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Advanced Handling Class: (left to right) Grace Van Dyke, Service Dog Program Manager with volunteers Turi Janes, Irene Kelton, Demo Dog Tonka, Volunteers Jackie Davies and Cathleen FitzGerald with Service Dog In Training, Paisley

Below: Offender Trainers Lisa & Sheri receive recognition for co-teaching their Socialization Class



PPP Training Instructor, Betsy Pratt, graduates the Spring 2015 Basic Obedience Training Class. Top left to right: Offender Trainers Porsche and Camille with Service Dog Training Instructor Betsy Pratt. Bottom left to right: Offender Trainers Kim and Michelle with Demo Dog Elvis

PPP celebrates 2015 graduation by Grace Van Dyke

It was an evening of celebration, certificates and cake! On June 12th, 2015, PPP supporters, volunteers, offender staff and program staff gathered in the gym to celebrate the year's accomplishments. All came together to recognize what the women of PPP have achieved together. Five new offender trainers graduated from the Basic Obedience Dog Training Class and six trainers graduated from the Advanced Obedience Dog Training Class. In addition, eight offender trainers graduated their own volunteer classes.

Though the prospect of teaching and speaking in front of people can be daunting, PPP offender trainers rose to the challenge and have exceeded expectations. Over

the course of the last two years, ten PPP trainers have provided seventeen 12-week classes to over 60 volunteers, logging over 80 group and 300 individual teaching hours.

When volunteers were asked if they wanted to speak at graduation, three volunteers jumped at the opportunity. Volunteers Rick Gardner, Beth Johnson and Lisa Arnold all shared memories about their classes and praised the women for their efforts. While each had their own individual stories, there were consistent themes throughout: each commented on their instructors' knowledge, confidence and professionalism.

The celebration also welcomed back Nellie and Pike, two of the

20 dogs who were successfully trained and placed as adopted Paroled Pets by PPP. Both of our Paroled Pet graduates received their Paroled Pet certificates and their trainers were thrilled to see them settling in with their new families.

Save the Dates!

Please visit PPP volunteers and our dogs at these upcoming events:

August 1 Woofstock

10am – 3pm

The Dugan Foundation's Annual Adoption & Music Festival at The University of Puget Sound, Todd Field

September 12 Harbor Hounds

10am – 3pm

The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor Mid Day's 13th Annual Charity Dog Walk

October 3 Dogtoberfest

11am – 4pm

Kandle Park in Tacoma

Volunteer Spotlight: Turi Janes

Turi Janes has been volunteering with PPP for 4 years. While her primary involvement is taking our dogs-in-training out for socialization, Turi is always willing to help PPP

good at reinforcing the dogs' training and socialization per the trainers' instruction and not allowing the dogs to get away with bad behavior.

When asked why Turi got involved with PPP and why she continues to volunteer, here is what she said:

"I had learned of the program many years ago from a satisfied customer and couldn't wait to have the time to volunteer. Retirement brought that. Love of dogs, firm belief in second, (third, etc.) chances for humans and animals. The desire to learn more about the training of both people and dogs all are in the mix. The friendly staff and inmates sharing their knowledge



Volunteer Turi and her dog Griffin

keeps me coming back. ...and, of course, the satisfaction of seeing dogs well-placed. They make such a difference in the lives of the clients. There is also the happy thought of the inmates running good training programs once they leave the facility. They are so needed!"

Thank you from all of us at PPP, Turi!
We appreciate all you do for us.

with just about anything. Turi has an incredible sense of humor and always comes in with a smile. Offenders and staff alike appreciate her flexibility and compassion for the dogs and people! The trainers comment that Turi is consistent with our dogs-in-training and always

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A note from the director

So many people to thank and never enough opportunities to do so. PPP cannot exist without the commitment of the volunteers, staff and donors who help to lead, fund and operate PPP. I want to give a special shout out to a few people who have left a mark at PPP.

First, Ruth Bloch. Ruth was our grooming instructor for 2½ years and was instrumental in getting our grooming students through the first two rounds of certification. Prior to Ruth, most of the detailed grooming instruction was done via more experienced offender groomers with occasional instruction from professional groomers from our community. Ruth developed structured classes around the International Professional Groomers (IPG) curriculum and created the dreaded quizzes for the students to prepare them for their written and practical exams. Ruth left PPP in April for other ventures. Ruth’s caring spirit, support of the offenders and sense of humor are missed by us all.

Erin Lynam came to PPP as an intern from The Evergreen State College where she earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology in June. Erin was instrumental to Bark and Bid by securing two media sponsors, procuring great new auction items, and doing a good portion of the data entry. Erin helped update our Facebook page and signed PPP up to receive a kickback from BarkBox when friends sign up for monthly delivery. Erin plans to start graduate school in the fall but is staying involved by helping us produce Facebook “blogs” about our program from an offender’s perspective. Thanks again, Erin!

And finally, we have had a turnover on our board of director’s since January. Thank you to outgoing members Erin Abrigo, Kimberly Clemons and Jennifer Pomeroy for your dedication, leadership and support of PPP. I also want to welcome our newest board members – Tereasa Gandhi, Chris Phillips and Colette Taylor. I look forward to working with and learning from you all.

Beth Rivard

Remembering...

**PPP has recently lost some
of our four-legged friends
who were regular boarding
and grooming clients.
They will be missed.**

- JayJay Sperle
- Dolly Dietrich
- Mac Carter
- MacKenzie Larson
- Orca Mayo
- Hattie Buttorff
- Snuggles Faust
- Jake Howard Nielsen-Reed
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- Chance Smit
- Pam Moen

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PPP receives a \$7,500 Helping Heroes grant from the petco foundation

Prison Pet Partnership was awarded a Helping Heroes grant of \$7,500 from the Petco Foundation and Natural Balance. We asked for funds to assist us with operating, program and payroll expenses for our Service Dog Program. Thanks to the help of Petco employees in partnership with Natural Balance and customers across the country, this annual campaign raised funds while recognizing and celebrating the impact that service and therapy animals have on the lives

of millions of people. Without them, this grant would not have been possible. It will help PPP further our mission enriching the lives of inmates, homeless animals and the community through the human-animal bond.

**Thank you Petco Foundation
and Natural Balance!!!**





2015 Bark and Bid was a success

A wonderful evening was had by all at this year's Bark and Bid dinner and auction. It was attended by 220 humans and 5 canines. There were lots of great new items in our silent and live auction thanks to volunteers, board members and staff. We grossed \$67,000 this year! \$22,000 was raised in our Fund Fetch for the purchase of a much needed, newer PPP vehicle.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make Bark & Bid a success. Without our sponsors, attendees, auction committee members, board members, bowl painters, dog handlers, donors, guest speaker, PPP staff and all the volunteers we couldn't have done it!

PPP Volunteers Marissa Bovée and Corina Griffith having fun bidding on items in the silent auction at Bark & Bid

Thank you to our 2015 Bark and Bid sponsors!!!

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Bark and Bid 2016 **May 21**

PAROLED and ready for adoption

Hello! This tall, dark, handsome fellow is Hampton. He's been with PPP for over a year and a half so fans of our previous newsletters and Facebook page will probably recognize him. He's still looking for a soul mate. He needs that perfect someone who will give him a loving, forever home. Hampton is easy-going and friendly. Once he's developed a bond with his new friend, he will be your loyal, best friend for years to come. He loves going for walks and exploring but is equally happy relaxing at home by your feet. He has wonderful house manners and is solid in his basic obedience skills.

He would be content as an only dog, but having a canine buddy to spend time with when you're gone would be the icing on the cake! Hampton didn't get the socialization he needed as a youngster, so he would do better in a quieter, low-key home. He had surgery on his left elbow last fall and is now fully recovered. He is ready for that perfect adoptive family or individual who will take the time to show him how great the "outside world" is.



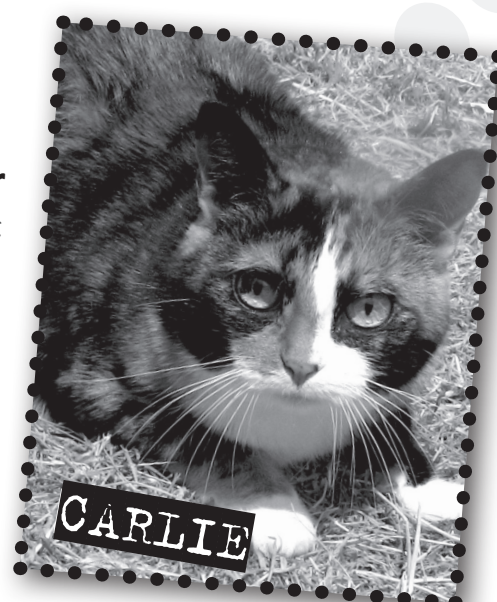
Thank you!



Miley – Senior Domestic Long Hair Miley is a older girl looking for her retirement home! After her owner passed away, Miley came to the prison in search of her forever home. She is a gentle and quiet cat who would like an equally quiet home. She is up to date on all shots and recently had a dental.

Carlie – Adult Domestic Short Hair

Carlie is a fun and feisty tortie/calico spayed female domestic short hair. She gets along well with dogs and even walks on a harness just like a dog! Carlie enjoys spending time napping in the sun and playing with her favorite catnip toy. She is spayed and current on all shots.



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