

WAGS TO RICHES

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ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

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FIRST CALL - 08-25-09

I just got off of the phone with Bob. He got a phone call at 6:57am this morning from someone on the Wet side that was over this weekend and went river rafting. Their raft flipped and they lost their dog. Good news/Bad news..... the animal was wearing a life vest. Could be good, could be bad. The little guy (a long haired dachshund) was seen floating away. Bob is looking for volunteers who can go up to the site, with him, where they flipped and help look. Sooner, rather than later..... this afternoon is what he was hoping for. KIM

We have to remember Crumb was lost in the woods and found on the 10th day. Copper dog, who no one heard anything from (not the owners, the people who came to pull the jeep out.....no one) was found alive and well on the 5th day. It still brings tears to my eyes, nearly a year later when I think about being a part of that rescue!!!!

UPDATE: 08-31-09

Wags volunteers have searched the area and have floated the river with no luck. There had been a group with about 10 people searching in the area where Lucky was last seen. They didn't see anything.

The owner was going door to door with Lucky's picture and asking everyone. She had one encounter that left her with some questions so she was going to pursue that some more. KIM

UPDATE: 09-01-09

I am in touch with Tammy (Lucky's Mom) almost daily. There have been a few sightings of small, brown, long haired dogs all the way to Yakima but have not been able to find this little guy. Have our cards from here to Ellensburg, so if he does show up we should hear something. We are waiting a few days before we go door to door again. Hopefully we have better luck next time. BOB

UPDATE: 10-02-09

OMG!!!! Wags friends, you are not going to believe this. Bob (aka Bob'll do it) is up in the river canyon right now with a live trap set to catch a long haired dachshund that has been coming around every night about 5pm to eat, but hasn't been catchable...Could it be LUCKY!!!!???

KIM

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UPDATE: 10-03-09

Too good to be true. Was not Lucky. :o(It was a small, trap savvy dog though (used its muzzle to trip the trap and walk away) and so Bob will be out working on getting it. Would hate to think of it on it's own especially with winter coming! KIM

We haven't given up. We will continue to follow any leads we get. Wags volunteers have floated the river, have walked the river several times and have gone door-to-door in populated areas trying to find Lucky. There have been several other attempts to locate him that we have not included here. It does seem more certain that Lucky was found by somebody in the area who wants to keep him. We will keep you updated.

3 CHOW CHOW RESCUE- Meet Manny

Wags received a call 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. When the harness was removed from Manny he had lacerations on his back that were infested with maggots.



Mahana and **Buddy** were just a bit more socialized. Thanks to the hard work of Bob Chism and Darlene Picatti, they have been vetted and are now at the Northwest Chow Chow Rescue in Oregon where they will have new loving homes found for them.

We would like to say a special Thank YOU to Darlene, who has Chows of her own and was willing and able to help us save these 3 dogs lives. She was right there to help us gain custody of the animals, she fostered them and worked with them and and went with us to the Vet. We will keep you posted on them.

THE REST OF THE STORY- BABY BELLE

Many of you are familiar with Wags to Riches rescue of 23 Poodles in June. We were uncertain how many might be pregnant. Several days later Baby Belle was born to a dog who had never been a mama nor did she know how to be one. This picture taken June 21th, 5 days after her birth. She is along side another baby that was born to another mama, Shelly Lynn, 2 days later.

At the time this picture was taken she was so weak that we didn't know if she would make it. Bob and Pam, Tracy and Kristin and other Wags volunteers played a part in her survival as did mama Shelly who accepted her right away. It took a few days of being hand-fed formula to get her strong enough to nurse from Shelly.



THAT WAS THENTHIS IS NOW

Dear Donna:

We have been really busy today, September 7th. I bathed our new lovely, wonderful and love angels this morning, clipped nails, cleaned ears, trimmed their feet up a little, clipped around their eyes just a bit, and in general fluffed them up a bit. I took the enclosed picture & them realized Bella had a few more pieces of hair I had to clip that covered her beautiful eyes. I did that and don't have a picture of it and they are both tuckered out so I don't want to disturb them. Hope this picture will do. I think they feel better and they smell wonderful. I think our other girls will accept them more readily now that they have the same shampoo, conditioner as they use. What a joy!



We also took them shopping and bought a couple of new snuggle day beds, made name tags, bought a little travel bag (with complete mesh on all four sides and the top) so we can put them on top of the doggie buggy and can take them to Farmer's Market when the weather permits. We also bought them little harnesses for when they can be walked. I'm going to make an appointment with my vet tomorrow and expect a glowing report on both of them.

LET THE VOTING BEGIN!!

You get to choose who will be on the Wags To Riches 2010 Calendar by going to our website www.WagstoRichesAnimalRescue.org and look for the big white star.

There are 133 entries this year to choose from. From October 1st thru the 5th we have had 442 votes cast.

Voting will be \$1 per vote and you can vote as often as you like so email all of your friends and have them get busy and vote for their favorites. **(All proceeds benefit the animals that are rescued by Wags to Riches Animal Rescue and Sanctuary.)**

Watch for more details, on our website, about how you can purchase one or more calendars. These are beautiful calendars thanks to all of your entries and votes.

They will make great Christmas presents.

PHOTO'S WITH SANTA CLAUS Mark your calendars now

November 22nd & 29th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wags to Riches and Manning's Dog Training have teamed up for Photo's with Santa.

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 will put your photo on a CD so that you can make high quality copies.

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

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.

The first of many thanks goes to our **Event Sponsors**. Avail Home Health, Inc., Almon Commercial Real Estate, Pinnacle Alliance Group, LLC and the Vandiver Family. Please see more information on our Sponsors on page 4. Our **Table Sponsors** Yakima Veterinary Clinic and Tieton Drive Animal Clinic (The home of the "Singing Vet") also played a huge part in this event.

Our **Donors** gave generously and it was because of the respect for Wags and what we do for the community that we were able to get incredible items for both the Live and the Silent Auctions.

Our **emcee's Jenifer Wilde and Thane Phelan**. Jenifer would do anything, even get Laryngitis, so that she wouldn't have to sing in the Karaoke with a Twist contest. Thane didn't sing but he was great with Jenifer. Then add our **Auctioneer Paul Newman** to the Jenifer and Thane show and away we went. Of course who could forget **TJ Martin**. Between the 4 of them, well what can I say....AMAZING!

The video created by **Bob Chism** was amazing and it really touched everybody. Wags has done some amazing things this year and the faces of the animals and the faces of the people 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.

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 tireless 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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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.”

Cyndi also donated over 120 stuffed dogs and cats, saving them from “Life in a Box”. During an adopt-a-thon, on the evening of the BBQ and Brew, over 80 of these stuffed dogs and cats were adopted and found new homes. Since that event another 15 have also been adopted.



“Almon Commercial Real Estate is Yakima County’s largest and most experienced full-service commercial real estate brokerage having been formed in 1992 and is comprised of 6 full time commercial licensees and 2 licensed staff assistants.

Our in-depth knowledge of the local commercial market is second to none as our licensees spend a majority of their efforts between Ellensburg and Prosser, having never listed for sale or lease any property outside our area of expertise and comfort, and our efforts are often collaborative with an emphasis on teamwork and maintaining an open working environment.”

In addition, Anne is a member of our Board of Directors and a member of the Merlin Scholarship Committee. As Board Secretary she is kept busy keeping the original Wags Book, sending out Minutes and Agendas and providing advise. We also thank her parents Bill and Joanna Almon for their sponsorship and support of Wags.



“Pinnacle Alliance Group, LLC and its subsidiaries are in the senior housing industry. The goal is to meet the wave of the baby boomer demand by developing desirable senior living and care communities below the market rate so to add valued benefit to our senior residents of more amenities at a great price, and added valued benefit to our investors of great returns. The family of companies provides development, investor, owner and care giving services.

Our Team offers senior residents a commitment to excellence, a full range of services, and choices necessary to provide quality of life and self-fulfillment with independence, autonomy, dignity and respect. President Mark Adolf brings more than 30 years of experience in developing real estate to the company. One of his greatest talents lies in his ability to successfully complete projects on time and in budget. Pinnacle Alliance Group, LLC and its subsidiaries creates a Team that excels to achieve the best for senior residents, investors, staff and municipalities with the fundamental of building excellence with integrity.”

Mark and Anita are special friends of Wags and we appreciate all of your help, advise and kind words.

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. Along with the Board of Directors, Roger has been instrumental in guiding Wags to a successful first year.

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.

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 and help us in so many ways, too numerous to list here.

RESCUED - THE REST OF THE STORY

First of all, Donna I am sorry I did not have a chance to meet you when we came to pick up Eleanor. Second, I thought you all would like to hear how Eleanor is doing.

Well, we renamed her to Catalina or Lina for short. She is adjusting to her new home nicely. She loves our back yard and will hang out outside whenever she can. It is very helpful that Dude, our black lab is crazy about her. They are now best buds!!! They play constantly from the moment they wake up and will go on for hours – just what we were hoping!!

She is so mellow and calm (in a good way), easy going and very eager to please - it makes her even more lovable. We call her the Princess! She is doing well potty training too but we have a way to go before we can stop putting training pads on the floor. That is ok, we do not mind at all.

In a few months we will be enrolling her in obedience class (after she is Spayed). I think she will be easy to train. She already knows few commands especially the word “sit,” for treats!!

She is bringing us so much joy. We are feeling very lucky to have her in our lives (Dude feels the same). We promise to take good care of her. I cannot stop spoiling her. Thank you very much for giving us opportunity to give her a loving home. We really appreciate it. Enjoy the enclosed pictures.

Please share this with your wonderful folks. Kim and Bob and someone else (that I cannot recall her name) were especially nice. Please extend the big Thank You to them for me.

Bee and Mark



RESCUED - THE REST OF THE STORY

Hello Donna and Darlene!!

This is just a little e-mail we are sending to assure you and the rest of the shelter that Brindi is fine and that we have fallen in love with this little dog! We plan on sending photos and more info most likely this weekend or early next week.

She is learning our neighborhood very quickly, is starting to eat much more and is of course catching long naps on our couch! She's getting used to the sound of the city and we have been going on more and more adventurous walks with her.

It has been difficult to get her to drink a regular water without adding some sort of beef broth, milk or something to entice her. Was she fed water in any special way? Meaning, maybe by a fountain or running water? It could be that it is just going to take some time. Brindi loves running up and down our stairs and has already claimed ownership of our condo compound! She loves music and reaching up to you and we pretend we are all dancing!

We're so thankful for your Foster/Shelter, she is literally boosting our lives into an even more positive direction ! Both Ngai and I have already stated to each other that we don't want a day to go by without her!

Cheers to you Donna, Darlene and friends and family that welcomed us out east and know that you and your shelter will always be in our hearts!

James and Ngai



GAP WEST BROADCASTING, 107.3 FFM AND DJ LIL MIKEY!!!

Don't forget to tune in on Thursdays at 9:20 am and listen to Mikey as he brings you information about an adoptable animal as well as what Wags is up to.

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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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



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(Educator)**

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made by the Vandiver Family to establish
Bentleys' Education Fund named after
Wag's first Education Dog.**

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**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 deduct-
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purposes.**

**We are sincerely grateful for every donation.
THANK YOU!!!**

**RESCUED, SAVED,
and counting...
323**

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