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Parkway puts up a Giving Tree



PARKWAY VETERINARY HOSPITAL in Lake Oswego has put up a Giving Tree to benefit Project POOCH. Gift tags for special items to keep the dogs we rescue healthy and happy hang from the branches of the tree. Parkway clients have already begun picking gift tags for quality foods, treats and toys for our homeless dogs.

The Project POOCH kennels can shelter up to 13 dogs at a time, and we are always in need of food and toys to help make life less stressful for them while they wait to be adopted to forever homes. We also need basic supplies to keep the kennels clean, and hygiene products to keep the dogs healthy.

When our dogs go to their adoptive homes, we like to outfit them with a new bandana, leash and collar. These items are currently in short supply. (Please see our Wish List on this page.)

Thank you to Parkway Veterinary Hospital for celebrating the season by supporting our POOCH mission.



POOCH Wish List

Please call:
(503) 697-0623

Blankets
Towels
Ear wipes
Leashes
Frontline flea control
Dog scarves
Fabric for dog scarves
Disposable rubber gloves
Dog toothpaste
Dog tooth brushes
Water bowls
2-inch 3-Ring binders with front and inside pockets



JIN LIM, owner of PHOTO LAB, 16324 Bryant Road, Lake Oswego, has supplied printed holiday cards for Project POOCH pro bono (comparable to a donation of \$1,000). This is the fourth year that our good friend Mr. Lim has donated the cards we send to our donors.



Beauty Makeover

FEZ Studio in the Pearl
1125 NW 9th Ave
5:00 - 8:00 PM
December 18, 2007

*You groomed your Pooch.
Now it's your turn for a Beauty Makeover.*

BRING YOUR DOG for treats while you get pampered by the celebrity makeup artist FEZ VARTAN at his cosmetic boutique in the Downtown Portland Pearl District. Don't miss the opportunity to get

beauty advice and tips for the New Year from a beauty expert. Proceeds (20% of sales) go to Project Pooch.

This event is co-sponsored by pdxdog.com (formerly The Pearl Retriever).

Project POOCH, Inc.



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Thank You to POOCH Ambassadors

by Harriet Vanderbilt

MICHAEL MAGAURN of Magaurn Video Media, Inc., for producing pro bono a \$5,000 promotional video that debuted at POOCH In the Pub.

MARGIE BOULE for her wonderful writeup of Project POOCH published in her column in The Oregonian on Thanksgiving Day.

KARL LINZMEYER and **SARAH DOERING** at Willamette Week for pro bono advertising, and **GREEN DOG PET SUPPLY**, Portland, for an ad that helped find a home for POOCH dog Gabby.

PETCO for monthly donations of kennel supplies and dog treats to support Project POOCH.

HEALTHY PET WEST LINN and **CASTOR & POLLUX PETWORKS** for supplying free dog food and healthy treats to the kennels.

The **PROJECT ENTERPRISE VOLUNTEERS** for preparing the newsletter for bulk mailing.

Volunteer **TOM STEINHOFF**, not only does he run errands and pickup dogs, he repairs broken window blinds.

GEORGE KNOP - a dog's best friend. He picks them out, picks them up, and delivers them to good homes.

CHARLIE ALLIS for donating money to buy raincoats for the youths. He also conducts practice interviews with youths preparing for job hunting, and is offering a seminar to the youths on *"How to Start a Small Business in Oregon."*

TED PAUL for a presentation about POOCH that warmed the hearts of the Salem Women of the Scottish Rite.



ROBBIE RICE

EVERY MONDAY and Wednesday since June, volunteer Robbie Rice comes to the Outreach Office with her lunch and her enthusiasm. A Durham resident, she also used to volunteer at the Tigard Resource Center twice a week until recently. Before her retirement, Rice was employed by a Portland City Commissioner and then worked for the Lake Oswego City Manager.

Now she looks forward to volunteering at Project POOCH and giving support to the youths who train the dogs and to the dogs that help the youths succeed. "It's a win-win proposition. Save a dog and save a kid."

During her volunteer training at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility, Rice was impressed by the focus and dedication of the dog trainers. "They are an impressive group of boys. You can see the pride (of a job well done) in their faces."

Although she owned dogs for many years, Rice is currently dog-less because she travels nearly two months a year. Her travels have taken her to the far reaches of the world including Ethiopia, Laos, Cambodia, New Guinea, and Uganda. Her next trip will be to Viet Nam and Cambodia.

When Rice is not working with POOCH or traveling, she attends arts performances, participates in a bookclub, and does needlepoint. On Tuesdays, when "the popcorn is free," she often goes to the movies at the Regal Cinemas with a friend.



JENN THOMPSON

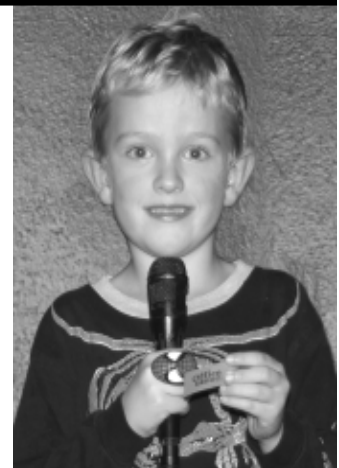
ELECTRIC ENERGY describes the vibrancy Jenn Thompson brings to the Outreach Office each Tuesday and Thursday morning. "I would love to work here as a volunteer more hours than I do now."

Thompson is a full time PSU student who will receive a degree in Sociology in the spring. She also has a "real" job, logging nearly 30 hours a week at the Ram Brew Pub in Lake Oswego. She found Project POOCH online through Volunteer Match. Thompson says "I've had a passion for dogs since I was little," and nowadays her best friend is Tucker, a 2-1/2 year old Australian/German Shepard mix adopted from a private rescue shelter two years ago. According to Thompson, the job at POOCH "had my name written on it."

Her passion for Project POOCH is a testament of her desire "pay it forward" to others. POOCH is "invested in making sure the dog/family match is perfect". The match between Thompson and Project POOCH is perfect, too.

JENN THOMPSON and TUCKER

JOAN DALTON and Dcn. TOM LANG
chatted at POOCH In the Pub.



BOB TURNER's grandson CHRISTOPHER drew tickets for the raffle.

POOCH In the Pub paid off!

IT WAS THANKS to the teamwork of the Planning Committee: **BILL RACZKOWSKI**, **SARA APPEL**, **BOB TURNER**, Volunteer Coordinator **SUSIE WAKI**, and a host of volunteers, plus the generosity of our donors and supporters, and the hospitality of the **LUCKY LABRADOR Public House** in Multnomah Village, that our POOCH in the Pub Silent Auction and Raffle, November 29th., was a huge success. It was a wonderful opportunity for POOCH supporters and volunteers to meet and get-together. Best of all the evening ended with proceeds of over \$10,000.

The funds raised will be used for veterinary services for our dogs and for educational programs for the youths.

Look for more information about this event at our web site, www.pooch.org/pub/



KENNEL REPAIRS

THE WORK has begun on the repairs to the original kennel built by the MacLaren building trades class in 1995. The POOCH youths are removing the fencing material that was used for the kennel enclosures and replacing it with solid panels to provide additional protection and warmth for the dogs. Besides improving the dogs' living conditions, repairing the kennel gives the youths an opportunity to practice building skills. Project POOCH is grateful to the **JUAN YOUNG TRUST** and the **KAREN M. SCHROTH FOUNDATION** for funding this project.



KARIN SEHLMAYER, ROBBIE RICE and 20 more POOCH volunteers attended the First Annual Recognition Luncheon at Gino's Restaurant in Sellwood, November 4th. It was a chance for our volunteers to relax and get better acquainted without the stress of a task or deadline.

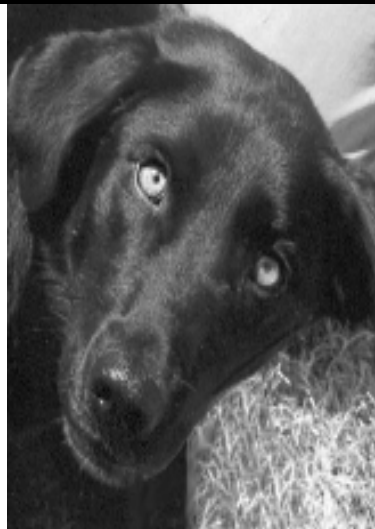
POOCH MISSION

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 learns to stay home

WE BROKE the good news of run-away Emma's return in the summer newsletter. Emma is the 3-1/2 year-old, super-shy and skittish black lab **TOM RIEL** and **JUDY BARELA** adopted from Project POOCH in the fall of 2006. An "outdoor" dog with a history of abuse by her former owners, Emma was afraid to give her new home a chance, and dashed out the door during her first week with Tom and Judy.



Emma was "on the run" for 7 months but stayed in the vicinity of her adoptive home and regularly sneaked back to visit her dog dish. Tom and Judy refused to give up on Emma and finally succeeded in recapturing her last spring.

When POOCH volunteer **HARRIET VANDERBILT** heard about Emma, she got in touch with Tom and Judy to find out if the runaway had settled down. According to Harriett, Emma spent her first month after her return living in the bathroom, crouching behind the toilet, and being carried out to the yard twice a day.

Then she "slowly started to adjust" and finally left the bathroom but only going as far as the bedroom door. Taking "baby steps" down the hallway, peeking into rooms along the way, she finally explored as far as the living room. In the last month or so, Emma has become braver and now eats with the family's three other dogs rather than by herself in the bathroom. Judy says she "now takes cues from the other dogs."

Nearly 4 years old, Emma, at last, has joined the family. She relishes her daily walks, and tolerates noises better, but she is still timid around strangers. According to Judy, Emma has become "feister." She loves to play with toys and to have her belly rubbed.

The extraordinary commitment, patience, and perseverance of her adopters finally paid off, and they now have a dog they call "a complete love."

Harriet Vanderbilt wrote a longer, fuller account of Emma's story. Readers can find her unabridged version posted on our web site at www.pooch.org/emma.



The POOCH In the Pub auction and raffle were fun for the whole family.

Thank You to

SANDY and **JERRY ZIMMER** and **MARSHA ZAGYVA** for bringing art materials, pumpkins, and pizza to Project POOCH for a Halloween pumpkin decorating party. The Zimmers have made this event an annual special occasion that is eagerly anticipated and appreciated by the youths.



SANDY ZIMMER, MARSHA ZAGYVA with their party pumpkins

Special guests who made the effort to visit the kennels this fall to share their experience and expertise with the POOCH youths: **LISA** and **AL HOLZER** of Bark Busters, dog massage therapists **LAURIE AUSTIN** and **RUBI SULLIVAN**, **MARY ANN GAFFNEY** and **LYNN HEMINGWAY** of the Willamette Great Dane Club, and **VICKI CHANDLER** of the Oregon Greyhound Association.

HELEN BALL, DEACON THOMAS LANG, and Prison Ministries Commission of The Episcopal Diocese of Oregon for a generous donation to POOCH youths in need of rain coats, hats, and gloves while walking dogs in the cold and rain.

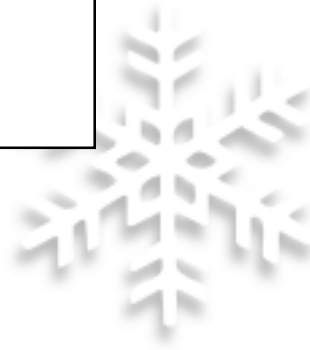
BEN STOCKMAN who made it possible to hold the luncheon for the volunteers at Gino's Restaurant in Sellwood.





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ROSE CITY CLASSIC DOG SHOW

January 17-21, 2008
 Portland Exposition Center

VISIT OUR BOOTH at the Annual Rose City Classic, one of the largest and most successful dog events in the U.S. Or join our volunteers to promote Project POOCH and the importance of rehoming shelter dogs.

Animal Planet will film the breed competitions with approximately 3,000 dogs. Hundreds of dogs will also participate in obedience, rally and agility trials. Thank you to **PATTI STRAND** for making it possible for POOCH to have an exhibit at the show.



Admission is \$8/person,
 \$15/family.
 To volunteer, please
 call **SUSIE WAKI** at
 (503) 697-0623.



Dog trainer **VICKI CHANDLER** with Boss Bailey. She visited to share information about obedience training greyhounds with the POOCH handlers.

Stay at Beach Condo and benefit POOCH

CRAIG AND CHERIE CLINE have a 2 bedroom, 2 bath vacation rental condo with a private hot tub on a private deck with an ocean view at Pacific Winds Condominiums in Lincoln City. It's called the Sandcastles and Sunsets Condo and also has a kitchen, washer and dryer, fireplace, 2 plasma TVs, and a collection of DVD's, CD's and books.

The Clines have promised to contribute a minimum of \$5,000 per quarter to the nonprofit organizations whose supporters stay in their condo and identify themselves with their chosen charity in the condo guestbook.

It's an opportunity for Project POOCH supporters to enjoy a weekend on the coast, and at the same time, help out our program. (Sadly, dogs are not allowed.) For more information, call: **SHERRY** at Blue Pacific Vacation Rentals, (503) 362-2965 or 1-877-459-3287.