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Darrin Humphreys New Superintendent at MacLaren

DARRIN HUMPHREYS became the Superintendent of the OYA MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility (the largest all-male youth facility in Oregon) in February. He was selected from a large pool of applicants. A native Oregonian and a graduate of Gresham High School and Portland State University where he earned a B.A. in criminal justice, Humphreys is an experienced juvenile justice administrator. He was previously Director of the River Bend Youth Transition Program, a 50-bed minimum security facility in LaGrande, Oregon.

The new MacLaren Superintendent will attend Project POOCH board meetings as an advisory member, and will meet monthly with Executive Director Joan Dalton to strengthen the partnership between the youth correctional facility and our non-profit to continue helping youths one dog at a time.

Lake Grove Veterinary Offers Scholarships to POOCH Youths

THANKS TO THE LAKE GROVE VETERINARY CLINIC in Lake Oswego, for offering an annual, renewable \$500 scholarship to POOCH youths who enroll in an accredited college, university, or technical college upon their release from MacLaren.

DR. JERRY HOFFMAN of the Lake Grove Vet Clinic and his wife, CATHERINE HOFFMAN, clinic administrator, have been long-time supporters of Project POOCH, and regularly give our dogs discounts for veterinary care, spaying, neutering and vaccinations.



JERRY HOFFMAN, DVM, greets a POOCH dog at the clinic.

POOCH In the Park



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Saturday, July 14th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. That's when Project POOCH will host *POOCH-In the-Park*, a day of canine capering and cavorting, at the Mary S. Young Dog Park, 20100 Willamette Drive, West Linn, Oregon.

The goal of this event is fun for dogs and fundraising for Project POOCH. There will be doggy games, races, and

contests with prizes for the winners and treats for all.

100% of the proceeds will benefit Project POOCH, a non-profit matching homeless dogs with incarcerated youths. The youths learn to care for and train their dogs and prepare them for adoption into permanent homes.

Project POOCH benefits unwanted dogs, youth in

crisis, and the communities who accept these youths upon their release and adopt trained POOCH dogs. It's WIN-WIN for everyone!

Since Portland is known as the dog-friendliest place in the USA, we're expecting a big turnout. We're looking forward to seeing a lot of our grads, former POOCH dogs, with the people who adopted them.

The Mary S. Young Dog Park is a great site with 3.19 acres

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Thank You to

CAROLYNE FILSINGER, SANDY ZIMMER, and ALBERNA LANZ for sewing personalized quilts to give to youths upon their release from MacLaren. The youths are appreciative of the skill and effort that go into their quilts, and very grateful for the gift of a "comforter" to take with them as they enter the next stage of their lives.

LAURA AMITON, store manager, and Healthy Pets NW, 2224 NE Alberta, for giving us table space during December to sell jewelry, ornaments and t-shirts and helping us raise \$243. (We hope this late thank you is better-than-never!)

POOCH BOOTH AT NW PET AND COMPANION FAIR

- Annabelle Carlos
- Richelle Elsner
- Lee Keish
- George Knop
- Cynthia Kurtz
- Tom Steinhoff
- Marissa Louke
- Tom Lange
- Barbara Coles
- Judy Barela
- Paul Jones

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- Richelle Elsner
- George Knop
- Cynthia Kurtz
- B.J. Finch
- Jeanie Krier
- Ted and Beverly Paul
- Barbara Coles
- Ellyn Bye
- Roberta Blau
- Judy Barela

KAREN MARSHMAN and JENN THOMPSON, for volunteering their time and office skills to work in the Community Outreach Office.



News from the Board of Directors



Suzanne McKim Completes Term as Board Chair

SUZANNE MCKIM has completed her term as chair of the board of directors. She will continue to serve as an advisory member. At the Annual Meeting in May, Suzanne was awarded a clock with a photo of her POOCH dog, Smith, in recognition of her contributions. Not only has Suzanne made substantial financial donations to Project POOCH, she has also been instrumental in finding new donors and in spreading the word about the good work the POOCH youths do for homeless dogs.

Executive Director, JOAN DALTON, expressed her appreciation of Suzanne's willingness to make herself available to meet with Oregon Youth Authority administrators on a regular basis.

BARBARA COLES, who is currently Secretary of the board, has agreed to take over the duties of the chair. Her unexpired term as Secretary will be completed by SUSIE WAKI, board member and volunteer coordinator for the program.



Joy Soares Accepts a New Job in Hawaii

JOY SOARES flew from Portland to Hawaii in April to begin a new job in the health care field. Joy has assisted Project POOCH financially, as a board member, and through her expertise as a lobbyist at the Oregon legislature. In addition, she has practiced yoga for many years and taught two yoga classes to POOCH youths to help them learn positive methods for reducing stress. She will continue to support POOCH from her new home in Hawaii.

Charles D. Allis Joins the Board

CHARLIE ALLIS was unanimously elected as a new member at the May meeting. Charlie has been a staunch supporter for a number of years. He has secured donations for POOCH building projects, and has made numerous personal donations, including a computer for a youth leaving corrections to take to college and a van for transporting dogs. He is involved in many public service activities, and is chair emeritus of the OHSU Foundation, a board member of the Goodwill Vocational Foundation, and Head Regional Volunteer for CARE International.

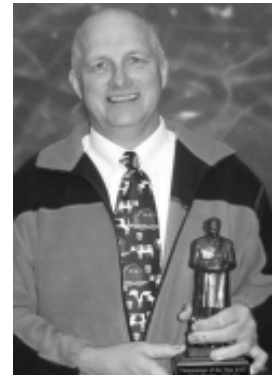


In addition, he frequently meets with POOCH youths preparing for release - guiding them through practice job interviews, explaining workplace etiquette, and discussing their plans for the future. The youths respect the example he provides as a retiree who stays active riding his bicycle daily and working to make the world a better place.

BOARD NEWS (continued)

Jon Betts Named Vet of Year by OVMA

JONATHAN BETTS, DVM, advisory board member, was honored at the Oregon Veterinary Medical Conference in March. He was presented with the Veterinarian of the Year Award for his professional contributions at the local, state, and national levels. He has been a member of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board since 1998 and also serves on National Board of Veterinary Examiners. Dr. Betts helped Project POOCH get started 13 years ago, and he continues to make presentations on canine health care to the youths and to give POOCH dogs free vaccinations at the Woodburn Veterinary Clinic.



JON BETTS, DVM
Veterinarian of the Year

POOCH 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.



Thank You to

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SHARON ETTINGER, a virtual volunteer from Aptos, CA, for graciously offering her talents, via the web site www.volunteermatch.org, to sew capes for Project POOCH dogs. Now when potential adopters visit, the dogs will look sharp in green doggie capes embroidered with "Adopt Me. I'm a POOCH Dog".

JENNIFER TRACZ, a graphic designer across the country in Manchester, CT, for helping with the design and layout of the new volunteer manual.

PETCO for choosing Project POOCH to benefit from their annual *Spring A Pet* store fundraiser in March and April, for continuing donations of pet supplies and toys for the kennels, and for their conscientious response to the recent Pet Food Recalls.

LESLEY DODSON for donating (in honor of Pongo Dodson) a bag of Canidae for the dogs and a year's subscription to *BARK Magazine* for the youth dog handlers.

The **HEART-TO-HEART** committee of Welcome Wagon of Lake Oswego/West Linn for making Project POOCH one of the three non-profits they support and sending volunteers to prepare our newsletter for mailing.

Welcome

To **JUDY JOHNSTON**, dog groomer and owner of Faithful Companion Grooming, Hubbard, OR. Judy began giving instruction in dog grooming techniques to the POOCH youths in April.

(Right) Volunteer Coordinator **SUSIE WAKI** with new volunteers **JENN THOMPSON**, **JESSICA KAPLAN**, and **LEE KEISH** tour at Project POOCH.

POOCH-In-the-Park (continued)

of play space. In addition to the dog park, Mary S. Young offers 5-8 miles of forest hiking trails and a beach area along the Willamette River.

The park offers both open space and shady places, picnic tables, garbage cans, running water, and poop bags. Since the dog park is not fenced, we ask you to keep your dogs leashed.

POOCH-In-the-Park is the inspiration of West Linn resident and event planner, **PATTI GALLE**, ably supported by a volunteer planning committee including: **JACQUE McCORMICK**, **KARIN SEHLEMYER**, **MARGIE KORSHOJ**, **LEE KEISH**, **TOM STEINHOFF**, **GEORGE KNOP**.

We also want to acknowledge and thank **JEFF POLK** and the Polk Family Charitable Fund for donating the funds for organizing this special event.

Patti has sent invitations to dog-related businesses and services in the area to set up booths, and has also sent a mailing to recruit event sponsorships ranging from \$50-\$500.

If you would like to suggest a sponsor or want to be a sponsor yourself, or have something to contribute for the raffle, please contact **PATTI GALLE** at 503-636-0714 or 503-309-2405 or email...

aplusforyou@yahoo.com

New Volunteers Tour the Kennels

THIS SPRING, Project POOCH invited 15 new volunteers to tour the Vollum Kennels and see at firsthand the work the youths do when working with the dogs that come to the kennels from shelters.

Pooch dog handler, **LEROY**, demonstrated how POOCH temperament tests the dogs before they are accepted into the program. Beagle Rescue brought in two dogs for demonstration purposes. Both dogs passed the rigorous test, and are now learning basic obedience before being adopted.



Another POOCH dog handler, **ALEX**, and his dog, Bruce, demonstrated how the dogs are tested for their Canine Good Citizen Certificates. POOCH dogs must earn certificates to qualify for adoption to forever homes.

POOCH In-the-Park

- Dog Races
- Biscuit Toss Contest
- Musical Hoops
- Nail Trims
- Police Dog Demos
- Animal Communicator
- Agility Demos
- Gourmet Dog Food Tasting
- Pet Photos
- Ask the Vet
- Dog Training Demos
- Boutique Shopping
- Goodie Bags
- Raffle



LEROY demonstrates food testing (left) and temperament testing (above) to the visiting volunteers.

Message from Bob Jester, OYA Director

"The Oregon Youth Authority's mandate is multi-faceted. Our most important charge is to protect the public and hold youth offenders accountable for their behavior. But at all levels of the organization, our greatest challenge is to provide youth with opportunities to learn personal responsibility, develop social skills, and make positive choices for themselves. Our goal is to prevent youth from moving deeper into the juvenile justice or the adult corrections systems."





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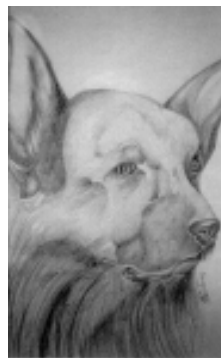
Please tell Alex that he did a Great Job training Bruce and I am very happy with the work that he performed to get Bruce to where he is today. Kudos all around!

Everywhere I go I'm spreading praise about Project Pooch to anyone that will listen. :)

Sincerely,
 Andrew Weaver

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Cause for Celebration



FROM SHAKESPEARE to Neil Sedaka, everybody agrees that it's tough to say goodbye to friends. The exception is saying goodbye to friends who have served their terms and are leaving corrections. Then we are SO GLAD to see them go that we have to celebrate!

On May 5th, Project POOCH held a Parole Party for **ALEX** and **CRUZ**. In addition to the other POOCH youths, their supervisors, and Joan Dalton,

volunteers **CHARLIE ALLIS**, **BEVERLY** and **TED PAUL**, **TRACY LUCAS** and **MARK ORONZIO**, **SANDY** and **JERRY ZIMMER**, and **CAROLYNE** and **GARY FILSINGER** attended the party.

During their time in the program, Alex and Cruz have trained seven dogs respectively.

Alex is also a talented artist and frequently made pencil sketches of dogs he trained.



Gifts from youth to volunteers.

At the party, he expressed his appreciation to the volunteers by giving them some of his favorite drawings in mats and frames.

Both youths leave Project POOCH with all of our best wishes for happy, productive futures as they re-enter the community as free men.

Congratulations

To POOCH youths, **MICHAEL** and **KEVIN**, both of whom studied for and passed the examination for American Kennel Club Pet Care Technician certification.