

# WAGS TO RICHES

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IRS recognized 501 (C) (3)  
Non-Profit Organization*



# ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.


May - June, 2012

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- BBQ & BREW
- GENERAL MEETING!!
- SPECIAL THANKS!
- WEATHER TIPS!

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## WAGS TO RICHES 4TH ANNUAL BBQ AND BREW

**July 14, 2012 from 6-10 p.m.  
Selah Civic Center**

**Thane Phelan - Emcee  
Paul Newman - Auctioneer**

**Silent Auction & Live Auction  
50/50 Raffle  
Karaoke Contest**

**Catering by Donna Menard and Classic Catering**

**\$25.00 advance sale or \$30.00 at the door**

**For tickets call 453-4155 or email  
donate@WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.org**

MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND

**All proceeds to benefit Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary**

## Join The Fun!!

Wags to Riches Animal Rescue & Sanctuary is hosting our 4th Annual BBQ & Brew fundraiser this year on July 14, 2012! The event will be held at the Selah Civic Center from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Our biggest fundraising event of the year will

include dinner, drinks, silent auction, live auction, & 50/50 raffle! We plan on this year being a SOLD OUT SUCCESS! Through the generous donations of our supporters through fundraising events such as BBQ & Brew, we have been able

to rescue, care for and re-home almost 1500 animals! Would you like to Attend? Sponsor? Donate? Contact us by phone at (509)453-4155 or at our website: [WagsToRichesAnimalRescue.org](http://WagsToRichesAnimalRescue.org)

## Donations In Loving Memory Of:



~ The heart that truly loves, never forgets~

*“Our volunteers need to know how important their part in her life was, as she waited for her destiny to call.”*

Babe



**Curly II**  
~Karen Roff

**Mimi**  
~ Nancy Valicoff  
21 years of Kitty Love



**Baxter**  
**Lovingly Owned By**  
**Donna Thompson**  
~Kathi Mercy

**Ginger**  
~Tammy & David  
Heath

**Arleen Harman**  
~Patti McGuire

*“A moment lasts all of a second, but the memory lives on forever”*

## Babe's Journey:

By Becky

When I first received the application on Babe from Sue (named changed to respect privacy), there was something about it that got to me. She said she had read Babes bio and she could think of no better companion for her husband, who was housebound and on oxygen. She wanted a companion for him for the times she had to be away from the house and he was missing having a dog around the home and had

urged her to look for a rescue to adopt. Together they decided on Babe because I described her in the biography as being a natural born nanny dog.

Sue came to pick up Babe and braved a cruddy snow storm coming all the way

from the central Idaho border. The trip had been a messy one and she was facing turning around now and heading back into the storm. She questioned her sanity and her decision to adopt a dog so far from home.

I brought Babe out and she went right to Sue and sat down in front of her. It was like she had known her all her life. There was no need for walks or long discussions about Babe and her pros & cons. All Sue said was, “She’s perfect.”

Babe jumped right into her car and took up her place as spotter on the passenger seat and off they went!

A few days later I emailed Sue as I was curious to hear what her husband had thought of her. When I didn’t receive a reply I was disappointed but

not discouraged. Some adopters, once they get the dog into their home and lives, like to begin to erase the dogs past and that is fine. However, today I was going through some photos and came across Babe’s adoption photo and I thought of Babe and again wondered if she was happy.

That was about 6 hours ago. Just a bit ago I opened my email and found a message from Sue. My heart thudded as sometimes the news is not so good. Though somber, this message was not without it’s silver lining.

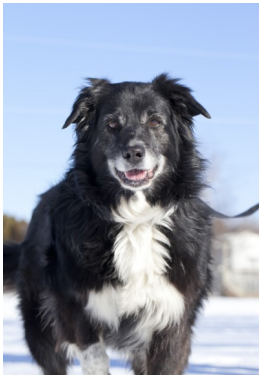
Apparently Sue’s husband had just passed away Sunday. She told me that Babe did her job and stayed by his bedside leaving only to go outside for a potty break, to eat and to take a short walk around the

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# Babe's Journey Continued...

By Becky Pascua



property when she insisted upon it. She said she and Babe had

very long one-sided conversations during these walks and they were very therapeutic for her. She found herself falling very much in love with this scruffy faced thatch of black fur who seemed to understand every word she said. When they would return, she would go back to her husbands bed and nudge his hand to let him know Nurse Babe had returned.

Her email tonight was to thank us for taking Babe in. She believes with her whole heart and soul that Babe was put on this earth for this time in their lives and that her journey however rough & tumble, lead her, through Wags, to them. Babe is deeply and com-

pletely loved and loves deeply and completely in return. She made a horrible moment in their lives bearable by her unconditional acceptance of what was needed from her. I was promised she will be loved, protected and taken care of all the rest of her days by Sue who now cannot imagine life without her.

Too often we slug the mop bucket around and pick up poo and measure out food and all the other unpleasantness involved in keeping our babies clean and happy, the why's of it can get lost. I mean, we KNOW why we do it...because we love these creatures but sometimes it is bigger than that. Sometimes we are just a stopping point along a dogs journey to where it was born to be. We care for them and love on them and then they leave us to move on.

I want these selfless volunteers to know how important their contribution is to people like Sue and her husband. Our kennel volunteers loved and cared for Babe until her destiny called her to

where she was truly meant to be. Sue wants me to thank them. Her husband passed in peace with her and Babe by his side.

We are not just people taking dogs off the streets and rehoming them. We are instruments of destiny and anybody who spent a moment with Babe, knew she was special and meant for something equally special.

Our volunteers need to know how important their part in her life was, as she waited for her destiny to call. Because they are willing to do what they do, we can keep dogs like Babe out of harms way while their true purpose in life waits to be revealed.

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One By One...  
Until There Are  
None!

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Rescued-Saved  
Since July 2008



## Yakima Veterinary Clinic

The Yakima Veterinary Clinic is currently holding a fundraiser to purchase pet oxygen masks to give to Yakima area fire departments. When firefighters find pets in need of resuscitation, they try to save their lives whenever possible. However human oxygen masks are ill-fitted to a pet's head. Many fire departments lack special pet-sized oxygen masks that can save our

beloved pets. Please help the Yakima Veterinary Clinic reach their goal of \$1000! This will be enough to give one set of masks to every department in our area!

Yakima Veterinary Clinic  
509-453-7161

WWW.YAKIMAVETCLINIC.COM



Large Dog, Small Dog, & Cat Oxygen Masks



## ATTEND OUR GENERAL MEETING !!!

**3rd Wednesday of Every Month**

(Except December)

American Red Cross

302 S. 2nd Street

Yakima, Washington 98901

**7:00 PM**

### A GIANT HIGH FIVE & A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

To Maddy Paxton who, along with the help of her class, collected over 40 donated items for our rescues, in lieu of gifts for herself for her 11th birthday!

Maddy is a 4th grader at Riverside Christian and she is one very special, thoughtful and selfless young lady! THANK YOU MADDY!

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## Weather Tips for our Furry Friends:

We all love spending the long, sunny days of spring and summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being overeager in hot weather can spell danger, warn ASPCA experts.

“Even the healthiest pets can suffer from dehydration, heat stroke and sunburn if overexposed to the heat,” says Dr. Lila Miller, ASPCA Vice President of Veterinary Outreach, “and heat stroke can be fatal if not treated promptly.”

Take these simple precautions to help prevent your pet from overheating.

Visit the vet for a spring or early summer check-up. Do parasites bug your animal companions? Ask your doctor to recommend a safe flea

and tick control program.

Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of FRESH, CLEAN, water! Make sure they have a SHADY place to get out of the sun, do not over-exercise them and keep them INDOORS when it’s extremely hot. Giving your dog a lightweight summer haircut (never to the skin) also helps prevent overheating!

Know the warning signs of overheating which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. They can also include seizures, diarrhea, and vomit along with an elevated body temp of over 104 degrees. Animals with flat faces are more susceptible to heat stroke

since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with elderly, overweight and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible!

NEVER leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle!

Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool.

Don’t let your pet linger on hot asphalt and keep commonly used flea and tick products, rodenticides, lawn and garden insecticides, citronella, oil products and insect coils out of pet’s reach.

Remember, it’s better to be cautious and safe, than sorry!