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Nikki Jungers Kennel Dedication

THE DEDICATION and opening of the Nikki Jungers Kennel Addition was held on September 30. Frank and Julie Jungers made building the kennel addition possible with their donation of \$20,000. The addition was named after the Jungers' Lakeland Terrier, Nikki, and there is a plaque in her honor on the kennel wall.

Matt and Nate provided guitar music while a chorus of barking dogs sang backup. Suzanne McKim, chair of the board of directors, introduced the Project POOCH board of directors.

Bob Jester, the director of the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), gave a brief address and reminisced about the first Project POOCH kennel opening when Grover, the very first POOCH dog, joyfully jumped on a local reporter and knocked her down. He commended Joan Dalton, director and founder of Project POOCH, for her vision and tenacity in building a program that has become world-renowned for offering opportunities to both youth and dogs to turn their lives around.

Andrew, a POOCH graduate who is now at college studying veterinary medicine, talked about the positive influence Project POOCH has been in his life.

POOCH youth, DeRon, presented a pair of framed



BOB JESTER



ANDREW



FRANK and JULIE JUNGERS cut a ribbon and officially opened the Nikki Jungers Kennel

work gloves autographed by all the youths to Jane Turville in appreciation of "G.I. Jane Who Can Do It All." Jane was the project manager and coordinated the contractors, found suppliers, and worked on-site, side-by-side with the youth throughout the construction.

Awards and plaques of appreciation were presented to the following individual contributors and supporters:

Bob Jester (Humanitarian Award); Ian Robertson, Robertson, Hay & Wallace, project co-manager; Craig Honeyman, executive director of Associated General Contractors; Terry Uselman, CSU Masonry; Bob Vandelow,

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Former POOCH dog TASHA dons holiday antlers and is ready to join the reindeer pulling Santa's sled.



Meridian Plumbing; Tom Riel, MacLaren; Adam Bergin and Christopher Bratton, kennel youth supervisors, and attorney Steven Seymour for pro bono legal services.

JANE TURVILLE accepting an award from DeRon.

Over the course of the kennel construction, approximately 50 professional contractors volunteered expertise, labor, and/or materials, and worked with the Project POOCH youths teaching them a variety of valuable skills. (List on Page 3) Mike Conzoner, MacLaren interim superintendent, awarded certificates of accomplishment to the nine youths who worked on the construction project from beginning to end.

The ceremony concluded with Frank and Julie Jungers cutting a ribbon to open the new kennel addition and expand the program to serve additional homeless dogs. Frank Jungers also thanked his friend, Charlie Allis, a long-time POOCH benefactor and volunteer, for introducing him to the Project POOCH program, "He's one big advocate for your program."

Official business over, the guests joined the youths for guided tours, cake and refreshments, a photo display and PowerPoint presentation (prepared by Marcel) tracing the complete construction process.



TOP: SUZANNE MCKIM, board chair; TOM RIEL, MacLaren staff, and JUDY RIEL with ANNIE INGERSOLL, Project POOCH dog trainer. 2nd ROW: Board members: TED PAUL, ROBERTA BLAU, STAN BLAND. 3rd ROW: MacLaren interim superintendent MIKE CONZONER gives an award to BRANDON; Board member JOY SOARES. 4th ROW: Nikki Jungers Kennel Addition. Photos by NANCY HILL

Director's End of the Year Message



JOAN DALTON
Executive Director

THIRTEEN YEARS of successfully pairing incarcerated youths with shelter dogs has been possible because YOU and other donors believe in the magic of dogs.

All Project POOCH dogs come from shelters and rescue groups. And, most of the dogs are of mixed parentage and on the large size — 50-70 lbs. These are the dogs that are most often overlooked at the shelters. We take the ones that have been at the shelters the longest and have behavioral problems that will challenge the youth handlers to try different strategies to achieve a well behaved dog an adoptive family will want.

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FRANK JUNGERS, Donor

"We get enjoyment out of giving to projects that have a multiplier effect... We immediately saw that this had a tremendous multiplier effect for the kids, for the animals, and now we see, it's even better; it's for the community as well..."



The professional contractors and the Project POOCH builders who worked together to build the Nikki Jungers Kennel Addition.

Construction Skills the Youths Learned

- How to mix mortar and lay cinder block
- How to install drainage pipe
- How to install electrical conduit, pipe, fixtures and electrical panels
- How to frame and install doors and door hardware
- About planning a building layout
- How to build forms
- How to tie and install rebar and pour concrete slabs
- How to build and install gates and chain link fences
- About county codes and inspections for building, plumbing and electricity

Susie Waki's New Roles



SUSIE WAKI

SUSIE WAKI has accepted the position of volunteer coordinator for Project POOCH, and was elected to the board of directors.

Susie and her husband David and son Collins

moved to Oregon from Georgia six years ago. Her two golden retrievers, Tucker and Tamra, are Delta Society therapy dogs, and Susie often brings them to Project POOCH to demonstrate advanced obedience training.

She also started a "Read to a Dog" program at Nancy Ryles Elementary School, and is the volunteer coordinator for former Governor Kitzhaber's Archimedes Movement for health care system reform in Oregon. She and her husband have donated funds for the youths to create a Meditation Garden near the kennels in memory of David Waki's parents.

Susie says, "I continue to be amazed at the youth and their obvious love and devotion to the dogs... But most amazing of all is how those dogs can bring together a mom from the suburbs and boys in prison and give them something in common, something they can talk about, something they can share, and something that they each care about."

To volunteer for Project POOCH, please call Susie at 503-697-0623 or email her at project_pooch@yahoo.com.

Thanks to the Construction Community for their Generosity and Guidance:

Trained & worked with youths:

Terry Uselman, CSU Masonry
 Bob Vandelow, Meridian Plumbing
 Dal Hansen, Portland Electrical Construction
 Robertson, Hay & Wallace:
 Ian Robertson
 Keith Guthrie
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 Tim Pierson, Willamette Roof & Repair
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 Rene Senecaut, Plumbing Inspector

Donated building materials:

Alex Weisensee, Pacific Fence & Wire
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 Dean Helt, H&K Sales & Marketing, LLC
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 Bob Konick, Globe Lighting
 Gary Zagelow, Mutual Materials
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 Bill, Elmo Studd's Building Supply
 Tim Pierson, Willamette Roof & Repair

Gave discounts on materials:

David Chown, Chown Hardware /Chown Openings

Donalee Walker-Bebout, Keizer Sand & Gravel LLC
 Frank Hemer, Milwaukie Lumber Co.
 Kelly Long, Long Brothers Building Supply
 Kenard, Portland Fasteners, Inc.
 Tony Manzo, PCP Pumping

Gave expert advice or money:

Brian Hollin, Platt Electric
 Harvey Platt, Platt Electric
 Craig Honeyman, Executive Director, Associated General Contractors (\$1,000 donation)
 Tonya Halog, Engineer, James G. Pierson PCP Pumping:
 Chris Butts, Pump Operator
 Matt Briggs, Pump Operator
 Rainy Jones, Pump Operator
 Denny Wade, Willamette Fence
 Adam Johnson, Dick's Evergreen Fence
 Paul Johnson, Quality Fence
 Pacific Fence & Wire:
 Mark Stimac
 Herman Hardhe
 Danny Thompson
 Randy Dodd

POOCH youth learning to use a survey transit.



End of Year Message

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It is amazing how the dogs present challenges that encourage the handlers to start looking at their own troublesome behaviors. There are habits to change and they discover that all dogs aren't motivated by the same thing - just as people aren't.

Some of you who support Project POOCH do so by providing much needed financial support while others reward the youths for their dog training skills by adopting dogs. And, others give of their time and talents. Whatever your role in supporting Project POOCH, know that we appreciate you and how you help us save shelter dogs and provide our youths with opportunities to become the kind of people you would like to have living in your community.

We follow up on our dog placements and how well our youths are doing once they leave the correctional facility. The news is very good. Youths are getting jobs and/or going on to further their educations. Dogs send us letters via their adoptive families to let us know that they are well loved.

From time to time we get older dogs and now they will have heated floors in their sleeping areas thanks to a grant from Frank and Julie Jungers.

Contractors with the gift of working with young people guided the youths through digging trenches, laying the concrete block, putting on the roof, and taught them many, many skills to put on their resumes upon leaving corrections.

Our community outreach office in Lake Oswego provides a place for volunteers to help us with our newsletters, organize piles of filing, maintain our website, collect donations, provide materials for

volunteers to enhance our presence at pet events and service clubs.

Our board members are active and engaged in helping Project POOCH, Inc., move forward in offering opportunities youths need while in corrections and when they leave to begin new and productive lives.

A successful partnership with the Oregon Youth Authority is an example of how partnering can strengthen programs. We appreciate the ongoing support of Bob Jester, OYA director.

Another year end is upon us and we are very, very grateful for everything you and others have done for the well being of the youths, dogs, and Project POOCH staff.

Thank you for believing. It truly is magic and worthy of celebration.

Joan Jester

Recent Grants:

Project POOCH is grateful for the generous support of the following foundations:

Bland Family Foundation, \$25,000
 Charles Engelhard Foundation, \$5,000
 Oregon Community Foundation,
 Richard Robinson Fund, \$5,000
 Juan Young Trust, \$5,000
 Jackson Foundation, \$3,500



Dog and youth share quiet while on a dog walk.



MILO is a Belgian Shepherd Malinois and needs lots of activity. It took a while to find the right home for him, but now he is very happy living in the country and playing with his new friend.

Meditation Garden Fall Planting

THE YOUTHS are learning landscaping and gardening skills as they create the Meditation Memory Garden funded by David and Susie Waki in honor of David Waki's parents, William and Taya Waki.

The garden paths have been laid, and the youths, under the supervision of master gardener Michael Stucky, PLC Estate Gardeners, have now planted the following trees, shrubs and plants that are often seen in Japanese gardens:

- Japanese Maples (*Acer palmatum*, Ever Red and Sango Kaku)
- Hinoki Cypress (*Chamaecyparis obtusa*, Gracilis)
- Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)
- Mexican Orange (*Choisya ternata*, Sundance)
- Star Jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*)
- Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*, Hamelin)

Welcome Wagon picks POOCH

WELCOME WAGON of Lake Oswego and West Linn picked Project POOCH to be one of the three charities its *Heart-to-Heart Group* supports through volunteer activity.

In September, three volunteers, **Melissa Schmitz, Jan Scripps** and **Peggy Hart** prepared our fall newsletter for mailing in record time. In October, nine volunteers spent a morning filing, organizing, and rearranging the Outreach Office: **Jane Rickel, Linda Bretana, Kathy Kaiser, Beth Butrick, Margaret Seewerker, Norine Baillif, Phyllis Mott, Melissa Schmitz, Ande Yearsley,** and **Carol Houghton.**

Welcome Wagon has a long tradition, here in Oregon and across the nation, of making newcomers feel at home and providing worthwhile social and philanthropic community activities for established residents.



Emily's Gift Card for Project POOCH

Emily's Fundraiser

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD EMILY MOORE loves animals and plans to volunteer at the zoo when she's a teen and old enough. But that's still several years in the future. This summer Emily decided she wanted to start helping animals sooner.

According to her mom, it was Emily's idea to help an animal shelter. She found Project POOCH in the yellow pages and began her own fund raising project.

Over the summer, she raised money by doing chores for her grandparents, running a lemonade stand, and saving her allowance.



EMILY MOORE with dog gifts

This fall Emily and her sisters, **Madeline** and **Megan**, and friend, **Natalie Kochanowski**, delivered a gift basket of tennis balls, dog collars, leashes, dog bowls, dog shampoo and conditioner, milk bones, bacon treats and frisbees to the Community Outreach Office.

Emily's initiative is an example for us all. Her parents are rightly proud of their animal activist daughter!



DR. GERALD HOFFMAN, Lake Grove Veterinary Clinic, gets love and kisses from POOCH dog JASPER.

Local Vets Care for Homeless Dogs

SEVERAL EXCELLENT local veterinarians and animal clinics nearby care deeply about the health and welfare of homeless dogs.

DR. JONATHAN BETTS, Woodburn Veterinary Clinic, has helped POOCH from the program's beginning in 1993. His clinic continues to provide no-cost vaccinations. Dr. Betts often visits to talk with the youths about veterinary medicine and proper dental care for the dogs.

DR. GERALD HOFFMAN and Lake Grove Veterinary Clinic give discounts on spaying, neutering and vaccinations.

DR. PATRICK PARADIS, Woodburn Veterinary Hospitals, is a POOCH board member and gives discounts for his veterinary services.

Parkway Veterinary Clinic makes an annual donation to Project POOCH.

DR. SCOTT LOZIER and the staff of Northwest Veterinary Specialists have offered reduced rates for the on-going care of the POOCH dog Rufus and other special needs animals

DR. SAL JEPSON meets with the youths and has developed a Self-Guided Computer Study Modules to train them on canine healthcare topics.

Thank You to...

CHARLIE ALLIS, who introduced the Jungers to Project POOCH. He helps the youths prepare for job hunting with practice employment interviews and shares his wisdom with them about how to get along in the world.

DEANNA HAASE and HAPPY TAILS PETS, SE Portland, for choosing Project POOCH to benefit from customer donations to their annual in-store "Giving Tree" and "Christmas For Critters" fundraiser.

TRACY LUCAS and MARK ORONZIO for bringing their former POOCH dog, Ginger, and her buddy, Rasmus, to visit.

JIM DUGAN Guide Dogs for the Blind, Boring, OR, for bringing a guide dog video and sharing what he has learned from his experience as a guide dog trainer.

TED and BEVERLY PAUL for always remembering each youth on his birthday.

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More Thank You's . . .

PETCO Warehouse for year-round support of Project POOCH and generous donations of dog food, beds, toys, and kennel supplies.

HEALTHY PETS, Lake Grove and Cascade Summit, for donating dog food.

JEAN VOLLUM for supporting the Project POOCH mission and helping youths and dogs through her significant annual donations.



"I'm all ready. Where's the sled?"

Sandy Zimmer Raises Dough for Project POOCH

SANDY ZIMMER created special doggie doughart ornaments and sold them at PETCO (\$10 each) as a holiday "dough-raiser" to benefit Project POOCH. She also supplied the youths with ornaments to sell to kennel visitors and MacLaren staff. Doughart is more than a hobby for Sandy. She has been making Christmas ornaments for over 29 years and her designs have been featured in craft magazines. You can see more of her doughart decorations on her web site at

www.thedoughworks.com.



DoughArt by SANDY ZIMMER

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.



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