



THE SCOOP

READ, SHARE, SPREAD THE WORD!

A PUBLICATION OF THE YAKIMA VALLEY PET RESCUE & ADOPTION CENTER

It's Cold Out There!

- Always make sure your dog or cat have a safe, warm place that they can get to when they are outside.
- Even when it is cold, make sure your pet has access to water. If water freezes, break it open several times a day.
- Bring your pet inside at night! Even cold hardy dogs can get sick after being in cold conditions too long.
- Take extra care of very young or older pets. Make sure that they are never in cold conditions for longer than necessary.
- Make sure when your pet is outside that it has access to grass. Cold concrete or packed dirt is very uncomfortable on bare feet!

Pups Saved In Wapato, But Mom Still On Chain

Unfortunately this story is not an uncommon one. Many dogs live their entire lives tethered or on chains. This sad girl was found with her puppies in dirty surroundings, without shelter or bed, and underfed. When Desi Verbrugge saw her, she made repeated efforts to convince the owners to release the mom and all

pups to YVPR. They resisted at first, but with continued persistence, and help from local law enforcement, she finally convinced them to release the puppies. Desi and YVPR also donated a dog house and food and have given mom and pups their needed shots. Desi is still working with the owners to get the mom spayed and hopefully someday, off the leash. For now though she will still be on a chain.



Many dogs like this are chained for life; females having litter after litter of pups with similar fates. These puppies were lucky, and will go on to be adopted to loving homes. But for every puppy saved, hundreds more go without help. Please encourage friends and neighbors to spay and neuter their pets, and to have humane living conditions for them. No animal

should have to live their life like this one does.

Pet owner education is one of the most important things that we can do for the animals in our community. And remember, if you or someone you know needs help with the costs of vaccines or spaying and neutering, YVPR may be able to help. Many times we can either help with costs, or find another home for a pet when their owners can no longer care for them. It is a better option then letting them be forgotten on a chain.

Chaining or tethering is a long held tradition for keeping dogs and many people just don't think about how this can effect a dog psychologically. Please read ahead for more on the effects on chaining or tethering your dog.

Is Chaining Your Dog Animal Abuse?

The answer, surprising to many people, is yes! Chaining or tethering a dog to a stationary object, if done for longer than just very short periods, can do immense psychological damage. When chained for hours, days, months, or years, an otherwise friendly and docile dog can become neurotic, unhappy, anxious, or aggressive. It can also effect their health, creating sores on their necks and leading to inadequate exercise. It can also be extremely uncomfortable when a dog must eat, sleep, urinate, and defecate in a single confined area. Any grass there will become beaten down into dirt or mud.

suffer from overall neglect, often being the victims of sporadic feeding, overturned water bowls, and exposure to extreme heat or cold. Just as important, they often receive little social attention. Unfortunately chained dogs can become easy to ignore.

Also extremely important is that chained dogs can become very dangerous to children. Many very

young children have been killed by chained dogs after accidentally wandering into their 'territory'. Chained dogs often become very territorial and aggressive.

So what is the best way to keep a dog confined? A fence is always best - and remember the importance of walking your dog often and bringing them inside when you are home. Your dog wants to interact and spend time with you—so take them off the chain and bring them back into your life!

You can find more info on The Humane Society website at: www.hsus.org/ and at www.dogsdeservebetter.org.



In addition, chained dogs usually

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Adult and senior pets make wonderful companions and there are so many needing homes today!



Looking For A Companion? Consider An Older Pet!

Often the first thing a person thinks when asked to consider adopting an older pet is: O.K. what's wrong with him? Or, why did someone get rid of her? After all, won't I just be adopting someone else's problem?

The reality is, is that when many older pets are surrendered, it's not because there is anything wrong with them, but because of an issue with their previous family. Many adult and senior dogs and cats come to YVPR after their owner passed away or entered a nursing home. Sometimes a family is having economic problems and can no longer afford to care for their pet. Sadly, many females are

dumped only because they are pregnant. And other times, the pet owner simply did not choose the right breed for their lifestyle (i.e. they got a border collie and they live in an apartment!).

Yeah we know - puppies and kittens are cute, but the truth is all puppies and kittens grow up to be dogs and cats before you know it. In the meantime you have to potty train them, teach them not to chew up your shoes or scratch the furniture, try to keep them from digging - well you get the picture.

Now of course we never discourage anyone from adopting the many kittens and puppies we have for adoption everyday, but

if you are looking for a companion, someone to walk with or sit in your lap, consider this: older pets usually already have had some training and know how to potty outside and how to walk on a leash. They are usually fixed and up to date on their shots. All they need is someone to love them.

Local shelters and foster systems are filled with adult dogs and cats. Senior pets are the most difficult to adopt. If you are looking for a new pet, consider an older pet and check out the many wonderful pets up for adoption now on our website:

<http://yakimavalleypetrescue.blogspot.com>

Adult Pets Looking For Homes...



My name is **Peggy Sue** and I am a 6 year old Chihuahua. I'm a little shy but love to cuddle and take walks. I'm also potty trained! I am cute and sweet so come get me!



I am a 10 year old kitty named **Tiger!** I am neutered, litter box trained, and love people. What more can you ask for!!? I need a home with a loving person who can care for me.



Hello, my name is **Rusty**. I am 14 years old, but I sure don't act like it! My owner passed away and I need someone to care for me. I love riding in a car and playing with other dogs.



I am **Bugsy**, a 7 year old kitty. I am litter box trained, good with other cats and dogs, and I love people. I'm gonna guess I'm purrfect for you! (O.K. that was corny!)



Wiley is one of the many pets that are currently in foster care. He was dumped in the Lower Valley. Isn't he a beauty! ?

Calling All Foster Homes!!!

YVPR needs your help! We are in serious need of more foster homes. We are having a difficult time finding places for our animals, as the number of unwanted animals exceeds the number of adoptions. In addition, our transport numbers are diminishing as other shelters are filling up. There is just simply not enough room for all the pets that need our help. If you have any room in your home and heart for a pet to stay temporarily until they can

be adopted, please contact YVPR.

All that is required is a safe environment (cats must stay inside, dogs must have a fenced yard) and a little love. YVPR can help with food costs and will cover all medical needs, such as spaying and neutering and vaccinations.

We especially need help with expecting mothers and older pets. As a foster family though, you can choose to foster the

pet that best fits your home and family.

Won't you consider joining our foster family?



The Courageous Story of Lilly

Lilly's story is all too common in the Yakima Valley. Many pet owners are unable or unwilling to spay or neuter their pets. When their female pet gets pregnant, they are no longer welcome at home.

Roy and Susan Simmons found Lilly on their daily walk near Franklin Park. She was very shy and clearly lost, but was scared and hungry and followed them home. They brought her to YVPR who placed her on the website for adoption. Roy and Susan agreed to foster Lilly until she was adopted, but soon noticed a change in Lilly - her belly was growing!

Thanks to their dedication and commitment, Lilly had a loving home while she was pregnant, and later as she cared for 8 puppies! It was a hard delivery for Lilly, and even though she lost her ninth puppy, she would have lost more if not for Susan's help.

After 6 weeks and lots of work, Lilly and her puppies were able to be transported to one of YVPR's partner no-kill shelters in western Washington.

Today Lilly and her pups are still being cared for until they are ready to be adopted, which will be soon.

The donations that we receive go to save, care for, and find homes for many moms like Lilly, and their pups. Thank you for your continued help!



Lilly when she was found this summer.



Lilly with 4 week old puppies, all hungry!



Each puppy looks and acts different! Daisy (above) was the only Chihuahua of the group SoHappy and Petunia are below.!



To make a donation, cut out the donation slip below and send to: YVPR, P.O. Box 944, Yakima, WA. 98907-0944

Yes!

I'll help give shelter, food, veterinary care and adoption services to lost, hungry and helpless pets in the Yakima Valley. Here's my gift of:

\$10.00 \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 OTHER \$ _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS RESPONSE CARD WITH YOUR GIFT!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO YAKIMA VALLEY PET RESCUE.

100% OF YOUR GIFT HELPS HOMELESS PETS IN OUR VALLEY.

A RECEIPT WILL BE SENT FOR YOUR RECORDS AND ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCIBLE. THANK YOU!

Yakima Valley Pet Rescue & Adoption Center is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, a dedicated group of volunteers who rescue abandoned and homeless animals, provide spaying and neutering, vaccinations, and medical care, and help pets find forever loving homes.

To help save costs for YVPR, we are no longer supplying return envelopes. Thank you for your understanding!

Please use my gift for:

- Where Most Needed.....
- Food Supplies.....
- Medical Care.....
- Spay / Neuter Costs.....
- In Memory Of.....
- Other



KIDZ CORNER! - color in the picture below!

RESPONSIBLE PET CARE BEGINS AT HOME!



- **REMIND MOM OR DAD TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PET!**
- **MAKE SURE YOUR PET IS UP TO DATE ON VACCINES**
- **GIVE YOUR PET A SAFE PLACE TO EXPLORE AND PLAY**
- **GIVE YOUR PET ACCESS TO FOOD, WATER, AND SHELTER**
- **YOUR PET NEEDS LOTS OF LOVE - TAKE THEM FOR WALKS OR GIVE THEM LOTS OF ATTENTION AND PLAY TIME**
- **TREAT YOUR PET AS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY - THAT IS HOW THEY THINK OF YOU!!!**

Help us take care of our foster dogs and cats. We need donations of quality cat and dog food (including kitten and puppy food) as well as cat litter (preferably scoopable). Consider asking folks at your school or work to help gather donations! For more info contact Catherine at: YVPR2149@aol.com.



Chili Feed Time!!!

Our annual Chili Feed is just around the corner. We are signing up volunteers and taking donations of items right now!!! If you would like more information on how to get involved, e-mail Tambra at: drivertambra2000@hotmail.com or keep an eye out for our special Christmas newsletter edition.

The Adoption Corner

Lives Saved

2003 - 274 2004 - 208 2005 - 245
 2006 - 421 2007 - 448 2008 - 649

To help animals, we do both direct adoptions from our foster home network and other adoption events, and transports of homeless animals to other rescue groups and no-kill shelters.

2009 - Saved So Far: 718 !!!

	Adoptions	Transports		Adoptions	Transports
Jan.	25	67	Feb.	11	65
March	17	44	April	46	106
May	26	132	June	28	82
July	09	20	August	42	19
Sept	21	18	October	not yet reported	

In Memorial...



To Sonya, a beautiful, sweet, loving companion of Grant, Carol, Kristen and Andrew. She was adopted from YVPR as a senior and we were glad to spend her last years with her.



Tim and Audrey lost their precious friend and companion Butter. Butter will live on in the hearts of the family forever. April 19, 1997 - May 21, 2009



Patches was an older dog when she came to YVPR and was taken in as a foster by Catherine. She was never adopted but instead was cared for by her loving foster mom until ongoing medical problems took her from us. She will be missed.

If you would like to make a donation on behalf of your beloved pet and post a photo and memories of them on our 'Beloved Memorial' web page, contact Catherine at: YVPR2149@aol.com

Country Critters - Join Tom, Thane, and Desi every Wednesday at 8:20am on FM 92.9 - The Bull



Adoptable Pet of The Month! Candi !!!

Candi was featured in May's newsletter after having been dumped and then having 9 puppies. All of her puppies have been adopted and now she needs a home too! She is 5 years old and loves people and other dogs. Come check her out!

Don't Forget!!

Yakima Valley Pet Rescue is holding their first annual Poster Contest!!! The due date is December 7th when they will be judged at the Board meeting. So get those entries in. See website for details on how to submit entry.

General Meeting

1st Monday of every month, **6:30 pm**, Jackson's Sports Bar (meeting room in back), 432 S. 48th Ave, Yakima, 98908

Have You Adopted A Pet From YVPR?

If so, we would love to hear your story! Please tell us about how your pet is doing and what they mean to you! We will publish at least one story in our Christmas and February newsletters.

So many pets get adopted from YVPR every week, and so often we never hear from them again. So send us 1-2 short paragraphs on your pet's journey from adoption along with a photo. If any minors (17 or younger) are in the photo, we need a guardian's permission to publish it.

Send your information and photo to: heathersr@charter.net.

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Remember that YVPR doesn't just rescue dogs and cats. We have rescued horses, pigs, ferrets, and even cute little pigeons like Piper!



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"Consider Adoption First!"

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Help **Yakima Valley Pet Rescue** spread the word about pet adoption, responsible pet care, and all that YVPR does! Please don't toss this newsletter when you are done with - recycle it! Take it to work, to the doctor's office, or share it with a friend. Help us get out our message!

If you would like to help YVPR save printing costs by receiving an electronic newsletter instead, let us know!

If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, or story ideas, contact Heather at heathersr@charter.net.

Thank You!!!

**Heather Simmons-Rigdon, YVPR newsletter editor
and Samantha, her YVPR rescued dog!**

