



# PROJECT POOCH®

Learning responsibility, patience, and compassion for all life

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### SAVE THE DATE!

## POOCH in the Pub 2013

*Celebrating 20 years!*



Join us in celebrating a milestone of 20 years!

*Spend a laid back & informal evening with us at the Tiffany Center in SW Portland Oregon*

**When:** Saturday, October 19, 2013

**Time:** 5:30 pm—9:00 pm

*Watch for more information coming soon!*

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#### Successful results

The International Boarding & Pet Services Association offers Canine Level 1 and 2 testing.

We are very proud to announce that every youth in the program has passed the Level 1 test. They are now studying for the Level 2 test with the help of our volunteer, Petrea.

The cost of the tests come out of our scholarship fund.

Congratulations to the following youth:



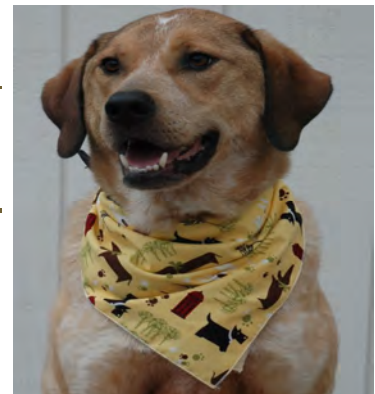
Brian	Cayce
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# CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Scarves for dogs

Bobby, the greyhound, was afraid to walk up the steps when he went for his home visit to see if Ansje and her family wanted to adopt him. Since then, Bobby has made himself right at home and sleeps next to Ansje's feet as she sews beautiful scarves for POOCH dogs to wear when they are adopted.

Thank you to Ansje for the beautiful scarves that our dogs can proudly wear!



Redd showing off his new scarf



## From the Executive Director

Twenty years ago, as vice principal of the high school at MaClaren, I was searching for a way to engage incarcerated youths in school since many had dropped out of their local high school. Many did not like to read because they did not have reading skills; others just couldn't relate to the curricula so they dropped out and ended up getting into trouble with the law. No one had a program within the walls of a juvenile incarceration facility. Thus, began my quest to get permission from the administrators at the Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn to see if a dog program would work with male juveniles. After much planning and some push back, I was able to start a dog program with one youth and one dog. Some of the school staff helped in the planning along with advisors from Green Chimneys in Upstate New York. Sister Pauline who started the program in the state of Washington, and the Delta Society now know as Pet Partners. The biggest supporter was Leo Bustad, DVM, at Washington State University. He was one of the founders of the Delta Society, and knew a lot about prison programs that paired inmates with dogs. Project POOCH (positive opportunities—obvious change with hounds) was founded in 1993, with one dog and one youth.

Before we even had the opening ceremony to announce the program, the chosen youth said just one dog would be lonely so we should have two. Our first two dogs, Grover and Spirit, joined the program to begin learning how to behave and become a Canine Good Citizen. At the same time, the young men in the program learned how to monitor their own behavior.

When Oregon voters passed Measure 11, which meant youth with certain offenses would be locked up until age 25, we began getting older participants in the program so we shifted more to how to learn job skills and be an employee that an employer would like to hire. Youth not only learned how to take care and train dogs, they learned construction skills because we needed an education center to house computers and a quiet place to listen to speakers.

Dr. Bustad had interested Jean Vollum in funding our start up program, and Jean asked her friend, Sophie Engelhard Craighead, to consider funding the building of the education center. Sophie gave us a very generous grant and the youth worked with an architect and contractor to plan and build what is now our Engelhard Education Center.

The American Red Cross comes on a regular basis to provide Pet First Aid training for the program participants. The youth are required to develop a flyer for every dog which helps them build their spelling and proofreading skills. Our past and present kennel/youth supervisors taught Photoshop, which is a great improvement in the quality of flyers being developed. Various speakers and practitioners have a place to make presentations without a lot of barking coming through the walls. The next phase of Project POOCH was heated kennels for older dogs which was funded by Frank and Julie Jungers. This project gave youth the opportunity to learn brick laying and observe the installation of electrical needs. They especially liked smoothing the wet cement and putting dog prints as a lasting memory.

A meditation garden followed as a place for a young man and his dog to have some quiet time. Some program participants like working in the garden and have learned from volunteers who are master gardeners.

In honor of former board member and supporter, Charlie Allis, the latest project completed came last year when the MaClaren administrators gave us permission to tear down an old greenhouse and turn it into an agility center—The Charlie "Champs" Allis Agility Center.

## Jethro visits Project POOCH

Jethro, Charlie and Malin visit Project POOCH to bring us some donations for the youth and dogs. Among some of the items were blankets, toys, peanut butter, and ear wipes for the dogs, and Girl Scout cookies for the youth.

POOCH thanks Jethro and his family.

**Thank  
You!**



Left to right: Charlie, Malin, Jethro

## Family helps fund more kennels

Fritz Hayes, a retired high-tech engineer, left behind a grieving widow and two Beagle dogs when he was brutally murdered last year. To honor Fritz Hayes, and build something that is a symbol of compassion for all life, the Hayes family has funded new kennel space. In the past, we closed three kennels during the cold winter months because they were exposed to the elements. We will soon have three kennels that are giving the youths experience in building and painting. There will also be lights and a window so that the sun can come through during summer. Mr. Sampson, youth supervisor, has been working with the youths on planning and completing the project which should be soon. We are very thankful to the Fritz family for choosing to honor their loved one by helping youth and dogs in Project POOCH.



The most recent addition to be completed this summer is three additional kennels to be named in honor of Fritz Hayes.

Where we are after 20 years is due to the MANY funders and supporters who believe in the power of dogs to change the lives of young men who were often abandoned and left to survive on their own. I, as founder and executive director, have been more than lucky to have found my true passion in life—working with young people to help them find their inner goodness while helping dogs find a forever home with families in our communities. I never give up hope for the dogs and the youth who work with them.

In gratitude,

*Jean Dalton*

Executive Director

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**Microchip information update**

I was recently reminded of the importance of registering microchips and keeping identification on dogs at all times when I found a sweet older lab wandering by the side of a country road. After checking in at several houses nearby with no luck finding "Lady's" home, I took Lady with me to the Project POOCH kennel to scan her for a microchip. We found a chip and I called the microchip company, but the numbers listed for her (in Colorado) had been disconnected.

Lady's current owner lives in Oregon and have had her at least 6 years. Luckily, this story had a happy ending and she was re-united with her family. It could have happened faster if her microchip information had been up to date! I gave Lady's family her microchip number and explained the registration process and they said they appreciated knowing this information.

**Please check to be sure that your dog's microchip is registered to you, and that the information is current!** If you adopted a Project POOCH dog, please list us as an alternate or emergency contact. Project POOCH lists the dog's microchip number on the front of the dog's folder.

Our office phone, 503-697-0623, the kennel number is: 503-981-9531, ext, 243.

If you have questions about microchip registration procedures, please contact the microchip company or contact denise@pooch.org.

**In-kind donations help us fulfill our mission**

We would not be able to fulfill our mission of teaching responsibility, patience, and compassion for all life without the support of the Oregon Youth Authority, MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility and the following businesses and individuals from the community:

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We are thankful for the many in-kind services provided to Project POOCH by the above mentioned business and compassionate humans.

**Young volunteers giving back to their community**

Teaching the younger generation to give back to their community is a large part of learning life lessons. Tyler and her classmates at Childpeace Montessori School in Portland did an art project for Project POOCH. They created hand crafted pillow cases for our dogs to sleep on in their kennel bed.

Thank you Project Leader, Tyler, and your team for all of the hard work you did for the dogs!

**Teacher:** Christen Kelly

**Tyler's Classmates:**

- |         |       |
|---------|-------|
| Ainsley | Isaac |
| Andrea  | Liem  |
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Tyler with her dogs, Topper & Gracie



Cowboy with his pillow made by Tyler's class



Rusty with his pillow made by Tyler's class

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## They call me **Giz!**

Hi, my name is GIZMO, and I am a 4 year old, 19 pound, Male, Jack Russell mix. I am a good boy, and I am searching for my forever home. I have passed all my obedience training and I am awaiting the arrival of my new owner to fall in love with me. I have lots of energy as a terrier should have, but I also

like to snuggle and cuddle with you on your lap. My ideal home would be me and you together forever with no other furry distractions. I get along with other dogs but I like all the attention and why not, I deserve it cause I'm so darn cute!!! By the way, did I mention that I also really like to play ball and go for walks? I would be a loyal and loving companion!

If you want to visit me, call **GIZMO** at 503-981-9531, ext. 243.