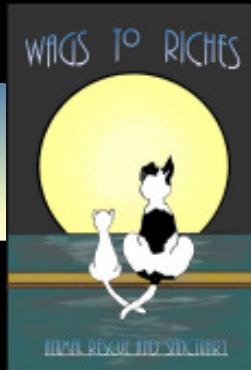


WAGS TO RICHES

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ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

MARCH 2011

THE VOLUNTEERS OF WAGS TO RICHES AWARDED THE REAL HEROES AWARD FOR ANIMAL RESCUE

Excerpts from one of the nomination letters.

Sometimes, in Animal Rescue, you cannot narrow the heroics down to just one person. Especially, when you speak of an animal rescue organization, whose most recognized purpose, is the rehoming of unwanted, unloved and forgotten pets but whose over all goal, is to create a future where animal rescues, are no longer needed.

In the two short years since it's inception, Wags to Riches has not only facilitated the adoption of nearly 900 rescued dogs, but they have gone into the community to spread their message of compassion and responsibility, through education, awareness and action.

Two programs in particular, the Childhood Education program and the Senior Pet Companion Program, are both stellar examples of their efforts to bring awareness and aide, to the canine/human dynamics, of the Yakima Valley.

The goal of every Wags to Riches volunteer, is ultimately, "No More Homeless Dogs". It is an uphill battle, to be sure but in just two short years, close to 900 dogs have found a new lease on life, through the dedicated and committed actions of ALL the Wags to Riches Volunteers, with the 1000th adoption, in clear sight. Their outreach into the community, proves they are proactively devoted to their goal. For them, it is not enough to just rescue and rehome the unwanted and forgotten, but to decrease and ultimately, eliminate the number of unwanted and forgotten, through education, awareness and action.

Nowhere is this more profoundly evident, than with the Merlin Scholarship Fund, which Wags to Riches will be awarding, for the third time this spring, to two, second year veterinary medicine students; one at Washington State University and one at Yakima Valley Community College. These Scholarships are awarded to incredibly deservings students, with the hope that, once they have achieved their DVM degrees, they will give back to their community rescues, by providing low or no cost spay and neuters.

Nine hundred dogs, rescued and adopted. Two scholarshps awarded. Seniors, enjoying pets they may have otherwise, been forced to give up. Children, avoiding dog bites through education and possibly learning a new way of compassion, that will alter their future ways of life. These are phenomenal achievements, made even more remarkable when you factor in the two short years, Wags to Riches has been in existence. No *one* person, can take credit for all this. It was only made possible, through the effective, selfless, oft times exhausting and cooperative coordination of every volunteer, no matter how large or small their contribution.

Wags to Riches is more than just an animal rescue. They are a fiercely devoted group of community members with a single objective; No more unwanted pets, through community education, action and awareness.

Thank you Yakima Valley Chapter American Red Cross. We think you are Real Heroes too!!!

CAN YOU HELP US PREPARE THE DOGS FOR THEIR NEW LIFE?

Canine Companions: All dog and puppies at the ARC, need regular exercise and socialization, and some of our shelter animals have special requirements.

Volunteers give our ARC dogs the extra TLC they deserve as they prepare for their new life.

Morning or Evening Kennel Cleaner: Provide important behind the scenes help cleaning the Animal Rescue Center. Assist in preparing animals for adoption (i.e. holding animal during nail trims, etc.). Also assist with making sure that our pets have clean, comfortable bedding to rest on.

Call us at 453-4155 and leave a message for Jenifer. She will call you back or send her a message at
Volunteer@WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.org

We are dedicated to providing safe refuge to homeless pets. Please consider joining us in our efforts to rescue these animals.

SINCE JULY 2008

**ANIMALS
RESCUED, SAVED
and counting...
962**

**We are starting the countdown to
1000 rescued and saved.**

You are invited!!

WAGS' GENERAL MEETING

3rd. Tuesday of every month

7:00 pm

**Fairfield Inn and Suites
(next to Bob's Burger & Brew)**

Teamwork makes the dream work!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WAGS' SPAY IT FORWARD PROGRAM

On February 26th Wags to Riches held our first Spay~ghetti and No Balls dinner to raise the awareness of pet over-population and money for Spay and Neuter for those who can't afford it for their pets.

Thank you to our event sponsors:

Tieton Drive Animal Clinic

Nob Hill Animal Clinic

Yakima Veterinary Clinic

Also thanks to:

Bert's Pub

Rosauer's Food and Drug

Top Foods

Wray's Thriftway

Costco

Walmart

Fred Meyer

Shari's Restaurant

Coca Cola

All of the volunteers of Wags

And, thank you to everyone who attended to support Spay and Neuter. We were able to raise over \$3,000.00 for our Spay it Forward program.



NAME THIS PICTURE

We asked people to name this picture and here are some of our favorite answers.

Thanks Facebook friends!!

- 1) Linda Miley ~ Sunshine warms the outside, but a friend and forever home warms the inside.
- 2) Carolyn Gray ~ I'll count to 3 and when I open my eyes, I hope my new family will be standing before me ready to take me home.
- 3) Cindy Card ~ So..... who rescued who?
- 4) Jennifer Mordini ~ I am envisioning my new family that Wags to Riches is going to bring to me!
- 5) Jenifer Wilde ~ Life is good ~ Thank you Wags
- 6) Karen Roberts ~ Oh Dear Heavenly Father, please send me a forever family.



LOVE LETTERS TO WAGS....

Good to hear from you!!!!

Poppy and Sage (originally Pansy) are adorable 8 month old puppies:) We can't believe how quickly they have grown. They are now the size of their amazing mother!!!! We were so glad we had the opportunity to meet her on April 8th, the day we adopted Poppy and Pansy/Sage. These girls love our 3-6 mile walks, hanging out with us, playing with each other and their friends in the neighborhood:)

My husband and I have been talking for months about having a family reunion with Palli and her puppies!!!! I am hopeful you can help us connect with their forever families.

I've attached 3 pictures for you to see how our beautiful girls have grown:) We look forward to hearing from you and seeing picture of Palli and her three other girls!!!!

Sincerely.....Robin and Dan Miles



Thank you so much for helping me find a new home! My new family loves me very much (well, except maybe for Gringo, the cat— but Ginger the cat likes to play with me).



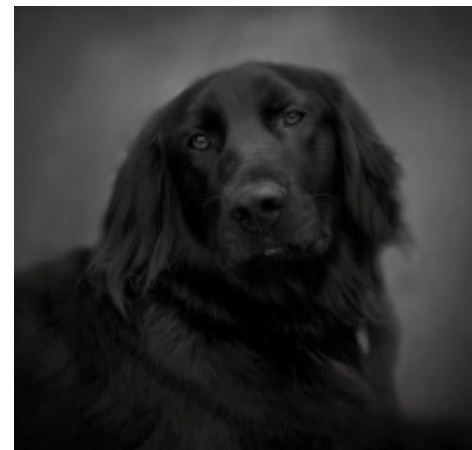
My new mommy got me a nice new bed and lots of toys for Christmas, but the best gift is having a home where I get to play and have lots of loves every day. I've already learned to ask to go outside to potty, and to get my leash when I want to go for a walk. I also play fetch and wrestle. I'm good at "sit". I'm still working on "stay" and "lie down," but I'm very smart so I know I will master them soon,

I have lots of fun with the kids in my new family. We go for lots of rides and I love them!

Well, I have a rope to chase, so I need to go. I hope everyone is well there. Thank you, once again, from my new family and me. We are very happy!

Love.....Jazz (Tinker)

Henri (no longer Damian) is doing fabulously. He has gone through basic obedience school and was top at his class. He was used as an example to show proper dog playing to the other dogs. He gets a long walk in a 700 acre park every morning for 90 minutes, two trips to the dog park a week to play with his buddies, and spends at least a day in a cage free, open field doggy day care once a week to get any residual puppy energy out. He loves to play with other dogs, loves people and has been a total JOY and love since the day we have got him. I recently took a portrait of him (I am a photographer) and I thought I would attach a recent photo of him here so you can see how handsome he is. He is almost 12 months old, and 85lbs, and one very big, happy, well mannered dog. He has three kitty siblings who he taunts now and then however they are not afraid of one another and the whole house gets along beautifully. They all play together and are always respectful to one another which is more than we can ask for. I know this sounds ultra perfect, but he really has been a perfect dog and daily we are grateful for him as well as you all for introducing him into our lives. Thank you for checking in on him. I hope all is well in Wags world!



Cathy

IN MEMORY OF MERLIN

Wags to Riches formed The Merlin Scholarship Fund to honor Prince Merlin the beloved 9 year old German Shepherd of Dean and Sue Vandiver.

In February 2, 2011 Merlin took his journey to see who was waiting for him at the Rainbow Bridge. His life was painful and amazing and just when it seemed like the end was near he would rally and be his youthful self again. He will be forever missed.



Many dedicated pet owners look to their Vets and to WSU to help give relief and help to their sick animal companions. With this scholarship fund Wags to Riches hopes that we will be helping the development of the next generation of high quality Veterinarians and Vet-Technicians.

Two scholarships will be awarded in the spring of 2011, one to a student attending WSU for \$2000 and one to a student attending YVCC's Vet-tech program for \$500.

Merlin was a testament to the perserverance of family and veterinarians and his own will to survive.

EVERY DOG THAT COMES TO WAGS TOUCHES OUR HEART.....

but every once in a while there is one that is so precious and sweet but whose time on earth is so short our hearts break for that one and for their new parents.



Mickey/Ella we are glad you were with us for awhile and we are so glad that your end of life was with

**I can still feel your soft ears between my fingers
your dark eyes, questioning, flirting, melting my soul...
the pitter patter of your tiny feet
ALL of you, really**

forever in my heart ~ you, my *Ella Bean*



Karin Artmann, Bellingham, WA ~ March 2011

SWEET MEMORIES OF....

MERLIN
donations by

**Ruth Newland
Juanda and Ron Krebs
Wags to Riches**

ELLA(MICKEY)
donations by

**Stacy Hunt
Wags to Riches**



In Loving Memory Of...



Judy Trammell
donations by

**Paul and Natalie Newman
Nadyne and Don Snipes
Kathi Mercy
Anne Bounds
Jacqueline & Alfred Lenseigne
Corey & Ann Berg
Carolyn Calhoon-Dillahunt, Brett Dillahunt
and Mary Lou Calhoon**

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