



# PROJECT POOCH<sup>®</sup>

Learning responsibility, patience, and compassion for all life

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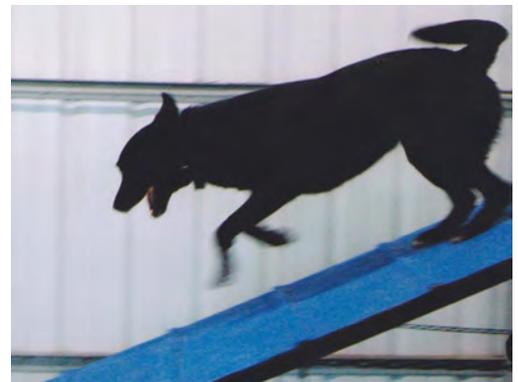
### Thank you for your support in 2013!

Thank you to all the donors who contributed to Project POOCH in 2013! Your donations have helped fund all parts of our program, from medical bills for the dogs to scholarships for the youth.

We would also like to thank everyone who attended and supported POOCH in the Pub 2013, commemorating Project POOCH's 20th anniversary! We had some wonderful silent auction items as well as exciting live auction items that will surely be enjoyed. Whether you helped us by volunteering your time or donating money or auction items, we cannot express how much we appreciate you! You are making a big impact in the lives of homeless dogs and incarcerated youth by preparing them for brighter futures.

### Rose City Classic Dog Show

Calling all dog lovers! The Rose City Classic Dog Show is right around the corner! It will be held January 15 - 19, 2014 at the Portland Exposition Center. Project POOCH will have a booth there and will be selling shirts and accepting donations. We will also have some prizes available! Please come out and support us by buying a shirt and entering our raffle!



### From the Executive Director

Thank you to all who made our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary fundraiser a success by helping as a volunteer, donating to our silent/live auction, bidding on trips, services, and coveted handmade items. We could not do the work we do without you. We are grateful for your generosity in time, talent, and financial resources.

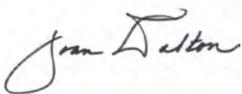
Hearing about the successes of former POOCH youth was the highlight of the evening. Thank you for believing in the ability of youth to help dogs and themselves through the lessons they learn in Project POOCH.

I'd like to give a huge thank you to Dave's Killer Bread for being our \$10,000 sponsor. It will allow us to help more youth and dogs.

To learn more about our dogs available for adoption, visit our website: [www.pooch.org](http://www.pooch.org)

Thank you for being part of our success story.

In gratitude,



Joan Dalton  
 Founder &  
 Executive Director



Photo: Nancy Hill

### In Loving Memory of Zena



We were recently informed that Zena, a Project POOCH canine graduate, has passed on. Her family wrote a loving memoir that touched our hearts. It reads as follows:

“Zena was a gorgeous girl that we got from Project Pooch in March 2002. Our vet pegged Zena at that time as being 2 or 3 years old, so we figure she was about 14 when she passed. She lived a good long life, but not nearly long enough, as is the case with the pets we love. In the end

her stomach twisted and we rushed her to Dove Lewis. Everyone agreed that at her advanced age the best course was to make her comfortable and stop her suffering.

We got Zena from Project Pooch when our son Kevin was 8 years old. He told us at the time that he was the only boy in his school without a dog! Now Kevin is in college and we had to phone him about Zena's passing. She dearly loved to lay in the sun - even on a hot day - so we are going to wait for Kevin to get home for Christmas break, and then we will all spread her ashes in her favorite sunny spot in the yard. I call it ‘spreading the love.’ In all my years of working and coming home each evening Zena never failed to be excited to see me and greeted me upstairs each evening. I think that's what I miss the most.

Anyway, I wanted to let you know how much she meant to our family. We thank Project Pooch for bringing this bundle of brown and white love into our lives.

Love, Zena's Family“

### Woodburn Vet Clinic Dog Wash

We would like to give a big shout out to Woodburn Vet Clinic for hosting a Dog Wash to benefit Project POOCH! The Dog Wash raised needed funds to keep dogs in good health. Thank you to Woodburn Vet Clinic and to all who brought their dogs out to support us!



### Make a New Year's Resolution!

Do you have a New Year's resolution yet for 2014? How about making sure that your dog's microchip is registered and that the information is current! Please include Project POOCH as the alternate contact. Our office phone number is [503-697-0623](tel:503-697-0623) and our kennel phone number is 503-981-9531 ext. 243. Your dog's chip number is on the front of his/her Project POOCH file or you can ask your vet to scan your dog for the chip number. If you have any questions, call Denise at [503-320-7342](tel:503-320-7342).



### Does your dog need a refresher course?

All dogs adopted from Project POOCH have lifetime access to refresher courses. Here is an example of a dog who enjoyed her refresher course! She writes:

"I just wanted to thank you for taking the time to help me be a better dog with my refresher course last month. My mom and dad both say I am a really good dog now! I have started going on family rides in the boat. It was scary at first, but I really, really like it now. My cat sister and I are getting along better. We actually rub noses and she doesn't swat me, but she still doesn't like me smelling her butt. I went to doggie day care for the first time last week and I passed the evaluation test. Then I went again and stayed all night. I kind of like it there as there are lots of friends to play with.

Dad and I are off to the beach to stay for a couple of days. I really like the beach house and especially when it is just dad and I. I get to sleep on the bed with him then instead of in my crate! I just wanted to let you know how happy I am with my new home and I love my mom and dad. I show it all the time by giving them my best doggie kisses. Mom loves my kisses. Dad... not so

### Attention Online Shoppers!



While you are doing your online shopping this holiday season, give to Project POOCH as well at no extra cost to you! Just go to adoptashelter.com and select Project POOCH as your shelter. Then when you start shopping on Amazon, Expedia, Office Max, iTunes, or any of the 400 retailers supporting adoptashelter.com, every single purchase you make earns money for the shelter you've chosen! It's free and easy to use - no login or passwords needed. Happy shopping!

Are you still searching for a holiday gift for your dog? Here's a suggestion. What about a tag for his/her collar with your phone numbers on it!



### Meet Kelsey

We have a new addition to our POOCH staff! Kelsey Waymire is a graduate from the University of Oregon and spent the past two years working with Teach for America in Baltimore, Maryland. While teaching Spanish to high school students, she volunteered at a local shelter for pitbulls. Kelsey is now living back in Portland with her 160 pound, rescued Great Dane. She is excited to continue working with at risk youth and dogs in need through Project POOCH! One of the perks of working in the POOCH office: Dogs are always welcome!



### Looking For My Forever Home

Hello! My name is Melanie. I am a four year old, 45 lb female Border Collie mix. If you are looking for a loving companion to cuddle with, look no further! I am very sweet and gentle. I am good with children too. I don't like toys much. I'd rather just have you sit down with me and give me affection and tummy rubs! I'd be happiest in a home where someone is there a lot of the time. When the POOCH volunteers found me at the shelter, I was very upset and nervous, all alone in my crate. But when they took me out to play, I immediately settled down and just happily cuddled up next to them. I love to go on long walks. I am also very

obedient and am on my way to passing my Canine Good Citizen test that will show I know my basic commands, such as sit, down, stay and come. If you'd like to meet me or have any more questions about me, please contact Project POOCH at 503-981-9531 ext. 243. We are open seven days a week but appointments are required.



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**New Therapy Dog at MacLaren!**

Say hello to Duke! Duke was a Project POOCH dog who was recently adopted by MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility! He now serves as a therapy dog for youth having difficulty living in a correctional environment. Duke also serves on the interview panel for youth applying to get into the POOCH program.

**Give!Guide 2013**



Thank you to all those who have supported Project POOCH by donating through Give! Guide 2013. If you can find it in your hearts and pocket books, we would sincerely appreciate any donations you can provide via Give! Guide through December! Visit [giveguide.org](http://giveguide.org) to donate today!

Are you looking for an obedient, well-trained dog who has passed his CGC (Canine Good Citizen) test? Would you like a loving, loyal companion to spend time with each day? Would your current pets or children enjoy a playmate? If so, contact Project POOCH at (503) 981-9531 ext. 243 or visit our website at [www.pooch.org](http://www.pooch.org) to find your perfect companion.