

WAGS TO RICHES

AUGUST -SEPTEMBER – 2026



ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC.

Wags BBQ and Brew Event 2026

Together, we ONCE AGAIN changed lives that night!!

Dear Friends,

On the evening of our recent fundraising event we, once again, invited you to join us in doing something extraordinary.

You responded with generosity, compassion, and commitment—and for that, we are deeply grateful.

Because of your support, more animals in crisis will be rescued, cared for, and given the chance to know love again—perhaps for the very first time. Your generosity also allows us to reach future generations through education about respect, compassion, and responsibility toward animals—lessons that will strengthen our community for years to come.

Your support is helping us confront the **urgent problem of pet overpopulation** in Yakima County by making spay and neuter services available to families who otherwise might not be able to afford them.

In 2025 alone, **more than 1,300 spay and neuter procedures** were provided through Wags programs. You, have helped make a remarkable difference in the lives of thousands of animals—and in the future of our community.

Your generosity also provides life-saving medical care for animals who might otherwise have been abandoned or discarded. Because of you, these animals now have the opportunity to heal, find safety, and become cherished members of loving forever families. **SEE ONE EXAMPLE THAT OCCURRED on September 1st. on page 5.**

Equally important, your kindness is helping **Senior Citizens in Yakima County keep their beloved companions by their side.** These pets are often their closest friends, their family, and sometimes even their protectors. Because of you, seniors can continue sharing their lives with the animals they love—**helping them enjoy longer, healthier, and happier lives together.**

Your belief in the Wags' mission shines through in every gift, every act of kindness, every decision to stand beside us.

On behalf of the animals, the families who love them, the seniors who depend on them, and our Wags family, please accept our heartfelt gratitude. Your kindness writes a new story for every life saved.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A very special thank you to **Doug Rich**, our awesome Emcee and Auctioneer, who guided our evening with laughter, fun, and plenty of love for Wags. Doug kept the evening moving, kept us on schedule, and helped bring our BBQ & Brew celebration to a successful and memorable finish!

Our heartfelt appreciation also goes to our incredible **Event Sponsors** and to Coca-Cola Bottling, Bale Breaker Brewing Company, Valley Brewing Co., Vandervate BBQ, and Bear Event Services for helping make this event possible. Your support means so much to Wags and to the animals whose lives are changed because of it.

And finally to the many Wags Volunteers and Board Members who worked behind the scenes, rolled up their sleeves, creating fun and to honor the 250th Birthday of America, gave their time, energy, and hearts to make this happen — THANK YOU! It truly takes a village to put on an event like Bbq & Brew. We could not have done it without you.

NOTE: Last year at BBQ & Brew, Wags brought our **2024 Spay It Forward** numbers to life with a balloon drop of more than **800 balloons**—each one representing a Spay or Neuter we were able to provide.

This year, in celebration of **America's 250th Birthday**, we wanted to make an even bigger statement. 13 buckets each filled with 100 American flags and each flag signified a Spay or Neuter.

When you looked around that stage and saw the buckets of flags you were not just seeing **1,300** flags.

You were seeing **1,300** lives changed.

And behind every one of those lives were the generosity, compassion and support of the people who believe in what Wags to Riches is doing. Together 1,300 plus 800 is more than a number.

It is a reason to celebrate!

Sponsors Spotlight

Tibetan-ish Mas~hound Mals Sponsor

Our highest sponsorship level is the Tibetan Mastiff, but once again, Bob & Lisa proved that even that wasn't quite enough to describe their incredible support. So, we call them our **Tibetan-ish Mas-Hound Mals** — part Tibetan Mastiff, part Irish Wolfhound, part Malamute and 100% Wags to Riches!

But their connection to Wags goes far beyond sponsorship. Bob & Lisa adopted Berry & Bonzo from us back in 2016, and they have been part of the Wags family ever since. Their love for animals and their commitment to helping homeless pets has never wavered.

Although Lisa wasn't feeling well and couldn't join us at this year's BBQ & Brew, she and Bob were there in spirit — and their generosity certainly made its presence known!

Bob & Lisa, thank you for continuing to believe in our mission, for loving big, and for giving big. Your kindness helps make a difference in the lives of the animals who need us most. From all of us at Wags to Riches — **human and furry alike** — **thank you for being such a special part of our family!**

Tibetan Mastiff Sponsor

Brent & Michelle were once boots-on-the-ground volunteers with Wags to Riches, giving their time, their hearts, and their helping hands to the animals who needed them most.

When life took them to a new state, we missed having them close by — but distance never changed their love for Wags or their commitment to our rescue family.

Usually, travel keeps them from joining us at BBQ & Brew, but this year, we were lucky enough to have them back in the room — cheering, hugging, laughing, and celebrating alongside us. And having them there made the evening just a little more special.

Brent & Michelle, thank you for proving that rescue family isn't measured in miles. It is measured in heart.

Irish Wolfhound Sponsors

When we say Wags to Riches is fortunate to have the very best standing beside us, Summitview-Cowiche Veterinary Clinic is exactly what we mean.

For years, SCVC has been more than a sponsor. They have been a trusted partner, providing exceptional veterinary care, expertise, and compassion to countless animals in our community. Their support has helped us give rescued pets the care they need to heal, thrive, and find their way to happier lives.

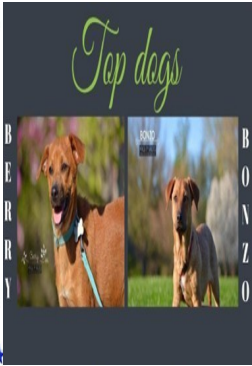
Founded in 1989 by Dr. Michael Lust, Summitview-Cowiche Veterinary Clinic has always been grounded in family, community, and a commitment to excellence. In 1992, Dr. Ken joined his father and continued that tradition, bringing his own passion and expertise—with special interests in Internal Medicine and Laser Surgery. In 2005, he took over ownership and has continued serving animals and their families with dedication and heart.

And the future of SCVC is looking just as bright. Dr. Natalie brings an impressive background, including her WSU education, immunology research at Johns Hopkins, and her roots in the Columbia River Gorge. Most importantly, she brings a genuine love for the animals and families in her care.

To everyone at Summitview-Cowiche Veterinary Clinic, thank you for all the years of support, service, and partnership. Thank you for helping us keep tails wagging, for caring for the animals who need us most, and for believing in the mission of Wags to Riches.

We are incredibly grateful to have you by our side—and proud to call you part of the Wags family.

Thank You

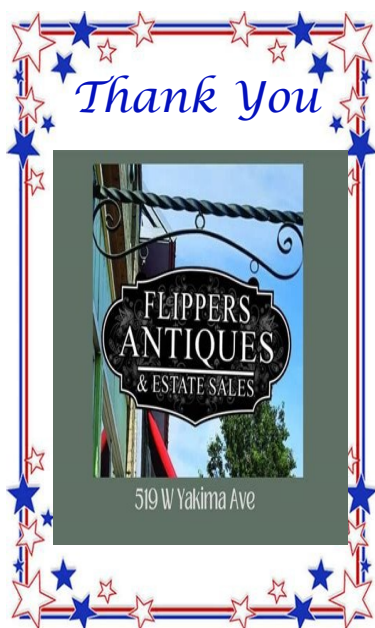


Thank You

BRENT
And
MICHELLE
HUDSON

Thank You





Irish Wolfhound Sponsors

If there were a trophy for going all in for Wags to Riches, Ginnie and the crew at Flippers Antiques & Estate Sales would need an entire shelf to hold theirs!

Ginnie has been a loyal Wags supporter for years, but she doesn't just sponsor our BBQ & Brew—she somehow manages to turn it into a Flippers celebration for Wags!

And Ginnie doesn't keep the Wags love to herself. She invites Flippers' vendors to join in the fun and celebrate with us. Seeing that many people proudly supporting Wags because of Ginnie and Flippers was pretty special.

And then there's our favorite little secret...

If you visit the Flippers Facebook page, you may find more posts about Wags than about Flippers! Now THAT is what we call dedication!

Ginnie and the entire Flippers family, thank you for continuing to show up, bring people together, give so generously, and champion the animals who need us most. Your support reaches far beyond a sponsorship—it inspires others to care, to give, and to become part of the Wags family. We are incredibly grateful for you and all that you do.

Irish Wolfhound Sponsors

Justice Law Yakima — Standing With Families, Standing With Wags

For years, Justice Law Yakima has been a trusted advocate for families throughout the Yakima Valley. Once again this year, they showed that their commitment to helping others extends beyond their profession, standing beside Wags to Riches as a proud Bbq & Brew sponsor.

Justice Law Yakima brings compassion, experience, and understanding to some of life's most challenging moments: Divorce & Family Law ~ guiding families through difficult transitions with care, compassion, and sound legal guidance. Child Custody & Support ~ keeping the well-being of children at the heart of every decision. DUI & Criminal Defense ~ helping clients navigate difficult circumstances with experienced representation and a commitment to achieving the best possible outcome.

We are truly grateful to Justice Law Yakima for supporting rescue, supporting our community, and helping us make a difference for families of every kind — both two-legged and four-legged.

Irish Wolfhound Sponsors



Yakima Valley Veterinary Clinic — Caring for Pets Through Every Season of Life

Wags to Riches is especially grateful to have Yakima Valley Veterinary Clinic join us as a sponsor of our BBQ & Brew event, helping us raise much-needed funds for the animals in our community.

Yakima Valley Veterinary Clinic is a full-service animal hospital providing routine wellness care as well as medical, surgical, and dental services. Their experienced veterinary team cares for pets through every stage of life, from those first important checkups to their cherished senior years. The team at Yakima Valley Veterinary Clinic strives to create a calm, comfortable environment where pets can feel safe and receive the quality care they deserve.

And for pet parents looking for a new veterinary home... Yakima Valley Veterinary Clinic is currently accepting new clients. They are also open on the first and third Saturdays of each month, except when those dates fall on a holiday.

We are truly grateful to Yakima Valley Veterinary Clinic for choosing to support Wags to Riches and for the wonderful care they provide to the pets and families we send their way.

Thank you for helping us care for the animals who mean so much to the people who love them. Together, we can help keep beloved companions healthy, happy, and by their families' sides for as long as possible.

Malamute Plus Sponsor



Kathi Mercy & Yakima Theatres — Bringing Entertainment and Community Together

Some sponsors support Wags to Riches once, while others continue to show up for us year after year. Kathi Mercy and Yakima Theatres are one of those special supporters, and we are incredibly grateful for their continued generosity as one of our most supportive Bbq & Brew sponsors.

Yakima Theatres gives our community several great places to enjoy a night at the movies, including The Majestic in Union Gap, Yakima Cinema on 16th Avenue, and Orion Cinema & Mickey's Pub on East Chestnut. And if you haven't experienced Orion Cinema & Mickey's Pub, you're in for a treat! Unique to Yakima, it brings dinner, drinks, and a movie together under one roof — with your meal delivered right to your theater seat. Talk about making movie night easy!

Whether you're catching the latest blockbuster, enjoying dinner and a movie, or simply looking for a fun night out, Yakima Theatres continues to bring entertainment to our community. But for us at Wags, their support means something even more special. Their generosity helps us continue our mission of giving homeless and abandoned animals a second chance at the happy lives they deserve.

Thank you for continuing to stand behind Wags to Riches and for being such a wonderful friend to our rescue. We are grateful for your support, your generosity, and everything you do for our community — both two-legged and four-legged!

Thank you, Kathi Mercy & Yakima Theatres, for helping us keep the show going for the animals who need us most!

Malamute Sponsor



G.S. Long Co. — A Faithful Friend of Wags to Riches

Some supporters become part of the Wags to Riches family simply because they believe in what we do. G.S. Long Co. is one of those special supporters, and we truly cannot say how much their continued generosity and commitment mean to us. For years, G.S. Long Co. has stood behind Wags to Riches, helping us raise the funds we need to care for the animals in our community. Their support has been consistent, generous, and deeply appreciated.

G.S. Long Co. serves agricultural communities throughout the Yakima Valley, Columbia Basin, Horse Heaven Hills, Ellensburg, Wenatchee, and Oregon's Hood River Valley. With offices located throughout these major growing regions, their team provides customers with consulting services, crop protection, nutritional inputs, and product delivery.

But at the heart of G.S. Long Co. is something that means even more to us — service. Founded on customer service and committed to being a service-oriented company, their team works hard to support their customers with everything from field service to product delivery and all the important details in between.

We are incredibly grateful that G.S. Long Co. continues to share that spirit with our rescue and the animals who depend on us. Their faithful support helps us provide care, hope, and second chances to pets who desperately need them.

Thank you, G.S. Long Co., for being such a loyal and valued friend of Wags to Riches. **Your generosity truly makes a difference — and we are more grateful than words can say.**

Pomeranian Sponsors

We would like to say a very special thank you to our Pomeranian Sponsors.

Brumback and Ottem Injury Law

Dean and Jeanne Burkheimer

Graff Investments

Sara Cate and Russell Maier

A Special Thank You to..... Chris & Kim Wertenberger

Thank you

**COUNTRY
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**Chris
Wertenberger
509-834-2121**

A very special thank you to Chris and Kim Wertenberger of COUNTRY Financial in Union Gap for their generous sponsorship of our 2026 BBQ & Brew—and for donating the Heads or Tails game and an incredible prize valued at over \$1,200! Every year, without fail, they donate a Heads or Tails prize that is at least \$1,000.00

Heads or Tails has become one of the most anticipated and entertaining parts of our evening. It gets everyone involved, brings out plenty of laughter, and, without a doubt, is one of the most fun moments of the night for our attendees!

COUNTRY Financial is a group of U.S. insurance and financial services companies serving customers in 39 states. They offer a wide range of insurance and financial products and services, including auto, home, life, and commercial insurance, as well as retirement planning, investment management, and trust services.

We are incredibly grateful to Chris and Kim for not only sponsoring Wags to Riches, but for helping bring fun, excitement, and generosity to an evening dedicated to changing the lives of animals in need.

**It is one thing to tell you about some of the work that we do but it is another thing to show you.
This was unexpected and our volunteers deserve a big round of applause.**

**↓
We hope this will show you
how important our work is and your participation and donations at Bbq and Brew.**

On September 1st, one of our volunteers arrived at the ARC (Animal Rescue Center) to take care of 2 recent intakes for the owner passed away. As she arrived she found the plastic storage bin, that we have outside the door, missing it's lid. **Inside was a very tiny 3 week old kitten left inside the container.** A cardboard box, with a shirt was left in the container, which the kitten probably climbed out from under the shirt. It had been placed there sometime after 7:30 pm the night before, as a volunteer did evening shift, and it definitely was not there then.

QUOTE FROM VOLUNTEER..."I FIRST THOUGHT THE KITTEN WAS DEAD. It was almost ice cold, wet and no visible signs of moving or breathing. As I lifted it out of the container, it flinched and gasped. I rushed it to our Vet." The crew worked fast. Her eyes were completely crusted over, she was extremely dehydrated and in hypothermia. It was a mere couple of hours before she would have succumbed in the cold."

To make a long story short....she has surviving and is doing well so far, thanks to the incredible work of Summitview — Cowiche Vet Clinic staff and the quick thinking of our volunteer. She is named Morticia by Vet. Staff.

In a review of our security cameras Wags volunteers were able to retrieve video. Other pertinent information was also retrieved but we choose to not make it public at this time. Footage shows a male putting the box in our container at 12:35 am which means the kitten was outside for 7 hours

EDITOR: Let me be clear...It is illegal, in the State of Washington, to abandon an animal. VIOLATORS MAY FACE PENALTIES INCLUDING FINES AND POTENTIAL IMPRISONMENT.



*Sometimes if your lonely,
Just remember they can see,
There's holes in the floor of heaven,
And they are watching over you and me.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
AUDREY SAHNLEIN
Excellent Wags to Riches Volunteer
donation by CAROL BARANY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JESSIE GRAHAM
A faithful donor to Wags to Riches
donation by BEVERLY CAMPBELL

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LES (BUTCH) MEACHEM
For all the kitties he fed
donation by COREY AND ANN BERG

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CLAUDIA COOKSON
Beloved Wife
donation by TIM COOKSON

PETS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
INKY
BELOVED 12 YEARS OLD
donation by Richard and Judy DeZarn

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BEAU MASON
BELOVED 12 YEARS OLD
donation by PATRICK AND TAMI MASON

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
KATIE AND
PEE WEE
donation by KAREN ROFF

PETS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TURBO, TUFFY
AND LEXI
donation by KAREN ROFF

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BLACK DOG
donation by - DR. RODGER E.A.TAYLOR

PET RECOGNIZED

MARY LOU
donation by - BARBARA BRYON

STAND DOWN VETERAN BENEFITS FAIR



**FREE services for all Veterans and their
immediate family members.**
Saturday October 31st 2026
(0900-1400)

Location

State Fair Park Sun Dome
1301 S. Fair Avenue Yakima

ANTICIPATED 100 SERVICES ON SITE!

*Wags to Riches will once again be there offering
free Spay and Neuter Vouchers including Shots
and Micro-Chips, as well as assistance with
Veterinary bills for the pets of our
Military Veterans .*

*Wags will also have some pet food and other
supplies such as collars, leashes, etc..*



HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY

SAGE WILLIAM
LUNDBERG

FROM:

BARBARA
LUNDBERG