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Project Prototype

URL: https://wagworkshopsdirectory.org/

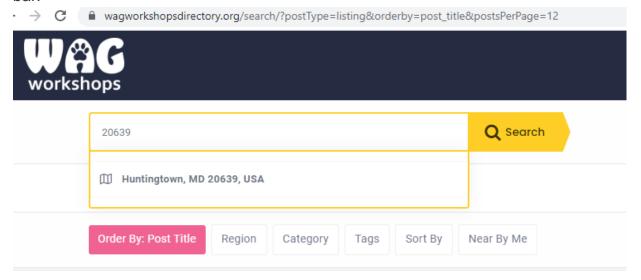
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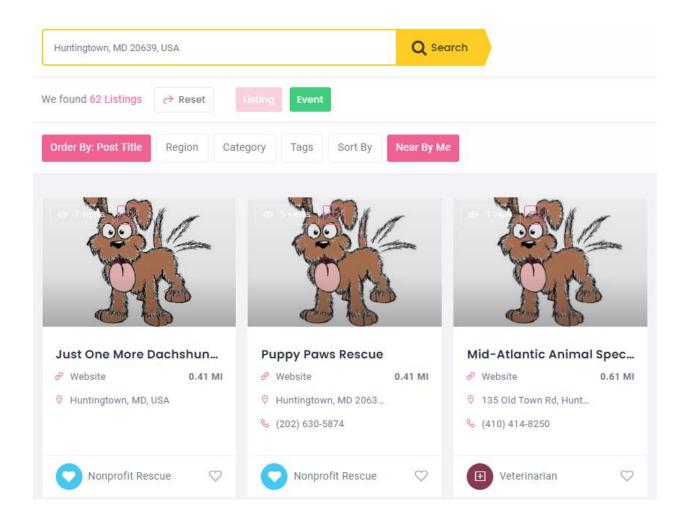
Functionalities developed since the project proposal:

1. When the proposal was submitted, people using the directory site could not search particularly for force-free trainers and board and training services that served their area (by zip code) in order to filter results to only display trainers nearest to them.

We addressed this by adding the search functionality by zip code/location so that the nearest listing in miles of force-free service providers is returned.

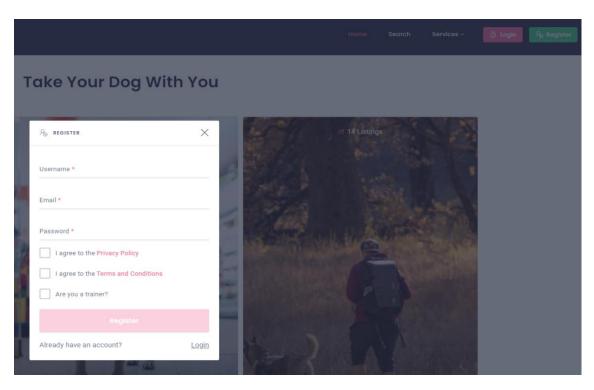
In the images below are the results from simply typing the zip code 20639 into the search bar.

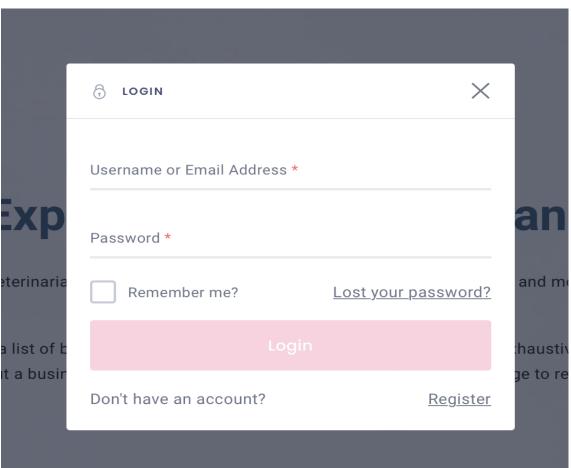




2. There was no ability to Log in and Sign up for new/existing users. No accounts had been registered, and users were unable to create new accounts.

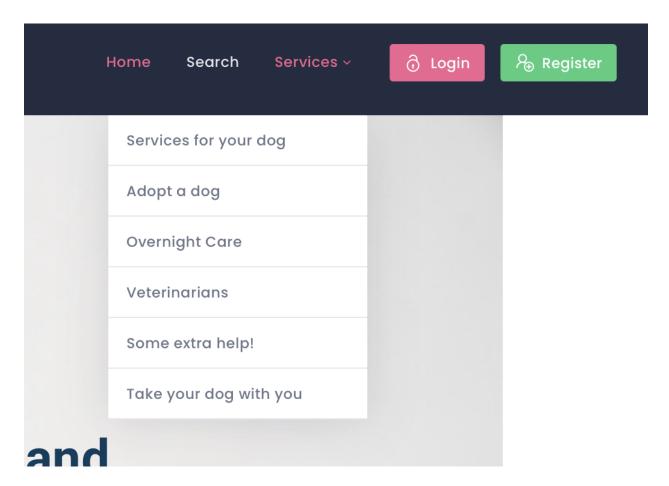
We added registration, sign-in, and an option to reset the password in case the user forgets the password. You can register as either a trainer or a regular account. users cannot sign up for another account with the same email



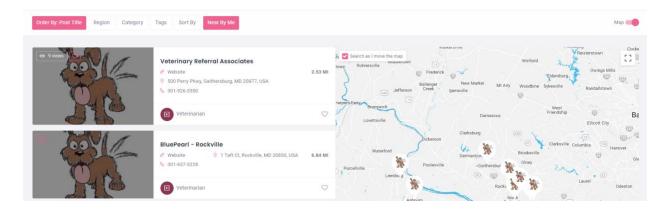


3. Subcategories on the Homepage were not user-friendly/easy to navigate.

The website's homepage has multiple categories shown on scroll, so we added anchors to each category to make the navigation easier to the Menu(top-level navigation).

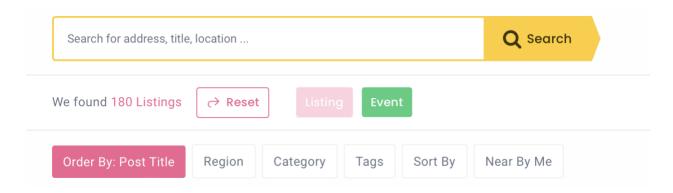


While fixing the search, we discovered that the API was restricted and limited to specific IP addresses. The client was apparently being charged by the number of websites that access the functionality. We informed the client about this, and they then set a limit on its use in the google console to our google ad grant funding limit. We were instructed to do as many searches as we want while user testing because it will give them a good baseline, and they had yet to be using up anywhere near the max of their ad grant.



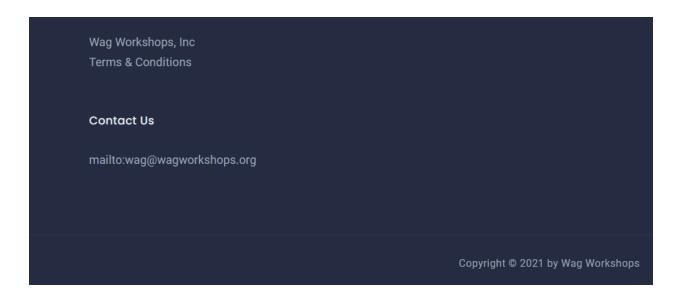
4. When we started working on the website the sort-by filter showed only ASC and DESC.

We added more filters for Search, like Order By (Newest, Post Date, Post Title and Best Viewed) to make it easy for Users while searching for required services.



- 5. The Bug fixes we did include:
- Wag Workshops, Inc and Contact Us these two links at the bottom of the site are not working. The Wag Workshops, Inc link does not redirect to the main site, and the Contact Us link does not redirect to a contact page. However, the Terms & Conditions link does work. We intend to get both broken links operational.

In the footer of all pages on the site, we have added the Wag Workshops email address using the mailto widget under Contact Us and have made it, so the "WAG Workshops, Inc" text redirects to the main site.



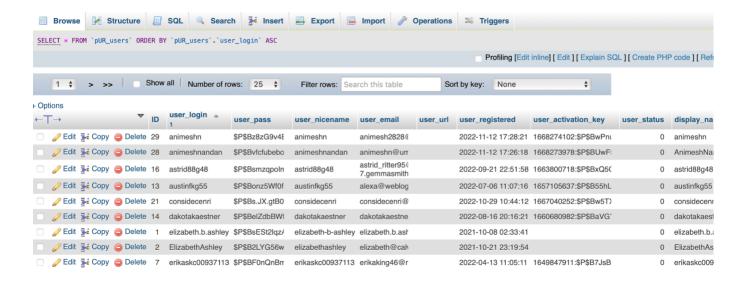
• The distance shown of the addresses currently on the website was not exactly the same values as when compared to google maps

The google maps API was the culprit behind the minor discrepancies in distances displayed on the website and Google Maps. Depending on if you view the distances on your smartphone or desktop, you may get slightly different distances within the margin of error of a mile. Our client was not concerned about this bug because once the trainer's location is put in Google maps itself it is easy to determine the exact distance. The margin of error is small enough that it should have no effect on user satisfaction with their service.

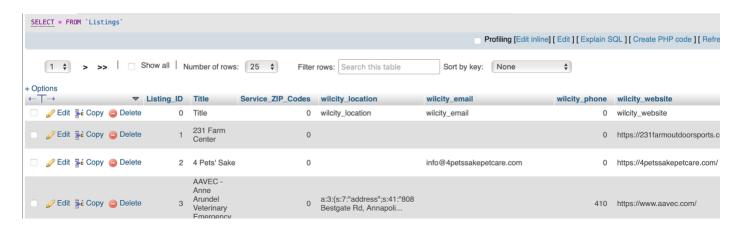
• There was a bug that when you click on the button that says "Show me local businesses!" it would redirect to the main site instead of staying within the directory.

We have since fixed this so that it redirects to the local business listings within the directory site.

- 6. We created a new table to store the data of newly registered users and listings that are already existing. All the new data will be stored in below databases.
 - Created a new table to store User data



Added existing and new listing information into the newly created table.



Work in Progress items:

- Trainer information forum needs to be added. We have the forum implemented but it needs to be linked based on the user login. Once this function is added, we'll create a table to store trainer data.
- It would be helpful for our client to allow regular users to be able to leave reviews once they use the service. Adding the ability for users to leave reviews of trainers is currently a work in progress. (This is a new functionality we are planning to include)