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## Meet the interns of Prison Pet Partnership! by Grace Van Dyke

Observing the daily rhythm of life at PPP can feel a lot like watching a three-ring circus. PPP interns are invaluable for helping us achieve our goals, taking on one or two areas of interest where they focus their efforts, helping develop specific areas of the program.



**Stephanie Beausoleil** – I became involved with PPP to use my degree in psychology to train service dogs and improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. I am a trainer at Positive Approach Dog Training and continue to learn about all aspects of training. I love the mission at PPP and intend to support them in any way I can for the foreseeable future.



Hi! My name is **Sae Hokoyama** and I've been interning at PPP since February. I've worked as a Service Dog Trainer/instructor for 7 years at two different organizations. However, I've never worked with a prison program or rescued dogs before, so I'm looking forward to this new experience. My goal is to start my own organization in my home country of Japan.



**Heather Bursch** – Hi! I am an intern studying social welfare at the University of Washington Tacoma. I am a mother of three beautiful girls and two wonderful Pomeranians. Working with all the wonderful staff and inmates at the Washington Corrections Center for Women has taught me so much about the importance of the human animal bond and has helped educate me in the life of incarcerated women.



**Crystal Oswald-Herold** – When I began interning with PPP at the end of May, I was drawn to the program because of its mission and the fact that dogs, offenders, and clients all benefit from the work being done. It has been extremely rewarding to participate, and to see the dogs progress through their training and succeed!

*Crystal has decided to spend her time with PPP more as a volunteer, but we thank her endlessly for her time and dedication as an intern!*

## Educating Boy Scouts about PPP by Leslie Montgomery, inmate with PPP

Early this year, Prison Pet Partnership collaborated with Boy Scouts Beyond Bars (BSBB). I spoke about our boarding and grooming business and how our training program works for the rescue dogs. I was joined by two of my coworkers, Teresa and Rachel who are groomers like me, and also work as service dog trainers. They brought their service dogs in training, Hurley and Seamus, to demonstrate the different skills their dogs can do. The boys involved with BSBB range in age from 7 to 17



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years and they had a chance to practice some of the skills Teresa and Rachel demonstrated, learning how to handle the dogs and spend a little time with them. Of the day, Rachel said "I wasn't sure what to expect... Leslie told the kids what we do and left it to Teresa and I to demonstrate – we showed them some commands and let the boys try too. We all had a lot of fun and I'm glad that I was invited to share some skills."

The Boy Scouts Beyond Bars program gives boys who's mothers



*PPP trainer Teresa tells the boys about the importance of consistency when working with the service dogs in training.*

are incarcerated at WCCW the opportunity to be in a troop together, working towards their badges like any other boy scout troop. The program is designed to keep women involved in their kids' lives and to continue to work on the

mother-child bond, even while the mother is incarcerated. We were happy to participate in an event with the boys and we hope that they enjoyed learning about our program!



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enriches the lives of inmates,  
homeless animals and the  
community through the  
human-animal bond.**

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## A note from the director

*Spring is in the air! This is always a busy time for PPP with Bark and Bid, Arfs and Crafts, strategic planning, budgeting for the upcoming fiscal year, and preparing for graduation. It is precisely this bustling activity that brings into focus the amazing work we do for animals, inmates, and the community and the work that still needs to be done.*

*Visiting with clients, donors, and former PPP inmate employees is always the highlight of Bark and Bid. To hear the stories about the impact that PPP has made on so many lives reminds me of the good work we do each day. The beautifully sculpted dog (and cat) bowls at The Art Stop's Arfs and Crafts exemplify the dogs we place that have been shaped by the love and attention of the inmates, volunteers and staff.*

*Through the strategic planning and budgeting process with the board, we reflect on where PPP has been, and where we need to go. Input from all of our stakeholders helps to shape our future plans and to subsequently link our funding to these plans.*

*And finally, graduation...we are planning a graduation in June with the hopes of placing multiple service or therapy dogs. Graduation is a time to celebrate the work we have all done to accomplish our mission of enriching the lives of inmates, animals and the community. The inmates who have trained dogs or completed our pet care, training or grooming course will be recognized for their accomplishments. Community members who are partnered with our dogs will be entering into a partnership that will change their lives (and the dogs') forever. We hope to see you there!*

*Beth Rivard*



**If you are looking for the perfect new addition to your home, than Zoey is your girl!! This calico kitty is a 5 year old spayed female, up to date on her vaccinations and a wonderful companion. She is declawed on**

**her front feet and will need to be an indoor cat only. She likes her litterbox to be cleaned out every day - what lady wouldn't want a nice clean bathroom??**

**Zoey would do fine with other cats if introduced properly, and enjoys the company of dogs. However, since she is declawed it would be better if the dog in your home is used to living with cats and is respectful of her**

**space as she cannot defend herself as a clawed cat could.**

**She is a very sweet cat, likes affection on her own terms, has a lot of personality and is curious to the fullest extent of the word! Just getting a picture where she wasn't leaping out of the frame took 3 people! You will enjoy a lifetime of laughter and affection with Zoey in your home!**

**If you're interested in meeting Zoey please contact us at [info@prisonpetpartnership.org](mailto:info@prisonpetpartnership.org) and we can send you our cat application! We look forward to hearing from you!**

## Arfs & Crafts returns!

by Mollyrose Sommer

Get ready for another great weekend of well-crafted dog bowls on display and up for auction at LeRoy Jewelers in downtown Tacoma on Broadway. Thursday April 18th through Saturday April 20th marks this year's Arfs & Crafts weekend! Come enjoy the third Thursday art walk in Tacoma; browse the free museums, grab a bite and be sure to stop in to bid on your must-have dog bowls, cat bowls, treat jars and more! Stop and chat with our volunteer force and meet some of our service dogs-in-training. What better way to spoil your pet than to support Prison Pet Partnership along the way!

We are thrilled to share the proceeds of this event with the Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound and thank the staff at LeRoy Jewelers for their unending support! We can't wait to see you there!



**Come bid on one-of-a-kind bowls  
created by local and national artists!**





# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Bark and Bid

**Saturday, May 11  
5 – 9PM**

at the Tacoma Convention Center

**auctions • dinner • cash bar • fun!!**

**Act fast!**  
**Space is limited!**

**Please return the registration card below to reserve your seat.**

Please make checks payable to “Prison Pet Partnership” or “PPP.”

Mail reservation form, list of additional guests and check in the enclosed envelope to:

PPP – Bark and Bid 9601 Bujacich Road NW Gig Harbor, WA 98332

*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 [info@prisonpetpartnership.org](mailto:info@prisonpetpartnership.org) or call 253-858-4240.*

**\* Save a stamp and register online through Paypal  
on our website: [prisonpetpartnership.org](http://prisonpetpartnership.org)! \***

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I would like a reservation confirmation: ☐ YES ☐ NO



### PPP says goodbye and hello to Teresa Crutchfield!

This winter PPP prepared to say goodbye to our officer as she readied to retire from the Department of Corrections. At this time we were getting ready to hire a new Office Assistant. Lucky for us, Teresa decided she wasn't quite ready to leave PPP, and we hired her! We thank you for your unending support over the past 17 years and we look forward to having you officially join our team! Teresa lives locally with her husband and 4 dogs – she knows this program inside and out and will continue to be an asset to our program.

## 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
- copy paper
- sharpies
- dry erase markers (color and black, thick and fine point)
- masking tape
- highlighters
- index cards

**thank you!**

### Paroled Pooches looking for happy homes by Nicole Ribiero



**Rebel** is a young dog with some fear issues in new situations, but he has been on several outings with volunteers and is definitely making progress! He enjoys car rides and running errands with the volunteers. He could make a great road trip partner for anyone with an RV or a lot of time on the road for work! It may take a little time to warm up to new people but once he's bonded with you, he's all yours!

**Marni** has been making progress with her basic training, but still has some fear issues to work through. She has been on outings with volunteers to the hiking trails and reports are that she seems to really like being out and enjoying doggie activities.



**Please contact us for more  
adoption information!**



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