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Learning responsibility, patience, and compassion for all life

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Successful POOCH graduates advise others

Two former Project POOCH graduates recently visited the kennel to advise incarcerated youth how to be successful upon leaving corrections. "Leave your old friends and find new ones," was the main piece of advice.

Both youth are going to college and working part-time to pay for their education and living expenses.

Scott Heiser speaks to POOCH youth



Scott Heiser, attorney for the Animal Legal Defense Fund, recently spoke to POOCH youth about animal abuse laws in Oregon and other states.

Youth will continue learning about other Oregon animal laws.

Dog adopter sews dog scarves

Bobby the Greyhound has enriched the lives of his adoptive family so much that Ansje Ferguson has been sewing special scarves for our dogs to wear at adoption events and home visits.

Pictured to the right is Hekter wearing his special scarf.

POOCH adopter writes about their dog Brillo



Photo by: Brillo's Family

My husband and I adopted Brillo from your facility about five years ago. He has been the best dog we have ever had. We got him as a companion to our Belgian Sheepdog, and he was perfect for her. She was older and passed on, and when she was ailing he would even bring his toys to her. We've never had a problem with Brillo, and I was able to take him to visit my mother in the nursing home and another elderly friend in a different nursing home. Brillo seemed to be more welcome than me. He made everyone smile, even the Alzheimer's patients.

I've recommended Project POOCH to many friends, and asked that any retirement gifts for me be sent to POOCH instead. At our age, we really can't be running out the door with a peeing puppy. Brillo has never made a mistake, even in motels when we travel. Thanks to all.



THANK YOU!

From the Executive Director

The month of June will mark our 19th year of youths in corrections working with shelter dogs so that both will be good citizens upon returning to their communities.

With the sun finally arriving, the dogs will be learning outdoor agility and continue with nose work. The dogs and their handlers always like to up their skills by learning something new.

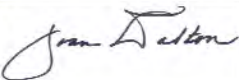
Our dog trainer, Susie Waki of Educating Fido, is working with several youth as they learn leadership skills by teaching newer youth how to train their dogs. The youth can also prepare to take the test to become a certified pet dog trainer.

We have expanded opportunities for volunteers to share their expertise in helping youth with resume writing: youth highlight the skills they have learned working at the kennel. This includes working with dogs, learning Photo Shop, practicing good manners when meeting visitors, kennel maintenance, maintaining notes regarding dog behavioral changes, how to express themselves in a positive manner, and useful social skills.

We are able to provide a well-rounded curriculum due to our many donors, adopters, and speakers from the public; many provide financial help along with volunteer time.

I am truly grateful for every individual, business, and foundation for ongoing support as we fulfill our mission of youths learning: responsibility, patience, and compassion for all life.

In gratitude,



Executive Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PetSmart

Saturday, April 28

Friday, May 4

Saturday, May 19

Saturday, June 2

Saturday, June 16

11 am - 2 pm

PetSmart—Wilsonville

8315 SW Jack Burns Blvd., Wilsonville, OR 97070

POOCH Summer Parking Lot Sale

Looking at doing some SPRING CLEANING?

Want to get rid of that stuff that has been gathering dust around your house—we'll consider donating it to Project POOCH! We are looking at having a parking lot sale this summer and would appreciate any thing that has been "gently used" from our donors. Keep a look out on our website and Facebook for dates and times, and keep in mind that what is one person's junk is another person's treasure!

Pooch will be at:

Portland Kennel Club Dog Show

Friday, July 20, Saturday, July 21, &

Sunday, July 22

Portland Expo Center

2060 North Marine Drive, Portland, OR

For more information or to volunteer call
Sharlene at 503-697-0623 or email her at
sharlene@pooch.org



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Canine nose work

Susi Waki, owner of Educating Fido, recently showed youth how to provide enrichment for dogs by teaching them how to do nose work.

Pictured is REDD, the star of the class!



Volunteers needed!

Looking for something to do this summer? We are always on the look out for out going and energetic volunteers that can help with our different events.



Most of our events are held on the weekends, and can vary depending on venue. If you are interested email me at: sharlene@pooch.org.

Youth leaves POOCH, but still helps

When "Jacob" was in Project POOCH, his dogs learned they could count on him for good physical and emotional care.

Jacob is no longer at MacLaren; however, his passion for saving dogs continues on.



"I went to the animal shelter yesterday to find some dogs. I found a big black lab who is a very sweet boy. He chases the ball and is very friendly. I went into his run and knelt down; he gently put both paws on my shoulders and gave me a hug. I will temperament test the dog for Project POOCH. Please call the shelter and let them know about this dog maybe coming to Project POOCH".

Note: This is the second dog that Jacob has emailed us about. The first dog was a sweet border collie and is now in his forever home!

POOCH dog saved at coast

Lauren was walking on the beach Saturday morning. She thought she heard a troubled seagull screeching on the beach. Lauren walked over "and was horrified to see a dog clinging to the mud about 1/3 of the way down the massive cliff that was slowly eroding under the houses up top. If he had tried to come down, he would fall into all the jagged rock, and coming back up was not an option.

I sprinted back to the car to get my phone and called 911. They put me in touch with the local sheriff's deputy. Meanwhile, we had been calling Animal Control, radio stations, and surf shops trying to find climbing gear and someone willing to help save this poor dog.

The deputy arrived and immediately jumped into action. He called every rope rescue crew and fire department within two hours. We knew it was going to be a stressful wait. Meanwhile, the dog is growing visibly weaker, a few times he starts to slide.

The first rope crew arrives, followed by the second and third... Finally they reach the dog and strapped him into a harness. (The dog) came back to the house with us, while the deputy attempted to track down the owner from the tags around his neck. Deputy Dean Burdick, a former Oregon Youth Authority employee, knew about Project POOCH so he called the kennel to find out Iggy's aka. Ringo's owner.

We cleaned him off a bit and gave him some bacon. His owner came and got him.

Iggy's family sent Lauren a really nice Pinot Noir and a card of thanks.

Youth speaks at Lions Club

I.S., former POOCH youth, recently spoke to members of the Lions' club of Oregon at their regional conference in Wilsonville.

The youth spoke about what he learned from working with dogs in Project POOCH, and his college success. His challenge has been higher levels of math but he is being persistent and utilizing "study buddies" to help him learn the skills he needs to succeed.

Of all the speakers at the conference, I.S. was the only one who received a standing ovation.

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Project POOCH would like to thank The Bank of Oswego for their ongoing support for providing us with meeting space.

Help is on the way.....

Like a lot of small non-profit organizations, we do not have a paid position for an internet-computer technician when our computers don't work or we have a problem that needs to be solved by a specialist.

We are very fortunate to have found a volunteer who gets our computers in working mode and helps us learn new software programs. That person is:

DOUG BREWER.

The most we can pay is great appreciation and a cup of hot coffee to technology expert, DOUG BREWER for always finding the time to help Project POOCH.



POOCH 101 Is Back!

It's back! Yes, POOCH 101, a weeklong workshop on how to start a Project POOCH program will be held in Portland, Oregon, August 27th-31st.

Spend the Dog Days of Summer in beautiful Portland, Oregon, while participating in POOCH 101. You will spend the last day of the workshop shadowing the youth in Project POOCH as they carry out their daily activities at the kennel located at the Youth Correctional Facility in rural Woodburn, Oregon.

Learn from others and share your ideas with participants in a workshop that motivates you to start your own dog program.

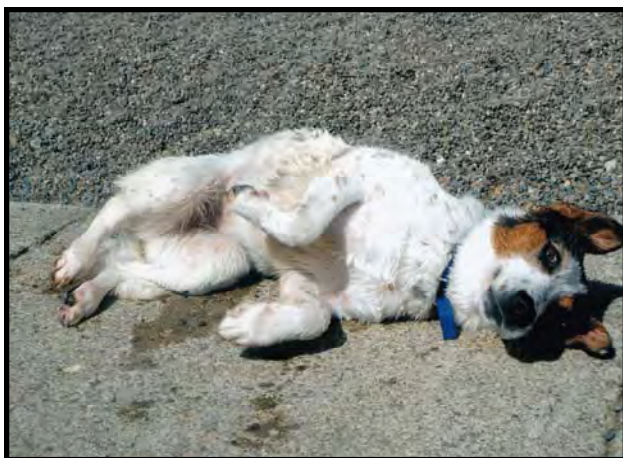
Curriculum materials include forms, resources, and step-by-step guidelines so that you can pursue your dream and passion in the development of a successful program.

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