

**RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER
2024 FEE FOR SERVICE FUNDING APPLICATION
Whistler Animals Galore Society (WAG)**

OVERVIEW

In accordance with **Council Policy A-39 – Fee for Service** the Resort Municipality of Whistler (**RMOW**) provides funding and/or value-in-kind (**VIK**) in the form of Fee for Service (**FFS**) to ensure important programs, services, and functions are delivered to the benefit of the resort community.

The **Whistler Animals Galore Society (WAG)** is being considered for FFS funding during 2024.

This Application provides **WAG** with the opportunity to request FFS funding by indicating how FFS funds will help move the resort community towards Whistler's Vision of being *a place where our community thrives, nature is protected and guests are inspired*.

The FFS funds requested will be considered in the context of Whistler's Official Community Plan (**OCP**), and within the constraints of the municipal budget.

OCP GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES

The intent of the FFS program is to contribute to achieving certain OCP Goals and Objectives consistent with OCP Policies;

- The OCP landing page is here: [Whistler's Vision and OCP | Resort Municipality of Whistler](#)
 - The option to download the OCP is below the photo at the top of the landing page.
 - The OCP is 387 pages and 145 MB.
 - However, most initiatives will be guided by specific chapters and sub-chapters.

Your Application must explain how the requested FFS funds will provide services intrinsic to the resort community in a manner consistent with the OCP.

Therefore, at a minimum, please review the following chapters to be reminded of the relevance of your services within the context of the OCP:

- Chapter 2: *Community Vision and Characteristics*
- Chapter 3: *Reconciliation* narrative, goals, objectives, and policies.
- Chapter 6: *Economic Viability* narrative, goals, objectives, and policies.
- Chapter 8: *Health, Safety, and Community Well-being* narrative, goals, objectives, and policies.
- Chapter 9: *Learning, Culture, Recreation* narrative, goals, objectives, and policies.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE

Please complete the form below, append documents requested in Section 4, and submit via e-mail to:

- Karen Elliott - RMOW General Manager of Community Engagement and Cultural Services; Kelliott@whistler.ca
- Jill Wynott - Administrative Assistant, Community Engagement and Cultural Services; jwynott@whistler.ca

The deadline for your Application is August 25, 2023 at 5:00 PM Pacific.

If you have any questions regarding the Application, please contact Karen Elliott by e-mail.

1. NAME, MANDATE, COORDINATES:

Legal Name of the Organization:	Whistler Animals Galore Society
Mission Mandate (one sentence):	To provide a safe and nurturing environment to homeless and lost dogs and cats in our community and to be advocates in finding their forever homes.
Number of Staff in the Organization:	8
Society Registration Number:	879198729 RR0001
Mailing Address:	P.O Box 274, Whistler, B.C V0N 1B0
Primary Contact Name:	Lindsay Suckling
Primary Contact email:	lindsay@whistlerwag.com
Primary Contact Phone:	[REDACTED]

2. FFS AMOUNT REQUESTED IN THE CONTEXT OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S OPERATING COSTS:

	Annual Operating Costs	Fee for Service FUNDING Requested		
Admin Wages & Benefits	98,000	42,500		
Program Wages & Benefits	260,000	113,150		
Equipment & Supplies	40,000	17,500		
Advertising & Promotion	2,000	850		
All Other Costs	60,000	26,000		
Total	\$460,000	\$ 200,000	43	%

3. PURPOSE | COST-BENEFIT RATIONALE | IMPLICATIONS | KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Please limit your responses to the word count indicated for each box below; the text boxes will expand.

PURPOSE: what services will be provided; how do those services align with the OCP? **Maximum 500 words.**

Bylaw and Impound Services

- Whistler Animals Galore Society (WAG) provides core community services that includes responding to complaints on animal control and bylaw matters such as dog licenses, dogs off leash complaints, lost and found animals, animal cruelty complaints, dogs left in hot vehicles complaints.
- WAG shelters lost and stray animals, we care for these animals until we can reunite them with their families.

- WAG takes in animals needing emergency boarding while their families deal with difficult life events such as evacuations from their home, housing challenges, mental health emergencies or injuries.
- Through this service WAG helps maintain a safe and enjoyable community by encouraging compliance with the RMOW Animal Responsibility Bylaw.

Rehoming and Rescuing

- WAG contributes to important life decisions made by community members in a meaningful, respectful and supportive way through our Adoption and Surrender programs.
- Our adoption program is a thorough approach that is unique to the individual needs of each animal and home. We work hard to set every animal adoption up for success with pre and post adoption counselling.
- The decision to surrender an animal is never one that is made lightly. We offer counseling during this difficult decision and help the family find the best decision for their animal based on their unique situation.
- Through this service we are enhancing the quality of life for all residents, two and four legged.

Outreach

- In partnership with the Lil'wat Nation WAG hosts offsite Animal Wellness Clinics which help families who cannot afford regular veterinary care that includes spay and neuter surgeries, parasite control and regular veterinary exams.
- WAG's Animal Food Bank distributes between 100-200 bags of dog and cat food to remote communities every year. WAG further distributes supplies such as dog beds, dog houses (that provide critical shelter for dogs living outdoors), collars, harnesses, and toys.
- We work together with the Lil'wat Nation in the spirit of reconciliation and cooperation to achieve the collective goal of enriching community life through animal welfare and education.

Year to Date

- WAG has successfully completed two Animal Wellness clinics within the Lil'wat Nation and have two more planned for the upcoming Fall.
- We've administered vaccinations to 51 dogs, alongside providing vouchers for low-cost spaying and neutering.
- WAG provides this important animal welfare in partnership and collaboration with local veterinarians, Dr. Sturgess and Dr. White from the Pemberton Veterinary Hospital.
- Through our FANS (Financial Assistance with Neutering and Spaying) program which provides for low-cost spaying and neutering for pet guardians, we have successfully spayed and neutered 24 dogs and cats this year to date. This initiative aims to assist families in keeping their pets while mitigating the issue of unwanted litters and helping control the ever-increasing animal population.

Community Engagement

- WAG provides meaningful community engagement opportunities through our volunteer and foster programs and community events. These programs greatly enrich the lives of community members who learn about animal behaviour, welfare, sheltering, event planning, training, disease prevention, and most importantly empathy and compassion towards animals.

- Volunteering with WAG is a powerful way to find true connection, improve mental wellness and foster one's community involvement.
- Our foster program allows people who are only here temporarily have the company of an animal and feel the incredible emotional reward that comes with helping homeless animals.
- WAG partners with several local businesses to raise animal welfare awareness and bring the community together through social events and fundraising initiatives.

Recent events include:

- Shelter Tours – open days to the public to learn about our important community programs and services.
- WAG WOOF WATER – in partnership with Arts Whistler, WAG presented the 2nd Annual Dock Dog Jumping Competition at Art on the Lake.
- Pups + Pints – in partnership with Coast Mountain Brewery we hosted the annual event for dogs and humans to raise awareness about our Critical Care Program.
- Patio parties with the dogs! As Whistler's local restaurants become more pet friendly WAG has partnered with multiple local business such as Stinky's on the Stroll, RMU and the Fitz Pub and more to help open and celebrate their pet friendly patios!

Upcoming events include:

- [REDACTED] kindergarten class visit. This wonderful class raised funds for WAG and in October we will bring a WAG animal to their class to educate about animal welfare and shelters.
- Pet Photos with Santa – A family favorite event!
- We are excited to be bringing our K9 Wine and Dine Gala back in 2024!

COST-BENEFIT RATIONALE: why is your organization uniquely positioned to deliver those services; what unique benefits are achieved through delivery of those services by your organization? **Maximum 250 words.**

WAG is uniquely positioned to deliver the services mentioned above for many reasons, including:

Professional Development

Our staff is experienced and knowledgeable in animal training, rehabilitation, health and welfare. WAG continues staff education and professional development with the following courses:

- Indigenous Awareness
- The Academy for Dog Trainers
- Karen Pryor Shelter Training and Enrichment
- Pet First Aid
- Fear Free Shelters – reducing fear, anxiety and stress in shelter animals
- Compassion Fatigue for Animal Care Professionals

Our dedicated WAG team members are leaders in advocating for humane animal welfare and leading the adoption of positive reinforcement training practices within our communities.

Relationships

- Over the years WAG has developed strong relationships with local veterinarians, force-free dog trainers, neighbouring animal shelters, and reputable dog walking and pet care professional

companies. This allows us to provide WAG animals with the best care possible as well as provide resources to community members including fosters, adopters and visitors.

- Over the past decade WAG has developed a positive working partnership with the Lil'wat Nation Community. This relationship allows us to work together to achieve our shared goal of reducing the stray animal population, reducing animal suffering and positively impacting the local health and safety for animals and human residents.

Community Love!

WAG has been a respected and loved community asset for over 40 years. We are honoured to have been voted once again the Favourite Whistler Non-Profit, 10 years in a row! The Whistler community loves WAG and the important work we do, we are grateful to be part of such a supportive community.

IMPLICATIONS: if FFS funding was not available, how would your organization provide the services indicated above; what aspects of those services would be most significantly impacted? **Maximum 250 words.**

WAG is committed to delivering life-saving services as an essential community resource. However, we currently face significant challenges in retaining and hiring skilled staff, which in turn is hindering our ability to provide all of our services and optimal care. Given these circumstances, we are seeking a Fee for Service increase in 2024.

The lack of pet-friendly housing in Whistler is a major factor contributing to pet surrenders. It's also causing difficulties in adopting or fostering as landlords impose restrictions, homes are sold, and the cost of rent increases. The capacity of shelters and rescue groups has been significantly strained, especially in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic and the substantial influx of surrendered animals.

Five years ago, all of our staff resided in Whistler. Today, however, only 50% of our staff are able to live in the area due to the high cost of living. Working for a non-profit in Whistler has become financially challenging, raising concerns about our sustainability to keep and maintain our staffing levels.

The impact of WAG's services extends significantly across the Whistler and surrounding communities including the Lil'wat Nation. As a provider of life-saving services throughout the Sea to Sky corridor, WAG's expertise in animal welfare plays a crucial role. WAG is regularly contacted by individuals and organizations for support.

If funding were not available:

- WAG would have to become more selective in animal intake. This would negatively affect animals brought in from neighboring areas, especially critical care and long-term behaviour cases. WAG often serves as a last hope for these animals and their caregivers, and without funding, euthanasia would become unavoidable for many.
- Our current team, which is already under significant pressure, would focus primarily on essential tasks like animal care, enrichment, adoptions, and surrenders on a limited basis. While basic adoptions and bylaw/impound services could continue, outreach efforts such as

animal wellness clinics, low-cost spay and neuter programs, and community events would be scaled back.

Without the support of FFS funding, the amount and type of animals WAG takes into our care would be at stake. In the absence of this funding, WAG could not maintain the staffing levels that are critical to keeping and maintaining the type and number of animals that WAG has had in our care over the years. This would negatively impact people in our community and neighbouring communities who need animal welfare support and assistance to surrender their animal.

For each animal we care for, we also touch the lives of 5-10 individuals. These include families facing challenges who seek a second chance for their pets, good Samaritans who bring injured animals to WAG, volunteers who find purpose and new skills in working with our animals, and the new families who adopt. WAG's impact extends not only to animals but also deeply enriches our human community.

We truly appreciate the ongoing support that RMOW has generously extended to WAG over the years. Thank you for taking our 2024 request into consideration.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: if FFS funds are provided to your organization, what metrics will your organization track and report to highlight the outcomes or impacts of the FFS? **Maximum 250 words.**

We monitor the flow of animals through our organization that includes adoptions, surrenders, strays, and redemptions. WAG uses technology through the Shelter Buddy computer program which allows us to conduct year-to-year comparisons of animal statistics, while also keeping track of dog license sales, impounds, and fundraising totals.

In addition, WAG records data related to our low-cost spay and neuter surgeries, wellness clinic participation, and fundraising achievements. These details will be presented in our progress reports and year end presentation to Council.

4. PLEASE APPEND:

- 1) Current operating budget indicating all sources of revenue and expense.
- 2) Most recent Financial Statements.
- 3) Photos and narrative/captions that demonstrate the proposed services.
 - Please limit to a maximum of 8 photos + captions on a maximum of 2 pages.

5. DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION HAVE ANY OUTSTANDING DEBTS TO THE RMOW? ____no____

- If YES, please indicate the amount of the debt outstanding: \$_____

APPLICATIONS WILL BE EVALUATED USING THE FOLLOWING WEIGHTING:


- 40% for the extent to which the proposed services are intrinsic to Whistler and consistent with the OCP.
- 20% for the extent to which the applicant is uniquely positioned to deliver the services.
- 20% for the implications if FFS funds were not provided.
- 10% for Key Performance Indicators.

- 10% for thoroughness, accuracy, clarity.

Please read the five GENERAL TERMS below and sign the Application only if you understand and accept the content of all five.


1. Any FFS funds provided will be used exclusively for the purpose(s) indicated in this Application.
2. This Application does not create a formal, legally binding relationship, and neither the Applicant nor the RMOW shall have the right to make any claims against the other with respect to this Application.
3. The RMOW will not take an active role in the operation of the applicant and will not accept responsibility for any liabilities resulting from the actions of the applicant.
4. These GENERAL TERMS are broadly applied to all FFS applicants and will be superseded by terms and conditions identified in a Service Agreement and/or a License to Occupy and/or an Operating Agreement between the RMOW and the applicant.
5. The RMOW may cancel or amend this Application process at any time without liability.

I agree to the terms above and confirm the statements made in this Application are true and complete.

Signature:  _____

Name: Lindsay Jean Suckling

Organization: **Whistler Animals Galore Society**

	2023 YTD	2023 Total Projected	Budget	2022 Actuals
DIRECT COSTS				
General Veterinary Costs	6,043.85	12,087.70	12,000.00	11,046.00
Food, Supplies, Kennel Expenses	2,089.14	4,178.28	5,000.00	5,286.15
Merchandise	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	4,714.93
Fundraising Expenses	1,179.92	2,359.84	2,500.00	1,386.86
Spay & Neuter Expenses	13,107.41	26,214.82	26,000.00	10,001.14
Emergency & Critical Care Expenses	22,927.66	45,855.32	46,000.00	37,279.74
Mt. Currie Outreach and FANS Expenses	4,475.89	8,951.78	9,000.00	7,548.57
Subcontract Labour	423.00	846.00	850.00	0.00
ED Wages			80,000.00	
ED EI Expense			1,800.00	
ED CPP Expense			4,160.00	
ED WCB Expense			1,080.00	
ED Medical Benefits			3,600.00	
Program Wages	140,438.42	280,876.84	198,522.00	216,507.05
Program EI Expense	3,119.13	6,238.26	4,500.00	4,531.28
Program CPP Expense	7,279.96	14,559.92	10,400.00	10,178.09
Program WCB Expense	1,885.53	3,771.06	2,700.00	2,570.37
Program Medical Benefits	6,320.33	12,640.66	9,000.00	11,440.74
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	209,290.24	418,580.48	418,112.00	322,490.92
ADMINISTRATION				
Advertising & Promotion	1,861.18	3,722.36	2,500.00	1,406.13
Accounting & Legal			600.00	0.00
Amortization Expense			5,500.00	5,882.02
Automotive Expense /insurance etc	1,619.45	3,238.90	3,200.00	2,928.33
Bank Charges & Interest	909.99	1,819.98	2,000.00	1,782.74
Bookkeeping	3,598.18	7,196.36	7,500.00	7,305.47
Credit Card and CH Fees	1,373.21	2,746.42	3,500.00	4,403.90
Computer Expenses	2,456.04	4,912.08	2,500.00	2,568.75
Insurance	1,406.08	2,812.16	3,000.00	2,688.00
Staff Recognition	455.15	910.30	1,000.00	743.58
Licences/Fees/Dues	382.75	765.50	800.00	725.00
Office Expense	2,346.56	4,693.12	5,000.00	5,216.87
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	250.00	223.63
Telephone	1,179.92	2,359.84	2,500.00	1,904.61
Travel	9.00	18.00	0.00	0.00
Training	80.54	161.08	850.00	872.21
Volunteer & Donor Recognition	347.77	695.54	1,000.00	326.66
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	18,025.82	36,051.64	41,700.00	38,977.90
TOTAL EXPENSE	227,316.06	454,632.12	459,812.00	361,468.82

Admin Wages & Benefits	3,598.18	7,196.36	98,140.00	7,305.47
Program Wages & Benefits	177,049.67	354,099.34	260,972.00	262,777.24
Equipment & Supplies	16,914.88	33,829.76	38,200.00	36,219.59
Advertising & Promotion	1,861.18	3,722.36	2,500.00	1,406.13
All Other Costs	27,892.15	55,784.30	60,000.00	53,760.39
	227,316.06	454,632.12	459,812.00	361,468.82

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Comparative Balance Sheet

ASSET	As at 06/30/2023	As at 06/30/2022	Percent
CURRENT ASSETS			
Scotiabank-Operating	106,236.20	134,322.52	-20.91
Scotiabank - Savings	9,470.05	9,470.05	0.00
Scotiabank GIC-1321GF	5,651.98	5,651.98	0.00
Scotia Long Term GIC	42,807.99	42,722.54	0.20
Cashable GIC 1L8RVD	15,182.37	15,181.24	0.01
Petty Cash	100.00	100.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable	3,322.50	225.00	1,376.67
Cash Clearing	14,277.55	2,231.93	539.70
Paypal Receivable	358.05	4,497.01	-92.04
GST Receivable	7,026.39	4,405.45	59.49
Ski Pass Recoverable	0.00	356.67	-100.00
Prepaid Expenses	2,694.79	2,260.87	19.19
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	207,127.87	221,425.26	-6.46
CAPITAL ASSETS			
Computer Equipment	3,369.50	3,369.50	0.00
Accum Amort: Computer Equipment	-3,369.50	-3,369.50	0.00
Computer Equipment:Net	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment	7,552.67	7,552.67	0.00
Accum Amort:Equipment	-3,525.84	-2,511.79	40.37
Equipment: Net	4,026.83	5,040.88	-20.12
Vehicle - 4Runner	5,118.90	5,118.90	0.00
Accum Amort: 4Runner	-5,118.90	-4,283.26	19.51
Vehicle - 4Runner: Net	0.00	835.64	-100.00
Fence	25,201.42	25,201.42	0.00
Accum Amort: Fence	-9,072.61	-5,040.28	80.00
Fence: Net	16,128.81	20,161.14	-20.00

TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>20,155.64</u>	<u>26,037.66</u>	-22.59
TOTAL ASSET	<u><u>227,283.51</u></u>	<u><u>247,462.92</u></u>	-8.15
LIABILITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	13,649.33	4,182.76	226.32
Scotiabank Visa	1,917.60	311.45	515.70
Deferred Revenue	9,627.91	13,660.24	-29.52
Vacation Payable	7,074.85	2,144.41	229.92
EI Payable	1,079.15	943.80	14.34
CPP Payable	2,967.62	2,506.34	18.40
Income Tax Payable	<u>4,547.24</u>	<u>4,177.43</u>	8.85
Receiver General Payable (payroll)	8,594.01	7,627.57	12.67
PST Payable	<u>669.02</u>	<u>472.00</u>	41.74
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>41,532.72</u>	<u>28,398.43</u>	46.25
TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>41,532.72</u>	<u>28,398.43</u>	46.25
EQUITY			
EARNINGS			
Retained Earnings	239,498.27	202,282.68	18.40
Current Earnings	<u>-53,747.48</u>	<u>16,781.81</u>	-420.27
TOTAL EARNINGS	<u>185,750.79</u>	<u>219,064.49</u>	-15.21
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>185,750.79</u>	<u>219,064.49</u>	-15.21
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>227,283.51</u></u>	<u><u>247,462.92</u></u>	-8.15

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Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 01/01/2023 to 06/30/2023	Actual 01/01/2022 to 06/30/2022	Percent
REVENUE			
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Fee for Service	57,500.00	50,035.50	14.92
Grants	260.00	356.25	-27.02
Donations Revenue	36,964.49	41,399.53	-10.71
Donations-Other Charities/Foundat.	20,010.30	52,244.31	-61.70
Donations in Kind	0.00	358.99	-100.00
Adoption Fees	20,420.98	11,704.75	74.47
Emergency & Critical Care Revenue	14,924.99	15,921.35	-6.26
Fundraiser Revenue	14,913.75	9,445.93	57.89
Coins Revenue	4,251.20	3,726.42	14.08
Product Sales & Rentals	160.00	1,030.00	-84.47
Impound & Licence Fees	1,947.50	1,430.00	36.19
Pemberton Impound & License Fees	0.00	65.00	-100.00
Surrender Fees	0.00	500.00	-100.00
Mt. Currie Outreach Revenue	2,119.50	5,515.00	-61.57
PST Commissions	95.87	95.70	0.18
TOTAL REVENUE	173,568.58	193,828.73	-10.45
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EXPENSE			
DIRECT COSTS			
Veterinary Costs & Vet Supplies	6,043.85	7,205.56	-16.12
Food, Supplies, Kennel Expenses	2,089.14	3,384.98	-38.28
Merchandise	0.00	744.55	-100.00
Fundraising Expenses	1,179.92	1,386.86	-14.92
Spay & Neuter Expenses	13,107.41	4,322.03	203.27

Emergency & Critical Care Expenses	22,927.66	20,068.54	14.25
Mt. Currie Outreach and FANS exp.	4,475.89	2,168.20	106.43
Subcontract Labour	423.00	345.00	22.61
Wages	140,438.42	107,005.47	31.24
EI Expense	3,119.13	2,380.82	31.01
CPP Expense	7,279.96	5,391.17	35.03
WCB Expense	1,885.53	1,275.64	47.81
Medical Benefits	6,320.33	4,910.27	28.72
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	<u>209,290.24</u>	<u>160,589.09</u>	30.33

ADMINISTRATION

Advertising & Promotion	1,861.18	897.84	107.30
Automotive-Gas	872.30	649.40	34.32
Automotive - Repairs	161.65	656.45	-75.38
Automotive-Insurance	585.50	586.50	-0.17
Automotive Total	1,619.45	1,892.35	-14.42
Bank Charges & Interest	909.99	896.89	1.46
Bookkeeping	3,598.18	3,656.06	-1.58
Credit Card Fees	1,373.21	2,460.60	-44.19
Computer Expenses	2,456.04	688.02	256.97
Insurance	1,406.08	1,344.00	4.62
Meals & Ent. (Staff)	455.15	132.77	242.81
Licences/Fees/Dues	382.75	200.25	91.14
Office Expense	2,346.56	2,945.56	-20.34
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	223.63	-100.00
Telephone	1,179.92	750.79	57.16
Travel	9.00	258.85	-96.52
Training	80.54	0.00	0.00
Volunteer/Donor Recognition	347.77	110.22	215.52
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>18,025.82</u>	<u>16,457.83</u>	9.53
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>227,316.06</u>	<u>177,046.92</u>	28.39
NET INCOME	<u>-53,747.48</u>	<u>16,781.81</u>	-420.27



LOLA - Available for Adoption

At WAG, we take pride in being an animal shelter that treats senior, palliative, and special needs animals with the same care as our kittens and puppies. Leading by example, we recognize that animals seeking our help often face challenges, requiring behavior adjustments, patience, time, and empathy.

Our primary focus has always been on rehabilitating animals, both physically and emotionally. Many of the animals that find their way to WAG have endured trauma in their past.



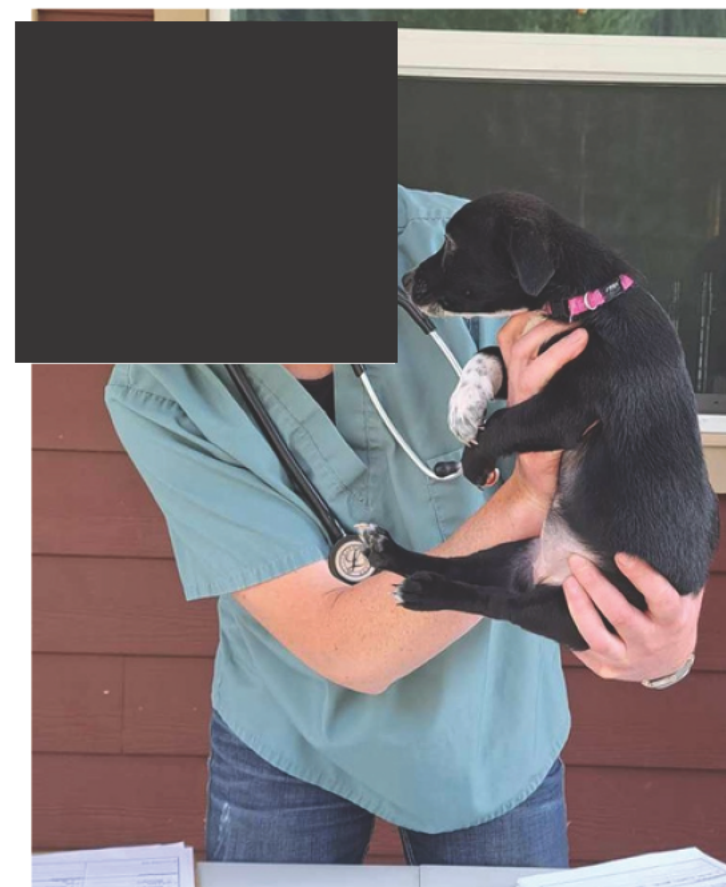
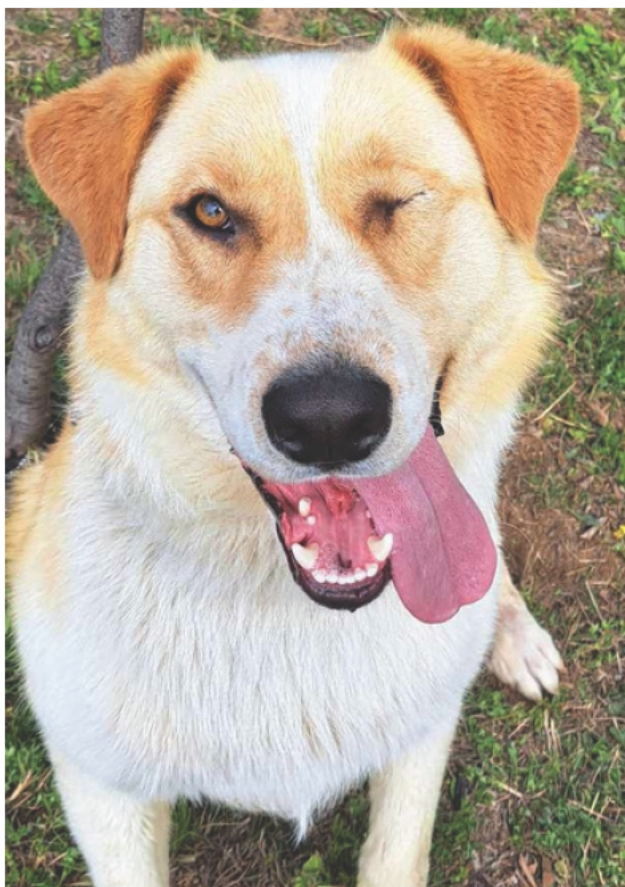
Community Engagement - Dock Dogs 2023

WAG collaborated with the amazing team at Arts Whistler to present the 2nd annual Dock Dogs competition at Art on the Lake!

Animal Wellness Clinics and Outreach

WAG holds Animal Wellness Clinic in the Lil'wat Nation community every summer. These clinics bring veterinary care to residents who may struggle with transportation or financial means for regular vet care of their beloved animals. We provide the community with vet exams, food, supplies, and vouchers for low cost spay and neuter surgeries.

Meet Hank. After an eye injury, his loving family needed help getting him to the vet, covering his medical bills, and understanding his aftercare. WAG was there every step of the way, supporting Hank's recovery. Today, Hank is thriving, showcasing the life-saving impact of the relationships we build at our wellness clinics.





Critical And Compassionate Care

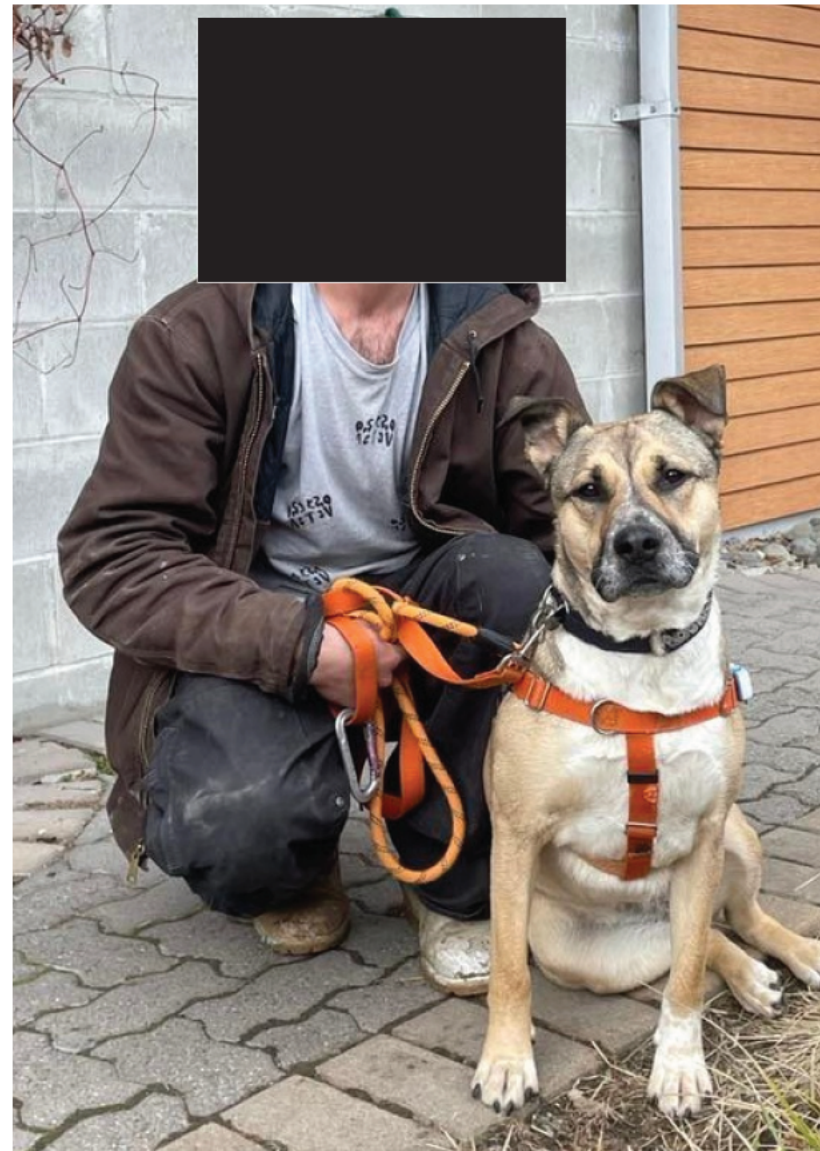
Archie and Jughead arrived at WAG with a severe case of Parvovirus, a dangerous dog illness. The local shelter couldn't take them due to their serious condition, and sadly, their siblings had already been euthanized. WAG was their last hope. Despite this tough situation, WAG teamed up with local vets, got them the medical attention they needed, and raised funds to cover the costs. WAG didn't just stop at treatment – they provided ongoing care. WAG is a unique shelter that often helps animals others can't, making them a true lifeline for pets in need.

Adopting from WAG

Our core mission in action: Finding forever homes for our animals.

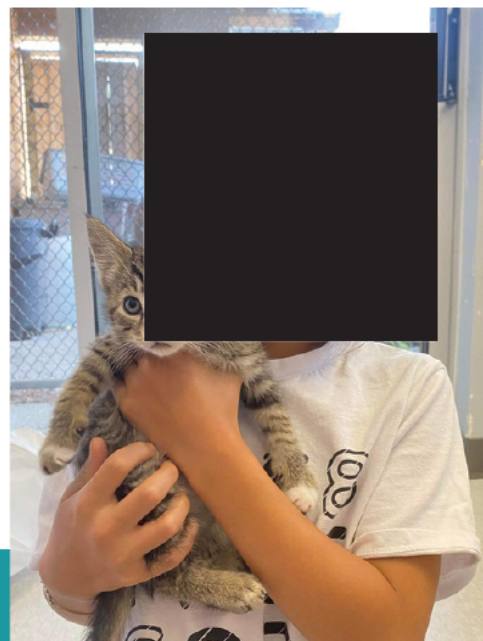
Winnie's early life was marked by isolation, spending a year tethered on a chain. When she came to WAG, the experience of human interaction and the outside world overwhelmed her. Bursting with untamed energy and lacking life skills, she struggled to connect with potential adopters who found her exuberance challenging.

Then, a turning point arrived. A young man took Winnie for a walk, and an instant bond formed. Despite being passed over for "easier" dogs previously, Winnie found her forever home. Her new Dad's patience, love, and acceptance enabled her transformation. Today, she's the well-behaved, thriving girl we always knew she could be.



40 years of Community Love!

We were elated to turn 40 last year! WAG was founded in 1982 when two friends identified the need for an animal rescue service in the Sea-to-Sky corridor. Since then, WAG has grown into a loved community asset, and leader in animal welfare.



We love our volunteers and foster homes!

Volunteering with WAG is a powerful way to find true connection, and feel the incredible emotional reward that comes from helping animals.