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The Whatcom Humane Society's Newsletter

Spring 2016



Laura Clark
Executive Director

Message From The Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Springtime already? Wow. Where does the time go. It's hard to believe we are already a quarter of the way through 2016. I for one, welcome the arrival of spring this year – even though I know that with the longer days and warmer weather, it won't be long before our facilities see a drastic increase in the number of animals arriving at our doors in need of assistance and care.

Whatcom County winters, while wet, dark and windy the past few years, have not been particularly cold. This means that the arrival of "baby season" has come earlier and earlier each year, with orphaned baby wildlife arriving as early as March to our wildlife rehabilitation center and abandoned kittens and/or moms with nursing kittens arriving at our shelter facility before Easter. 2016 has been an interesting year so far in regards to the volume of animals and types of animals our dedicated staff and volunteer teams have cared for.

Our wildlife rehabilitation center received 95 injured swans (93 trumpeter swans, 1 tundra swan, 1 mute swan) during the past few months – a record number. The majority of these majestic animals were suffering from lead toxicity, which is most often fatal. Our small, but mighty wildlife center staff worked tirelessly to care for these birds and were able to release several back into the wild before the spring migration, thus allowing these beautiful birds to thrive in their native habitat.

The small animal room at our Division Street shelter has been at capacity for most of the year, with unwanted rabbits, guinea pigs, birds and other small animals arriving daily. And I can't remember a time that the barnyard behind our shelter or our farm facility has not had goats . . . lots and lots of goats - all in need of a chance to find permanent, responsible and loving homes.

Many people automatically think "dog and cat" when they think of an animal shelter. But as an open-admission facility – the only such facility in a 3-county radius – our staff must remain ready, willing and able to accept and care for any animal that walks, crawls, jumps, slithers, swims (yes, we often receive fish!) or is carried through our doors. Over 5,000 animals will arrive at WHS this year – needing care, services, protection, advocacy and respect.

It's because of the continued support and generosity of our community that our staff is able to carry forth with our mission and be there for the animals who need us the most. I am amazed, humbled and grateful for each of our supporters – people, businesses, service groups, animal welfare organizations and others, who have confidence in our work and organization. Spring and summer will no doubt be busy, stressful and challenging, as we continue to stretch our limited resources and remain ready to respond to the arrival of animals, big and small. In addition to the animals, I personally, and the organization as a whole remain deeply committed to increasing our important humane education and community outreach programs community-wide, so we can positively change peoples attitudes towards animals and animal welfare issues.

I hope that you will have the opportunity to attend one of our upcoming fundraising or community outreach events this spring or summer, visit our shelter facility to adopt a new family companion or perhaps think about joining our amazing volunteer team. Working together, we can and will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of the animals in our community.

Many thanks for your support.

For The Animals,

Laura Clark, Executive Director

WHATCOM HUMANE SOCIETY
CARING FOR ANIMALS SINCE 1902



Statement of Principle

The Whatcom Humane Society believes that all animals, as sentient beings, have value beyond economic measurements and are entitled to legal, moral, and ethical consideration and protection.

Vision:

Our community treats all animals with kindness, respect, and compassion

Mission Statement:

The Whatcom Humane Society:

- Advocates for animals;
- Educates the community to promote humane treatment and respect for animals;
- Provides for abandoned, injured, abused or neglected animals.

Programs & Services

- Adoptions & Animal Care
- Lost & Found
- 24-Hour Animal Control & Rescue
- Investigations of Cruelty & Neglect
- Licensing
- Community Outreach & Special Events
- Humane Education
- Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program (SNAP)
- Pet Food Bank
- Veterinary Services
- Volunteer Services
- Wildlife Rehabilitation Services

WHS Wish List

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Shelter Location

2172 Division Street
Bellingham, WA 98226

HOURS OF OPERATION!
Open: Wednesday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday - Monday
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Tuesday and Major Holidays

Phone: (360) 733-2080
Fax: (360) 733-4746

www.whatcomhumane.org

**WILDLIFE REHABILITATION
SERVICES CENTER**

(360) 966-8845
* Facility is not open to the public

FARM FACILITY

*By appointment only
farm@whatcomhumane.org



WHS DOMESTIC ANIMAL SHELTER

- ▶ Postage stamps (first class & postcard)
- ▶ Copy paper (white, color & cardstock)
- ▶ Gift Cards from petStop, Fred Meyer, Hardware Sales, Whatcom Farmer's Co-op Office Depot, Michaels, PetCo, PetSmart & Costco
- ▶ New batteries
- ▶ New pens and highlighters
- ▶ Blankets and towels (no electric blankets)
- ▶ Dog collars
- ▶ Dog Walk Harnesses - Easy Walk, front clip especially needed
- ▶ New dog and cat toys
- ▶ Creamy peanut butter
- ▶ Paper towels
- ▶ Leashes
- ▶ Small animal treats and toys
- ▶ Bags and cans of dog and cat food (can be open or unopened, just not expired)
- ▶ Tennis balls
- ▶ KONG Toys (L & XL) for shelter dogs
- ▶ Catnip



FARM FACILITY

- ▶ Gift Cards for Hardware Sales/Lowe's/Home Depot, Whatcom Farmers Co-op
- ▶ Rubber stall mats
- ▶ Vet wrap
- ▶ New halters and lead ropes
- ▶ New horse treats and toys
- ▶ Fly spray
- ▶ De-wormer
- ▶ Quality new or used tractor
- ▶ Bags of animal bedding
- ▶ Horse Treats



WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER

- ▶ Gift Cards for Costco, Fred Meyer, PetCo, PetSmart, Whatcom Farmers Co-op, Hardware Sales and Chris's Squirrels & More (www.squirrelsandmore.com)
- ▶ Environmentally friendly hand, dish, and laundry soap
- ▶ Bleach
- ▶ Paper Towels
- ▶ Toilet Paper
- ▶ Hand Sanitizer Gel
- ▶ Latex Gloves
- ▶ Welding Gloves
- ▶ Fishing Nets with Poles
- ▶ Play-Pens
- ▶ Old sheets/pillow cases/fleece blankets
- ▶ Non-automatic turn-off heating pads
- ▶ Cotton Balls
- ▶ Straw Bales
- ▶ Pet Carriers (all sizes)
- ▶ Tarps
- ▶ Medium to large plastic storage bins (clear) with lids
- ▶ Feather dusters
- ▶ Frozen meats (chicken, liver, heart, venison)
- ▶ Frozen fish (small and large sizes)
- ▶ Frozen berries
- ▶ Soy-free cat and dog food (Costco Brand is good)
- ▶ High quality wet canned cat food
- ▶ Cracked corn
- ▶ Bird seed
- ▶ Various nuts (for squirrels)
- ▶ Rodents blocks
- ▶ Eggs
- ▶ Ensure - Vanilla flavor
- ▶ Blood worms (cube style)
- ▶ Baby Food of all kinds
- ▶ Large live mealworms

**Donations for any of our facilities can be dropped off at the WHS shelter facility
Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday - Monday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

For more information, please contact Zakia Kaminski at (360)733-2080 or email outreach@whatcomhumane.org. **Check out our amazon.com wish list! Visit amazon.com, "gifts & wish lists" (and register on Amazon Smile - a % of your purchase will be donated to WHS!) then type in Whatcom Humane.**



CALLING ALL KIDS! CRITTER CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED

Session 1: July 11-15
Session 2: July 25-29
Session 3: August 8-12

- Each day of the Critter Camp session will run from 9am - 3pm
- Critter Camp is Open For Kids
8yrs – 10yrs of Age
- Cost: \$185 per week (Includes Camp T-Shirt and Daily Vegetarian Lunch and Snacks)
- Space is Limited! For more information, please contact Zakia Kaminski at (360)733-2080, ext # 3116 or email outreach@whatcomhumane.org

Do you know a kid who loves animals?

Then Critter Camp is just the place for them this summer. Critter Camp is a week-long day camp at the Whatcom Humane Society. Critter Camp offers kids the unique opportunity to learn about responsible pet care, animal behavior, veterinary care, pet first aid, native wildlife and much, much more! Campers will interact with animals

-big and small- participate in fun, educational, interactive activities and crafts that benefit domestic and wild animals, spend time with WHS staff, volunteers and other animal experts in the community and will learn how they can make life better for animals in our shelters and community. COOL.

WHS How To!

CHOOSE THE BEST COMMERCIAL DOG OR CAT FOOD FOR YOUR PETS

There are so many choices of commercial pet food on the market these days: dry or wet; fresh, frozen, raw or packaged; all natural, complete & balanced, organic, holistic, healthy; and the list and choices go on and on. Pet food manufacturers have become masters at marketing their product and offer a dizzying array of pet food choices for pet owners to consider. By learning the basics about commercial dog and cat food you can help keep your pet happier and healthier.

Selecting a quality, affordable diet for your pet can be done by following a few important guidelines.

First, select a food based on your animal's species, breed, age and basic health. Cats and dogs have different nutritional needs and as such, their food contains different ingredients. A good place for pet owners to start is to review the label on your pet's food and look for a nutritional adequacy statement from the AAFCO, the Association of American Feed Control Officials. If the pet food contains this statement you can be assured that the food at least meets basic nutrition requirements for your dog or cat.

Second, review the ingredients. Many lower-priced commercial pet foods contains cheap filler ingredients like corn and corn meal, which for the most part, provide no nutritional value for your pets and can cause many pets to develop allergies, skin issues and health problems. Also, stay away from food that contains non-descriptive ingredients like meat or animal byproducts, animal digest, and fillers including some grains and chemical preservatives including BHA, BHT, ethoxyquin and propyl gallate.

Choose to feed your pets a food that contains a named protein source like chicken, fish, turkey, beef or other all-meat source. Note: Dogs can be fed an approved AAFCO commercial vegetarian diet, but cats are carnivores and should be fed a food that includes a specific meat protein source.

If you are feeding your pet a fish-based food, look for assurance on the label or package that the food does not contain any artificial preservatives. On canned food especially, the protein source should be clearly identified and should be one of the first, if not the first ingredient listed.

Many foods now contain labels that advertise the food to be natural, holistic, organic and healthy. In many cases these claims are undefined by the AAFCO, and manufacturers can market their food however they wish regardless if the claims on the label are 100 percent true or not. For example, some foods claiming to be organic really only contain a small percentage of organic ingredients.

Before purchasing a new food for your pet do some research to make sure there have been no recalls from the manufacturer. A quick Google search and/or discussion with your veterinarian or an informed and trained local pet supply store employee can provide you with a wealth of information.

When making the switch to a new food, gradually transition your pet onto their new food to give your pet's digestive system time to adjust to the food and possible new protein source.

If your pet is suffering from a medical condition, is older, overweight, underweight or sick, talk to your veterinarian about the pet's nutritional needs and an appropriate food.

Volunteer Superstars

Meet a few of the amazing volunteers at the Whatcom Humane Society . . . In their own words.

JARED BARCLAY

DESCRIBE YOUR VOLUNTEER DUTIES:

I began volunteering doing Dog TLC, which I still do, but I also assist with lawn care and other projects at the wildlife center. I process licenses at the WHS animal control office; participate in work parties and help with fundraising events.

WHY DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING AT WHS:

I started volunteering at WHS because I am passionate about the humane treatment of animals. Another reason I began volunteering is to be able to do something positive in my free time. Lastly, I care about all dogs but specifically pit bulls. They are frequently in the shelter and can often be very strong; I am able to walk and work with these dogs.

WHAT IS THE TOUGHEST PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT WHS:

The toughest part of volunteering is building a bond with a dog that I cannot adopt. I spent a lot of time with a dog named Pippa who was at the shelter for an extremely long time. She ended up going to a family who is perfect for her but it was difficult to see her go.

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STORY ABOUT A WHS ANIMAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE TO SHARE:

As I mentioned earlier, I grew very attached to a dog named Pippa who was at the shelter for a long time. Spending time with her, seeing her make progress on her behavior and ultimately get adopted to a great family was an



Dog TLC
AT WHS SINCE: MAY 2014

awesome and difficult experience. Overall, volunteering is very rewarding. I get to work with animals that need people to spend time with them. Also, the WHS staff and other volunteers are all amazing people. I've built relationships with people and animals alike that I wouldn't have if I was not a volunteer. Lately, I've taken on bigger and more frequent roles in fundraising events. It is extremely rewarding to be a part of those events and see people come together in the interest of taking care of animals in need.



Cat TLC
AT WHS SINCE: DECEMBER 2011

TOM HOTCHKISS

DESCRIBE YOUR VOLUNTEER DUTIES?

Cat TLC, assisting staff with various cleaning/janitorial projects, weeding and volunteering at the annual Dog Days of Summer festival.

WHY DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING AT WHS? Because I have always loved critters. I would have farm for critters if I could.

WHAT IS THE TOUGHEST PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT WHS? Not being able to adopt all of them and saying good bye.

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STORY ABOUT A WHS ANIMAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE TO SHARE? I spend a lot of time socializing cats in the cat colony room. Recently, I was "adopted" by a tea cup sized female kitten who chased all the larger adult cats away from me while in the colony room. I missed her the next week – but wasn't surprised that she was adopted so quickly!

JUDY FOLEY

DESCRIBE YOUR VOLUNTEER DUTIES: Dog TLC – I exercise the dogs, try to keep them stimulated, and love them. Vet Clinic – I help prepare dogs and cats for surgery, and I microchip, trim nails, and clean surgical tools. Photography – I serve as the “animal wrangler” for the photographer who takes “available animals” photos for the WHS website. Foster Care – I foster dogs that are recovering from surgery, or that have behavioral issues (extreme shyness, lack of socialization) until they are ready to be put up for adoption. Outreach – I represent WHS at various local events and assist at fundraisers. Humor: I also believe it is my duty to make people laugh. . .

WHY DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING AT WHS: I wanted to help make the world a better place for animals. Donating money is crucial, but I wanted to experience the world of animal welfare first hand, and make some kind of difference in the lives of animals.

WHAT IS THE TOUGHEST PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT WHS: The toughest part is seeing an animal that has been abandoned, or hoarded, or abused in other ways. In the Vet Clinic, when a dog or cat that has been hit by a car comes in, it is tough. I think it is important for me to be there with the animal, whether I can actually provide help or comfort, or just be a caring witness to the animal’s death.

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STORY ABOUT A WHS ANIMAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE TO SHARE: Yes, a simple story, but a profound one, for me. DJ, a brindle pit bull mix, a lovely boy, a loving boy, was in the available dog area. In time he was adopted (pit bulls are so often overlooked). And shortly after, his new family sent pictures of him lying about their house, and going on hikes with them. Their note said that in adopting him, they felt like they had won the lottery.



Dog TLC
AT WHS SINCE: OCTOBER 2010



Cat TLC/Cat TLC Trainer
AT WHS SINCE: JANUARY 2014

SUE CASPERSEN

DESCRIBE YOUR VOLUNTEER DUTIES: As Cat TLC/ Cat TLC Trainer –I love and care for shelter cats and train other volunteers to do the same. As WHS Reading Program Volunteer – I take my own dog to local libraries to listen to kids read. As Events Volunteer – I assist with various fun fundraising events. As Kitten Foster Mom – I welcome kittens into my own home to love and socialize them until they’re ready to be adopted.

WHY DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING AT WHS AND WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF VOLUNTEERING: My many animal friends and companions have brought me great joy and I want to help other animals in need. My favorite part of volunteering is the actual contact with the shelter animals. Even while in the stressful shelter environment, most cats are patient and loving and appreciate the comforts we bring to them.

WHAT IS THE TOUGHEST PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT WHS?: The shelter is a warm and safe place for animals, but it isn’t home. It’s hard to see the animals stay in the shelter for long periods and miss out on the special moments they could be sharing with their loving forever family.

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STORY ABOUT A WHS ANIMAL OR YOUR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

I’ve had many precious moments with individual cats in the shelter and with foster kittens in my home. It’s especially rewarding to see cats that have been in the shelter for a long time, or have come back to the shelter, finally find their forever home. Cats are individuals and sometimes it takes a little while to find the right match. It’s wonderful that the shelter staff don’t give up even when it takes little longer to get it right.

KENDALL ELDREDGE

DESCRIBE YOUR VOLUNTEER DUTIES:

Farm Facility: My nightly routine includes mucking out the horse stalls, filling water buckets, feeding hay and grain, and finishing up with grooming the horses. In addition to grooming I also try to focus time on the horses that need it most.

Wildlife Center: The evening shift duties vary every single week depending on what needs to be done. There are always kennels and equipment to clean and sanitize laundry, the evening meals, and closing clean-up. Feeding time is my favorite as I get to make up the individual meals for each animal, and yes, each animal has their own unique recipe! Meal time is also when we check up on the animals and make sure that everyone is bright, responsive, and alert. Sometimes, I also get to watch the rehabilitated animals get released back into the wild and this is the most rewarding experience of all.

WHY DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING AT WHS:

I started volunteering with the Whatcom Humane Society farm because I wanted to expose myself to horses from different pasts and experiences. I really felt that this would improve my abilities as a handler and fuel my love of practicing natural horsemanship. The diversity of horses we receive at WHS really can't be beat, we receive surrendered horses that are completely broke and friendly to wild mustangs that don't even know what to think about us humans! This exposure has really developed my confidence and the realization that every horse just needs the right amount of patience and understanding to be given their best second chance. As a student at Western Washington University, majoring in Biology, I found the wildlife center as an educational and occupational opportunity that couldn't be missed. I have taken many courses on vertebrates and ecology which gives me the chance to apply what I've learned in the classroom, to real life. The most fascinating aspect of working with wild animals is that you have to show them compassion with the necessary care, but you can't get so involved that the animal's ability to be released and survive on their own is compromised.

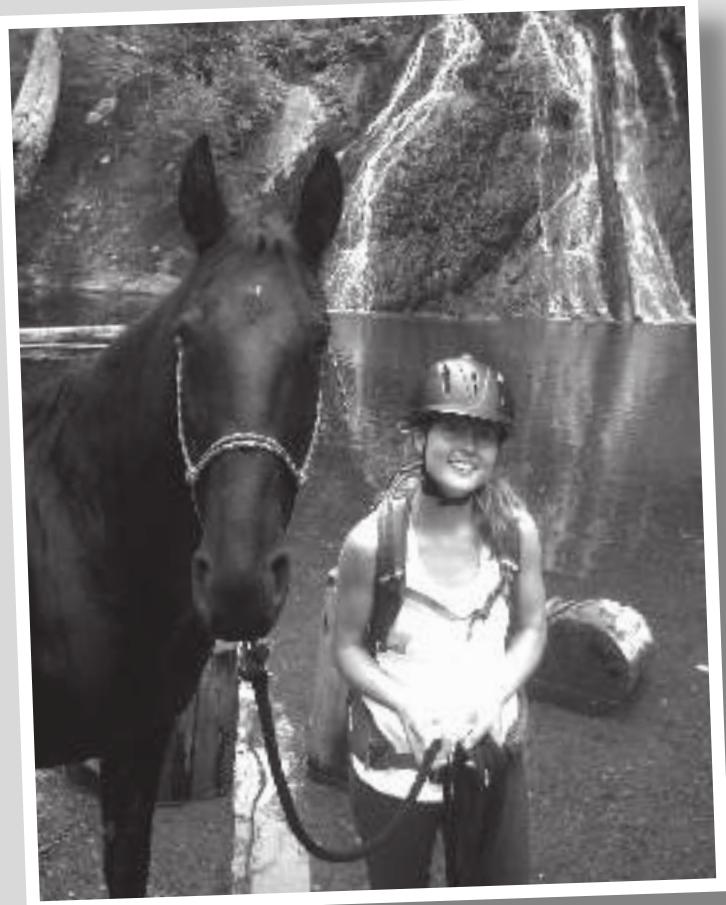
WHAT IS THE TOUGHEST PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT WHS:

The toughest part about volunteering at the farm is helping the horses find their best chance at a new life. Being such large and unique pets, horses require a special kind of adopter to come around looking for them. We always have such a diversity of horses in the barn and it's never empty so seeing a horse leave with their new family is never a sad moment but a happy one. Not because we are happy to see the horse gone, but because that horse will get the love and attention they deserve to have every day and that stall they just left, opened up that same opportunity for a new horse to come in and get a chance at the same happy ending.

The hardest part about volunteering with wild animals is not treating them like pets. You can't walk into a cage and start talking to the animal like you would any domestic pet. These animals are wild and need to stay that way. Fighting the urge of such habits is hard to shake but one that is very important at the wildlife center.

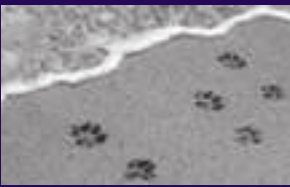
DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STORY ABOUT A WHS ANIMAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE TO SHARE:

My most favorite story at the Whatcom Humane Society farm involves a very special little mustang mare named Lucy. Lucy arrived extremely underweight and with fear in her eyes. This



Farm Facility/Wildlife Center
AT WHS SINCE: 2014

poor little 14 year old mustang had been adopted from a BLM roundup with another mustang and had received little to no training in her previous home, as well having not been groomed or properly fed in quite some time. Upon Lucy's arrival she was in a lot of pain, a halter was on her face that was much too small and had been on for far too long. Her face had even begun to grow over the halter where it had cut into her cheekbones and damaged hair follicles are evident on the bridge of her nose. On the evening after her arrival at the facility, the barn manager and I decided we would try to brush out some of Lucy's long greasy locks and get her to look a little more like a loved horse. Lucy responded in every way you would expect a fearful mustang to respond. She tried to kick, strike, bite, run... But we just quietly brushed a small section of her and decided we should probably quit while we still had all our limbs. As the weeks went on, our barn manager was able to form a trust bond with Lucy and we could finally turn her outside in the dry-paddocks and even bring her back inside at the end of the day. Lucy was beginning to realize that these two-legged creatures were actually, maybe, a little bit okay. Every week we would slowly groom sections of her body and eventually she stopped running away and giving us the worried side-ways glance. A few weeks later and Lucy looked like a whole new horse! We could take off her halter, and trust that she would let us put it back on. Lucy was so trusting that we could groom her entire body and she would stand tied like she had done it a million times before. This sweet little 14.1hh pony mustang even began to be the first one to greet you at the gate at the end of the day to go inside for dinner. Lucy is my favorite story because she didn't start out with the best cover. She even had a pretty tough beginning to get through. But today, Lucy is one of the sweetest and smartest horses at our facility.



Monthly Pet Loss Support Group Offered

Whatcom Humane Society's monthly Pet Loss Support Group offers support and resources to help with the loss of a pet. The Pet Loss Support Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the multi-purpose room at the Whatcom Humane Society.

There is no charge for this group, no reservations are needed and you are free to attend as often as necessary throughout your grief process.

The Pet Loss Support Group provides a safe, supportive place where pet owners can share stories about their pet and work through their grief with others who have suffered a similar loss.

Volunteers provide supportive help for those who have been touched by the loss of a pet, are anticipating the death of a pet, are dealing with the difficult decision of euthanasia, have suffered from a lost or stolen pet or are wondering when/if it is time to add another pet to the family.

For more information, please contact: outreach@whatcomhumane.org

Marijuana & Pets

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Marijuana may be legal for recreational and medicinal use by adults in Washington State, but that doesn't mean you should share your stash with your companion animals.

Marijuana can be toxic to pets if an animal ingests too much of the plant either raw, in edibles such as cookies or brownies or inhales too much smoke. Animals metabolize marijuana differently than people. Symptoms of marijuana poisoning in pets include listlessness, loss of motor coordination and balance, vomiting, hypothermia, drooling, and in severe cases, seizures, coma and even death.

And a reminder, chocolate can be toxic to animals, especially dogs, which makes pot brownies even more dangerous if consumed by your canine companion.

If your pet is showing signs of marijuana poisoning, get the animal to a veterinarian immediately for treatment. Be honest with the veterinarian about what you think the cause is, as it will help your veterinarian quickly diagnose and treat your companion animal.

Just like many people use marijuana as a way to manage chronic pain, ease side-effects from cancer treatments and treat a variety of conditions including seizures, some veterinarians and animal lovers give pot to their pets for the same reasons.

Dog treats containing hemp (which contains lower levels of THC, the compound in marijuana that gives people the "high" feeling), hemp oil and products that include cannabidiol (CBD), a component of hemp and marijuana plants, are becoming commonplace in many pet supply stores.

Many pet owners strongly believe in marijuana's therapeutic and healing powers for animals, and the Internet is full of stories from people who have administered the plant to their pets with positive effects.

Veterinarians are not legally allowed to prescribe marijuana, but some, especially holistic veterinary practices, will discuss and recommend its use for their clients with certain conditions. The American Veterinary Medical Association does not sanction the use of marijuana treatment for pets but has published several articles addressing the possible benefits of its use.

Most veterinarians agree that much more discussion is needed and research necessary to determine the true benefits of marijuana, and safe and appropriate dosing levels and protocols for treatment on animals.

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- Find **Whatcom Humane Society, #82474**
- Don't forget to click SAVE!

You're done!

Thank you for your support!



Save the Date!

UPCOMING WHS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SUMMER SOLSTICE SUNSET CRUISE

June 20th ~ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Bellingham Bay

Join us for a 2-hour cruise on the Victoria Star! Tickets include beer & wine, snacks, live music, raffle prizes and beautiful views on Bellingham & Chuckanut Bay. \$55.00 per person. Reservations Required.

Tickets available at www.whatcomhumane.org or by calling (360) 733-2080, ext # 3014.

PUTTS FORE PETS GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 18th ~ 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Bellingham Golf & Country Club

Join us for a great day on the links with your friends and colleagues. This four-person scramble format with cart will begin at 12:00 for registration and pre-game activities. Shot gun start at 1:00!

Great Golf Course! Fabulous Prizes! Friendly Competition! Gourmet Vegetarian Buffet Dinner! Fun Times!

Registration: \$500.00 per foursome (cart included) ~ \$125.00 per individual.

Register online at www.whatcomhumane.org or contact Tournament Chairperson Kevin Stray at (360) 296-0441 or kevinstray@comcast.net.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER FESTIVAL & 5K FUN RUN & WALK

August 21st ~ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Lake Padden Park, Bellingham

Festivities will include a 5k fun run/walk for dogs and people followed by a FREE family festival for all animal lovers. The Dog Days of Summer festival will feature over 45 pet related vendors, interactive doggie games and contests, an animal caricaturist, canine demonstrations, a dog agility area, kids area, a vegetarian food court and much more.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

9am - 5k Fun Run & Walk Registration

10am - 5k Fun Run/Walk Begins - leashed dogs and their people run or walk the trail around Lake Padden

10:30am - 3pm - Dog Days of Summer Festival

Interactive dog games and contests will take place all day. Prizes and giveaways will be awarded to all four legged participants.

PET THEMED VENDORS:

Over 45 animal friendly vendors will offer products for sale, giveaways, and information. Participants will include animal rescue groups, pet supply vendors, animal photographers, animal communicators, animal themed artists/jewelry, pet groomers, local pet related businesses, positive, reward based dog trainers and a vegetarian food court. Note: For Dog Days of Summer Vendor information, please contact Dana Browne at: events@whatcomhumane.org. Space is limited!

Registration: Visit www.whatcomhumane.org to register for the fun run/walk. For more info email: events@whatcomhumane.org.



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