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# Another successful match!

Mia, once in training with the Prison Pet Partnership is now content at home with her new mom and dad. Her high energy made her a better candidate as a loving pet than as a working dog and she couldn't be happier about it. Her dad says that when she sees the towels get packed into the truck, she knows they are beach bound! Thanks for creating such a great forever home for Mia, Chris and Kathryn!



# ADOPT A PPP PAW!

Meet Zander!

Zander is an energetic 1 year old shepherd mix who would LOVE an owner that will take him to agility, rally, disc dogs, fly ball or anything that involves moving his feet and using his brain at the same time! He plays well with other dogs he's met and he would be great in a house with older dog savvy kids or those interested in 4H dog sports. He is a really great dog that wants to please and would make a great jogging or hiking partner. Zander is up to date on his vaccinations and knows his basic obedience skills (sit, down, stay, kennel, wait, come) and a few advanced skills as well! We feel that with the right owner, this dog can be a calm and polite pooch! He will always be an active dog that loves to play, but he is learning the true meaning of "settle".

If you would like to meet Zander, please contact us today.







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## Jackie Davies – We salute you!!

Jackie Davies has been volunteering with Prison Pet Partnership for 7 years. Our biggest joke with her is that she is our “Jackie of all trades.” Jackie was paired with service dog in training Tonka several years ago, as his primary volunteer trainer. When PPP discovered that Tonka had bad elbows, which would disqualify him from working as a service dog, Jackie and her husband John agreed to

take Tonka as the PPP Demo Dog.

Both Jackie and John often mention that if they go anywhere without Tonka – a rare occurrence – Gig Harbor regulars ask where he is, and why he isn’t out and about with them. He is a true celebrity in the Harbor. One thing that makes Jackie happy to be a part of PPP “is to see the smile on people’s faces when

they see Tonka carry things out of the store when we go shopping. Tonka brightens the day of everyone he meets – he is a great ambassador for the program. I am able to talk about the program when he is there to act as an introduction.”

**Thank you Jackie,  
for seven years of  
tireless dedication and  
contagious enthusiasm.**

Jackie is an integral piece of the Prison Pet Partnership team, sharing the program’s mission with hundreds of people every year. She and Tonka assist PPP with advertising for our annual Bark and Bid auction by accompanying staff and auction committee members to a spot on Channel 12’s City Line. They visit offices who participate in the United Way’s annual giving to share information about PPP.

Every summer Jackie, John and Tonka have (at least) one shift per

event that PPP attends, be it the Humane Society’s Dogathon, the Dugan Foundation’s Woofstock, the Puyallup Fair or Harbor Hounds. Our booth would not be complete without their infectious love for our program, and Tonka’s signature trick of balancing a treat or ball on his nose! We thank you Jackie and Tonka (and John!) for your dedication to our program – we adore you!



*Tonka practices his signature balancing act with Jackie. There is a true bond of love!*

## Ruff Love *by Eva*

Dear Eva: It's that time of year again! Zombies are behind every fire hydrant and skeletons fall from trees. It's enough to make me crawl out of my skin! What do I do?

Sincerely, Unnerved Pooch



*Guest columnist,  
Eva T. Hound*

Dear Unnerved:

Summer ends and humans exchange their pretty flower gardens for ghouls and goblins. This is just one of those inexplicable aspects of human behavior we canines must learn to tolerate. But, your human

can help make the season more tolerable and (maybe) enjoyable!

First off, never let your human force you towards any untrustworthy goblins. We don’t like being dragged towards ghouls anymore than they like being forcibly dragged to the dentist. And, being dragged doesn’t make the visit any more enjoyable.

Ask your human to carry treats on walks if you might be passing by one of these frights. Food makes everyone feel better and your human should start giving you treats before you even get close to those things.

If you’re too scared to eat, a simple, calm display of affection from your human could also help.

We all know that we canines try very hard to understand our humans – it’s a necessity. But, you must remind your human that we speak different languages and when they try to calm us down by trying to reason with us, we won’t understand. It’s really best if they just kept quiet to avoid any such confusion.

Better yet, it’s much easier to believe the undead are nothing to worry about if our humans act that way

around them. After all, if our humans can just walk by them and ignore them then we might be able to do the same thing. And all canines know that we have to smell things to understand them. If we try to reach out and sniff one of these things, make sure your human gives you the time to give it a thorough once over.

Thankfully, Halloween is fleeting. Unfortunately, singing, dancing elves and reindeer are just around the corner. Those whacky humans. What would they do without us?

Eva



*Beware! Halloween can be a scary time for your furry friends.*



Mission Statement

**The Prison Pet Partnership Program rescues and trains homeless animals to provide service dogs for people with disabilities, and operates a boarding and grooming facility that provides vocational education to women inmates.**

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A note from the director

*In August, Rachel and I attended the Defendant/Offender Workplace Development conference at South Seattle Community College. Though we heard about wonderful programs that help former inmates find jobs and housing, the one concern that kept bubbling up was there are limited resources to help these men and women prepare for release while still incarcerated.*

*Because we have dedicated so much energy in teaching jobs skills to the women in our program, PPP is driven to help transition them into the community. In addition to helping with resume writing and interviewing skills, we locate potential jobs in their community. Through their work at PPP, women build the “soft skills” required to help build resiliency; an important characteristic for a good employee, family member and member of our community.*

*Self confidence, a positive outlook, the ability to develop good relationships, set goals, problem solve, and communicate effectively, are just a few “soft skills” that are incorporated in everything we do at PPP with fellow staff, the community and the animals.*

*While we know anecdotally that PPP changes the lives of offenders, measuring these changes is challenging. To help us in this, Kat Sohn, a grad student from UC Northridge spent two weeks in August interviewing offenders and staff for a research project to identify how the human-animal bond changes the lives of incarcerated individuals. We look forward to reading Kat’s final thesis and sharing some of these results with you. I hope you have a great fall.*

*Beth Rivard*



Beth with her dog “Manu”

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Shawn and service dog  
in-training, Eeyore

Dogs give meaning to life

*My name is Shawn, I am 43 years old, and I have been employed at Prison Pet Partnership (PPP) since February 2009. I came to the prison with a life without parole sentence, when I was 22 years old, leaving behind a 2 year old daughter. The hardest thing that is taken from you once you go to prison is compassion and the ability to be a caregiver, and you lose certain emotions out of necessity. As women, we need physical touch as well as the affection and bonding that goes along with it. Working for PPP has enabled me to be the caregiver that I once was. I can once again give a hug and receive affection all due to the little 4 legged creatures I care for everyday. It has been 21 years since I was able to lay on my bed, watch TV and cuddle with my daughter. This job is the best thing that could have happened to me. I have a reason to want to be a better person, to stay out of trouble. It has made me kinder towards others, given me immense patience and a smile on my face every time I see one of the dogs. I am a better person today and I owe that to the Prison Pet Partnership where I am treated as an individual and not a number.*

~Shawn



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## Welcome our new recruits!



### Abner

This cute  
youngster is  
Abner. While

everyone who meets him is certain he's got Golden Retriever in him, there's lots of speculation as to what his other half is. Dachshund? Corgi? No one seems to know. Abner came to us from the Yakima Valley Humane Society on the east side of the Cascade Mountains. Though a little on the shy side around strangers, Abner is currently being fostered by one of our dedicated volunteers.



### Eeyore

Meet Eeyore,  
a black lab  
mix who is as

charming as he looks. He came to us from the Kitsap Humane Society and has settled into training quickly. About a year and a half old, Eeyore loves playing and loves interacting with kids. We are quite pleased with the progress he and his trainer have been making and know this promising young man will do well.



### Franklin

Franklin is  
a purebred  
chocolate

Labrador Retriever that came to PPP after his family was no longer able to keep him. He came to PPP with his brother, Daniel, a yellow Labrador. It was clear from the beginning that Daniel would much rather play ball than work (who wouldn't, if given the choice) and was adopted into a permanent loving home. Franklin is still in training at PPP and, though he does love to play, he continues to show us he loves to work as well.



### Hooch

Like Franklin,  
Hooch came  
to PPP when

his family were unable to keep him. A young chocolate Labrador Retriever, Hooch has a lot of energy and is a quick study. Like any self-respecting lab, Hooch loves food and will do (and learn) just about anything for a tidbit.

**CHECK OUT THE ADOPTABLE  
DOGS & CATS ON OUR WEB SITE!**

[PrisonPetPartnership.org](http://PrisonPetPartnership.org)

## Looking for cozy retirement homes



**Luna** is an 11 year old white domestic shorthair. This older gal has a hyperthyroid and is on medication daily, that is relatively inexpensive. She gets dry and canned food every day, to help keep some weight on her because of her condition. This cat loves to cuddle under the covers with you at night or for a nap, but doesn't tolerate being held for a long period of time. She has not spent much time with other cats but can handle herself just fine around dogs. She is spayed, litter box trained and up to date on her vaccines.

**Reina** is also an older gal, she's an 11 year old black and white medium hair. She is spayed, litter box trained and up to date on her vaccines. This sweet gal likes affection on her own terms, loves to be scratched and is declawed. She prefers sand clumping litter, and likes it kept clean and fresh. She lived in a home with other young cats which she didn't care for but will probably do fine with older cats. She has spent time with dogs but prefers a home without them, especially since she can't defend herself without claws. She is looking for a quiet home with lots of love to give!



## 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

**thank you!**