

Yakima Valley Pet Rescue



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# The Scoop!



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## Spring and Summer Dangers!

### Facts and Figures:

In the first quarter of 2011 we have adopted to forever homes 82 dogs, and 44 cats.

We have helped 57 cats and 189 dogs find new homes through our no kill rescue partners.

### Dates and Places:

May 7th Canine and Wine Walk; Cherrywood BB&B 11:00 a.m.

May 7th Art 7 across from the Lofts on N. 3rd St. 6:00pm to 9:00pm

### Keep YVPR in mind

while you are spring cleaning. Save your gently used items for our annual Yard Sale.

### All these events

benefit YVPR.

For more info Call 248 3113 or check our events calendar at

[www.yvpr.org](http://www.yvpr.org)

### Our cats and kittens

will be at Petco 7 days a week and we hope to see you at Farmer's Market this summer too!

This is the time to be sure your pets are protected against ticks, fleas and that they are vaccinated against the many diseases prevalent in our valley. What a great place for pets with people who **do** care about them. So many great walking and hiking areas. Be sure to do these activities when the weather is not too hot and of course, be sure to never leave a pet in a car without proper ventilation! Plenty of fresh water and shelter from the weather is important any time of year. Water is a great place for some dogs who love to swim but the irrigation canals that run in and out of the city and country can be very dangerous places for pets! Read the story below!

As Observed and Written by Mark McAllister

*This afternoon I received this email alert:*

*Mark:*

*Harlan and I were just out for a walk and saw a dog down in the spillway. It is a small dog; we only got a glimpse of it because it is very frightened. We did see that it is partly white. It was headed south of the bridge at the top of our hill. We first saw it when it was closer to Wertenberger's bridge.*

*Please send out an alert and we would be glad to help if needed.*

*Thanks, Barb*

*Luckily I happened to check the email around 4:00 and picked up on the need to respond to investigate. I grabbed a long rope, and my daughter Kali and my son Andrew went with me on two ATVs to search for the dog in the spillway.*

*We located the dog, but he would not come to us and kept running down toward a steep drop-off area in the spillway. We retreated back up the spillway where I contacted Desi Verbrugge with Yakima Valley Pet Rescue to see if she had a cage trap that we could set in the canal to attempt to catch this little guy.*

*No telling how many days this dog had been in the wet canal.*

*Desi happened to be on her way home with her kids at the time, and in the general vicinity. She offered to meet me at the scene to figure out how we could capture the cold, wet and hungry little guy.*

*When Desi arrived, we jumped on my ATV and went down the spillway access road. We located the dog which we observed just beginning to go over the dangerous down-slope of the spillway just before this Roza spillway goes under the Sunnyside irrigation canal. On this down-slope, there also is a waterfall half-way down the steep drop-off. This waterfall is where runoff from the Union gap canal skimmer is spilling a large amount of water into this Roza spillway and creating an increased and very dangerous water flow.*

*Too many canals to understand here, but suffice us to say there was a lot of water just below where Desi chased the dog back up the spillway before he got into that deeper and dangerous water.*

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## PET PEEVES! GOT A PET PEEVE? LET US HEAR ABOUT IT!



**Inappropriate sniffing and/or romantic overtures.** No two ways about it, in the human world it is just plain "Bad Form" when Fido wants to get to know your guests in the way dogs know and understand, sniffing the back end or worse yet "loves them...with unbridled passion"! Your pet is social too and wants to interact with you and your guests but needs to learn that it is an unacceptable way of

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*Desi happened to grab a bag of pet treats out of her Toyota when she jumped on my ATV to go down to locate the dog. Desi discussed with me about her getting into the spillway and trying to catch the little guy.*

*Before I could **duck soup**, Desi was lowering herself down the straight up and down sides of the spillway and there she was in about two inches of cold water.*

*Desi kept squatting down and feeding this hungry little guy the doggie treats, but she just couldn't seem to grab his collar. He was just too frightened to come much closer, or be touched, but he sure wanted to eat. Desi could touch the dogs nose, but that was about as close as she could get. He kept walking north up the spillway away from the serious danger, and that was the best thing at the time. In the slimy water, the little dog kept turning around every little bit to get another piece of doggie treat, and Desi kept on following him.*

*I suggested I go to my shop and bring back a fishing net to try to catch net the dog, but Desi said she was getting a little closer to being able to catch him and wanted to try this calmer approach first. Already, I could see she had much more patience than I would have had. I just kept walking up the side of the spillway with her in the water while I was trying to keep out of the dogs sight, and I continued to make silly comments and apologizing for getting her into this mess. She said that is what she is here for, and actually praised me for calling her. That's Desi. After a while, the spillway began a gradual slope upward and it became very difficult for Desi to negotiate the slick cement bottom on the increased slope. There was slick green moss growing on the bottom of this cement lined spillway. From my vantage point on the side of the spillway, just out of sight of the dog, I many times could see Desi's head, but she was skating backwards in the slime. She would grab the cement wall to keep from falling down. She could just barely reach the top of the wall with her fingertips. She kept on going like a duck would take to water and continued to laugh through it all. I don't know how she kept from falling down, it was so slick. If it had been me in there, I would be floating in the Yakima River, about down to Prosser by now.*

*Desi ended up walking up that spillway at least a half mile before she got to dryer cement ,but she still couldn't grab the dog. My patience was long gone by now and I felt we needed to resort to force now, so I left my daughter Kali to be of assistance to Desi, and I took off on my ATV and went to my shop to bring back the large fish net on an aluminum pole. I also grabbed a can of wet cat food as well.*

*When I arrived back at the scene, Desi had already gotten out of the spillway by an emergency escape ladder that was attached to the cement wall. Cont.>>>*

**Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.**  
-Roger Caras

**Pet Peeves (cont. from page 1)**

acquainting themselves with a guest in your home. These situations should be handled with the command "Leave it" or a strict "OFF!" if the offense is of the romantic nature! If that fails then a doggy time-out is a must. With consistency they will soon figure out that the canine form of "Getting to know you...Getting to know all about you..." in humans is literally the opposite of theirs; we prefer to socialize face to face. Go figure. Next issue, Constant Barking. [If you have a Pet Peeve, write to us about it to newsletter@yvpr.org](mailto:newsletter@yvpr.org)

*Yep, there was the little dog still down in the spillway, standing in the water, looking up at Desi for more treats. Desi said she could go to Yakima and get the cage trap and we could set it, but it would be 9:00 before she could get back down here with that trap. I suggested Desi get back in the canal and offer the dog the can of wet food and while he was eating it, scoop him up in the net. **IT WORKED!***

*Within 40 seconds of Desi lowering herself back into the cold water of the spillway, Desi finely had the dog. Let's hear it for men with madness to their method. After exactly one hour and five minutes in the water and a half mile hike in the bottom of that wet, cold, slimy canal, Desi accomplished what she set out to do. Even though Desi was in nice tennis shoes, not very warm clothes for the windy, cold afternoon, and didn't have a coat, she did not hesitate one bit to jump in the water to do the right thing.*

For pictures & more on this story, go to <http://www.yvpr.org/successstories.html#conclusion>

Please note, this particular circumstance was very dangerous and it is not YVPR's standard course of action or role to respond as the volunteer in this instance did; she went above and beyond for a pet in dire straits. We will help if possible in a crisis IF there is a volunteer willing and available to assist. YVPR consists of volunteers that do not ever want to see pets in any type of desperate predicament. It is up to the pet owners and the pet loving population to prevent these situations from happening in the first place. Please, be responsible pet owners, it makes YVPR's job much easier!

**Thanks to all of you who thought of YVPR during the harsh winter times. We had 2 very successful pet food drives thanks to Naches Middle School 5th Graders and Terrace Heights and Moxee Elementary. Between the 3 schools we nearly filled this trailer with food for the pets in need!**



**Darlene Vaughn and her T.O.Ps partner raised money for YVPR**

**And with the many generous donations and help from the community and to those who attended our 8th annual Chili-Feed/Cook-off, we are able to help keep are operations running. Attendance was down but due to our silent and live auctions we feel we were quite successful. It can't be done without the chili teams!! Thanks to all of you! Michelsen's Packaging was our winner, 2 years in a row!**



**Four Legged Hero**

Testimony from a foster mom...

Dusty is a 3 year old Corgi whose owner didn't want her anymore and her home had always been the backyard in all kinds of weather. She had 7 babies soon after I took her in as a foster; after they were weaned at 6 weeks they were transferred to another no-kill puppy shelter. YVPR had her spayed to ensure she would never have to take care of her own babies again; she has even gotten back to pre-pregnancy weight! Soon after, YVPR rescued six 10-day old puppies left at the shelter after their mom was killed by a car. Initially two other fosters and I shared the bottle feeding duties for these pups. In the meantime, Dusty was soon cleaning and trying to feed the two I had even though she had no milk. That gave me the idea, what if we brought all the puppies together to my home with Dusty so they would have the advantage of a four-legged surrogate mom. This gives the puppies the nutritional needs from the foster mom and the social and canine learning skill from Dusty. So now there are 6 babies of unknown origin in my office, eating and growing daily thanks to Dusty! This is why I foster, for stories like this make my heart happy!! Coreen



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**Success!**

We are so happy to have adopted "Cal" from you guys! He has been named Jake Fisher Phillips. We call him Jake. He has adjusted pretty darn well. He sleeps in a crate at night and for the last two nights all my husband had to say was "Quiet down.. time for bed" and he was out and slept for 7 hours. So we find ourselves very lucky to have him. And he is amazing with the kids. He took right away with my daughter and me! My son is working very well with a relationship with him but he sure does like the woman in our family! If you could pass along "Thanks yous" to Beth his Foster.. She has done an amazing job with him. He is pretty calm for a puppy! But also can light it up when he is playing!!! We are so happy with him! Thank you! Thank you for everything. We will post pictures when we can. "Jake" is lying by my feet right now sleeping calmly. Awesome! The Phillips Family

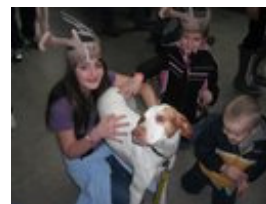


I want to share and thank you for allowing us to have Scarlett in our lives and a part of our family. We love her so much. She walks the kids to and from school each day where she loves seeing all the children. As well as exploring our 1 acre yard. Scarlett has been around us 24/7 since she arrived last week. She is eating well and getting lots of exercise. I am able to give her Reiki healing treatments to assist in her earlier trauma. Even though it has been less than a week, I cannot image life without her.

Please let the young 17 year lady know her actions (Scarlett's rescuer) made a huge difference in our lives! She should never stop being courageous and bold. Blessings, Laura Garris [For more Success! go to www.yvpr.org](http://www.yvpr.org)



We had great success at the Sportsman Show at the Sundome in Yakima this year and hope to make it an annual event to connect with good folks and let them know that we are there to help out when they find dogs while hunting /fishing or if they have lost a dog while engaging in these activities. We helped rehome 6 rescued sporting dogs this year already. Our mascot for the weekend was Maizey and the winner of our raffle basket was Kathy Jacobson. Thanks Everyone!



*In Memorial...wishing peace in the hearts to those who feel the pain of the los of a pet friend.  
A donation was made in memory of Olive, Joe and Sherry Schnebly's beloved dog*

ASK THE VET!

There are so many varying opinions out there that issue's Ask the Vet question could not be answered by one DVM. So after getting conflicting information on this subject we asked if there were a universal group or organization to whom most DVM's belong, or regularly follow guidelines. The organization that seems to be the most regarded is the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA).



**What AAHA recommends:**

For many vaccines the recommendation is still to vaccinate adult dogs annually. Other vaccines have proven safe and effective following a triennial administration.

Puppies are a different story. Appropriate vaccine administration is considered "absolutely the most important," says Dr. Richard Ford, of the AAHA Taskforce and Professor of Medicine at North Carolina State University. As a result, AAHA recommends veterinarians follow all prior vaccine protocols for puppies.

For example, **the committee universally stipulates that canine parvovirus vaccines should be given initially at six to eight weeks, the second dose at nine to 11 weeks and a third dose at 12-14 weeks.**

"The guidance provided by the vaccine manufacturers, the ones that have been in place for years and years are still being advocated (for puppies)," says Ford.

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