

WAGS TO RICHES

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ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY CAN MAKE TO RESCUED, OWNER SURRENDERED PUPPIES

A couple of weeks ago Wags was called about three-3 months old puppies, that were still nursing off of momma, were covered in fleas, one had a cheat abscess under her chin and were filthy dirty. When Becky was told the momma dog was very skinny because she was still nursing she told the people to pull the pups off immediately, which they did, but it seems that they failed to provide them with additional food. They are now safe with Wags.

Becky was concerned about these puppies so called and asked the owners to bring the 3 pups and the mama in to the ARC. She was prepared to take two of them with Jenifer willing to take the third. One pup however, was adopted so Jenifer would take one and Becky would take the other.

What showed up on our doorstep Saturday, October 8th, were three horribly cared for puppies suffering from starvation and who were still suffering from parasitic infestation as they had, in their desperation, resorted to eating their own feces. They were so filthy dirty that a single bath did not do the trick. A second bath at home, because of diarrhea issues, brought another layer of muddy water off one pup that was not washed away with the first bath.

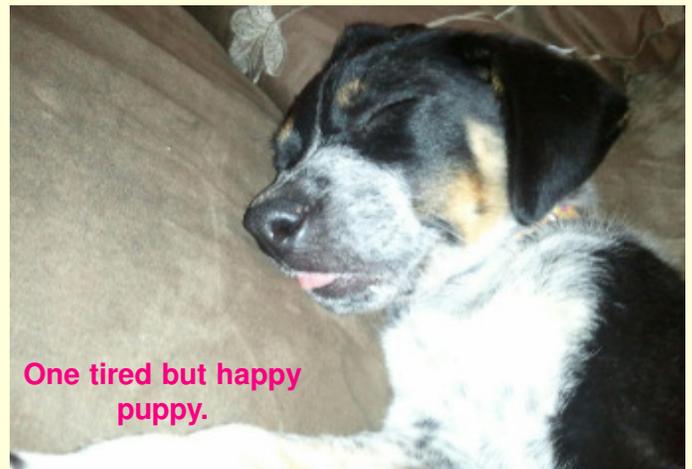
Mama, an 8-10 month old female, was covered in fleas, unsocialized, malnourished and suffering from “pancake syndrome”. We are happy to say that she has been spayed and is at the ARC. She is slowly coming out of her shell with all the good work of our compassionate volunteers and the puppies after 48 hours of explosive diarrhea and the inability to comprehend food has to be chewed, not sucked, are finally figuring things out as well.

The puppy Becky took home will be getting scrambled eggs and boiled rice for breakfast. Poor little girl has been spewing out lava for 24 hours. I don't know what those people did to these pups but they are CLUELESS about dog food or any kind of solid food. The poor things are STARVING but her little digestive system is just not ready for beefing up yet. The next morning she is happy and hungry and playing with Dude so let's hope her poor guts come to terms with living on this earth for three months before being introduced to solid food. She still does not know how to chew. She wants to suck everything up. She ran around with a small milk bone for 30 minutes because she knew it was food but had no idea how to get it in her belly.

The puppy that Jenifer took home is past the vomit stage, and finally pooping on schedule. She's doing much better today. Had some boiled chicken mush last night and thought that was the bees knees...was very lonely in her crate last night so Jenifer brought in it next to the bed and not a peep. She likes her people. Today she is “learning” a bit of manners...she thinks that crawling into the open dishwasher is yummy fun. LOL

Only the owners know why these puppies and the mama was allowed to get in the condition they were in but we will be forever grateful that they brought the puppies and mama to Wags. There is no doubt that these pups would have been dead before they reached their fourth month had they been left in their home environment.

Only one in about every 20 dogs that come in needing our help, are actually *owned* by those bringing them in. Most are strays that are found and turned in by good people who can't keep them but want them to have a second chance at a happy life.



One tired but happy puppy.

WAGS TO RICHES SAYS THANK YOU!!

“Celebrating 1000”

Wags biggest fund raiser of the year was a success and we want to thank everyone who attended.

Our emcee **Thane Phelan** was excellent as usual. Then add our **Auctioneer Paul Newman** and they were the hit of the night. There were amazing items auctioned off. Once again **Donna Menard** of **Classic Events Catering** wowed us with her dinner.

Thanks to **Alyssa Tabert** of **Mutt Paws Photography** for our video this year and for the photographs during the year that appear on our petfinder.com page. Thank you, also, to **Brian Ingoldsby** who printed and framed a couple hundred pictures to mount on the walls to show the faces of some of the over 1000 animals we have rescued since we started in 2008.

Our donors and the **attendees** all touched our hearts. Thank you so much for caring about the animals and about our mission and for making this event a success. After expenses we raised over \$13,000.00. All of this money goes to help the animals.

And, thank you to all of our **volunteers** who give so much of themselves each and every day in so many different ways. They work tirelessly for the animals. And just when you think they can't do anymore there they are ready to pitch in at a moment's notice. It is an honor to volunteer with them all.

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Thank you Cyndi for your commitment to Wags to Riches and the animals of the Valley.

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ASPECIAL THANK YOU

We want to say thank you to Alyssa and Jacob of Mutt Paws Photography for everything you did for Wags. We are going to miss you.

Mutt Paws recognized that the single most important thing on the petfinder.com site is the photograph of the adoptable pets. Without great pictures most people will not look further at the bios.

THANK YOU FOR GREAT PHOTOS!!!

Oregon is lucky to have you but we will sure miss you at Wags to Riches!!

ASPECIAL THANK YOU TO TODD and NIKOLE REED....

Wags wants to thank Todd and Nikole Reed for putting together and doing all of the work for the golf tournament to benefit Wags to Riches that was held August 20th.

Thanks to Todd and Nikole Wags received over \$1,250.00.



All of the proceeds go to the care of the animals.

HALLOWEEN IS COMING SOON

Just a reminder to keep all candy out of reach from your pet. While the sweets might taste good to your pet, candy can be harmful to them.. Candy wrappers can be harmful too.



Keep your pet away from Trick-or-Treaters and other Halloween activity. Animals are creatures of habit and may become frightened by the noise and costumed people. Also frequently opening the door gives them the opportunity to escape unnoticed. Make sure that your pet is wearing a collar and tag.



Cats, particularly black cats, often fall victim to pranksters. It is a good idea to

keep all of your cats indoors and out of harms way.

Be careful where you place lighted decorations. Animals are curious and can get burned by the flames. Any unattended decoration can get knocked over and could start a fire that could have disastrous results.

If you decide to dress up your pet for Halloween make sure that the costume doesn't constrain their ability to move, see or hear. Check the costume for parts your pet could chew off and choke on and look for dangling pieces like flowing capes that could injure them.

ASPECIAL THANK YOU

We want to thank Senske Lawn and Tree Care of Yakima for all of your help at the Wags rescue center.

We really needed help and you came thru for us and did a GREAT JOB.

Thank you!!!

PHOTO'S WITH SANTA CLAUS Mark your calendars now

**November 27th and December 4th from
11:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Wags to Riches and Manning's Dog Training have teamed up once again for Photo's with Santa Claus. Photographer Bobbie Catron has agreed to donate her time and as you saw last year takes excellent photos.

The cost will be \$5.00 per picture and a donation of a bag of dog or cat food. These will make great Christmas cards. For an additional \$5.00 we have your photo put on a CD so that you can make high quality copies for Christmas Cards.

We encourage you to call Mannings at 574-4008 to schedule. Drop-ins are welcome too.

Come have fun with us and see what other pets are wearing this holiday season.



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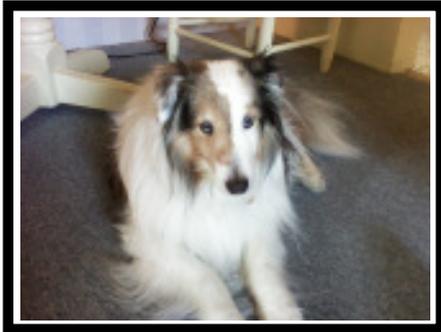
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R.I.P. CASSIE

We're slowly adjusting to being alone.

We keep having to deal with all the "firsts".....first time going for ice cream without Cassie; first time going to bible study without Cassie; first walk without Cassie; etc. She loved places like Home Depot and Petco, where she could ride in a basket and chat with everyone. And of course her beauty and gentle spirit drew people to her, so she got lots of loves and pets, and her favorite thing, treats!

We don't realize how much of our day to day lives revolve around these furry little blessings from God. Everywhere we go we face memories of having been there before with Cassie. We always took her when we went any place, so we see her everywhere.



The other day I took out my digital camera and found a bunch of pictures of Cassie that I had forgotten were there. What a wonderful gift that was!

Cassie had some real struggles in her too short life; (the vet estimated 6 years when we got her, 14 when we lost her). She had to go on a diet immediately when we adopted her, as she weighed twice what she should have. Then there were her bladder stones, also most likely a result of her poor diet, we had them removed. Of course when her bile duct burst we were in danger of losing her. We had to have that taken care of, but she just kept on fighting the good fight.

She had spirit like you wouldn't believe! Her nurse in Lynnwood was amazed and touched by her fight after that major surgery, and he gave her more attention because of it.

We know there will never be another Cassie; but we hope to find another pet in need of a loving home; perhaps even another sheltie. Cassie will look down and smile!!

All of you were so wonderful to work with, and Donna, I love you so very much; you're a good and supportive friend!! Claudia, Tim, and yes, still Cassie!

We cannot tell you how special we think you are too for taking this sweet girl and loving her and caring for her as you did. You gave her a wonderful life.

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No-one who is loved is ever lost;
but to live forever in the hearts of
those left behind, is to live forever

SWEET MEMORIES OF...



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I've Been Thinking- By Becky Pascua

Regardless of the rescue, or the animal rescued, a common plea for all is, "We need foster homes".

The most common response is, "Oh, I could never do that, I would fall in love and want to keep them all".

I thought that too.

I didn't think I could foster but when that first fuzzy puppy got shoved in my arms with a look of desperation on the face of the foster coordinator, there was not much I could do and in that instant, I became a foster.

I have never regretted it for a second.

Through my doors, in less than two years, over two dozen dogs have graced my life with their presence. Two dozen dogs who otherwise, would have never known a loving home...got that chance.

Yep, little tiny pieces of my heart went with every single one of them but what I have been given in return cannot be measured by any material worth. Each has brought to me, in their own unique way, smiles, laughter, enrichment and enlightenment. Their unquestioning acceptance of their lot in life prior to rescue and their miraculous understanding that it has just taken a turn for the better, inspires me every day to be a better human. Knowing, that without my acceptance of them into my home, they would be cold, scared, hungry, hurting, living their last scary moment on this earth or dead, surpasses any misgivings I have ever had about falling in love with them and then having to say good-bye.

Through me, my fosters have gone from living under wood piles, to living in lake homes; from being tossed out of vehicles to sailing the seas. They live in wineries and on working cattle ranches; houseboats and log cabins. Through me, people have found that "dog of a lifetime", an end to their loneliness, a traveling companion or even a reason to get up in the morning.

Sure I fall in love with them and it's OK. The tears shed in passing them on, while mingled with some sadness are largely tears of joy. By saying good-bye, I have given them the gift of a new beginning. In opening my heart, I have given them the future that the

unthinking, uncaring acts of another, had thought to deny them.

Three dogs of varying ages, mysterious breed cocktails and wide ranging personalities, grace my couches and rugs and call my house home. I found them all in desperate circumstances and took them in. They belong to me. It is my intention to give them the care they need to live a long life, but by leaving one spot open for foster, I can continue to bring a worthy future to those who would otherwise have never known love, compassion or hope.

Had I listened to myself on that first day a fuzzy brown puppy named Max was shoved into my arms, I would have missed out on the single most rewarding thing I have ever done in my life and over two dozen innocent lives would have never been given a second

Fostering is not about what you can't do. It is about what you can. It is about second chances. It is about saving lives. It's about being selfless enough to be willing to feel that hurt and shed that tear, so that one more who has never known a human kindness, can be loved forever.

Editors note:

Becky is the Adoption Coordinator for Wags and writes the great assessments on the Wags to Riches petfinder.com pages.

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Are you thinking about your tax deductions before year-end?

We hope that you will think of the animals of Wags, both current and those to come, as you finish out the year and are looking for places to make donations before income tax time.

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