



Wallowa County Humane Society Newsletter -- August 2021



OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE WALLOWA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY AWESOME!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

When something needs doing one of the first pairs of hands to come forward often belongs to Sherry Murphy. Willing and able to help come up with ideas last fall she took the initiative to put together our latest yearly fundraising event, the Dog Wash. From doing the advertising to sudsing up man's best friend, her popular summertime fun is here to stay. And "dogs" can even pay not to be washed. This creativity is only one of her many attributes. Thank you Sherry for all you do!



COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 12, 18 & 25 PET THERAPY
AUGUST 14 – DOG WASH
AUGUST 20 & 21 – SHOW AND SHINE CAR SHOW in Enterprise
SEPTEMBER 3-5 BARN SALE
SEPTEMBER 11 – DOG WASH

WCHS RECEIVES GRANT

Thanks to the generosity of Athletes for Animals we now have \$1000 to help with our spay and neuter programs. We really appreciate their support!



LABOR DAY BARN SALE 2021

The WCHS Labor Day Barn Sale will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 3-5, 9am to 4pm. From Hwy 82, follow signs on Wilson Lane just north of Joseph to the Vencill Farm. This has been an annual fundraiser for 20+ years, helping the animals in the care of the WCHS. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend. Find a bargain and pet the goats, they will be waiting for their yearly visitors. 🐐🐐🐐

ENTERPRISE SHOW AND SHINE RAFFLE TO BENEFIT WCHS

This year the Show and Shine Car Show has given the WCHS a great fund-raising opportunity. Along with Bob Rush we will be selling tickets on Main Street during the event on Saturday, and answering questions about the organization. WCHS will receive half of the 50/50 Raffle ticket sales income. In addition, our Re-tail Boutique and Information Center will be serving refreshments and extending our hours that day. A fun time for all. Come buy a ticket for a chance to win \$\$\$ and support WCHS at the same time. Win/win!



PET THERAPY VISITS A SUCCESS

Pet therapy visits are great opportunities for new volunteers and their pets to brighten the day at local assisted living locations. Training is available for owners and their pets

Alpine House August 12 1:15 pm

Wallowa Valley Senior Living: August 18 1:00 pm

Wallowa River House: August 25 at 2 pm. Volunteers will meet outside the residence for all venues. For more information please contact program coordinator Sue Barcik – susanbarcik@gmail.com.

COME COOL OFF AND WASH SOME DOGS

Dog wash dates are the second Saturday of the month. **Aug 14 & Sept 11** are scheduled and **October TBD**. **11 am – 3 pm** behind the **Enterprise Fire Dept**.

Warm Water Wash prices: \$10 big dogs, \$5 little dogs. Owner washes or our volunteers wash, the price is the same. **Shampoo and towels provided.**

We can always use volunteer help, so please come down and join the fun!

CAROL'S CORNER by Carol Vencill

Collar safety is so critical for your dogs and cats. Time and time again I see collars that are too big, too tight and training collars that are used 24/7 with the dogs ID tag attached. Any type of slip collar, whether nylon, chain or leather, or other training collars, including Gentle Leader type head halters, should **not** be kept on a dog unsupervised. They could easily get caught up on a protruding object and injury or worse could happen. And these collars should not be used to tie a dog. A buckle or snap collar is the collar to use and to keep your ID on. If securing your dog, inside or outside of a vehicle, for the safety of the dog, a harness should be used. Any collar securing a dog, in a situation of an abrupt change in the vehicles motion, could result in an injury, such as a broken neck.

For training collars to work correctly and be comfortable for the dog, correct size is a must.

Many a dog has backed out of a buckle collar when refusing to move forward or becoming frightened, when the collar was too loose. When taking your dog out away from home, check to see if the collar may slip over your dog's head with a bit of a tug. If so tighten just enough to make it secure while out and about.

And when it comes to your feline friends, break-away collars are recommended, to keep them from getting hurt. One type is a snap collar that comes apart with pressure from getting hung up, and another has a strip of elastic that stretches to help free a cat. Any regular buckle collar that you might use could be dangerous.

A last note on cat collars. Make sure the collar you buy for your tiny K9, is not a break away collar made for cats. With some pressure on the leash, the dog is free. Snap collars look alike. If you are buying a used collar and you're not sure if it's a break-away, test it by trying to pull it apart with a tug. Most, but not all cat collars come with a bell attached.

Next time we'll look at harnesses for dogs with thoughts on why some dogs shouldn't wear a collar, and some dogs shouldn't wear a harness.



The WCHS is committed to the well-being of companion animals, working with the community to better the lives of all.

For information on animal adoption, our programs and how you can help out please visit our website at

www.wallowacountyhumanesociety.org

You can also find us on Facebook, and please visit our Re-Tail Boutique in Enterprise.

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