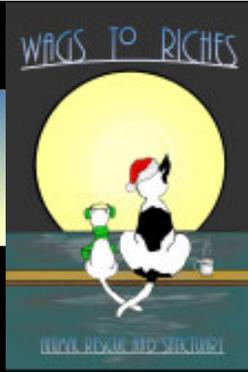


# WAGS TO RICHES

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# ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

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## I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY!

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life. She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me.

I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one. I rescued a human today!

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## KIDS NEWSLETTER

The first edition of our kids newsletter will go to print on or before January 16th.

Included in it will be information for kids about animals, a review of a book and more. If you want your child to receive their own newsletter please go to our website and sign up. Kids love to get their own mail!!

## WAGS AT THE MOVIES- HOTEL FOR DOGS



Wags will be at the Premier weekend of the movie **Hotel For Dogs** on January 16th & 17th at the Majestic Theatre in Union Gap.

Hotel for Dogs is a story about two mischievous orphans and their friends as they attempt to hide dozens of stray dogs in an abandoned hotel.

Paw prints will be sold and all revenue will go to Wags To Riches to help us rescue more animals and to help us with our education program. We are excited about this fundraising event. It is a totally relevant movie for our rescue!! Kids helping animals.

Donate a bag of dog and/or cat food and be eligible for one of several drawings. Plus, we will have giveaways for the kids.

**THANK YOU TO KATHI MERCY, DALE CARPENTER AND PARAMOUNT PICTURES!**

**"IN THE DOG HOUSE?" RAFFLE**   
**BRAD PAISLEY CONCERT TICKETS**

 **with special guest Dierks Bentley**

Wags has put together a package deal as a raffle to help raise money to feed and rescue animals. Included in the package will be:

  
2 tickets to the Brad Paisley Concert, March 1, 2009, (\$100.00 value) Dinner for 2 at Tony's (up to \$100.00 value) and Flowers from Kameo (\$60.00 value).

This will be a great present for Valentine's Day. Cost of the raffle tickets is \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00.

For more info. or to get tickets go to  
[www.WagstoRichesanimalrescue.org](http://www.WagstoRichesanimalrescue.org)

**DRAWING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 12TH** 

## WHAT WE HAVE DONE LATELY!

### MERLIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Our Scholarship Committee was formed, meetings were held and applications and forms created. They include one \$1,000.00 scholarship to WSU for a student who is at least in their second year of Veterinary Medicine. There are two \$500.00 scholarships to YVCC for students that are in their second year of Veterinarian Technician training. Applications are available thru YVCC or WSU.

It is the mission of the Wags to Riches Scholarship Committee to further the veterinary practices for rescue animals in Washington State.

### GUARDIAN ANGEL EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND

This was formed after trying to rescue two dogs, one who had been mauled by another animal, he died on the operating table. The other had been hit by a car and had to be taken to the after hours clinic, but she was dying by the time we got her there, so she was humanely euthanized. No owners, no one to pay the bills.

We currently have a German Shepherd that is 8-10 years old that has spent many days at the Vet's office under their care and is now in a foster home.

His owner phoned our message line (509-453-4155) and said he had this animal that he couldn't care for any longer and was going to take him to the shelter that night. He went on to say if we wanted him to foster the animal, not to bother calling back. This is an animal that he has had since it was a puppy, but he couldn't give us any time to make arrangements.

As it turned out he couldn't get it into the shelter that night so we had a little time to make some arrangements. Two of our volunteers went and picked him up the next morning. They noticed that he had some sores, but didn't realize the extent until he was seen by a vet. Much of his body had to be shaved because of the sores all over. Some were so bad they had to be sutured. It was clear that he was severely neglected and abused. In spite of it all he has a good disposition. He is not out of the woods yet as our foster continues to care for him under the Vet's guidance.

### DOG HOUSES SPONSORED

Wags to Riches has been very fortunate to be able to not only have the use of a piece of property but also loving, caring people to help care for the animals that are placed there. These dog houses really have helped us be able

to foster more animals. Yes, we consider this a start to our Sanctuary. (cont.)

Nine dog houses, so far, have been sponsored, built and placed on this piece of property. Each dog house has a plaque on it with the name of the sponsor. Two of those dog houses will be set aside for only "death row dogs". Those sponsors are Sharon Vetsch (5), Michelle Newhouse (1) The Durant family (1), Sea Galley (1), Teresa Carlson co-sponsor and Ron & Juanda Krebs co-sponsor (1). Each one of these houses represents a saved life and a chance at a new home and a new life.

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Our Education Committee was formed, meetings are being held and our program is being created.

The mission of the Education Committee will be to focus on the 3 "R"s, 1. Kids **R**especting animals 2. Teaching kids that pets are a lifelong **R**esponsibility, and 3. Teaching kids About animal **R**escue. We will be working with kids to teach them how to deal with their anger and frustration rather than taking it out on their pets and working with them dealing with the loss of a pet.

Since our first meeting, WSU has provided us with their program that we can use as the bones of our program. This will include working with kids starting at age 1-3.

### FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Foster parents provide temporary homes for animals prior to adoption. This is a wonderful and personal way to contribute to saving homeless animals. We provide medical care and food. You provide a safe place. Some pets need a little extra help. Cats often times need to learn to trust and they need the quiet environment of a home. Dogs often benefit from a bit of training. Contact us and ask for a brochure on Fostering.

### "Cook-a-liscous Book-a-dishes" RECIPE BOOK EXPANDED

Our recipe book is being expanded because so many pets sent in their owner's favorite recipes.

You are going to love this book that has Pet's pictures in it with each recipe they sent in. There is even a Camel in the book. Her name is Mona. There are a couple of recipes from Australia too.

Good people food!! We will keep you up-to-date on the printing. Thanks to everyone who has sent in recipes.

## WHAT WE HAVE DONE LATELY! (cont.)

### ADOPTIONS- 114 LIVES SAVED

Those are great numbers for our short time as a rescue.

If you wonder where the pets come from... We have 2 puppies that were found left in a snow bank. The same day we got a call regarding a little puppy that was left beside a grocery store in the sub- zero weather. Animals left in back yards, on the freeway, dumped where ever and whenever. We have a mamma whose babies all froze to death in an orchard. The stories go on and on.

Our adoptions and transports continue. A couple of weeks ago we did a transport of 9 dogs for Yakima Valley Pet Rescue. Also in that transport were 2 Pygmy Goats. One was pregnant.

VERY Interesting!!! :-)

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## WAGS IN THE NEWS

We learned first hand (twice in a one month's time) what can happen when an animal is not restrained in a car that is in an accident, and we are trying to get the word out about this danger especially during the Holiday season.

We have partnered with HandicappedPets.com and have a press release regarding safety belts that has gone out nationwide to over 250 contacts, it can be seen on our website.

**Dog safety belts do work.** Unsecured animals can and do cause collisions. In addition, they become projectiles inside of the vehicle being thrown toward the windshield and, as we know, can be thrown from the vehicle.

The NEW YORK POST will be carrying the story. The story of Copper's emergency rescue has also been placed on the Best Friends website. For those who don't know who Best Friends are watch the National Geographic Channel and watch the show DogTown. Their website is [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org)

We will also be in the February-March Animal Wellness Magazine which will be distributed to all Borders Books and B. Daltons.

Thanks to our Jennifer, our Kim and to Lisa from HandicappedPets.com Please do take the time and go to their website and look at their safety harnesses and other items for pets.

## DONATIONS AND FOOD NEEDED

As the economy continues to cause concern the need grows greater than ever. More animals end up in Rescues and Shelters simply because their owners can no longer afford them. Add to that all of the puppies and kittens and other pets that are given as Christmas presents and soon are not wanted and you can see how the number of homeless animals increases.

Providing safe, secure, and warm housing is an absolute necessity, while they make their transition to a new family.

Please consider making a donation to Wags to Riches to help us feed and house these animals. You can go to our website at [www.WagsToRichesAnimalRescue.org](http://www.WagsToRichesAnimalRescue.org) and click on the Donation button. Or make checks payable to Wags to Riches.

**DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE and...  
are necessary for the animals to survive.  
We are an all volunteer organization.**

**All donations received go to help Wags to Riches  
help the animals.**

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS- WE THANK YOU

### Merlin Scholarship Committee-

Roger Vandiver- Wags Board Chair  
Dr. Sandi Cok-Yakima Veterinary Clinic  
Dr. Matt Moultray-Tieton Drive Animal Clinic  
Chris Wertenberger-Country Financial  
Elizabeth Carroll-American Red Cross  
Anne Eichler- Almon Realty  
Juanda Krebs- Wags Volunteer

### Consultants

Dr. Sue Wedam- YVCC  
Barb Robbins- WSU

In the next newsletter we will list another committee and it's members. Please tell them thank you and that you saw their name in the Wags newsletter. We appreciate them so much.

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## CALENDARS

2009 calendars are again available. We just received our latest order. Go to our website to order this great calendar. There were 103 entries and winners and pictured in the calendar were decided by popular vote.

**SOMETIMES WE LAUGH.....**

**Wags on Parade-**

The Wags to Riches parade entry, starring Bob The Red-Nosed Reindog and his sleigh, won a huge trophy for the "Most Original" entry in the Union Gap Lighted Parade.

**Bob The Red-Nosed Reindog**



**Bob's Sleigh-  
A Miata  
Convertible**



**AND...SOMETIMES WE CRY**

**YORKIE WITH BROKEN FRONT LEGS:**

At a "meet and greet" at Petco on Dec. 6th we met a little tiny Yorkie who had a cast on each front leg. He was being cared for by a loving family. His little front legs had been broken by some boys at a children's foster home.

**CHIHUAHUA:** This little girl didn't make it although we tried. She hadn't eaten for 3 weeks by the time we got her. We knew it was too late when a couple of days later the Vet. called to say that her Liver had shut down.

Her toe-nails were so bad that they curled back around into her pads.

It was really a horrible story that we can't tell here but we are grateful to the person who got in touch with us to rescue her.



**LULU**

**SPECIAL PEOPLE**

My name is McKenzie Mitchell and I am a 14 year old who goes to West Valley Jr. High. On November 14th, I had a bonfire for my birthday and about 40 of my friends came. Instead of presents, I asked them to bring : Dog food, collars/leashes and dog toys. Also, I asked some local businesses to donate as well. As a total, we raised

- 450 lbs of dog food
- 33 lbs of treats
- 33 toys and several collars and leashes.

We had a lot of fun and it felt great to help your good cause.

Below is a picture of most of the kids who were at the party and a picture of my dog Otter and I.

Thank You ,  
McKenzie Mitchell



We, at Wags, thank McKenzie and her friends, who are amazing. They really helped the puppies and kittens of Wags.



We are proud to have people like McKenzie in our community.

**We think McKenzie and her friends are heroes!!!**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES (Annual)**

Membership dues helps support animal rescue. With your membership you will receive the newsletter, the opportunity to buy the members only color t-shirt or sweatshirt (maroon) and the knowledge that you are helping save and feed and house homeless, abandoned, unwanted and abused animals.

- \$10.00 Senior (over 55) and Student
- \$15.00 Individual
- \$25.00 Family
- \$100.00 Patron
- \$1000.00 Lifetime

You can go to our website to pay via Paypal or you can send a check made out to Wags To Riches.

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