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## Korean Dog Program Modeled on Project POOCH

by Joan Dalton  
Executive Director

**WHEN YOU SAY "Samsung"** people think "electronics." But the Samsung company also breeds and trains assistance/companion dogs for the blind, the deaf and for search and rescue. Now Samsung has started a dog program similar to the one at Project POOCH.

Samsung representatives came to Woodburn in the fall to tour the Project POOCH kennels. In December, I was invited to fly to Seoul to consult at their first kennel built in a correctional facility.

My first day in Seoul I spent meeting executives and touring the company dog breeding facility for guide dogs for the blind, hearing dogs, therapy dogs, and for dogs in training for agility competition.

Except for border collies trained for agility, the dogs are small because most Koreans live in small apartments with no room to accomodate large breeds.

But the Samsung employees are devoted to their pets, and one of their "job perks" is bringing their dogs to work. The company has a doggy daycare center, and I smiled to see numerous dogs curled up on pillows by employees' desks.

There is also an on-site veterinary clinic that cares for the dogs in the breeding programs. Hygiene is stressed, and on arrival, everybody trades their street shoes for slippers to protect



Queenie Lee, my hostess,  
with a Samsung Chihuahua.

the dogs from exposure to germs and infections.

On the third day of my visit, my hosts took me to the correctional facility which houses 350-400 juveniles. The youths sleep on futons, six to a room, in buildings like apartments that are surrounded by high concrete walls. The area within is about the size of a football field.

Korean corrections emphasizes vocational training and the facility has buildings for teaching welding, computers, horticulture, and other trades. But there are no treatment programs for violent offenders, drug and alcohol problems, sex offenders, or anti-social behaviors. The new dog program is an important therapeutic addition.

Samsung built the correctional facility kennels in just 40 days! There are kennels for 13 dogs, a kitchen to prepare meals for the dogs, a shower room with lockers for the youths, a dog grooming

area and an office for two correctional staff who supervise five youths in the program as they work with their dogs and Samsung dog trainers.

All of the correctional staff wear uniforms and all appear physically fit. I noticed that the laundry for the facility was hung out to dry on a clothesline to conserve electricity and the office where guards checked the visitors' identification is heated by a small propane stove.

The kennels are heated and the dogs have new decorative beds and bowls. During their first two weeks with the dogs, the youths learn about canine health care, how to pick dogs up correctly, and how to secure dogs on the grooming table for daily tooth brushing.

The press covered the formal opening ceremony between Samsung and the correctional facility. When the newspaper articles are translated from Korean to English, they will be posted at the Project POOCH web site, [pooch.org](http://pooch.org).  
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A little dog has big objections to tooth brushing.

## Thank You to

**ROBERT FRANKLIN, DVM**, Oregon Veterinary Specialty Hospital, provided neutering/spaying, vaccinations, and worming for two POOCH dogs. Dr. Franklin is also an advisory board member.

**ANGELA ARNOLD** donated her jewelry designs at sales tables at PETCO on two weekends during the holidays.

**JIN KIM**, our great good friend at Photolab in Lake Oswego, donated the printing of our holiday cards --- this is a \$1,000 value.



Jin Kim, Lake Oswego Photo Lab, printed our holiday cards for free.

**TED PAUL** made a presentation about Project POOCH at the Kiwanis Divisional Meeting in Molalla on December 12th.

**BARBARA COLES** made a presentation to the Canby Kiwanis which resulted in a \$300 donation. Coles Environmental Consulting made a matching donation.

**ALLIE FORKES** donates cozy quilts to the kennel on a continuing basis.

**DOGGONE FUN! DOGGY DAYCARE** Tualatin customers donated dog food, toys, and treats.

**HEALTHY PET**, Lake Oswego and West Linn, donated dog food for the kennels.

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POOCH alum, Rocco, posed for the family Christmas card.

*Photo by Kenneth Ulappa*

## News from Alums

**ROCCY, Chocolate Lab/Retriever Mix, 10 years-old**

**ROCCY WAS HARD** to place because he is an older dog and large. But he found his *forever home* in 2005. This year his family put him on their Christmas card, and here's what they wrote:

"The 10-year 'old man' has settled in and is the lump and love of our lives...He is a healthy 74 lbs and in great tone physically...He runs full speed with reckless abandon when he can and it still is funny and graceful for a dog of 60 to 70 years."



Cassie had a sweet disposition and was devoted to her family.

**CASSIE, Chesapeake Bay Retriever Mix, 10 years-old**

**EACH DOG IS SPECIAL**, but some leave lasting attachments. Cassie singled out POOCH director, Joan Dalton, and befriended her. Joan nearly adopted Cassie herself but then found Ronald and

Shauna Snow. They welcomed Cassie into their home and hearts, took her with them when they moved out of state, and kept in touch with cards and letters.

In December the Snows called to say that Cassie had been diagnosed with cancer. Then, in January, they sent the sad news that Cassie had died. Our condolences go to the Snows on the loss of a beloved member of their family.

## Korean Dog Program *(Continued)*

I was in Korea for six short days, and my schedule was full every day. There was no time for sight seeing.

The city of Seoul is one of the world's largest with a population of nearly 23 million. It is an exciting, busy place where the streets teem with crowds of people and traffic. One morning on the way to the kennel my host stopped at a Starbucks. I was amazed to

see there were no parking places; people stopped their cars in the middle of the street to dash in for a cup of coffee while the other drivers honked wildly.

The Korean diet consists mainly of healthy soups with rice and fresh vegetables, sea foods and green tea to drink. Even their sweets have less sugar than we eat. My favorite treat was a green tea cake with just a hint of sugar.

It was a cold time to visit Korea with the temperature hovering at 32 to 35 degrees. But my hosts were very warm, and I was treated like royalty. I flew back to Portland on December 21st.

I've been invited to return for follow-up consultation next year. I hope my next visit won't be in the dead of winter and look forward to seeing more of this fascinating country.

## WalkAbout Magazine and the Mountain Shop Raise Funds for Project POOCH

**PEOPLE STREAMED** in and out of the POOCH fundraiser party at the Mountain Shop on NE Broadway, Portland, the evening of January 10. Sponsored by *WalkAbout Magazine*, a free publication found at numerous Portland locations including New Seasons, this was a festive occasion with both bargains and refreshments - fresh vegetables, fruits, cookies, and even some great wine to help warm cold bodies as they shook snow from their coats

The folks at *WalkAbout* can not only produce a first-class publication, they also know how to throw a party! People came from as far away as Bend to celebrate *WalkAbout's* fourth anniversary, to mingle, and to learn about



Pam Granata, publisher of *WalkAbout Magazine*, with a gift basket door prize.

Project POOCH, search and rescue dogs, hiking, walking, keeping one's heart healthy, and durable outer wear for dogs. There were complimentary chair massages and practical door prizes including back packs, dog accessories, and baskets filled with all the things active people

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## Thank You to (Continued)



On her birthday, 6-year-old **ALEX MAHER** (above) got gifts for the dogs at Project POOCH instead of for herself. Aren't kids great? We think so!

**WELCOME WAGON LAKE OSWEGO/WEST LINN** - They have promised to return to the Community Outreach Office on February 15th to file and organize, and to prepare this newsletter for mailing.

Customers from **HAPPY TAILS PET CENTER**, SE Portland, sent donations for the dogs plus a catnip mouse for Fred, the campus cat.

**PATTY STRAND** of Tualatin Kennel Club provided booth space for Project POOCH at the Rose City Classic Dog Show.



Jackson's (right) new family sent this photo of him and his new pal, Lacey.

### WalkAbout Fundraiser (Continued)

need to be safe and look good while running, walking, or hiking.

POOCH provided handouts, brochures and information about the program and dogs needing homes. A percent of every sale during the party was donated to Project POOCH.

The great granddaughter of Reverend William MacLaren who donated land for MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility, Roberta MacLaren, heard about the event and came from Gresham to show support for Project POOCH. She said her great grand father was a quiet man who cared about young people and worked with troubled youth and adults.

Project POOCH thanks *WalkAbout* and the Mountain Shop for partnering to bring the community together for a worthwhile cause.

### News from Youths

*(Excerpts from a letter from a former POOCH youth)*

"I REALLY DO appreciate all that you have done for me... Your program has really given me quite a lot of new perspectives on who I am and what I would like to become... I can definitely say that I really didn't feel that patience was very important until I had Angel, and compassion and trust became a part of my daily life once I had Chester and Deogi.

It is amazing looking back and seeing myself progress in maturity due to working with dogs and people...

Project POOCH has been life altering for me, and if there is ever a way that I can somehow repay the program in any way, please let me know...

## POOCH Dog Now at McNeil Island

IT WAS A COLD and windy 41 degrees as POOCH dog, **Rebound**, waited to be picked up for his transfer from MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility to a prison for adult offenders, McNeil Island Corrections Center in Washington.

Rebound is a 70-lb, Labrador Retriever/Shepherd mix, about three-years-old. He was picked up as a stray by the Willamette Humane Society in June, and "bailed out" by Project POOCH in August.

Rebound is a friendly, good-natured dog and loves people. But he is also large and rambunctious and high energy - not a good match for a family with small children younger than five.

His youth trainer described Rebound as "crazy about tennis balls - throw the ball for him, and he'll be your best friend!" When a police officer looking for a partner heard about his tennis ball obsession, he immediately recognized that Rebound has the traits that make a good narcotics detection dog.

The officer visited Rebound at POOCH and pre-tested him for the qualities a narcotics dog needs. Rebound was happy to demonstrate his strong motivation for tennis balls and his ability to find

Thank you so much for all that you have done, and if it is alright, I would like to stay in touch with you guys... Take care, and may God bless you... Sincerely, \_\_\_"

NOTE: The best "repayment" POOCH can receive is good news from the youths when they return to the community. Hearing that they have benefited from working with dogs and are making the most of their lives is proof that the program is a success.



Rebound's obsession with tennis balls took him to McNeil Island.

where they'd been hidden by his POOCH trainer.

It only took 30 minutes to show that Rebound is a good candidate for training as a narcotics detection dog. Rebound is now enrolled in the nationally known, six-week Narcotics Dog Academy on McNeil Island. A game of fetch is now serious business for him. The officer explained that acceptance by the program, like acceptance by a trade school or college, is only the first step.

The training is rigorous and Rebound will have to excel to be certified as a narcotics search dog.

We all anxiously await the news from Rebound, and wish him every success in his new law enforcement career.

### POOCH 101 WORKSHOP *How to Start Your Own Project POOCH*

June 4-8, 2007  
Portland, Oregon

If you are interested in attending, please email your

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## POOCH at the Rose City Classic Dog Show

THE ROSE CITY Classic Dog Show at the Portland Exposition Center, January 18-22 provided a wonderful opportunity for Project POOCH to meet thousands of dog lovers and to spread the message that even though mixed-breed shelter dogs can't win prizes in AKC competitions, they can be champion family pets.

There were over 4,000 dogs, toys, terriers, herders, hounds, sporting and non-sporting breeds, at the Expo Center. The show featured conformation, agility,



A BIG, BEAUTIFUL and very patient contestant waits his turn at the Dog Show. Dogs not involved in the competitions were not allowed.

Rally-O, and obedience competitions with the agility and obedience winners qualifying for the American Kennel Club (AKC) national championships. Animal Planet sent a film crew and the show will be cablecast later this year.

Project POOCH volunteers passed out brochures and newsletters; sold t-shirts, hats, and other dog-related items, and raised nearly \$1,000.

Thanks to the following volunteers who turned out to greet the public at the POOCH booth: Judy Barela, Roberta Blau, Barbara Coles, Barbara Finch, Annie Ingersoll, Paul Jones, Jeannie Krier, Tom Lang, Mallary London, and Susie Waki.

### 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.



BILLIE SUE (above) of the American Red Cross came to the kennels to present a training class to the youths on First Aid for Dogs in January. At the end of the class, two youths noticed that one of the dogs had a bleeding dewclaw. The youths immediately put their first aid lessons into practice to treat the dog's injury.

