

Welcome to this issue of the Washington State Animal Response Team's bi-monthly newsletter! Find out what the President has to say, what deployments we've been on, where the next meetings will be, and where we'll be with upcoming events. [View this email in your browser](#)



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In a large animal rescue, much of the more expensive equipment needs to be replaced for safety reasons.

It's only possible because of you.

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General Meetings

March 21, 2020
1500-1700
Regional
Communications &
Emergency
Coordination Center
3511 NE 2nd
Renton, WA 98056

September 19, 2020
1500-1700
Regional

From The President

Staying Warm by Planning for the Year



It's been a slow season for deployments, but that hasn't stopped our WASART members from receiving the highest of accolades for their efforts this past month. Whether presenting on WASART's role in large and small animal emergency response at the NASAAEP* Summit, or preparing and hosting the annual holiday party, our members are continually recognized with honors for going above and beyond in whatever they do. It's just one of many reasons that

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Coordination Center
3511 NE 2nd
Renton, WA 98056

Meetings are open to all, members and non-members alike. The first hour is scheduled for WASART 'business' and the remainder with short training sessions and socializing. Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Training

Open House (free)
February 8, 2020

1 PM - 3 PM

[Regional Communications & Emergency Coordination Center](#)

3511 NE 2nd
Renton, WA 98056

Base & Operations Support

March 7, 2020

9 AM - 5 PM

[Remlinger Farms](#)
32610 NE 32nd Street
Carnation, WA 98014

Transport

April 11, 2020

9 AM - 5 PM

[Enumclaw Expo Center](#)

45224 284th Ave SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

Emergency Animal Sheltering

May 2, 2020

9 AM - 5 PM

30609 SE 352nd
Enumclaw, WA 98022

Base & Operations Support

This year's fundraiser will feature an enlightening presentation from Dr. Rebecca Gimenez Husted, the sole owner of Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue, Inc., and a Dessert Dash that's new to the program.

We are actively seeking donations for our silent and live auctions. We have found that items including baskets of goodies, bottles of wine for our Wine Pull (with a value of \$20.00+), vacation packages, tickets for fun outings with or without children, unique dining experiences, cultural events, and gift certificates have proven to be a wonderful way to raise funds. If you are interested in donating an item for the auction, or you are interested in reaching out to other organizations and businesses and would like materials to help guide your outreach, please contact Gretchen at event@wasart.org.

Please join me in supporting WASART in any capacity you can during this slow time and help get the word out into your community!

Josette Holden

President

**National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs*

Microdisasters and Stats at the NASAAEP

WASART had the privilege of presenting at the [National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs](#) (NASAAEP) 2019 Summit. The summit is attended by government disaster planning individuals, state agriculture officials, veterinarians, nonprofit representatives, and academics, including researchers from as far away as New Zealand.

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1 PM - 3 PM

[Regional](#)[Communications &](#)[Emergency](#)[Coordination Center](#)

3511 NE 2nd

Renton, WA 98056

**Base & Operations
Support****September 20, 2020**

9 AM - 5 PM

[Foothills Veterinary](#)[Hospital](#)

28512 112th Street

East

Buckley, WA 98321

Annual Exercise

(free)

October 23-24, 2020

8 AM - 6 PM

[Enumclaw Expo](#)[Center](#)

45224 284th Ave SE

Enumclaw, WA 98022

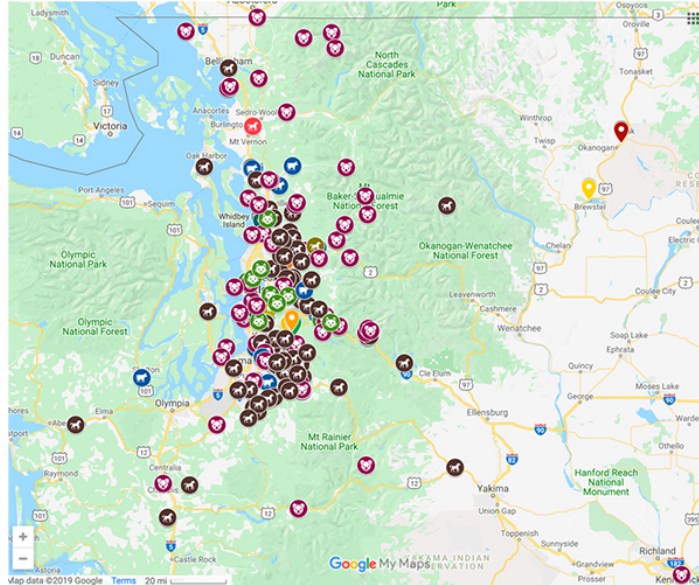
Upcoming Events

The 2020 event schedule will be announced in the next newsletter.

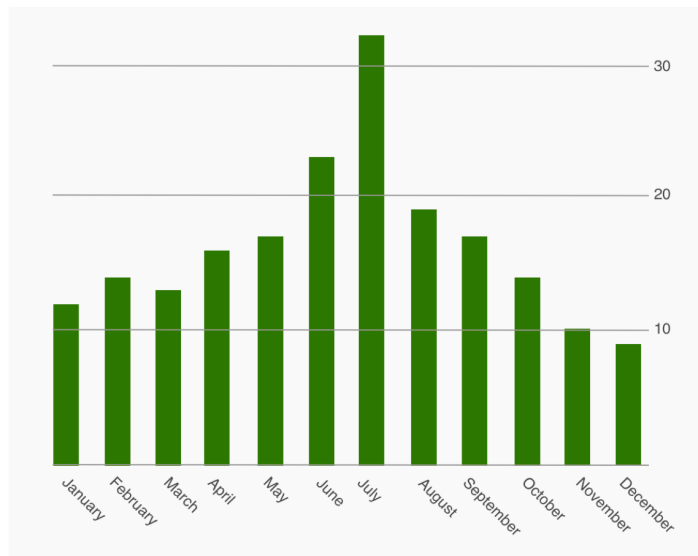
Did you know we're often available to talk to your group about WASART or disaster prep?

emergency animal rescue as microdisasters.

Featured in the talk were statistics from all of WASART's rescues, from our formation through 2019.



Distribution of response from 2007-2019.



Distribution of response by month for 2007-2019.

2019 In the Rearview Mirror

owners through disaster preparedness, education, and emergency response.



One of 2019's more difficult rescues, Kodin rescue at Gothic Basin was also a rescue that made use of the right skills. Wrapping the paws well keep everyone from having to spend the night while waiting for more people and resources.

2019 is behind us. Before we get too far into the new year, it's appropriate to take a look back and see what happened last year and how well we did. First, we didn't have as many deployments in 2019 as in 2018, when we had an all-time record of 41 missions. 2019 started slowly, with no deployments in January, and ended the same way – no deployments in December. For the full year, though, we deployed 33 times, to assist horses, pigs, dogs and cats that had gotten into trouble in a variety of ways.

We held our 3rd annual "Raise the Hoof" fundraiser in March and it was our most successful effort yet. It was good that it was, because we realized during the year that our growing complement of technical rescue equipment was exceeding the carrying capacity of our rescue box van (known as "WASART3"). We needed a new van, and the funds from Raise the Hoof helped us to afford one with larger load capacity. "WASART4" is currently being fitted out to carry our rescue gear and will soon be in service.

The Board of Directors has recognized for some time that WASART was neither trained nor equipped to deal effectively with water rescue emergencies. Last year the Board decided that it was time to explore

members have expressed interest in joining the newly forming Water Rescue Team. The group will begin training early this year, hopefully to have a fully operational water rescue capability in 2020. Our Technical Rescue Team has continued its rigorous rope rescue training routine to maintain its proficiency, which was essential in many of those 33 deployments last year.

We greatly appreciate our close working relationship with the Search and Rescue community, and it's gratifying when they return the appreciation. At the 2019 Washington Search and Rescue Conference in Ellensburg, WASART's co-founders Gretchen McCallum and Greta Cook were each awarded Meritorious Service Awards for their vision and leadership in forming WASART and developing it into the outstanding organization we have become.

Summing up, 2019 was a year of accomplishment and progress, which we expect to continue into the new year.



APRIL 4, 2020

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE
WASHINGTON STATE ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM

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Join us for a fun filled evening with wine and appetizers, a dessert dash, a live auction, and a talk by [Dr. Rebecca Gimenez Husted!](#) Find out more at <https://wasart.org/raisethehoof>.

Renton Technical College
3000 NE 4th St
Renton, WA 98056
4 pm-7:30 pm

<https://wasart.org/tickets>
email: event@wasart.org
<https://wasart.org/donate/>

Training Curriculum Changes



Members explore mechanical advantage as it applies to rope rescue.

As we start a new decade, the Training Committee is putting the final touches on a revised curriculum. To provide the most relevant training we're expanding our online sessions and condensing in-person trainings.

The primary focus was to combine our core trainings, Base Support and Operations Support, into one class now cleverly called Base & Operations Support. This course is required to deploy. Transport training was

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Sheltering will be updated later this year.

Key changes to Base and Operations:

- Combined into a one day totally hands-on training
- Online video course segments, required prior to in-person training, are being created
- Offered 3 times a year: March, June, & September
- The cost for the one-day training has increased to \$100 (still less than the previous \$130 for 2 separate classes).
- Recertification (required every 3 years unless 2 qualifying deployments) is 50% of regular tuition. We *strongly* encourage rectifying members to also take the in-person training but only the online sessions are required.

Technical Rescue and Water Rescue teams (open to all members) will provide advanced training which will be added to the calendar as available.

We're also working to improve the online registration and training resources on the [WASART website](#).

You can check out the newly revised training curriculum online [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the Training Director at training@wasart.org or the Registrar at registrar@wasart.org.

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