

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

September 11, 2019

[King County Office of Emergency Management](#)

3511 NE 2nd
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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

Bulldog Over Cliff Rescued



Riding in the arms of his rescuers, Flint the bulldog is helped back up the 80 ft. cliff by Gabe B. of WASART, top, and Calvin P. of Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue.

On June 19th, we received a call for a dog over a cliff in Arlington, WA, in Snohomish County.

We put a call out to the team, suspecting it would be a technical type of rescue. Our first responder on the scene confirmed that it would be. It was the middle of the work day and most of our technical team were

social time, too. All General Meetings are open to the public 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

August 25, 2019

Open House

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (2 sessions)

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September 14, 2019

Base Support

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

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Upcoming Events

August 24, 2019

Auburn Valley Humane Society

rescue. We called [Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue \(SnoCo SAR\)](#), to see if they had technical rescue volunteers who could help.

SnoCo SAR sent a team, including several members from [Everett Mountain Rescue \(EMR\)](#). Joining us as well was Deputy Einar Espeland. Our team started to set up anchors and prep for a high directional. Once the other team's volunteers arrived, we discussed what we thought a good plan would be, and we all finished setting up.

We had two attendants get ready. The attendant is the person on the rope system who goes over the edge to reclaim the subject, whether it's human or animal. One attendant was a WASART responder and the other was a SnoCo SAR member.

We lowered them and they quickly found Flint, the 50 lb. English Bulldog who had slipped over the edge and down the very steep hillside. He did not display obvious injuries (like fractures) that would require us to send a litter down to carry him back up. The attendants put him in a harness, clipped the harness to the rope system, and held him as they were raised back up.

Flint was reunited with his family at the top and had a good drink of water.

A big thanks to Snohomish County Sheriff's Office for the trust they continue to have for us, and for the assistance of SnoCo SAR and EMR.

WASART Founders Honored at Search and Rescue Conference

[Tollgate Farm](#)

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.



Greta Cook, left, and Michaela Eaves, center, accept awards from Bill Gillespie, right. The second recipient of the award, Gretchen McCallum, was unable to attend the conference. Eaves accepted on her behalf.

The 2019 Washington State Search and Rescue Conference (SARCON) awarded WASART founders Gretchen McCallum and Greta Cook with the 2019 SAR Meritorious Service Award in recognition of their accomplishments in founding WASART and playing such key roles in its advancement. Congratulations to both Gretchen and Greta!

From a Responder

[...and Their Owners...](#)



Helping Animals and Their Owners in Emergencies

That's our mission.

We emphasize the “helping animals” part a lot. Our stories include horses being rescued from sticky situations—sometimes literally if [they're stuck in mud](#), perhaps more metaphorical if they've [fallen and can't get up](#)—dogs that have [gone over cliffs](#) or accompanied owners on a hike only to discover that [they can't make it back on their own](#), or livestock and pets needing temporary [shelter during wildfires](#) or other natural disasters.

[These are our stories](#). They're what we do. They're what you think of when you think of [WASART](#).

There's another part of what we do that is perhaps even more important, albeit easily overlooked...

The “and their owners” part.

What WASART brings to animal owners is relief, reassurance, and sometimes—sad as it is to

I was reminded of this from a summary sent to WASART members after a recent deployment. After successfully helping an animal in distress, the condition causing that distress had the owners making the difficult decision to humanely euthanize. The call-out summary included this comment:

Sometimes the best we can do is help the family come to terms with the situation and prevent further suffering, though that's a kindness in itself.

It's more than a kindness. It's a part of exactly why so many of us do what we do.

Whether it be a sad situation such as this, or the most positive of outcomes we always work for, along with helping an animal in distress we give their owners something important: support and relief.

It could be the relief of recovering their beloved pet from a life-threatening situation, or the relief of knowing that they did all they could and that the animal is no longer suffering.

It could be the joy of being reunited, or the closure of a final parting.

It could be a helping hand for both animal and owner no matter the situation or its outcome.

Helping animals is what brings us together, but at our core, helping people is what we do.

From The President

Hot Weather Laws and Animals



With warm weather here, it feels like a good time to go over some basic information, especially as some laws may have changed recently, and laws may be different in each county. Here's a link to WA State and County laws regarding animals:

[Washington State Animal Laws](#)

Here's a good link for water requirements for livestock – it covers the most common livestock species, and some non-traditional as well. There's some other great information from this website:

[Water Requirements of Livestock](#)

May you and your animals stay safe while having a fabulous Summer!!

Shawndra Michell,
President



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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