



Project POOCH News



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Youths remodel aging dog kennels

DURING THE WINTER months, the POOCH youth have been making repairs and remodeling the Vollum Kennels. These kennels were the first ones built at Project POOCH. They were funded by the generosity of our original benefactor, **JEAN VOLLUM**, and constructed in 1994 by the youth in the MacLaren building trades class.

Over the ensuing 12 years, the walls made from fencing material have rusted and deteriorated. The dogs frequently got cuts on their feet and noses from the sharp edges of the fencing, and the fencing also provided inadequate protection from cold winds and blowing rain.

Thanks to grants from the **JUAN YOUNG TRUST** and the **KAREN M. SCHROTH FOUND-**



POOCH YOUTHS also learned useful building skills as they renovated and improved the 12-year-old Vollum Dog Kennels.

ATION FOR ANIMALS, POOCH was able to buy the materials to replace the fencing with solid panel enclosures that will make the kennels safer, weatherproof, and more comfortable for our dogs.

All the repairs were done by the youth now enrolled in

Project POOCH under the oversight of kennel supervisor, **ADAM BERGIN**. Remodeling the kennels also gave the youths building experience and skills to list on their resumes for job hunting upon release from corrections.

Kudos sent to Duke's handler



POOCH YOUTH are deeply invested in the dogs they care for and train. Here are some excerpts from a letter written by an adopter to J.L. about the yellow lab he trained:

"...Let me first begin by telling you that I have never had a dog with such an incredible personality. I often forget that he is a dog and have long conversations with him..."

I won't lie and say that the adjustment has been easy...when I had to go to work, he climbed up on a patio table and jumped over the fence...The next day, he broke down the backyard fence...he opened the



refrigerator door and helped himself to a steak and a tub of butter...That was his first week and I am sure he had separation anxiety and just didn't know where he fit in.

My other dog, Buddy, and Duke play all the time. Buddy

is determined that he is the alpha dog, and Duke is perfectly fine with that...

So far, all of my friends who have met Duke think that he is beautiful and just a great dog. They don't know the half of it, he is an incredible dog...I have had great dogs, but none like Duke...Bless you...for giving this dog a chance in the world..."

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Thank You to

DIANNE COX of Forest Glen Kennels in Beaverton. After many years of operations, Forest Glen Kennels is closing, and Diane has generously donated high quality beds for our POOCH dogs as well as bowls, shampoos, and cleaning products.

HAPPY TAILS PET CENTER, 6111 SE 82nd Avenue in Portland, once again donated food, toys and grooming supplies to Project POOCH collected from their customers during the holiday season.

PETCO for collecting cash at the Lake Oswego store for Project POOCH.

SARAH DOERING of **Willamette Week** for advertising our POOCH dogs at no cost to us and also to the businesses who have sponsored the WW ads for Project POOCH including **Lloyd Center Dental Care**, **Green Dog Pet Supply**, **Foundation Garments, Inc.**, etc. The WW "Sponsor a Pet Program" invites advertisers to underwrite ads for animals in a number of non-profit adoption programs. The ads for POOCH dogs Jazzy, Gabby, Moka, Destiny, and Sam have generated an increase in public interest

LAURIE AUSTIN, Head to Tail Canine Massage & Reiki, for teaching animal massage techniques to the youth and demonstrating how to use massage to relieve kennel stress in the dogs. She is a Certified Small Animal Massage Practitioner through the Northwest School of Animal Massage, and has six years experience in allopathic and naturopathic veterinary medicine.



Project POOCH Ambassador: TOM STEINHOFF

by Harriet Vanderbilt

TOM STEINHOFF has loved big dogs ever since he was a child growing up with a Bouvier Des Flanders (a really big sheep dog). When a friend told him about the volunteer opportunities at Project POOCH, Tom said "I knew it was a perfect fit," because he had experience working with dogs at a kennel and also with youth at a juvenile hall in California.

Tom takes POOCH dogs to home visits where the dogs may stay overnight or for a weekend. He also chauffers dogs to veterinary appointments and returns them to the kennels. When he is visiting potential adopters, he checks the home and yard for problems, especially for holes in fences.

When dogs are unable to return to the MacLaren kennels due to late appointments, he sometimes puts them up at "Tom's Bed and Biscuit"—the kennel in the yard at his home. Frequently these POOCH dogs are 11th hour dogs, two years or older and often a step away from euthanasia when they are paired with the young men at MacLaren who retrain them for adoption.



TOM with GOLIATH (8 yrs-old and 140 lbs). Goliath was recently returned to POOCH and successfully rehomed by Tom.

At the Outreach Office, Tom is ready to do "anything they want," from mailings and event planning to construction projects or fixing the window blinds. He was very involved in last year's POOCH in the Park and took photos for this year's POOCH in the Pub fundraiser.

Tom moved to the Portland area four years ago to attend Lewis and Clark Law School. He graduated and passed the Bar exam. He shares his home with his Pitbull/Labrador mix and a Chow/Lab plus mix. Both dogs were adopted, while he lived in Santa Cruz, one from the SPCA and one from a client at the kennel where he worked. He also owns and operates an independent record label.

Project POOCH thanks Tom for his work. We hope he will continue to volunteer for a long time to come.



Husky AUTUMN was very happy to be LAURIE AUSTIN'S teaching assistant while the POOCH youth practiced canine massage therapy techniques on her.

YOUTH NEWS

IT IS A SOURCE of hope and pride that the POOCH youth who successfully complete the program stay in touch when they return to the community. We look forward to hearing from them and sharing their news with program supporters. In the interests of protecting their privacy, it is our policy to use their initials rather than their real names.

B.N. reports that he now has a full-time job as a dog groomer while he attends PCC part-time. He continues to meet with his mentor, board member **CHARLIE ALLIS**, on a regular basis.

H.L. recently wrote to Project POOCH to express his thanks for the training and guidance he received in the program. He credits his experience at Project POOCH with helping him to find his vocation. He is now attending school and studying to be a veterinary technician.

I.M. participated in Project POOCH for 4-1/2 years. During those years, he worked conscientiously to learn and grow. He has demonstrated his talents and potential both as a dog handler and trainer and as a leader of other youths. Sentenced for a Measure 11 crime, **I.M.** is now 25 years-old and an adult. He has "aged out of MacLaren." The law requires that he be transferred to an adult facility to complete his sentence. While he was with us, he made many positive contributions to POOCH. He will be missed.

Meet the Project POOCH dogs on the web at www.pooch.org



Filsingers and Zimmers: Nine years with Project POOCH



CAROLYNE FILSINGER and SANDY ZIMMER are sisters, and volunteering for POOCH with their husbands, GARY FILSINGER and JERRY ZIMMER is a family affair.

Sandy Zimmer and her husband Jerry became POOCH volunteers nine years ago after reading an article in the Canby Herald. She thought the program "...seemed like the perfect solution to at least two problems—dogs without good homes and young men needing some motivation and direction." According to Carolyne, Sandy then recruited the Filsingers for POOCH.

The couples also have many other interests, like clearing barbed wire in the Klamath Wildlife Refuge, geo-caching, genealogy, caving, canoeing, biking, hiking, snowshoeing, and grandparenting. Sandy even kick boxes, and Carolyne serves on the Clackamas County Extension Service Advisory Board and volunteers at two schools. Sandy has decided to sell her Christmas ornament business of 31 years, The Doughworks, and Carolyne recently retired from the Oregon City School District.

In addition to all their other activities, the Filsingers and Zimmers have been regular volunteers at Project POOCH, bringing a positive outlook, serving as role models, and providing opportunities for

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Project POOCH, Inc.® provides opportunities for youth in corrections to learn responsibility, patience and compassion for all life through working with dogs.



CAROLYNE FILSINGER and SANDY ZIMMER

the youths to practice their social skills by conversing with and entertaining their adult guests appropriately.

For the last eight years, they have brought pumpkins and art supplies for the youth to decorate for Halloween.

As youths near the end of their time at MacLaren,

Carolyne, Sandy, and ALBERNA LANZ begin sewing a personalized quilt for the youths to take with them when they return the community. The women recognize that although the youths eagerly anticipate leaving corrections, they also face major adjustments and challenges. Carolyne wants the handmade quilt to be a "reminder of our support." She says, "I am trying to recruit more people to make quilts so that we are assured of having one each time a youth completes his stay at the facility."

Now that she will be retiring from her own business, Sandy has offered to work with the POOCH youth who aspire to own and run businesses themselves. She says, "Over all of those years you do pick up some tips...so I may be able to help them avoid some of the pitfalls."



Asked why the two families continue to volunteer after all these years, Carolyne explains, "It's wonderful to be a part of a program that successfully helps the youth and the dogs and that's what brings us back!"

Quilt created by CAROLYNE FILSINGER and SANDY ZIMMER.

Chaco the Cat

CHARISMATIC CHACO is seven years old, neutered, and has had all tests/vaccines. Chaco is positive for FIV, feline aids, and needs a home either as the only cat or with other FIV-positive kitties. Feline aids is not transmittable to humans.

Chaco has had a hard past in a neglectful home. He is intelligent and sensitive, responds to affection, and is ready to bond with a loving



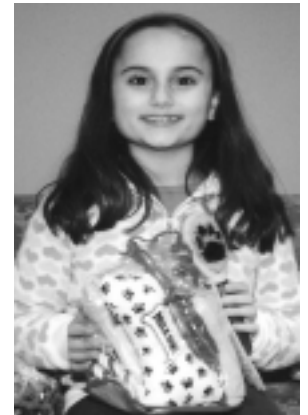
family. He is unafraid of dogs.

If you think Chaco might fit in your home or if you know of a home for him, please call: CAROL at (503)347-6086.

Paid for by Chaco's foster mom.

Thank You to

JESSICA SEROPIAN of Lake Oswego, who celebrated her ninth birthday with a party for the dogs. Instead of gathering gifts for herself, Jessica collected leashes, dog beds, dishes, tennis balls, chew toys, milk bones, tug toys, dog food, bones, etc., which she and her mother delivered to the POOCH Community Outreach Office.



JESSICA SEROPIAN

COASTAL FARM & RANCH store in Woodburn for choosing Project POOCH to participate in its "Matching Donation" promotion. We are grateful for the \$300 gift card Coastal Farm & Ranch sent, and will use it to shop for dog food and kennel supplies.

BARBARA COLES, President of the Board of Directors, for making a presentation about the Project POOCH program at the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County Lunch and Learn Meeting in West Linn in February. She brought back two checks from donors.

CORRECTION: The Editor regrets misspelling the name of JIN Y. KIM of PhotoLab, 16324 Bryant Rd, Lake Oswego, in the last issue. Mr. Kim has donated materials and printing for the POOCH holiday cards four years in a row. Project POOCH is very grateful to him and regrets the error.



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POOCH IN THE PUB

PORTLAND ARTIST JASON KARL designed this logo for the next **POOCH IN THE PUB** scheduled for November 2008. Thanks to the following businesses and individuals who made the first PIP a \$10,000 success:

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April Flyball Fundraiser

THREE OREGON FLYBALL TEAMS will raise funds for Project POOCH at a 2-day tournament this spring. *"The Ball Is Out There"* Flyball Tournament will be held in the **ELY ARENA, Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby, April 26 & 27**. This exciting NAFA all-day regional event will draw competitors from across the Pacific Northwest.

Look for more info (and videos) on the web at www.pooch.org/flyball and www.TheBallIsOutThere.info.

