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Remembering Jean Vollum (1927-2007) with Gratitude

JEAN VOLLUM was more than a donor for the many worthy causes she supported. She genuinely loved people - especially the young males who work with Project POOCH dogs.

I first met Jean when I was invited to travel from Portland to Gresham with her, Linda Hines (former executive director of the Delta Society) and Leo Bustad, DVM, School of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University. Jean had the ability to make people feel and be part of a vision to promote the human-animal bond.

It was Jean who provided the seed money to begin Project POOCH (positive opportunities - obvious change with hounds) at the MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in the year 1993. And no organization was allowed to skim off administrative fees for delivering her checks to Project POOCH.

She attended several events in which youths showed off their dog handling skills, kennel construction skills, and social skills. Jean was never the kind of person to just put in an appearance and leave. She spent time conversing with the youths and meeting their dogs.

Her best friend, Sophie Engelhard-Craighead, donated money to build an education center next to the Vollum Kennel at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility. Of course, this meant a dedication ceremony was in order.

The day of the dedication was the hottest day in

July and youths had chilled bottled water to hand out to the guests. As the guests began arriving, a big black limousine pulled up and the youths' mouths dropped in wonderment. Out stepped Jean and Sophie. The youths felt they were very important to have guests arrive in a limousine! Everyone followed dog paw prints painted on the sidewalk to show the way to the event at the kennel.

After the ceremony, the youths invited Jean to sit in the best seat in the education center - a donated simulated leather chair. She was all smiles



Jean & Star

as she enjoyed answering questions and asking questions of the youths.

Jean remembered POOCH every year with an annual gift and often invited me to events to meet people who might be interested in learning about Project POOCH. She used to chuckle about the fact that a dog kennel carried the Vollum name. She was more than a name on a building to Project POOCH; Jean gave from her heart and left a lasting legacy to the youths now and those who follow in the future.

-- Joan Dalton

Thank You to

BILL PAULBITSKI, founder of Northwest Benefit Planning, who read about Project POOCH in the Portland Tribune and donated \$10,000 plus a truckload of office furniture and equipment including a top-of-the-line copier.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION volunteers led by **CARL PARSONS** for delivering and unloading office furniture and equipment donated by **Bill Paulbitski** to the Project POOCH Community Outreach Office.

KAREN E. SCHROTH FOUNDATION for a donation of \$15,000 to care for the dogs at Project POOCH.

Board member **TED PAUL**, an ardent advocate, author, and crowd-pleasing speaker, who often represents Project POOCH at community group meetings. In May Ted was enthusiastically received as the guest speaker to a group of 70 at a dinner meeting of the **Woodburn Methodist Group**.

NANCY AND LEE WELLMAN, publishers of the **COFFEE NEWS NW**, for donating free advertising in the entertaining weekly found in restaurants and coffee shops Lake Oswego, Fairview, Gresham, Sandy, Troutdale, Tualatin and West Linn. Many adopters tell us they first learned about Project POOCH by reading the Coffee News NW.

SCOTT EAVE, VP of HR for **Gunderson LLC**, for providing employment opportunities to the youth at Project POOCH upon their release.

See more photos from the POOCH 101 Workshop at: www.pooch.org/news.htm

International Group at Second POOCH 101 Workshop



ATSUKO OTSUKA greets a Golden Retriever. She came from Japan for the POOCH 101 Workshop.

The workshop curriculum focused on working within the parameters of correctional facilities; identifying

vocational and personal skills youth in corrections need; selecting shelter dogs and adoption strategies; building a non-profit to grow and reach into the community; recruiting volunteers. and collecting relevant research data.

JOAN DALTON, Project POOCH executive director, planned and led the workshop which she patterned on a similar training workshop she presented in 2005. However, according to Joan, much of the credit for the success of this year's workshop went to **SUSIE WAKI**, Project POOCH volunteer coordinator, who managed the logistics and

POOCH 101, a workshop for social service professionals and others interested in setting up programs similar to Project POOCH, was held in Portland and Woodburn, June 4-8. The Mark Spencer Hotel was the site for the first four days of the workshop; the fifth and final day featured a trip to the Vollum Kennels where the eight attendees shadowed and worked alongside the youths.

It was an international gathering including U.S. attendees from both coasts, Connecticut and Florida and California, as well as attendees from the United Kingdom and Japan.



LYNN COX from California attended the POOCH 101 workshop, and then she returned in July to be a POOCH volunteer for POOCH In-the-Park.

arrangements for attendees to experience the beauty of Portland.

Thanks also to: **KATE DAVIS, MSW**, who presented preliminary data on youth behavioral changes reported in interviews with POOCH youths and corrections staff; **ANGELA SABIN-VEEK**, who attended the POOCH 101 Workshop in 2005 and told about her work in the Oregon Youth Authority People and Animals Worth Saving (PAWS) Program in Josephine County; and **JEFF SLEDGE**, Oregon Youth Authority administrator, who discussed the importance of coordination with corrections in program design; and **ADAM BERGIN**, Youth/Kennel Supervisor, who shared strategies for working with POOCH youths.

As a final activity, attendees were asked to fill out evaluations. They unanimously rated their time at Vollum Kennels highly and agreed that meeting the youth and hearing them talk about their positive experiences working with dogs was the single most memorable event of their workshop week.

For more information and photos from the POOCH 101 Workshop, please visit the web site: www.pooch.org/pooch101

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.



EMMA, former POOCH dog, went on-the-run for nearly a year. Thanks to the determination and devotion of her adopters, she is now safe at home.

More on Emma on Page 4.



POOCH *In the Park*

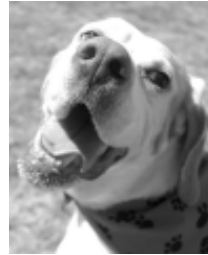
First Playday for Pooches

APPRECIATION FOR PATTI GALLE, our volunteer event coordinator, is in order. POOCH-In-the-Park was her creation. One day Patti blew into the outreach office and volunteered to organize a fund-raiser. It was like the arrival of Mary Poppins or maybe General Patton. Within days she had rounded up a group of volunteers, turned the storage area into a strategy center, and papered the walls with planning charts.

Dog races, biscuit tosses for big and little dogs, police dog demos, an agility course, obedience fun matches, dog training tips, puppy kissing, a parade of POOCH dog alums with their people, water under every tree, plus vendors galore and raffle prizes. And all on the hottest day of the year!

Thanks, Patti, for making it all happen and giving us all, pets and people, so much fun!

*Photos by Nancy Hill and Joan Dalton
There are MANY more photos on the web at
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"We had a great time at Pooches in the park. What a wonderful event for an important cause... We wish the Pooch program much success, and look forward to going again next year."

John and Priscilla DeCosta
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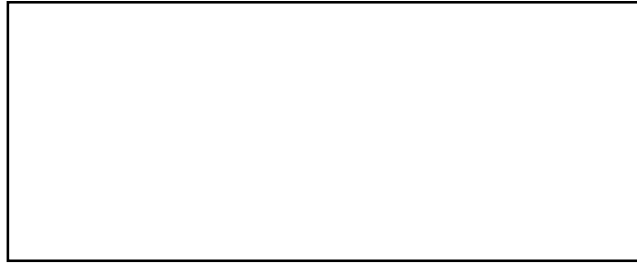
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Responsibility, Patience, and Compassion by Working with Dogs at the 62nd International CEA (Correctional Education Association) Conference, July 8-11th, in Atlanta, GA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RAUL who has passed the American Boarding Kennel Assoc. exam for Pet Care Technician I certification.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CRUZ who was recently released, and has completed his job search and is now gainfully employed as a welder.

ANDREW, no longer in corrections, was interviewed by three Japanese journalists for an article for a Japanese magazine. The writers also interviewed a family who adopted a dog trained by Andrew when he was in Project POOCH.



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YOUTH NEWS

POOCH YOUTH MARCEL demonstrated his computer skill by preparing a Power Point presentation for JOAN DALTON to use as part of her workshop "Teaching (Next column)

Emma Comes Home

EMMA IS A BLACK lab mix who was an "outside dog" all her life before she came to POOCH. As a result of living outdoors and not getting much attention, she was poorly socialized, easily frightened, and distrustful of people. But she was socially at ease and popular with other dogs.

With patience and understanding, her trainer gained her trust. She began to look forward to time with him, and enjoyed petting, playtime, and walks.

Last spring Emma was adopted by a loving couple, experienced dog people with several other dogs. Her future seemed secure.

Then, disaster, Emma ran away. Nobody knows why - maybe something frightened

her, maybe ancient urges made her restless. Whatever caused her to leave home, she didn't range far; she stayed nearby and was sometimes seen. But she didn't come when called, instead she spooked and hid when approached. Neighbors tried to help, but Emma eluded everyone through the winter months.

Emma's family persisted. They baited elaborate traps with dog treats, and patrolled wearing night vision goggles.

It took nearly a year, but their patience prevailed. Emma has finally been recaptured. She is now safe at home, relearning to trust the loyal friends who refused to give up on her, and to appreciate a full dish and a warm hearth.

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