



**Wags & Whiskers**  
Pet Rescue, Inc.



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## August 2011

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Did you know that August is National Sandwich Month? The sandwich was named after the Earl of Sandwich. It is said that in 1762 the Earl of Sandwich asked for meat to be served between 2 slices of bread so as not to interrupt his gambling game.

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### *Updates :*

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**CONGRATULATIONS W&W!!!!** Our spay/neuter assistance program, Cause for Paws, has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the 2011 Florida Animal Friend License Plate fund! Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, the grant will be used to perform free spays/neuters for feral cats. It will also be used to provide pet owners who meet income qualifications with \$10 spays/neuters for both dogs and cats. Pet owners with multiple unaltered pets (2 pets of opposite sex or 3 pets of any sex) will also qualify for \$10 spay/neuters. For more info, contact us @ [wagsandwhiskers@attn.net](mailto:wagsandwhiskers@attn.net). *Way to go, Mell and Joanna for all your hard work - it surely paid off!!!*

July's **Dog Wash** was a huge success - 39 dogs were groomed and we raised \$551.00!!

There were 21 cat and 24 dog adoptions in July - just imagine all the happy families!!!!!!

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### ***KEEPING PETS SAFE DURING DISASTERS from The United Animal Nations Emergency Animal Rescue Service:***

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Remember, it is still hurricane season in Florida. Planning ahead is the key to keeping yourself and your pet safe during a disaster. Listed below are some tips that will reduce the risk to your animal:

1. Always keep a collar and tag on your pet. This includes cats that never go outdoors. On the tag, include your phone number and address. Remember the phones may not be working, so in order to reunite you with your pet, an address is necessary. If you have been evacuated and are going to be living away from home for an extended period of time, you should put a temporary tag on your animals with a phone number, other than your home number.
2. Identify several possible locations where you can take your animals should you have to evacuate. These would be places that would not likely be affected by the same disasters that would hit where you live. It is important to know that Red Cross evacuation shelters will not allow animals, other than seeing eye dogs and other recognized service dogs. If you are not sure where to take an animal when you evacuate, do not leave them behind, as this increases the chances that they will not survive.
3. Start a buddy system with someone in your neighborhood, so that they will check on your pets during a disaster in case you aren't home. Exchange information on veterinarians and have a permission slip put in your file at the vet authorizing your "buddy" to get necessary emergency treatment for your animal if you cannot be reached.

4. In addition to your regular supply of animal food have at least a weeks' supply of food on hand to be used during a disaster. Store dry food in an airtight/water proof container. If you use canned food, buy the flip top cans or have a can opener with your disaster supplies. You should have at least a weeks' supply of water in storage at all times for your pets.
5. Take several pictures of all the animals and keep these pictures with your important insurance papers that you would take with you if you have to evacuate. These pictures can help reunite you with a lost animal.
6. Before disaster strikes, talk to your veterinarian to see if he/she has a disaster plan. Your animal may need medical attention after a disaster has struck and you need to know where to take them.
7. If an animal is on long-term medication, always keep a back up supply on hand, since a veterinary office may not be open for some time following a disaster.
8. Have assembled and ready to go, a cat carrier to evacuate each cat in your household.
9. Have a harness and leash for all the dogs in your household. If you have to evacuate, dogs can become frightened and if you only have a collar around their neck, they may be able to pull away from you and have the collar slip over their head.
10. Have a stake out chain for all the dogs in your household. Walls and fences may come down during a disaster and it may be necessary to keep your dog confined on a chain leash until repairs can be made.
11. If your dog is kept in an outdoor run, make sure it's in a location where falling debris (tree limbs, shingles, power lines, chimney bricks, etc.) won't fall on the run and possibly injure the dog.
12. Be sure and comfort your animals during a disaster. They are frightened too, and having you near to give them a hug will help (you and the dog!).

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### ***Volunteer Opportunities:***

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Here's an EASY way to help support Wags & Whiskers: Do you feed your pet dry Purina brand cat, dog, kitten or puppy food? If so, please clip and save the **WEIGHT CIRCLES** located on the side of the bag (do **NOT** send the UPC barcode). You can either drop them off to W&W at Petco during adoption times, or mail them to: Wags & Whiskers, PO Box 861067, St. Augustine, FL 32086. We will then redeem the weight circles for rebates on food for the animals.

You *can* make a difference.

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### ***Upcoming Events:***

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**SATURDAY, August 20th: 9am - 1pm \* Tractor Supply, US 1 South**

**DOG WASH:** It's that time again - the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month....and it's dog wash time! Dogs will receive a bath & nail trim for only \$10! There will be cold drinks, pet items and books available for purchase. All proceeds benefit our Rescue & Adoption program. This is a great opportunity to get the dog a bath and help W&W!

**Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>: 2pm - ? \* VFW Hall, 6184 US Hwy. 1 So., St. Augustine**

**Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament:** This is a standard Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, and \$50 gets you a seat at the table. There will be food provided, with beer, wine, mixed drinks and soda available at the bar for very reasonable prices. Cash prizes will be awarded for the first four places, and they are looking to be quite substantial. So start practicing your poker faces people!

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### ***Save The Date:***

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**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>: 6pm - 8pm \* A1A Ale Works, 1 King Street**

**Tapping Party:** Join us for Oktoberfest at A1A. Free bratwurst/knockwurst, potato salad, and cole slaw. This is always a great way to sample a new seasonal beer and have fun with your friends.

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>: 9am - 5pm \* Castillo Field, Downtown St. Augustine**

**Hoots n Howls Charity Event:** Volunteers are needed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pet Day event. This year will be much larger than last year, so we need your help. It will be a day packed with lots of fun things to do for the whole family!

If you're interested in volunteering for any event, send an email to [wagsandwhiskers@att.net](mailto:wagsandwhiskers@att.net), or call (904) 797-6039.

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### ***Our Wish List:***

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Purina Cat Chow and Kitten Chow	Purina Dog Chow and Puppy Chow
Sponsor a Spay or Neuter	Kitty Litter
Towels, Blankets	Advantage Flea Treatment
Cat or Dog Toys	24" Pet Crates
Bleach & Cleaning Products	<b><i>More Volunteers!</i></b>

And, of course, cash is always welcome! If you wish to donate, drop by Petco on the weekend, or you can send donations to us at:

P.O. Box 861067  
St. Augustine, FL 32086

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### ***Volunteer Spotlight:***

All of our volunteers are special, without you, we couldn't exist; and we think it's important to acknowledge the many contributions our volunteers make each and every day. Remember that everything you do helps to save lives, and every life matters.

*Teamwork allows common people to attain uncommon results.  
- Anonymous*

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### ***...and finally...***

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