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## PPP Hosts Animals Behind Bars Symposium

by Grace Van Dyke

Since the beginning, Prison Pet Partnership has been a pioneer in the area of helping women inmates discover and develop new strengths and paths through the unique power of the human-animal bond. When Sister Pauline and Dr. Leo Bustad, former chair of Washington State University's veterinary program, started our program back in 1981, we were the first of our kind.

Over the last thirty years, the concept of using animal care and training for personal development and rehabilitation has grown, spread and gained international recognition. Animal care and training programs have been started in State Prisons, Juvenile Detention Centers and long-term rehabilitation centers across the world and Prison Pet Partnership has remained a model for these programs. With the support

of Washington State Prison Director, Dan Pacholke, dog and cat programs have been established at state prisons across the state.

This fall, Prison Pet Partnership was a pioneer once again. On Wednesday, October 24th, we hosted the first Animals Behind Bars Symposium. Representatives from ten prisons across the state as well as their partner humane societies, rescue organizations and service dog organizations travelled to the Washington Corrections Center for Women. For many of us, it was our first chance to meet the other programs. Even more so, it was an opportunity for all of us to discuss how we can help each other.

Housing and training dogs and cats in an adult correctional facility is a uniquely challenging prospect.



*DOC Correctional Staff and Animal Rescue representatives from across Washington State gather at WCCW to mingle and collaborate about prison-based animal programs.*

From working dog potty schedules in with daily routine of prison life to getting prison staff used to fur in the unit, having animals in prison is like nothing else.

Through collaborative efforts, like the Animals Behind Bars Symposium,

we can share ideas and help overcome these unique obstacles. Hopefully, this is the start of a whole new chapter in the history of Animal-Assisted rehabilitation. Through the collaboration of programs like ours, there is much we can accomplish.

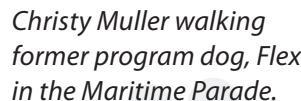
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## Celebrating our volunteers!

by Mollyrose Sommer



At the end of our event season every year we at Prison Pet Partnership take a big sigh of relief. All of the planning and organizing is over (for a brief second) and we have a moment to evaluate the summer, take stock in the lessons we learned trying new events, or changing routines at our regular ones. But most important of all, we take an evening to say a big THANK YOU to our volunteers.

volunteers provide us the courage to try new things, the wisdom to learn from our mistakes and the strength to grow and stretch to our truest limits. Like the oak tree, they keep our base strong and through their contributions in money, time, mileage & gas, blood, sweat & tears, they offer Prison Pet Partnership a future we can look forward to and a past that we can be proud of!

We would like to extend a special thank you to our dear volunteer Christy, who until recently was our paroled pet homefinder. We honored Christy for her 8 years of service helping us find homes for over 70 dogs that we put up for adoption! Best of luck to Christy in her next adventure, and thank you for all you have done for our furry friends!

If it weren't for the volunteers filling in shifts for Dogathon, Woofstock, the Puyallup Fair and Harbor Hounds (to name a few) we wouldn't be able to meet with you, our wonderful community, to share information about PPP and educate people about our service dogs. The dogs, in turn, would not get the great opportunities to socialize with all kinds of people and dogs - not to mentioned livestock, giant stuffed animals, and children covered in Fair Scone jam!

This October we were thrilled to celebrate our volunteers at our annual recognition dinner, hosted here at the prison. This year our gift theme was the oak tree - a symbol of strength, courage and wisdom. Our



*Hugs of gratitude for Christy Muller  
from PPP staff.*

If you're interested in volunteering with Prison Pet Partnership please contact us at **info@prisonpetpartnership.org!**

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## A note from the director

*This past fall PPP had a nice visit from Sister Pauline Quimm. For those of you knew to PPP's story, Sister Pauline started PPP way back in 1981. As a teen, Pauline Quimm was a runaway who spent a lot of time in and out of institutions and had difficulty trusting others. In her early 20's, Pauline adopted a German Shepherd Dog, named Joni, who helped Pauline break down the walls she had built up to protect herself from others. Over time, Pauline learned to trust others and recognized that if animals could help her, she was certain that animals could help others with similar pasts. After connecting with Dr. Leo Bustad, a veterinarian at Washington State University who was studying the human-animal bond, Sister Pauline approached the Department of Corrections with her idea of bringing animals into institutions to help people like her. Thus began the Prison Pet Partnership. Although Sister Pauline left the Gig Harbor area after a year with PPP, she has helped prisons around the world start dog programs.*

*On her October visit, Sister Pauline came with two documentarians who were doing research for a potential series about prison dog programs. Hopefully, their pitch will be well received! We are always happy to see Sister Pauline. The offenders love to hear Sister Pauline talk about the programs she has started around the world and how also about how proud she is of all of us at PPP!*



*Beth Rivard*



**Hi my name is Ruth, the new PPP Grooming Instructor. I live on acreage with my three German shepherds and 2 cats (and a menagerie of frogs!). Besides a history of grooming I've also worked dogs in Schutzhund and French Ring. I love gardening and growing my own vegetables and being outdoors, when it's not pouring down rain!**

**I started with Prison Pet Partnership in October and I am thrilled to be here! I have been grooming for over 30 years, spanning from the east coast, where I grew up, over to the west. We know that meeting staff at PPP is not like meeting staff at a groom shop on the outside, so if you would like to talk to me about your pet, I'm happy and available by calling the office. I am hoping to bring my skills to the program and share them with my students, PPP's**

**5 groomers. We are working on designing a curriculum for our students to achieve the master groomer certification. Our goal is to provide them with the highest certification and skills available to be able to compete with any groomer on the outside. I look forward to meeting you and your pet!**



## Boarding Kennel Renovation Complete! by Rachel Keeler

The Prison Pet Partnership boarding kennels received a major facelift thanks to Viking Fence of Bremerton, WA! Our original kennel facility was built and opened in 1996 so needless to say we were in desperate need of a makeover! At this year's Bark and Bid, our Fund Fetch was set aside to redo our tired kennels. With your help we were able to raise about \$10,000 to help with

renovation! In early October our remodel began with a crew of 2 from Viking Fence. As you can imagine doing construction in a prison can be difficult but our crew was extremely flexible and understood this wasn't your "normal" work environment! As you can see in the pictures we had to do some dog shuffling and actually closed down parts of our facility to help construction move along

*PPP's brand new kennels installed by Viking Fence Co! Our new kennels are not only beautiful to look at but provide a safe environment for our precious boarding animals!*

more quickly. We want to thank our clients for their patience during our time of limited availability due to our kennel remodel. I would also like to send a great big thank you to John Rosebeary and Bill Sloman of Viking Fence! You did an amazing job on our kennels – the dogs send you a great big WOOF as their thanks!



*On the left is Handler Gavin with CK9 "Ripley", and on the right is Handler Justin with CK9 "Winnie"*



caribou, giant armadillos, giant anteaters, pumas, jaguars, and even Pacific pocket mice. DNA from found animal scat is used to determine species, sex, and even individual identities, allowing the program to estimate population size and distribution of endangered and threatened wildlife.

You can follow Winnie and Ripley on the University of Washington's Center for Conservation Biology's website or on Facebook. Please join all of the staff and trainers at PPP to wish Winnie and Ripley a safe trip! For more information visit: [conservationbiology.net/conservation-canines/meet-the-dogs](http://conservationbiology.net/conservation-canines/meet-the-dogs).

## EARLY REGISTRATION CARD

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Please make checks payable to "Prison Pet Partnership" or "PPP."

Mail reservation form, list of additional guests and check in the enclosed envelope to:  
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**Early bird reservations must be postmarked no later than February 15th. Reservations postmarked after February 15th are \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of 10. Paper tickets will not be issued. Reservations will be held at the door. All proceeds to benefit the Prison Pet Partnership. Questions? Please visit [prisonpetpartnership.org](http://prisonpetpartnership.org) or send an email to [barkandbid@yahoo.com](mailto:barkandbid@yahoo.com) or call 253-858-4240.**



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## Congratulations Conservation Canine Graduates by Nicole Ribiero



*On the left is Handler Gavin with CK9 "Ripley", and on the right is Handler Justin with CK9 "Winnie"*



Happy Update: PPP is proud to report that both Winnie and Gloria (now "Ripley") have completed their scent training and handler training with UW Conservation K9 Detection program. Both Winnie and Gloria and their new trainers, along with a team of wilderness orienteers and other dog teams will be heading to Alberta, Canada to help with a new study. The Center's Conservation Canines program has been non-invasively monitoring a diverse array of threatened and endangered species around the world, including, tigers, orcas, fishers, spotted owls, bears, wolves,

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## WishList

### For kennels & grooming:

- cat litter
- cat food (wet and dry)
- gallon containers of bleach
- fabric for scarves

### For Service Dog Program:

- gift cards to animal or office supply stores
- Kongs
- dog treats
- post-it notes

**thank you!**