

# WAGS TO RICHES

*A 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit Organization*

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ANIMAL RESCUE  
AND SANCTUARY, INC.

SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER 2010

## EXCITING NEWS.....

Very special volunteers of Wags to Riches and very special friends of the animals have spent hundreds of hours collaborating with Wags volunteers and other organizations, designing and redesigning what could become the largest animal rescue and sanctuary in the Northwest.

Mark and Anita Adolf unveiled plans, at the Wags to Riches General Meeting on September 21st, for the 60 acre facility that will accommodate most types of animals including dogs, cats, horses, bunnies, pigs, etc. and will help pull together different groups to help save more animals.

“There’s a need for us all to unite because we need a sanctuary for the dogs and cats and the horses that are not adoptable but still give them a good life”, says Mark Adolf, one of the sanctuary’s designers.

There will also be an Education Resource Center, training facilities, an R & D Center, cremation facility, a public dog park and a pet cemetery. Also included in the plans is a Cafe, hospitality cabins, RV parking, Sanctuary store, meeting rooms, Caretaker residence, organic greenhouse, large and small animal receiving, assessment and quarantine areas and an Animal CSI/Prosecution & ACN Prevention Building (Abuse, Cruelty and Neglect) and more.

The design allows for development in phases and expansion based on need. It is also modular so it can be adapted to different sites and can be duplicated by others across the USA and around the world.

Mark has been working with Best Friends Animal Society, the largest animal rescue in the United States and they have provided a lot of information, suggestions and ideas. They are very excited about this project. Mark and Anita will be meeting with several of the founders of Best Friends in November.

The new facility will serve as many as 700 each of dogs and cats, and 100 horses. It is still in the planning stages and is in need of funding.

**SEE THE INSERT FOR A COPY OF THE PLANS OF THIS AMAZING PLACE.**

For more information you can call 453-4155 and leave a message for Mark. Mark will be happy to schedule time to come to your service club or organization

To help make this dream a reality you can contribute by going to [www.WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.Org](http://www.WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.Org) or mail your contribution to Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc. PO Box 3177 Union Gap, WA 98903. Please make sure you mark your contribution for the Animal Rescue and Sanctuary Fund.

**WHY NOT HERE, WHY NOT US,  
WHY NOT NOW.**



**MAKE WAGS TO RICHES YOUR  
LEGACY OF LOVE**

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT YEAR END  
TAX DEDUCTIONS?**

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.

We are a 501 (c) (3) and donations are tax deductible. You will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

We are sincerely grateful for every donation.

**THANK YOU!!!**

## EDUCATION PROGRAM GEARING UP FOR 3RD YEAR IN SCHOOLS

Our program, The 3 “R’s” of Wags...Respect, Responsibility and Rescue is in its 3rd year and each year we expand to other schools.

This year, thanks to Legends, we will be expanding to several schools in the Lower Valley. One part of our program, Be a Tree, includes bite-proofing kids, as well as teaching them how to recognize certain dog body language which will tell them which is a safe dog and which might be a danger dog.

Another portion of our program allows kids to pet dogs and teaches them about respect for animals and their responsibility to them, information on small critters, choosing appropriate pets for them and much more. We teach them how to be Wags kids and more importantly how to be kind and gentle.



*Bentley*

Included in some of these classes is help for kids dealing with anger and loss. Animal abuse starts when kids are young. We know we can help make a difference.

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### WAGS CALENDAR PROJECT CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR ONLY.

We really hated to do it and tried really hard not to cancel our Calendar contest and Calendar this year but we decided that we just couldn't make it happen for 2011.

Our wonderful website person, Jennifer Berndt, was also the person who did all of the work on listing the entries on the website and then handling the voting and creating the calendar.

We love her and she did a great job. This year she has some time issues and cannot do it for us.

So...hang on to your pictures, they never get too old to look at, and save them for next year. Rather than rushed and poorly we would rather do it with class.

## PHOTO'S WITH SANTA CLAUS Mark your calendars now

**November 28th and December 5th  
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.**

**FREE COFFEE AND COOKIES**

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## MARMADUKE AT THE MAJESTIC

Thank you Mercy Enterprises and Kathy Mercy. We had a great time at the premier weekend for Marmaduke. We gave away lots of “Wags Tags”. It was awesome to see kids, caring enough about animals, bringing their change and dropping it off in our Guardian Angel Emergency Medical Jar. Those are kids and parents that love and respect animals and they are the ones that make a difference.

During this time employees of all three Mercy Theatres had a contest to see who could sell the most Paw Prints that were then taped on the walls behind the popcorn machines. The top seller from each theater won a prize.

Plaza, Chris Orem ~ 334  
Cinema, Jordan Green ~ 383  
Majestic, Kassie Hampton ~ 445

Thank you to these winners and to all of the others for their sales that all goes to helping the animals.

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In Loving Memory Of...



**CARL GALEN GEORGE**

Donation by Harold Mathis  
Donation by Macro Plastics

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**HONOR OUR SOLDIER DOGS ON  
VETERAN'S DAY**

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**WE WERE SOLDIERS**  
(Thoughts of a Soldier Dog)

On duty, scouting the dangers of war.  
We did what we had to during our tour.  
Standing guard, we had little rest.  
I'd put my life on the line; I did my best.  
To my last breath, I was there for you.  
I was not equipment and this you knew.  
We were soldiers.

You were dedicated to our country.  
For each other, no doubt our loyalty.  
Dear friend, feel no guilt if I'm lost.  
It was my honor to you, at all cost.  
Remembering me; it's OK to shed a tear.  
It was meant to be, it was my career.  
I was a soldier.

My spirit is forever by your side.  
We were buddies, to each a guide.  
My allegiance was to you; that was my goal.  
It was my mission, we were on patrol.  
We did our best, hold your head up high.  
Find peace, I am the brightest star in the sky.  
We were soldiers.

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**SHADOW**  
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**BALTO**  
donation by Wags to Riches



**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS**

**OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup> to NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
**12:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**317 East Yakima Avenue**

For the 3rd year Wags will be participating at the Dia de Los Muertos celebration as we pay tribute to the pets who have been so dearly loved and lost.

## 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.



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## WAGS ON FACE BOOK-

Are you ever curious about what Wags does every day? Then go to our Face Book page and become a Friend. It is so simple. Just go to your Face Book page and at the top in the search bar enter Wags to Riches. Then ask to be accepted. Suggest us to your friends too.

As of October 8th we had 1,263 friends. Our 900th Friend is receiving a T-Shirt. Our 1000th Friend is receiving a T-Shirt and some Truffles. Wonder how long it will take to get to 1500 and what they will get???

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

If at any time you would like to be removed from our newsletter list either email.....  
[donate@WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.org](mailto:donate@WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.org) or send return envelope with coupon marked remove.

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail and would rather receive it by email or vice versa please email us at  
[donate@WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.org](mailto:donate@WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.org)  
Receiving it by email will be help us save on the cost of printing.

**ANIMALS  
RESCUED, SAVED,  
and counting...  
830**

## BOARD MEMBERS- OUR GUIDING TEAM

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## LOVE LETTERS TO WAGS....



**SADIE**

Well Monday will be two weeks. Sadie is the best dog I think I have ever met. She is so well socialized it amazes EVERYONE (including my Vet) that meets her. We have only had a couple of incidences where we needed to establish whom the pack leader is and she takes the corrections well, the few we have needed to do so far. We definitely have more to accomplish and we are eager to get there! I am sending photos, we are all so happy and I am so thankful that I applied and didn't shy away from the four and half hour drive to pick her up. She has been more than worth it, a perfect addition to our family. I just really wanted to thank all of you, her foster family, all the volunteers that helped answer my questions and everyone that I met along the way. I had never adopted a dog through a rescue, humane society or other and had not completely known what to expect, her adoption was very smooth and we couldn't be happier! - S.G. & Family

I just wanted to send a quick note letting you know how Comet is doing. She is a sweetheart and we are having so much fun with her. We have renamed her Nora and she is starting to learn her name. She is so well housetrained so that has not been an issue. She is getting better at the leash. Going on walks seems to be a favorite activity. She and our other dog, Wyatt, are getting to know each other. He is very sweet and large. She made him nervous when she first came because she snapped at him when he nosed her. He won't make that mistake again! She set her boundaries firmly. They are beginning to play together and he is so gentle with her it makes my heart melt. His excited play bark is so loud I thought she might be intimidated but I think she gets it. Our only challenge is teaching her to stay off of the carpet and not jump onto furniture. I know this will take some time because right now she has no idea what I am talking about. She also ate a starfish we neglected to doggie proof. I am sure she might get my husband's shoes also as he forgets to pick them up all the time! When Wyatt was a pup he never ate shoes, socks, starfish, etc. So we are a bit lazy at that. He ate couches, ottomans, armoires, and rugs. It was harder to put those away!

Anyway, she is a wonderful fit for our family and we are really happy to have her. She is quite the snuggler.

P.G.



**COMET**

I have a moment to update you on Riley while the kids are outside helping her to dig a hole in the ground. Good thing there are mostly weeds in the back yard. It has been a very busy week for all of us. We have renamed Riley to Becca and she responds to her new name now. We like Riley but our neighbor had just lost her dog of 13 years that had been named Riley.



**BECCA**

I have spent the last week getting up to speed on how to not act like a prey. Becca is quickly learning that I am not going to be one of her prey but the kids are taking a little longer to learn how to act like a tree. Potty training and crating are going well with Becca. I get up in the night and take her out. Becca is sleeping in Haley's room and starts the night in the crate just to get her to calm down, then sometimes she will sleep loose in the dog house bottom instead with her confined to the room.

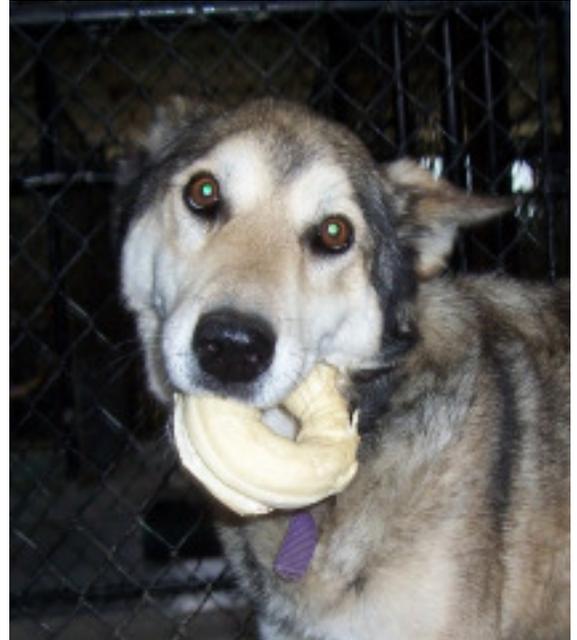
Becca is alarm barking just the right amount so far. She wants to chew up certain things with a vengeance so we have brought some things into the house for her to have so she stays away from shoes, furniture and clothes. The kids are trying to keep the floors clean of things not good for the dog but they forget sometimes. Becca likes to play tug of war with an old rope piece, we found a squeaky toy for her and sometimes she will play fetch with the ball. The cats have let her know that they are not interested in playing with her and so far Becca has agreed with their wishes. Becca does seem to enjoy the water. That's all for now. Liz.

## BALTO- WAGS VERY SPECIAL LOVE STORY TO HIM

Marci received a call from a man who wanted us to take his dog because he was relocating. As Marci questioned him, he began to reveal that he had owned Balto since he was a puppy, but the dog had recently suffered heat stroke. It would seem Balto's owner had purchased a new home and did not want dog hair in it. Consequently Balto was left tied to a tree in the 90 degree summer heat at the old residence, where he was only visited every other day. His owner seemed unalarmed and indeed, unashamed of this but did want us to take the dog so he would not have to deal with hair. During the conversation, Marci also learned that Balto was fourteen and a coyote hybrid.

What could we do? We told him to bring him in. Balto arrived displaying a head tilt and raspy breathing. We were told, the head tilt came from a chronic inner ear infection that he had taken him to the vet for "on many occasions" and as for the breathing we were told, "Oh, he's always done that".

Balto was signed over to us and his owner left without so much as a backwards glance. Fourteen years with this dog, and not so much as a good-bye. It was as if he felt unburdened and indeed Balto did not seem to notice his departure either. It was if *he* knew this might be a better place to live. Calls to Balto's Vet revealed a most disturbing pattern. Yes, the vet has seen Balto on numerous occasions over his lifetime, for inner ear infections, but could never convince his owner to take home medication for it. He didn't want to pay for it or be burdened with administering it. So the infection raged on until it destroyed his inner ear leaving him with permanent balance issues, partial loss of hearing and a head tilt. When the vet saw Balto for the heat stroke, he asked that Balto be left at the clinic for at least a three days for rehydration therapy via IV treatment, but his owner refused saying he was bringing him to us. Not surprisingly, Balto was not up to date on vaccinations either.



When we got Balto, he walked in calmly sans leash, dutifully behind his owner, who hauled him in the BACK of his truck, and proceeded to capture our hearts. We had him examined by Tieton Drive Animal Clinic and they found his inner ear infection had spun itself out, but not without permanent damage. They felt his breathing was a combination of damage caused by the untreated ear infection, the untreated heat stroke and a life time of poor care. His trachea valves did not close off properly, causing the inability to fully expel or inhale air from the lungs. Sort of like Asthma.

Prednisone proved to give Balto a few weeks of relief before he took his final turn for the worse. In those couple of weeks, he was treated like a King and shown more love than he probably experienced his entire life. He spent time with volunteers, under the ARC shade trees, hearing loving endearments and feeling kind and caring hands. He loved his treats, his raw hide chews, his twice daily outings and his cool, clean kennel with constantly available fresh cold water. He also, loved everyone he met.

When Balto took a turn for the worse arrangements were made to take him in immediately. Jenifer spent a few moments with Balto in his kennel, comforting him and letting him know, just how loved he had become by us all. She turned the AC on in her car and let it cool down, then picked him up, carried him out and placed him in the backseat of her car on a soft clean blanket. He was gone before her arrival at the clinic.

To me Balto's story is far sadder yet far more inspiring, than those of the young dogs who have experienced bouts of neglect and abuse and take months to overcome it. Balto endured a lifetime of indifference and neglect, and never once held it against us as a race. He was a true ambassador for the canine ability to forgive and persevere. Balto is a shining example of why we all do what we do. His gentle nature, which persevered through much neglect and shined like a beacon, under the loving care of all who tended him at the center, is a testament to the forgiving nature of rescue dogs everywhere, We can find some peace, in knowing that Balto felt very special and much loved, in the last few weeks of his precious existence.

He truly was a gentle soul whose compassion and forgiveness will live in the hearts of us all.

Becky P.

# THANK YOU - WAGS BBQ AND BREW EVENT SPONSORS

## GREAT DANE SPONSORS



### The Vandiver Family

Roger Vandiver of the Vandiver Family is one of the founders of Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and was the Founding Board Chair.

Roger is the Committee Chair for the Merlin Scholarship Committee which provides a Vet Tech scholarship to YVCC and a Veterinarian scholarship to WSU and is on the Fund-raising Committee. These scholarships are important to the future of these students. So far we have awarded one YVCC 2nd year Vet. Tech. student scholarship and one WSU Veterinarian student scholarship.

From transporting to fostering to volunteering, Roger and his wife Beverly as well as his brother Dean and his wife Sue, are very committed to the success of Wags to Riches and help us in so many ways, too numerous to list here.

The Vandiver family sponsorship was well beyond the Great Dane level this year.

We are very grateful to them for all that they do for Wags and the very important role Roger continues to play in the future of Wags to Riches.



“Avail Home Health, Inc. is a family owned business started in 1981 by Cyndi Mullenhoff, an RN with family ties to the Yakima Valley since the 1860’s. The goal of Avail is to help folks and their pets remain in the comfort of their own home while assuring the highest standards of care are maintained.

Avail offers home health aide services for all ages, from infant to seniors and licensed nurses for the medically fragile. “We encourage you to call us to learn what home care can do for you. Stop by our offices at 4706 W. Nob Hill Blvd or give us a call at 966-8000.”

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

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## WAGS TO RICHES THANKS YOU!!

*How do we thank you enough for helping make our BBQ and Brew such a success?  
PLEASE LET US TRY!*

There are so many to thank that it makes me humble to even try.

Our emcee's **Jenifer Wilde and Thane Phelan** were excellent as usual. Then add our Auctioneer **Paul Newman** to the Jenifer and Thane show and away we went. There were amazing items auctioned off. Donna Menard of **Classic Events Catering** wowed us with her dinner.

Wags has done some amazing things this year and the faces of the animals and the faces of the people in the Video proves it.

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 \$15,000.00. 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 DONORS

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