



THE WASHINGTON FEDERATION
OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AGENCIES

The background of the newsletter cover is a photograph of a woman and a young child sitting on the floor, interacting with a light-colored dog. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text 'Winter Newsletter 2023' is centered over the image in a large, white, bold font with a black outline.

Winter Newsletter 2023



Farewell and Hello!

Last month, we said goodbye to Cora Wells, who served as our program administrator for the past eight years. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Cora for her work with the Washington Federation and wish her farewell!

We'd like to introduce you to our new Executive Director, DeAnn Hartman. She is an expert in board management and conference planning, with 20 years of experience. She worked at the Association of Washington Cities, where she handled contracts, budgets, invoices, and financial reports. In 2014, she founded Hartmanagement, an Association Management Company, and now manages multiple associations.

Originally from Minneapolis, DeAnn grew up in Olympia, WA. She graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Communications. These days, she lives in Olympia with her husband, two Basset Hounds, and is fortunate to have her two adult sons, a daughter-in-law, and two grandkids nearby.

Welcome, DeAnn!





Your Grant Dollars At Work!

Thanks to the sales of “We Love Our Pets” specialty license plates, in September the Washington Federation was pleased to award a total of \$30,000 in grant funding to twelve animal care and control agencies located throughout Washington. These directed funds will result in over 550 animals being altered, preventing countless future litters and aiding in the prevention of overcrowding in shelters. Pet cats and dogs owned by low income households, community cats, pit bulls and pitty mixes, and rabbits will benefit from this funding.



Organizations receiving funding include Kitsap Humane Society, Spokane Humane Society, Humane Society of Jefferson County, Homeward Pet Adoption Center, Purrfect Pals, Community Cat Coalition, Prevent Homeless Pets, Pawsitive Alliance, Furry Friends, South Pacific County Humane Society, Tri Cities TNR, and the Humane Society of Cowlitz County.



Low cost spay/neuter resources are greatly needed here in our state. Your support in promoting the sale of these specialty license plates allows the Federation to continue to make this important spay/neuter program possible. Click on **[SPAY ~ NEUTER ~ ADOPT LICENSE PLATES - Washington Federation](#)** (wafederation.org) to find promotional materials including flyers and rack cards, an infogram for your newsletters and social media, and a sample press release. Learn how your organization can apply for a spay/neuter grant as well.





Featured Member



Pawsitive Alliance

Helping people help pets

Pawsitive Alliance works across the state of Washington to help homeless cats and dogs find loving homes and to prevent cats and dogs from becoming homeless through their Spay and Neuter Program and their Pet Retention Program.

Their Adoption Program is designed to help the thousands of cats and dogs in Washington State who are homeless and waiting in shelters and foster care for their chance at a forever home. They focus on helping animal adoption agencies in Washington find homes for dogs and cats in their care by increasing adoption opportunities through organizing adoption events and promoting their [#WhyNotMePets campaign](#), which focuses on increasing the attention to long-term and harder to adopt cats and dogs who need an extra paw up to find their forever home.

Pawsitive Alliance provides essential supplies for the pets of people experiencing housing or financial instability, and also delivers supplies to both human and animal welfare agencies across Washington. So far in 2023, they have delivered nearly 50,000 pounds of essential supplies, thanks to the support of individuals and businesses who donated supplies.

For 2023, their goal is to increase the number of free spay and neuter surgeries in seven counties in Washington, including Puget Sound and eastern Washington. Their services focus on serving the many colonies of community cats who are the most at risk of suffering, and provide surgeries to the pets of people who are experiencing housing or financial instability. The Federation was pleased to help them achieve this goal by funding a grant in September!

Their Spay and Neuter Increase Program (SNIP) increases the number of high quality, low-cost cat and dog spay and neuter surgeries being performed in Washington State. To tackle the overpopulation issue they create new and expand current spay and neuter programs throughout the state. They focus on areas with high rates of cat and dog overpopulation where there are few affordable surgery options, they identify partners that can provide the high quality and low-cost surgeries, and they raise funds and give administrative support to facilitate the surgeries. Nearly 1,000 cats and dogs were spayed or neutered through the Pawsitive Alliance Spay and Neuter Increase Program in 2022.

Pawsitive Alliance is truly making a difference in the lives of animals and their caregivers throughout Washington State!



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As we move into the fall and winter months we can look forward to cooler weather, shorter days hopefully leading to a slowing of all the things that come with the busy summer months. We also start working on all the things needing attention ahead of the inevitable wind, rain, snow, ice ahead. There is a normalcy to this but we all know that these storms can bring a strength and fury that defeat our best efforts around the shelter. As winter gives way to spring we anticipate flooding events, more storms and then the fires of the summer and increasingly...heat waves.

Those of us around in 1980...May 18th at 8:32 am to be precise...remember where we were and what we were doing when “the mountain”, Mt. St. Helens blew. It was this event that inspired the board of directors of WaFed to establish an emergency fund for members impacted by disasters and this fund remains in place today.

An emergency can be many things and while we are grateful for the support and aid often provided during a large event we know our members may struggle with situations at a smaller, more local level. For example, the need for a generator after a wind storm takes out power for an extended period, a load of hay to help when fires ravage local supplies or a need to replace food ruined in a flood event.



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To learn more about your Washington Federation of Animal Care & Control Agencies please visit our website at [our website wafederation.org](https://wafederation.org) . You can help support our important work by donating to emergency animal relief fund, spread the word in our animal welfare community about the benefits of membership, think about joining our board of directors or volunteer on one of our committees. Last but not at all least, please help us spread the word about our Spay-Neuter-Adopt license plates!

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Photo courtesy of Madison County Sheriff's Office Animal Services, FL. September 6, 2023. HSUS staff and volunteers assisted with a pet food bank and set up a temporary animal shelter after the Madison County Animal Services kennels were destroyed by Hurricane Idalia. (I am 3rd from the right in the photo)



Upcoming Events



SEATTLE AREA
**FELINE
RESCUE**

A WAFED MEMBERSHIP
NETWORKING EVENT
AND ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HOSTED BY:

**Seattle Area
Feline Rescue**

For more informatin:

<http://www.wafederation.org>

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**SHELTERS
AFTER DARK**

OCTOBER 26th 6 - 8 pm



Tour the new space
20226 Ballinger
Way NE , Shoreline