

# Project POOCH®

Positive Opportunities, Obvious Change with Hounds  
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## 2010 Project POOCH Board of Directors



*L to R: Tom Lang, Jan Dawson, Ted Paul, Barbara Coles, Fred Carter; Dave Waki, Roberta Blau, Stan Bland (Not pictured: Debbie Cochell, DVM; Lauren McCall)*

Project POOCH is very fortunate to have such a dynamic and engaged board working to help incarcerated youth and the dogs they train.

## Volunteers come from Hood River

The canine members of Project POOCH know how to pull. On a recent Saturday, volunteers from Cascade Sled Dog Club showed the human side of POOCH how to harness their dogs' natural abilities and enjoy dog-powered sports. The youth guided their dogs through drills aimed at teaching both dogs and soon-to-be-mushers the skills and commands necessary to pull a sled scooter, or a person on skis. Both dogs and youth were receptive to the training, so everyone was ready to try his or her hands (or paws) at scootering by the end of the session. The young men put on special belts, helped their dogs



into harnesses connected from a tow line to their belts, mounted scooters, and told their dogs to "Go!" Every dog/youth team made its way at least once around the POOCH kennel. They were encouraged by a lot of yelling and laughter from the volunteers and each other. It's tough to say who had the most fun—the volunteers, the dogs, or the youth. There are definitely some promising mushers and sled dogs in POOCH!

## Meet America's next canine top model

*A high-style, low-maintenance, neutered male seeks a human for love and companionship.*



*Fun-loving Casper seeks home*

I'm an attractive, fun-loving, fast-moving, two-year-old Great Dane mix who will keep you laughing with my charm and personality. My friends say I'm the life of the party, but I have a softer side. I'm a good listener and devoted friend that

cries at sad movies (*Old Yeller* gets me every time). I love people and enjoy an occasional bone. I'm looking for an active person who will throw me a ball, take me on long walks, and won't mind if I drink from the toilet bowl. If you're looking for an honest dog with a big heart, give CASPER a ring at 503-982-4492.



## Meet our PSU intern



*Kim and Casper*

Kim Larson has been interning at POOCH as part of her Capstone Program in Criminal Justice at Portland State University.

Kim also works as a vet tech at Walnut Street Veterinary Clinic in Hillsboro. She was instrumental in getting the doctors to do a complimentary dental cleaning for Fred MacLaren, the

campus cat. Fred has been strutting around campus showing off his beautiful teeth. Thank you, Kim and doctors at Walnut Street Veterinary Clinic.

In addition to presenting a very informative lesson that included a slideshow, Kim also walks dogs, helps youth learn about dogs, does dog home visits, and sees what needs to be done and gets right to work.

Kim has been a great asset to Project POOCH. Now we need to find funding to keep her as part of the Project POOCH program.

Kim will graduate in June with honors. She hopes to find employment working with youth in a correctional setting.

### Please consider making a donation to support Project POOCH

Enclosed is my donation of  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1,000  other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact information

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My company matching donation form is enclosed.

Please contact me for other donor options (bequests, endowments, remembrance in will)

**Please send your donation to Project POOCH, PO Box 305, Lake Oswego, OR 97034 503-697-0623**

**You can also donate with a credit card at [www.pooch.org](http://www.pooch.org).**



## presents **POOCH in the Pub**

Join us for the 4th Annual POOCH in the Pub! Included in the festivities will be both a live and silent auction, fun games, dinner, and musical entertainment by Jay "Bird" Koder. A former Project POOCH youth will tell his personal story of the healing power of dogs. The proceeds help Project POOCH continue to provide opportunities for incarcerated youths to learn patience, responsibility, and compassion for all life through working with shelter dogs.

Here's a sneak peek at some of this year's great items up for bid:

- 2 round-trip tickets on Southwest Airlines
- 1 week stay at a beautiful ocean front condo in Kona, Hawaii
- 2 night romance package at the Hotel Monaco in Portland
- 2 tickets to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon
- 4 Park Hopper® passes to Disneyland
- 1 night stay at the Salishan Lodge with 2 rounds of golf

### Mark your calendars

**When:** November 18

**Where:** Tiffany Center  
1410 SW Morrison Street  
Portland, OR

**Tickets go on sale September 1**

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- 1 night stay at the Skamania Lodge
  - 2 rounds of golf at Ghost Creek
  - A private wine tasting for 12 at Square Deal Wine Company
  - A behind-the-scenes tour of your favorite animal at the Oregon Zoo
  - Guest appearance with weatherman Andy Carson on KPTV
  - Hot air balloon adventure
- And many, many more great items to bid on.

We invite you to join other friends and supporters of Project POOCH who see the good that comes from bringing together sometimes forgotten young men and often overlooked shelter dogs.

## A letter from a grateful youth

*Dear Project POOCH,*

*Hello to everyone at POOCH. I was just doing a homework assignment and was thinking of how much POOCH has helped through the last few years and after my release, so I decided to write a letter of my gratitude. I could not have written this letter if it wasn't for POOCH. You got me this computer and I don't have to use my brother's computer every time I have an assignment. I would not have gone to college because of my financial status, but thanks to Project POOCH's support I'm in college studying and learning hard. Also, I realized some of the most important skills, like patience, compassion, and responsibility, Project POOCH taught me became very useful once being out. I need to have patience with some of my professors and the people I'm surrounded by. I need to have compassion for other people and the things I do, otherwise I would just give up. And most important is responsibility. I use it every day with college, looking for work, managing my time so I can be productive, and making sure the things I do are responsible so I don't end up where I was.*

*It's just nice to know that there are people that want me to do well and believe in me, and that drives me to do better than just being good or average. Thank you again for everything you have done for me and for all things you are doing for others.*

*Sincerely,  
Ioan*

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## **VCA West Linn Animal Hospital supports Project POOCH**

Project POOCH has been very fortunate to have the support of VCA West Linn Animal Hospital in West Linn, Oregon, for the past three years. According to Jennifer Vaselaney, clinic manager at VCA West Linn, the technical and support staff at VCA West Linn encouraged the clinic to find an organization in the community they could support together. Jennifer read an article about Project POOCH and just knew that Project POOCH was a non-profit group the VCA team could get behind and support. When she told the doctors and staff about Project POOCH, they loved the idea of supporting an organization that benefits both unwanted shelter dogs and incarcerated youth. They were also impressed with Project POOCH's track record.

Each year, VCA West Linn sponsors POOCH in the Pub with a \$2,500 donation. In addition, the veterinarians at VCA West Linn offer Project POOCH their services at no charge and also provide incidentals at cost.

Thank you, VCA West Linn, for helping Project POOCH continue to change the lives of troubled youth and shelter dogs.

