



# Project POOCH News

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## Staying in Touch...

IT ALWAYS GRATIFYING to hear news about POOCH graduates, both the youths and dogs. Many of the adopted dogs drop by for grooming and boarding, and we are always happy when their adopters send postcards, updates and photos to let us know how they are. We are particularly pleased to hear from our youths after they leave MacLaren and are glad when they stay in touch.

**ANTHONY** was the first Project POOCH youth. He and Grover, a shelter dog, helped Joan Dalton get started back in 1993. Since then, Anthony has been a staunch Project POOCH supporter and volunteer. He is a talented artist and designed the logo for the official Project POOCH trademark. He volunteers to represent POOCH at the annual NW Pet & Companion Fair and other special events.

**A.G.** is another early grad we hear from. After leaving MacLaren, he went on to continue his education, played college football, earned his bachelor's degree, and served on a special

committee for the governor. He now has a career in insurance.

**NATE's** personal story of juvenile delinquency, incarceration, and rehabilitation was the subject of a book titled "Dog Shelter" by Noriko Imanishi. A Japanese film crew visited last year for a follow-up documentary to the book. Nate is now a successful sales professional.

**COLBY**, a recent graduate, contacted Joan Dalton to say that, since leaving MacLaren, he has finished his community college training and now has a job as a welder.

**ANDREW**, who is starting college this fall, has been mentored by Jane Turville. He plans to study veterinary medicine. A generous donation from Tracy Lucas and Mark Oronzio provided Andrew with a computer to use at school. Jane Turville also mentored **A.B.** who will soon begin an apprenticeship in carpentry.

**CHRIS** listed POOCH as a reference on his job application and was hired as a veterinary technician at a pet hospital.



Bonds of mutual affection and trust make goodbyes bittersweet for both the youths and the dogs.

## Thanks to PETCO

Project POOCH is one of the animal welfare organizations selected to benefit from the PETCO 2006 Spring a Pet fundraiser. PETCO, with 800 stores across the country, also helps find homes for homeless animals through a program of weekly in-store adoptions.

POOCH has been fortunate to be a frequent recipient of PETCO's generosity. For many years now, Joan Dalton has driven to the PETCO Warehouse monthly and returned with a carload of dog food, toys and treats, beds, and miscellaneous kennel supplies. We could not afford to buy the expensive equipment and pet supplies that PETCO donates for our dogs.

Our many thanks to PETCO for its generous support!



The Hartfeils sent this photo of their POOCH dog Deano (left) with his new pal Joey.

## Thankyou to...

**ALL OUR DONORS.** We are so grateful to all of you - the people who volunteer their time and talents, the donors who contribute monthly, the groups and foundations that award grants, the individuals who bring dogs towels, blankets, etc. Each and every donation, large or small, is important in furthering the Project POOCH mission.

**Jim Dugan**, instructor/trainer for Oregon Guide Dogs for the Blind, for his presentation to the youths in September about the special challenges and techniques of preparing guide dogs.

**Gary and Carolyne Filsinger** who furnished the fixins' and **Marsha Zagya and Sandy Zimmer** who hosted *Make Your Own Sundaes* for the youths during the summer heat wave.

**WILLAMETTE WEEK** for naming Project POOCH in its **2006 Best of Portland: PETS** (8/9/2006, p.35). There is a link to listing on our web site, [www.pooch.org](http://www.pooch.org).

## MISSION

Project POOCH provides opportunities for youth in corrections to develop the personal and vocational skills they need to become responsible, productive members of the community.

The program successfully accomplishes this by teaching youth to care for and train shelter dogs for adoption.

## Blessing of the Animals



**REVEREND Victoria Etchemendy** of the Unity World Healing Center in Lake Oswego invited Project POOCH director, Joan Dalton, to take part in a Blessing of the Animals in July.

Joan described the Project POOCH program and talked about the importance and strength of

the bond between the dogs from shelters and the youths at MacLaren. She expressed gratitude to the congregants for Unity's generosity in partnering with POOCH over the years and sharing space with our Outreach Office.

The animals attending the blessing included birds, rats, rabbits, a cat and several dogs, accompanied by their human friends. Traditionally the Blessing of the Animals is celebrated in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's example of love, respect, and stewardship for all God's creatures.

## Beagles Birthday Bash at POOCH

**SARA COFFEY** and **Steve Thornton** celebrated the August birthdays of their beloved beagles, **Stanley** and **Speagle**, with a Doggy Birthday Party at Project POOCH, where the beagle brothers frequently board. The party games included *Bobbing for Hotdogs* and *Dog Races* - with only a few minor setbacks.

Speagle was afraid of the water and wouldn't bob (he cheated and stole Stanley's hotdogs), and one of the guests just plain didn't like hotdogs. Speagle also refused to join the race and grandly sat on the steps as a spectator.

Instead of collecting birthday presents themselves, the beagles donated dog bowls, collars, and leashes to the dogs at Project POOCH. Many thanks to Sara, Steve, Stanley and Speagle.



Stanley and Speagle pose with Sara Coffey and Steve Thornton.

### *Why People Adopt Dogs from Project POOCH*

*"We've been planning to adopt a dog and the benefits of Project POOCH for the dog, the young man, and the community are amazing."*

— Liane (adopted Cash)

*"I've seen the youth with the dogs, and the dogs get a lot of TLC, so I want to support the program."*

— Belinda (adopted Flint)

## Dr. Betts talks about being a vet

**DR. JONATHAN BETTS**, of the Woodburn Veterinary Clinic and an advisory board member, talked to the youths in June about his career as a veterinarian, and answered questions about vaccinations, neutering, reporting animal abuse, etc. He discussed how to tell if a dog is sick, and described specific signs, such as refusal to eat, and non-specific signs of A.D.R., i.e. "Ain't Doin' Right." The youths appreciated Dr. Betts' willingness to spend time with them, and enjoyed hearing about some of his more unusual patients - including a wallaby with a calcium deficiency.

Dr. Betts is one of our original supporters. In 1993, he wrote a letter of endorsement that helped secure the funding needed to establish the program. Over the years, Dr. Betts continues to be a valued educational resource and donates his services vaccinating the Project POOCH dogs.

## POOCH attends Grand Opening

**IRON MUTT COFFEE Co.** invited POOCH to set up a display at the Grand Opening of its newest store. Iron Mutt is a dog-friendly coffee shop with espressos and pastry for people and complimentary water and biscuits for dogs. KPTV News covered the event and interviewed Joan Dalton about POOCH on camera.

# Goodbye to Jane Turville

**MAKING FRIENDS** and then parting from those close friends is one of the things the youths learn to do when they befriend, care for and train, and prepare their dogs for adoption and departure. This fall all of us at Project POOCH also have to say farewell to one of our favorite human friends.

**JANE TURVILLE** will be hugely missed. She has worked and volunteered for the program since 2003 when she became Joan's program assistant. It quickly became apparent that her skills encompassed more than answering the phone, sorting mail, and running errands.

Jane has an impressive catalog of abilities and interests and talents. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Architecture,



Jane Turville gives instructions to a youth on the work site.

a grant writer, an organic gardener, hiking and outdoors enthusiast, prize-winning scriptwriter and independent film producer, and a lifelong animal lover.

She also has an infectious optimism, natural cheerfulness, and genuine good humor that brightens the gloomiest, rainiest day. These qualities of Jane's were thoroughly tested during this past fall's monsoon season.

Jane put her architectural training into action to design the Jungers Kennel Addition (in collaboration with the POOCH youth). She oversaw the contractors and suppliers and supervised the kennel construction working side-by-side with the POOCH youth through day after day of rain, wind, flooded trenches and mud, mud, mud.

She also mentored several youths by helping them with school applications and in finding career information for planning their futures upon release from MacLaren.

Jane is leaving for a position as development director at the Northwest Earth Institute. The silver lining is that she promises to stay in touch, and will continue to be a POOCH volunteer.



A rare treat: Marsha Zagya and Sandy Zimmer brought ice cream for the youths to make sundaes in August.

## POOCH Trademark is now registered

**IT'S NOW OFFICIAL.** We've been notified by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office that the title **Project POOCH, Inc.** and the illustration by Anthony Washington of a boy and dog are registered as the trademark and service mark of our non-profit organization.

We are extremely grateful to attorneys Steven W. Seymour and Betsy Gregory, Samuels Yoelin Kantor Seymour & Spinrad LLP, who donated their legal services pro bono and oversaw the complicated process of trademark registration.

The purpose of the trademark is to have a clear, unmistakable and legal identifier for Project POOCH, Inc., on our letterhead, envelopes, business card, brochure, newsletter, web site, recordings and video, etc, and to avoid any confusion, misattribution or misrepresentation that might occur between our organization and any other with a similar name

# Meditation Memory Garden Planned

**DAVID and SUSIE WAKI** have donated funds for construction of a Meditation Garden as a memorial to David Waki's parents, **William and Taye Waki.** It will also serve as a skill-building project for the POOCH youths. **Michael Stuky,** a master gardener and local landscaper, has been working with the youths to develop a garden design, and has donated the bricks for building walkways. **Taye Waki** was a talented watercolorist, and the garden plan will incorporate elements inspired by her artwork.



Landscaper Mike Stuky and youth rough out garden design.

**Mark Chimento,** 3CM Stone, (the Chimentos adopted POOCH dog, Morpheus) is providing granite for two garden

benches with memorial inscriptions. He will also instruct the youths in the craft of stone-cutting.



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Tracy Lucas demonstrates dog massage techniques with her POOCH dog, Ginger.

### *Great Job for a Big Dog*

WINCHESTER is a St. Bernard mix, and another Project POOCH success story. Adopted in June, he is now a working dog with a new position as the Publicity Hound for Castor and Pollux Pet Works, Portland purveyors of organic pet food and environmentally friendly pet products.



supplies to the POOCH kennels.

Winchester's big smile, friendly disposition and easy-going nature, combined with

good manners and Canine Good Citizen training made him a big success at his first public relations appearance for Castor and Pollux on KGW-TV in July.

Castor and Pollux Pet Works has sponsored Project POOCH through its Pet and Soul Foundation, and often donates pet

JASPER (right) endured having his ear touched by a stranger as part of the Canine Good Citizen Test. He passed and has since been adopted.



### **International guests visit the kennels**

IN JULY, Project POOCH welcomed guests from the Guide Dogs for the Blind of Boring, Oregon, and from the **Samsung Guide Dog School of Youngin**, Gyeonggi Province, Korea. (Besides manufacturing electronics, Samsung has a puppy-rearing and school program to provide guide dogs to the visually impaired free of charge.) The visitors toured the kennels, talked with the youth trainers, and met with **Joan Dalton** and **Mike Conzoner**, MacLaren Interim Superintendent. The Samsung guests expressed interest in establishing a similar program in Korea and made a donation to Project POOCH.

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