

# WAGS TO RICHES

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# ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

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## WE DON'T DO IT FOR THE GLORY



## WE DO IT FOR THEM AND WE DO IT BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!



Meet Pallie- She dug a hole under a pallet in a field and had 5 babies.

Picture taken 02-27-10 in the fog.

We rescued her on 03-01-10.

SINCE MAY 2008

**WAGS- RESCUED, SAVED**  
506  
and counting...

## 3 CHOW CHOW RESCUE- UPDATE

In our October newsletter we had a story about 3 Chow Chows being chained to a fence in the back yard of a home where the owner had passed away several months earlier. **Manny (pictured)** was not socialized. **Mahana** and **Buddy** were just a bit more socialized.



Thanks to the hard work of Wags volunteer Bob Chism and Darlene Picatti, they were rescued, vetted and were transported to the Northwest Chow Chow Rescue in Oregon.

I contacted Luanne at NW Chow Chow Rescue to get an update. The pictures tell it all.

Manny (pictured with Luanne) was first fostered and then adopted by a fantastic Chow family!



The 2 older, bigger Chows Buddy & Mahana (pictured with Manny below) are still currently with them in their program being loved and cared for by

Darlene (foster mom). There, they get to be part of the family complete with house privileges. They are extremely loving and Luanne said that they are still hoping to place them together.



## EAGLE RESCUE by Bobbie Catron

Thursday Feb. 25th. I was at the Sportsman State park and I noticed two Bald Eagles fighting over food. The bigger eagle had the smaller one, in the pictures below, on his back and would have killed it in a matter of minutes. I broke up the fight and I noticed that the smaller one, 10.8 lbs., on the bottom, was injured pretty badly.

I called Marsha Flamm from the Raptor House Rehab center and she came within the hour and she and her friend Mark Hurd retrieved the eagle. The eagle did try and fly and ended up in the pond. He swam across the pond and that is where Mark got him.

He was taken to the Vet where they tended his wounds and got water off his lungs where he aspirated water from the pond. He also had wounds to his breast, wing, head and beak. He is now at Marsha's Rehab Center recuperating and should be released back at the park

**Editor's note: Bobbie is a Wags to Riches volunteer and this is an amazing story with her being in the right place at the right time to save this Bald Eagle's life.**



PHOTOS BY BOBBIE CATRON

**Watch for release information from Marsha.**

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

So many individuals help our animals in so many different ways. We would like to give special recognition to:

Rhonda Rasmussen and her 10 year old daughter Nicole. Rhonda said Nicole had been watching those ads on TV (probably the ASPCA commercials) and wanted to help the animals. She knew her Mom worked with someone that volunteered for a rescue & she looked at all the pictures of the dogs on our Wags calendar & she chose to donate to Wags. She wanted to give \$10.00 so Rhonda matched it with another \$10.00. Their donation check was for \$20.00 to help our animals plus the calendar they bought because "they believe in this".

18 year old girl named Kelly King wanted to help a rescue and asked all of her guests to bring items for cats and dogs rather than gifts for her on her 18th Birthday recently. We received 2 bags of cat litter, 2 boxes of Vita Bone dog biscuits, 2 blankets, 10 cans of dog food, 3 bags of cat food and a check for \$40.00.

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**In Your Honor .....**

**LISA SAVAGE AND SUNNY**  
donation by Vicki Fox



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## YAKIMA LIONS CLUB AND YAKIMA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB-

Thanks to both the Yakima Lion's Club and the Yakima Kennel Club Wags to Riches not only has a Micro-Chip Scanner we also have Micro-Chips and are going to be getting training to learn how to Micro-Chip animals properly.

Millions of cats and dogs are lost each year and less than 10% of them every get back home. Many are found and either enter a rescue or shelter and are adopted but many more are euthanized because of overcrowding of shelters. Unfortunately a collar and tag do not always stay on your pet and without some form of identification it is difficult to help them find their way back home.

By getting your pet micro-chipped you can help lessen the number of animals euthanized.



## IN MEMORY OF EVELYN LANE

We received this letter from Evelyn December 23rd.

Dear folks,

I've been so happy that Bob fixed my electric fence so that I can keep my manchester terrier. I unplugged the fence because the snow came over it. She hasn't tried to jump. Sorry I can't see too well.

Our four kids have died and one friend in a nursing home has bone cancer & another moved to Selah.

My dog, Sharry senses when I'm lonesome & has me playing with her toys until I'm laughing. She checks on me often too.

People for People take me to the doctor, dentist & chiropractor. My elderly cousin who lives East of Yakima Golf Course takes me grocery shopping for a month at a time. Haven't made friends with anyone else just to chat. My cell phone doesn't want to cooperate re: the locking & unlocking & is always having no battery.

If something doesn't work, I say it is fun & don't get mad. :o)

Have nice Holidays.

Love all of you a lot. I'm 90 yrs old & miss all of the volunteering I used to do when I could drive.

**Evelyn Lane**

**Editor's note:**



Mid January we received Evelyn's December newsletter returned to us by the Post Office and it was marked Deceased.

Evelyn, we love you too. Most of us didn't have the honor of meeting you and we really wish we had but please be assured that we will not forget you and your spirit. We will take lessons from you about patience and love and giving and your spirit will make each one of us a better person and we thank you.

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***Nothing that is loved is ever lost; but to live forever in the hearts of those left behind, is to live forever.***



**In Loving Memory Of...**

**Gladys Hammarstrom**  
donation by Greg and Karen Stewart  
donation by Anne Bounds

**Roxianne Bauer**  
donation by Michael and Lynda Bauer

**SWEET MEMORIES OF....**

**SEAN**  
donation by Sandy Wasson and  
Ernie Robinson

**OPIE**  
donation by Wags to Riches

**PEE WEE**  
donation by Connie Belieu

**SHADOW**  
donation by Vicki Fox



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## **WE WILL...WE PROMISE**

If you find it hard to think about life without your pet, imagine your pet's life without you.

Thousands of companion animals are euthanized in the US animal shelters each year simply because their human caregivers die or became ill and have made no arrangements for the continuous care of their pets.

What will happen to your pets if they outlive you? Have you made a plan? Assuming that your children or neighbor will take your pet is not always the best thing for that animal.

Think about willing your companion animal to Wags. We will take them and keep them safe, we will find them a new home and we will make sure they are not abandoned or euthanized. We will find them someone to love them. We Promise!!!

Contact your legal advisor to include the care of your pet in your Will. And, please consider Wags. It will be a huge weight off of your mind.

## LIFE IS GREAT FOR SANDY

We often receive notes and emails from people who have adopted a companion animal from us. Sandy was one of 7 puppies that we rescued.



Dear Donna:

Sandy is doing awesome, she is house broken, and loving life on the west side of the mountains. She loves the beach and playing in the snow. Oh and LOVES people.



She loves going to work with me at the fire station as you can see in the first picture, and doesn't care too much where she lays as you can see by the second picture.

Adam

Each animal takes a piece of our heart with them when they leave us so we are always happy to hear about them and, in the case of puppies, see how they have grown. Thanks, Adam!!!

## SUPER MOM

Lucy is Super Mom & she qualifies for Mom of the Year. She and her litter of 5 puppies were rescued by Wags

after she had been attacked and injured by another dog. Lucy required medical treatment for her wound.



Not long after that Wags rescued a litter of 7 puppies from the Lower Valley where their momma had been shot. These little guys were about 2 weeks old. Lucy immediately adopted them and made them her own and nursed them all.

## THANK YOU GILBERT FRUIT



for the entire back of a Suburban FULL of food, toys, collars, kitty litter, treats, etc., donated to Wags by Gilbert Fruit.



## WAGS ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER (ARC) IS BETTER THAN EVER

We would like to thank...

Yakima Valley Farm Worker's Clinic and Richard Brashen - for ceiling tiles, doors & cabinets  
Darlene Elliot- for washer and dryer  
Tish Moreford- for washer and dryer  
Lisa Stevens- for a Fax, scanner, copier  
Senske - for two new file cabinets  
Valley Title- for 4 drawer file cabinet  
Keith McDonnell- for the heated dog house  
Cindy Spicer- for the squirt bottles  
Anonymous- for the grooming set up. (So many of the animals that we rescue badly need to be groomed because of the matts and snarls and dirt.)

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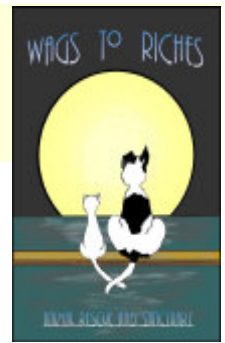
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# Count Me in!

## I want to help the animals with my tax-deductible contribution.



Amount Enclosed:  \$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  Other

Funds to be allocated as follows:

Where most needed \_\_\_\_\_  
Merlin Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Medical Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
Sanctuary Building Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
Bentley's Education Program Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
Forever Remembered (Website Memorial) \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory Of (Newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you!**

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