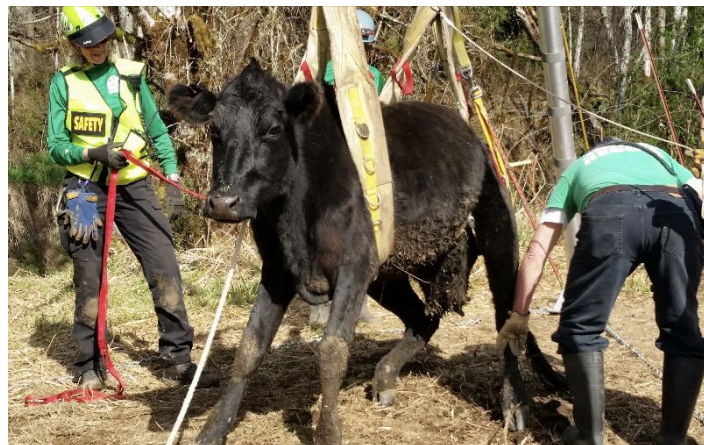
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this during training, especially technical rescue, until we're all comfortable calling a stop and supporting those who did. We work hard to foster a culture of safety for the team. Without it, without that concern for each other, we aren't a team at all.

Happy Spring and go M's!!

Shawndra Michell,
President

Pregnant Cow Retrieved from Creek Side



WASART volunteers attempt to help Molly to stand.

On Sunday, March 31 at 9:40 AM, WASART received a call for assistance for a pregnant cow near Shelton, Washington. She had become stuck in the mud near a creek after escaping her pasture.

Duty Officer Gretchen M. contacted the caller and determined that WASART would be able to help. A call was put out for available responders to handle technical rescue, animal handling, and base support. By 10:30 AM responders began to call in and we had enough people to proceed.

Responders began to arrive onsite a few minutes after noon; Strike Team Lead Tammy S. began to

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45224 284th Avenue SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

Upcoming Events

May 18, 2019

Auburn Petpalooza

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

[Game Park Farm](#)

303 'R' Street SE

Auburn WA 98002

August 24, 2019

**Auburn Valley Humane Society
Barkfest**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[Roegner Park](#)

601 Oravetz Road

Auburn, WA

September 7, 2019

[Doggiestock](#)

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[Tollgate Farm Park](#)

1300 West North Bend Way

North Bend, WA 98405

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.



The WASART equipment trailer arrived onsite at about 12:30 PM. Our first task was to determine where Molly Moo's hind legs were. They were not visible, and if we tried to move her with her legs trapped, we could injure her. With the owner's help and some digging, we freed one leg and determined that the other was not stuck.

We formed a main plan and a contingency plan. First, we would roll Molly onto the glide and attempt to pull her up a small hill to an area with firm ground where we could set up the tripod and assist her to her feet. If that didn't work, we would set up a bipod half way up the slope to lift and swing Molly to higher, firmer ground.

Fortunately, the first plan worked. We rigged Molly with a forward assist strap and two lifting straps before rolling her onto the glide and packaging her in. With the help of a few slip sheets, we pulled the glide up to level, firm ground without mechanical advantage. A popup cover had been set up to provide shade for Molly. In addition the technical team had the tripod assembled and ready to move over the cow.

At this point Molly was showing some signs of distress from laying on her side on the glide. We took the time to get her sternal (on her belly) before proceeding. She was much happier that way, more alert and aware. She eagerly took water and a little food offered by her owners.

The tripod was moved into place as the popup was removed, the spreader bar was attached to the lifting straps and rope system. Molly was slowly lifted to her feet. On the first attempt we had to lower her and change the rigging a little, which happens sometimes.

Two more lift and rest cycles did not enable Molly to

area where the owners could check on her frequently during the night. A vet was expected on Monday.

The team decontaminated some of the larger equipment and packed up. We wished Molly the best and departed the scene.



GiveBig is 24 hours of your opportunity to support your favorite nonprofits. Thanks to GiveBig's shopping cart approach, donors can donate to a number of 501(c)(3)s.

This year, WASART is fundraising for equipment to enhance our horse rescues:

- Flatter sling straps to pull under horses more comfortably
- Newly developed head protectors that fit nearly all equines
- Compact packs to send with a litter that has everything we need in one place

We're also rooting for King County Search Dogs, King County Search and Rescue Association,

Early giving starts April 23rd. [Here's where you can donate.](#)

New Vehicle Adds Capacity



Our newest addition, sporting its newly applied graphics.

Recently, WASART purchased a 2015 Dodge Ram to haul our rescue and equipment trailer that was staged in South King County. The truck was a pristine white, a background that matches all of our other vehicles and trailers except one. To further help fit the truck in to our growing fleet of vehicles, we designed some graphic treatments to go on the truck. Then we worked with the amazing folks at [Industry Sign & Graphics](#), who not only partially sponsored the graphics but printed, cut, and applied them very quickly and professionally. This locally-owned company has been a supporter of WASART's from the beginning. All of our vehicle graphics have been taken care of by these folks.

Ropes 1 Onboards Technical Rescue Team Members



The team in WASART that trains the most can also be the most intimidating to join. Training monthly, members who attend technical rescue training on a regular basis pick up a long list of skills that may feel impossible for new members to know where to start.

To give members an easier entry point, we introduced the Ropes 1 class two years ago. The class, taught by WASART's technical rescue team, goes through common concepts such as mechanical advantage and introduces core skills like knot tying. Combining class room training and hands-on practice, students are set up to join the instructors as teammates in future monthly trainings.

This year's two-day class was attended by six students and enough technical rescue team members to make the student-to-instructor ratio 1:1, allowing for a personalized experience for everyone.

A big thanks to the Martha Lake Fire Station in Lynnwood, WA, for letting us hold the class at their wonderful facility.

2019 Training Dates

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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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