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The Scoop!

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Rescue Communities

Come Together to Help Many Pets in Need

Last June YVPR received a phone call from a man desperate for help with his sick uncle's loved but neglected pets. His uncle had been ill for some time and was not able to care for his pets in his usual fashion and making matters worse, a neighbor was threatening to shoot and bury the animals in a hole that he had already dug with a backhoe for that purpose while the uncle was away getting medical treatments.

There were 10 dogs (8 Malamutes, 2 mixed breed) several cats, and 3 horses. YVPR knew they needed help. They called in the Flory's, long time YVPR volunteers, and the Flory's in turn contacted their friends they work with at Pacific Northwest Border Collie and Washington Alaskan Malamute Adoption League got on board in the effort too.

Dedicated members of all these groups worked on assessing each animal for rescue. Some of the dogs were not socialized and it was unclear if they could be helped, but with patience all of them came around and were transported to no-kill shelters where they were sheltered or fostered or adopted out. Cat rescue groups from the region were notified. The cats were eventually rounded up and fostered and rehomed. A local horse rescuer was contacted and came daily to work with the horses, getting them gentled and prepared to transport.

During one brief week in June, many hands came together to save these animals. A person was

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We are in need of volunteers!

We are in need of fosters homes!

We are low on funds.

Can you help?

Contact Us

We are 100% volunteer and your donations are tax deductible.

You can help save the lives of many stray and unwanted pets.

Since our Spring Newsletter (sorry, we had no time for a Summer edition) YVPR has found new homes for 105 dogs and 34

prevented from unnecessarily shooting the animals, and we hope he has a better understanding of what animal rescue can accomplish. An owner can now focus on his health, cancer treatments and family.

And all of the animals have been adopted or are safe in foster homes. An old Rottweiler mix was accepted into Old Dog Haven Rescue and was adopted by 2 wonderful people from Rottweiler Rescue. A white shepherd mix was transferred to K9 Rescue and Rehabilitation in Redmond and found a forever home with a loving couple in Seattle.

The rescue community is an amazing group of dedicated volunteers who unselfishly spend their hard earned money and time saving animals. The family of the owner wishes to extend their sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the people who helped in this rescue effort.

For the full story and pictures please go to our website's Success! Page.

Ask the Vet! Arthritis

This time of year you may notice it takes a little longer for your pet to get up off their bed, or they may not be able to jump up on to your bed with ease or climb the stairs as quickly. This could mean that a little arthritis might be setting in.

Dr. Rowan at Animal Medical Center of Selah warns that treating your pet with human doses of anti-inflammatories such as aspirin or ibuprofen could prove to be very dangerous and cause severe side-effects. Dr. Rowan advises a vet check up to determine if your pet's stiffness is a serious condition that would benefit from professional vet care or if some veterinarian recommended over the counter remedies would be sufficient.

There is a wide range of arthritis and some types, if not a severe bone issue, can be treated with glucosamine or fish oil at veterinarian recommended doses. There are also non-invasive treatments such as massage, acupuncture, and acupressure. Dr. Rowan likes to teach her clients how these treatments can be done on the pet at home. There is a new treatment called cold-laser that is a non-surgical treatment performed at her vet clinic that is proving to be very beneficial to a pet with a bit of arthritis setting in.

cats.

We've also transferred 117 dogs and 46 cats to our no-kill partner shelters.

We have a great education program ready to be presented to children ages 10 through 13. This is a great way to help spread the word about responsible pet care.

We need groups to present it to! If you know of a classroom or youth group that we can visit with this program, contact us.

SUCCESS!

Check out Monkey!

A video by the very talented Robin Layton who adopted Monkey (the star!) from YVPR.

Janis, Buddy and I ran in the See Spot Run on Sunday. Janis ran with a shelter dog. Buddy and I came in second in the men's with dog division. We had a great time, for a great cause. Later, Jack

Improved footing on slick surfaces or ramps may increase confidence and mobility. If it hurts to watch your pet struggle to find its footing and travel straight, maybe it is time for a vet check to ensure a comfortable cold weather season where your pet can dream away on its bedding of choice about warming those old bones in the sun, next summer.

A big shout out to the Safeway Grocery Stores!

The Safeway stores spent 3 weeks in July collecting money for non-profit pet rescue groups and the giving was good! Thanks for thinking of the pets in need Safeway!

Keep in mind our annual chili feed. If you would like to be a 'team' or donate auction items, food or supplies or your time, contact volunteer@yvpr.org

Hope to see you there! (date yet to be determined)

PACK MENTALITY GOES GREEN!

YVPR would like to give a big shout out to those individuals who "pack up" and donate their recyclables to YVPR at Michelson's. We are grateful for every little bit that this pack effort brings in. It may not seem like much to you, but with all the caring YVPR supporters packing up together, it makes a significant difference in our ability to provide the various services and needs to the discarded and displaced members of our community. To join in the Green Pack effort, just take your recyclables to Michelson's on Second Ave and A Street and tell them to donate the proceeds to Yakima Valley Pet Rescue! Thanks to everyone who recycles for pets!

Pet Peeve #4: Spooky Greetings

Is your dog the goodwill ambassador of your home when people come to your door? Most are not; they are naturally protective of their pack (i.e. owners/family). So what do you do with Fido when your dog greets visitors in an unacceptable manner, whether it's jumping on them, barking repeatedly, or displaying aggressive behavior? Few people anticipate such problems, yet

Editor's note: Jack and his wife Janis are great volunteers and fosters for YVPR and supporters of all good rescue efforts. They adopted Buddy from YVPR 2 years ago.

Lexie totally loved the coast from the very beginning. I'm only sorry my camera's not great at capturing her in motion -- most of the time she was moving so quickly trying to smell and investigate everything.

She was a little sad to be back home I think but we're trying hard to give her lots of extra walks. This morning she did a fast 4 miles with me & my walking group. They of course loved meeting her.

You would not believe how quickly this dog now JUMPS into the back of the car! We just open the back door & don't even get a chance to give her a command; she just jumps in, ready to go on the next adventure!

Thank you YVPR so much for making it possible for Lexie to bring so much joy into

people anticipate such problems, yet they are common among dog owners, especially those with newly adopted dogs, and holiday activities can make dogs more excitable.

With Halloween upon us, and two more major holidays back to back, the short answer to this common pet peeve is: **Contain/Leash your dog before opening the door for visitors.** It is up to you to keep control of the situation. This will keep both dog and visitors safe.

For long term guidance to help you train your dog to greet people in an acceptable manner, read the Greeting Visitors tip sheet at: www.paw-rescue.org/PAW/DogTip_Greeting.html

Another important tip sheet for any dog person is at: www.paw-rescue.org/PAW/DogTip_UnsociableDogs.html.

This is a great resource even if your dog is sociable, because even a normally sociable dog can have a negative reaction to some strangers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YVPR

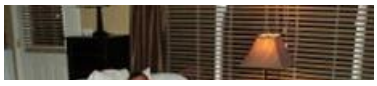
There are many ways to help us help dogs and cats in need!

- Volunteers to do phone work from their home
- Volunteers to transport animals to our sister shelters within a 2-3 hour radius
- Volunteers to assist at adoption events and help to care for dogs & puppies
- Short term foster families (less that 2 weeks in most cases, sometimes just overnight)
- Longer term foster families to help socialize, leash train and keep our animals safe
- On call handymen to help with landscaping, lawn maintenance & general maintenance of our small facility
- Volunteers to assist with fundraising, event coordinating and public relations
- Volunteers to help with administrative functions, including board member responsibilities, grant writing and adoption coordinators

If you can help us in any of these areas, please go to www.yvpr.org and fill out our volunteer application.

Together we can make a difference!

In Memoriam: Skip Hart



Skip, along with his wife Fern, was a

bring so much joy into our lives!
-Sophia and Pat

I'm in LOVE again! Bear, aka Houdini, had his big bath & brush on Sunday, saw his new vet today, and everybody is very happy! Especially ME and I think he is very happy too!

He is a very sweet & lovely dog...I'll keep you posted, thanks Pennie

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Edgar (now Bodie--Edgar seemed to formal for him!) is doing so great! He's only been home less than 24 hours and he has already settled in as one of the family.

He immediately bonded with my 3 legged, 9 month old Taiwan Street dog and they are soul mates! They have been running around exploring and playing from the minute he got out of the car.

Bodie is such a love and I'm so happy to have adopted him. I

wonderful supporter of Yakima Valley Pet Rescue. Skip passed away at too early of an age and with a heart too good to go.

Three years ago Skip and Fern wanted to adopt another dog in need and they found that dog at YVPR. That dog was Daisy Mae. Daisy Mae hit the jackpot when Skip and Fern found her on our website and Daisy Mae provided love and cuddles and care when Skip was not feeling his best. Skip was a wonderful family man and businessman and it was his wish to have donations made in his name to YVPR. Rest in peace Skip, you've helped many pets get the care they needed.

One More Success Story!

Dear YVPR, I just have to reiterate how much we love Ms. Haley. She is definitely coming out of her shell, she played big time with a French bulldog today at the park. And she and Max(our other newly adopted GSP) play often at home and at the park, he just tries to be a little more dominant, although, as our trainer says, she has a voice, and she exercises it very often with Max! They get along very well. She runs like the wind and often goes airborne, she's so delightful to watch, and many people have commented on it. As Lisa said, agility for sure! She sleeps peacefully by my head every night, although sometimes she snores (very lightly, I might add). For someone who didn't eat the first two-three days after we got her, she is now definitely all about the food. She groans and shakes when it's time to eat, and believe me, we don't under feed her. She loves my homemade tuna melts. Thanks again for Haley, Nancy & Lisa

Editor's note: read the tragic story of what led Lisa and Nancy to want to adopt a dog and learn of an awful problem with our infrastructure that is killing pets around the country.

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have included some pictures I took of him yesterday. One of him and Ruby playing, another of them taking a hard nap after the playing (with their toys all around them), and another of him making himself right at home! :)

Thanks everyone, and Happy Fall!

Donations make it all possible... THANKS!

Most of the pets we help re-home must first be altered. Many come to us in need of emergency or chronic veterinary care. Veterinary care is our biggest expense.

Thanks to all of you who have chosen to be on our enewsletter list. This means a

great deal of donated money can go to more important rescue needs, mainly veterinarian bills. **Click here to donate.** You will be directed to our secure donation page where you can choose to donate via credit card or Pay Pal.

Or, you can send a check to:

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In addition, we provide pet owner and spay/neuter education through our many events around the valley and state. We believe that prevention of unwanted puppies and kittens is the most critical way to reduce the number of animals that suffer hunger and neglect, or that die in shelters. PLEASE have your pet spayed or neutered to help solve the pet overpopulation crisis in Eastern Washington!

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