

WAGS TO RICHES



ANIMAL RESCUE
AND SANCTUARY, INC.

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FEBRUARY-MARCH 2023

Spay~ghetti and No Balls Fundraiser

March 4th, 2023 ~ 4pm-7pm
~ Henry Beauchamp Community Center ~
1211 S 7th St, Yakima

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Proceeds to benefit our "Spay it Forward Program"
to Spay/Neuter companion animals in our Valley
for Low Income/Disabled/Active Military

\$12 adults - \$5 kids 12 & under

Dine in OR Take out

Tickets AT THE DOOR



There is absolutely no question that Spaying or neutering pets will stop the incredible number of dogs and cats that are left on their own, to fend for themselves and hopefully survive from starvation, lack of medical care, wild animals such as Coyotes or Eagles.

Just as tragic is the terror of an animal that runs in front of a vehicle on the road and just isn't fast enough to avoid being hit. Or, the sick feeling when you realize that you did not see them in time to slow down. Consider how many animals running across the road cause serious accidents.

One other factor.... Pets are healthier and can live longer if spayed or neutered. (See next page for more information about the health of your pet and how much longer they can live.)

Spay and Neuter are expensive and not every owner can afford to have their pets fixed.

You can help by coming to dinner with Wags!!!

WAGS' SPAY IT FORWARD PROGRAM

February is National Spay & Neuter Awareness month, and also the month that we GENERALLY hold our Spay~ghetti and No Balls Fundraiser but for the past two years Covid had other plans and we have had to cancel this event. **Well, we are back!!**

PLEASE NOTE: There is a change of month and a change of location.

Spaying and Neutering is the ONLY way to stop the continuing growth of unwanted and unloved and homeless dogs and cats. Unfortunately, **"busy boys"** are still out there looking for **"hot mamas"** to get pregnant.

Puppies and kittens are still being born. Some of them are loved and have loving families but many more of them are homeless, dumped or discarded and ignored and their lives are short.

Our Spay it Forward program offers free Spay and/or Neuters to those who can not afford the cost of the procedure.

It is easy to get lost in statistics, but when you consider that over **2.7 million** animals are **euthanized** in the US each year because of a lack of birth control .

In **six** years, one female dog and her offspring can produce **67,000** puppies.

In **seven** years, one female cat and her babies can have a staggering **370,000** kittens.

This all goes without mentioning all of the very real health concerns for the animal, and the skyrocketing vet bills when the animal has complications later in life from remaining intact.

- In **female** dogs and cats, spaying almost completely eliminates the risks of ovarian and/or uterine cancers. Spayed females also experience fewer mammary gland tumors.
- In **male** dogs and cats, neutering eliminates the risk of testicular cancer and also decreases the incidence of prostate disease.

In these ways, spaying and neutering may potentially save pet owners thousands of dollars in veterinary costs later on in the animal's life. For both males and females, spaying and neutering **increase the animal's life expectancy by one to three years in dogs**, and by **three to five years in cats**.

Do yourselves, your wallet and your pets a favor.

SPAY IS THE WAY - NEUTER IS CUTER

The Donna Prime Senior Pet Companion Program

Many researchers have found that the most serious disease for older people is not Cancer or Heart disease...it is loneliness. It may sound more like a poetic image than an overwhelming medical reality but people die of broken hearts. Love is the most important tonic we have and pets are one of nature's best sources of that tonic. Dogs and cats help everyone overcome the pain of loneliness by supplying companionship and affection.

These are quality of life issues for them. A study of the American Journal of Geriatrics demonstrates that seniors living on their own who have

pets tend to have better physical health and mental well being than those who don't. They are more active, cope better with stress and have better overall health. They also reported shorter hospital stays and less healthcare costs than non-pet owners.



Our Senior Pet Companion Program assists low income seniors who have pets. These seniors often



have to choose between caring for their pets and caring for themselves. Meals on Wheels told us that they had found seniors who were sharing their food with their pets rather than letting their pets go hungry.

Wags to Riches can address the need for veterinary care so seniors can keep their pets longer. In some cases it is a matter of vaccinations, spay and neuters or general medical care but because the pets are often older dogs or cats the Veterinary care is more expensive and not affordable for the seniors.

Many animals will suffer or be euthanized without this program and your donations.

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Our darling late dog who brought so much joy!

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LOVE LETTERS TO WAGS

10 years ago. . . Posted on petfinder ...This is just a fabulous little dog. She is sweet as can be, well mannered, loving, happy, curious, fun and a great size for an apartment, small home or travel companion and at about two years old, has her whole life to give to someone special.!!!

10 years later.... Dear Wags to Riches Friends! It has been just over 10 years since we adopted our girl Nellie (aka Daphne while there.) Joanie is me, the lucky companion of Nellie. Since Nellie was adopted, she joined us at home on 2 acres in White Salmon, WA where she loved Gopher hunting, trail walks, outdoor adventures and other dog friends.

Her other mom passed about 7 years ago, and Nellie has been such a dear sweet girl as we both found our way forward. We moved to another state. Nellie & I are thriving with so many sunny days to play outside. Except when too hot. Then it's early walks and grassy areas only, in the afternoons. She is healthy and still very active, especially for her 12+ years of age. Nellie has made so many people and dog friends here. We visit our favorite dog park a couple of days a week and walks at a nice lake near us. She is the mascot here in our community at pickleball and bocce ball when we gather the play. She is sooooo sweet and soooo loved.

I just wanted to share this story of success for Nellie and me, and Wags to Riches. We are so lucky to have great people and the great organization of Wags to Riches! Thank you!!! From Joanie and Nellie



Nellie enjoying wildflowers in Joshua Tree Nat'l Park



In appreciation for all you do and especially making Ella (formerly Bella) available to adopt six years ago today!

She is all we hoped and prayer for.

Sincerely,



Jim and Georgea Long



To Honor

Sweet Sierra

Still going strong at 11 years young and loving her more every day.

James Coppedge

To Honor

**Dana Dwinell & Ken Rose
donation by**

Thankful For

Elli Blu

donation by

Ken Flaks

Thankful For

Irene Anderson

Christmas gift for my favorite Aunt

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