



# 2020 WASHINGTON STATE ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM ANNUAL REPORT





## Aligning to our Vision

What to say about 2020. A year that took on a new meaning across the globe, It's difficult to separate that four number word from a summary of WASART's trials and tribulations.

It feels like a lifetime ago when King County was considered the nations Covid hotspot. Some of WASART's daily challenges included determining whether we could all safely touch the same rope, exhaustive equipment cleaning, evaluating each call by our responders' ability to safely distance, health screening of the animal owners who needed our support, and some may even remember the fearful conversation when we heard this invisible threat could spread to animals. We welcomed new members over Zoom during virtual knot trainings, and endured gruesome hikes in the summer heat donning masks and safety glasses. Nevertheless, WASART safely responded to nearly 30 deployments, rescuing dogs, cows, horses, and even some young goats across King, Pierce, Snohomish, Lewis, and Whatcom Counties while maintaining county-specific protocols regarding group sizes and masking requirements.

The WASART Training committee along with our Technology and Communications committee were already hard at work to provide more virtual training opportunities so we could make our base and operations courses more accessible. These virtual efforts gave us a great jumpstart in adapting to more

virtual training formats.

If 2020 brought one great thing into our lives, it was 30 minutes of Corgi Cam following our 4th Annual, Raise The Hoof: Paws Up For Animals virtual fundraiser. A sub-committee of techies formed to work alongside the fundraising team to put on our first ever online auction, hosted by Live Oak Studios, and raised nearly \$25,000.

This year also provided WASART the opportunity to serve the Tacoma area by setting up and staffing an emergency animal shelter for those with COVID19 who did not have arrangements for their pets. With the shelter set up and ready, the committee was able to provide just-in-time training to teach volunteers basic animal handling, animal intake and housing, and all the intricacies of working in an urban shelter environment.

Perseverance, safety, caution, and adaptability were just a few of the more common themes of 2020. Fortunately these themes are all too familiar for an organization bred to prepare for the unexpected. Our 13th anniversary just proved that our training in these areas extends to every part of the organization. From volunteer coordination, outreach, fundraising, credentialing, training curriculum, technology, supply, transport, technical responses and more; WASART stayed true to its mission to help animals and their owners in emergencies.

In gratitude,  
*Josette Holden, President*

**WASART's vision:**

To be the premier animal disaster response organization throughout the Northwest.

## Vision

- Recognized as a model for other animal response organizations
- Member of the Governor's Readiness Council
- State accreditation/recognition/appointment







RESPECT

CREDIBILITY

HONESTY

ACCESSIBILITY

ETHICS

## Values

### Mission statement

Helping Animals and Their Owners in Emergencies

### Integrity

We do what we say we can do. Above reproach as well as morally and legally responsible for our actions and decisions.

### Education

Developing and sharing knowledge and technical expertise. Utilizing skills and available resources to inform and train members and the broader community.

### Professionalism

Excellence in reputation and delivery.

### Teamwork

Collaborative skills, experience and training, and willingness to work with each other and other organizations. This allows us to expand our capabilities. Respectful collaboration to efficiently achieve our goals.

### Volunteerism

Personal commitment to participate; to participate to the level we can. We are committed and we believe in our Higher Purpose.



## 2020 At a Glance



30

Deployments



152

Members



34,604

Miles traveled



4,902

Volunteer hours

619

Professional hours

\$238,305

Volunteer value\*

\$96,710

Professional value\*\*



\*Value of non-professional volunteers' hours (at WA rate of \$33.02/hr. 2019 rates, most recent available. Source: [independentsector.org](https://independentsector.org))

\*\*In-kind value of hours donated by professional volunteers, donating their skill and time in their professional capacities. Rates are reported by the individual.









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## Balance

Assets & Liabilities	2019	2020
Total Assets	\$228,020	\$234,989
Total Liabilities	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$228,020</b>	<b>\$234,989</b>

## Income



Fundraising and Income	Amount	Percent
Contributions, gifts, and grants	\$84,954	91%
Program services revenue	\$995	8%
Investment income	\$90	1%
Promotions & merchandise	\$965	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97,004</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Expenses



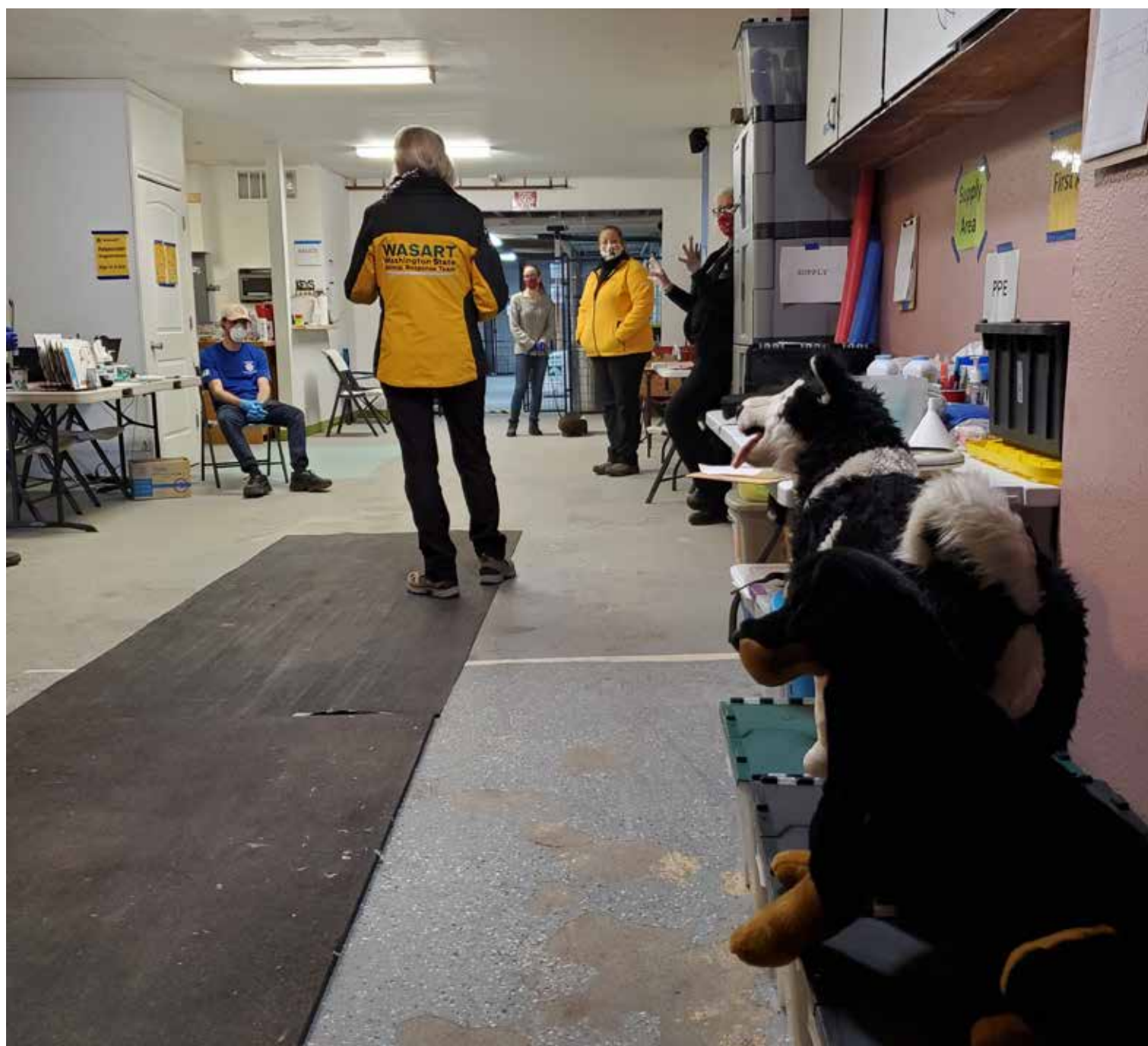
Summary of Expenses	Amount	Percent
Program service expenses	\$73,041	83%
Management & general expenses	\$9,353	11%
Fundraising expenses	\$6,024	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88,418</b>	<b>100%</b>



## The Pandemic Year

### A Team Apart

Like every other organization, WASART had to adjust to the new challenges brought by the pandemic. It meant a slow down, then a halt to our training. It meant we opened a shelter on behalf of Pierce County in expectation of animals that needed care while their owners suffered through COVID-19. It meant we cancelled all of our in-person events, including our annual fundraiser and outreach appearances where we educate people on disaster preparedness – ironic since we were all living through a disaster in slow motion.







## Outreach

### We Miss You All

Outreach for 2020 was limited to two events, a booth at a horse expo and a presentation at a horse disaster prep event. Aside from the pleasures of meeting with the public, our outreach focus is on helping people prepare for disasters so they can take care of themselves. We look forward to getting back to this.



## Agility for Survival

We cut back on our in-person education offerings and moved what we could to online. Much of the training we do is muscle memory, so while we put more effort into online resources such as on-demand videos, in-person training was completely cut for a while in adherence to State of Washington guidelines.

Additionally, we had planned 2020 to be the year to begin training and formation of a swiftwater team. This was necessarily delayed.



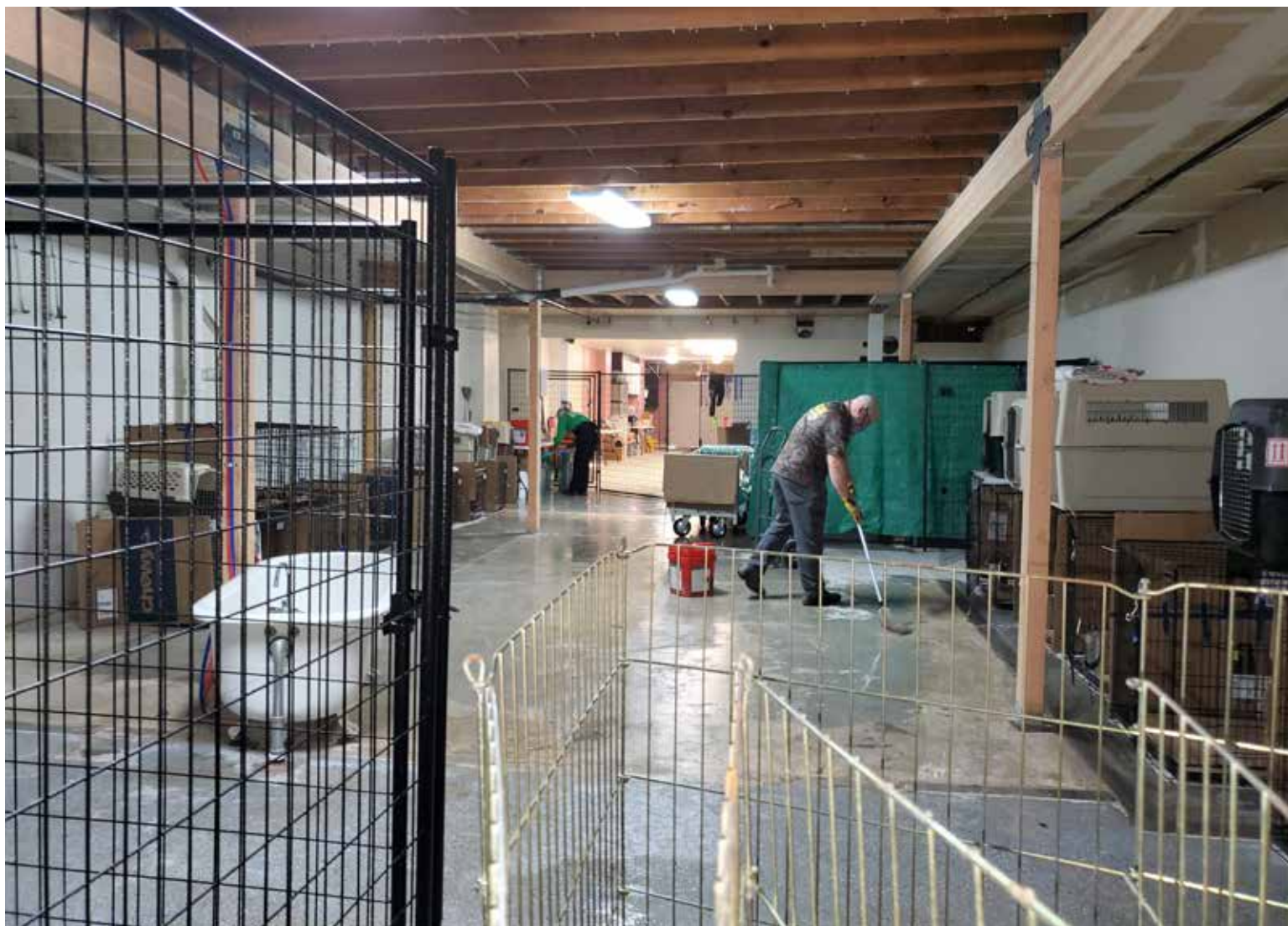


## Working Closely As a Team While Staying Safe

The pandemic complicated emergency response. Information changed often and we are fortunate that our contacts within the Department of Emergency Management kept us both up-to-date on the most current information and requirements. We wore masks during deployments and distanced from each other. We carried extra masks for animal owners who didn't have any during the beginning of the shutdown as we all got our bearings in the new rules of engagement. Fortunately, nearly all of our callouts are outside, often on trails, or in barns where there is a lot of airflow.







## Emergency Sheltering

### Responding to an Unknown Disaster

Sheltering events tend to be more rare than emergency response of the technical nature, but this year, we got the opportunity to put our training to use when Pierce County asked us to open and staff an emergency animal shelter when, expecting large numbers of people to be ill from the pandemic, there was concern some of those affected would have pets with no one to care for them. As we waited to see who might be in need of help, we used the opportunity to polish our sanitation procedures and train new members.





## 2020 Response Highlights







## Sam

Fortunately for all of us, Sam, a four-year-old 130 lb. Newfoundland wasn't stranded too far up the Dirty Harry's Balcony Trail.

We'd gotten a call from Sam's owner and headed out after getting permission from King County to do so. Our call coordinator also called our friends in King County Explorer Search and Rescue (ESAR) to see if they might be available and willing to assist. July is a busy time of year—definitely the busiest for us and we know ESAR was busy as well.

Just the night before they'd assisted us on another callout for a dog, also stuck up a trail. Sam was only about 25 minutes up the trail and laying calmly and breathing normally on the side of the trail when we arrived at his location. His owner had doused him with water in case the issue was

heat exhaustion. We weren't sure what the issue was. It could have been heat exhaustion or it could have been an unknown injury, so we handled him carefully. We rigged an emergency lift harness from a section of webbing so we'd have a way to tie him to the litter. We put a quick emergency muzzle on him. It's our policy to do so—injured animals may react out of fear or pain and we do everything we can to keep everyone safe. ESAR had the litter ready to go. We coaxed him into lying on his sternum rather than his side briefly so we could tip the litter under him. We got it under him as far as we could, then pulled him the rest of the way on. ESAR members usually carry Thermarest foam pads and the team had leant Sam some for the bottom of the litter so he could ride more comfortably.

We tied him in quickly with a couple of webbing straps we attached to the harness. After that

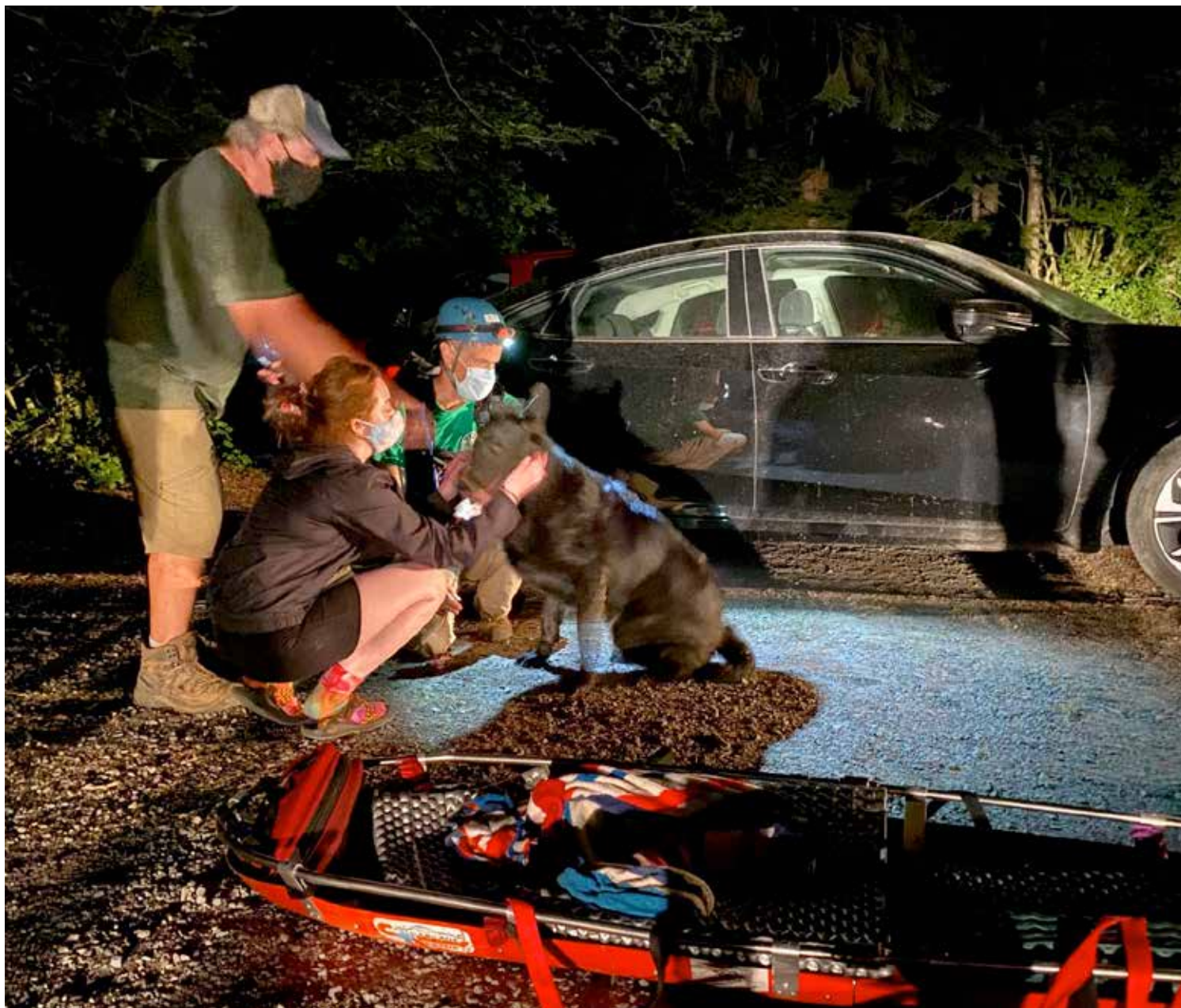
we lifted him up while a couple of the team members attached the single wheel to the bottom of the litter. As soon as we were ready to go we checked in with Sam again, who seemed calm and accepting of what was going on. At that time we felt safe enough to remove the muzzle to allow Sam to pant and cool himself, we decided it was safe enough for us and certainly better for Sam to be able to cool himself to have it off.

We headed carefully down the trail. More ESAR volunteers met us on the way down, lending extra hands and fresh muscles to the trip down the trailhead.

We stopped occasionally to offer Sam some water and swap out volunteers on the litter.

We made it down safely and loaded Sam into the owner's car and they headed off to the emergency veterinary hospital.





## Kodi

Kodi had some issues on Mt. Si and could not continue down. The King County Sheriff's Office contacted us to travel up the trail and help get him and his owner safely back to the trailhead. He was a black German Shepherd, roughly 75 lbs., about three years old. We joined King County Explorer Search and Rescue (ESAR) and climbed up the trail to find Kodi and his owner. The owner sat on the side of the trail, Kodi lay beside him with his head resting on the owner's thigh. The owner's hand rested across Kodi's ribs.

The original call had come in as

probable heat exhaustion, but we suspected it could be something else. However, heat exhaustion was something we could at least assist with, if it was the case, so we made sure Kodi stayed soaked with water. The owner had already started the job with his own water by the time we were there and one of the ESAR volunteers had a towel she'd let Kodi borrow to help keep him cool and wet.

Our volunteers took a look at Kodi, put a soft muzzle on him and rigged him with an emergency lift harness so we could secure him to the litter for the ride down. ESAR had the litter and wheel ready to go — ESAR mostly deals

in their abilities to manage a one-wheeled litter with a top-heavy load in it. They brought the litter over to Kodi, and we lifted him into the litter. We secured him to the litter with some webbing attached to the harness. We radioed down we were ready to go, and then we headed out.

With ESAR's expertise, we navigated the rocks and switchbacks of the Mt. Si trail. Kodi rode with his head held high and those of us not taking a turn on the litter could almost always see his black ears sticking up. It took a bit of time to get him down the 1,750 feet or so of elevation. It was dark by the time we rolled into the parking lot where the owner and Kodi reunited with the owner's daughter.







Did we get it wrong?

We value your contribution and it's our goal to make sure everyone is correctly represented. If we missed your name or misspelled it, please let us know at [fundraising@wasart.org](mailto:fundraising@wasart.org) and we'll issue a revision.

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