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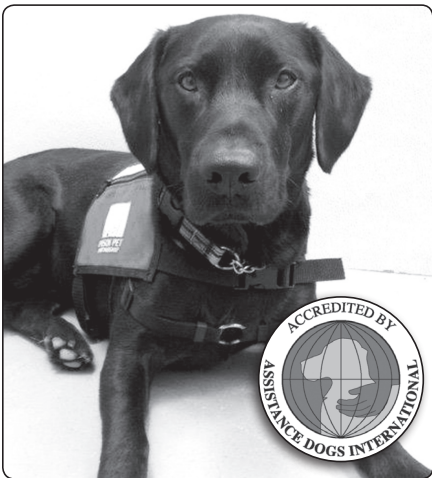
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## PPP Reaccredited By Assistance Dogs International by Grace Van Dyke

The Prison Pet Partnership's Service Dog Program provides Mobility Service Dogs, Seizure Response Service Dogs and Therapy Dogs to individuals in need throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho states. PPP first became fully accredited as a Service Dog Organization through Assistance Dogs International (ADI) in 2010.



For us to maintain our full accreditation status, PPP undergoes a thorough evaluation of all aspects of our program operations every five years.

In September, a delegate from ADI visited with PPP to observe our daily operations. They reviewed operating procedures, observed PPP offender trainers training their dogs, interviewed and observed volunteers and Service Dog clients as they handled our Service Dogs-In-Training and our certified Service Dogs in public. In mid-October, ADI renewed PPP's Accreditation Status for another five years, with many accolades. They were "very pleased with the quality and organization of work we do."

*We are so proud of Xavi, a lab mix who trained for just under a year and was placed into service this January. Soon we hope to have more photos of Xavi and Teisa, a PPP successor client, as they continue to bond and become a great team! Watch for them on our website and on Facebook.*

PPP wishes to thank our wonderful and generous volunteers who provide countless hours helping homeless dogs learn how to navigate the world beyond our prison fences. We especially wish to thank the PPP offender trainers who push themselves for the love of the dogs they work with every day. Without them, none of this would be possible.

**For more information about Assistance Dogs International, or the Accreditation Process, please visit the ADI website or you can find their informational flyer on our website.**

## Save the Dates!

### Exciting news: our Service Dog Program is expanding!

Learn about the plan to rescue more dogs and serve more clients. Sister Pauline and Pax will be attending the informational meetings! Hope to see you at one:

**April 12** 7:00pm  
**April 13** 7:00pm  
**April 18** 11:00am

Visit PPP's website for locations, to RSVP and for more information.

**April 21**  
**Arfs & Crafts**  
5 – 8pm

**May 21**  
**Bark and Bid**  
5pm – 9pm

### Summer is right around the corner – Time for booths and parades!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who participated last year.

**June 4**  
**Gig Harbor**  
**Maritime Parade**

**July 23**  
**Dog-A-Thon**

**August 6**  
**Woofstock**

**August 27**  
**Harbor Hounds**

## Did you know? PPP partners with several local rescue groups by Rachel Keeler

As part of PPP's Vocational Education Program we run a boarding and grooming facility for animal owners in our surrounding communities. Seven days a week we care for dogs and cats who, at the end of their stay, have a warm home awaiting them. It brings the girls such great joy to see our return customers and meet new ones over the years! We cherish our relationships with our boarding and grooming clients – the job skills the inmates are learning by working in our kennel or grooming salon are life changing and we so much appreciate your support!

One aspect of the Vocational Education Program we don't talk much about is our partnerships with smaller rescues to help animals in need. Many of you know we work with a small, locally-based cat rescue to rehabilitate cats who need that extra tender loving care before they are ready for adoption. These cats live in the rooms with the ladies and gain valuable skills that help them reintegrate into a home.

Our Service Dogs in Training also get practice on how to live peacefully with their feline friends!

Lastly, as you can see from the before and after photo's pictured, PPP collaborates with a few dog rescues to perform makeovers on dogs who desperately need grooming. Often these dogs are coming out of shelters that are packed to the brim and many of them have never been groomed in their lives. The ladies in our grooming department do a fabulous job of transforming these dogs into the beautiful adoptable dogs that they are! We couldn't do this work without the partnerships PPP has created with agencies around us! We look forward to many more years of collaboration!

**Ready for adoption day!**  
*Some of the many dogs groomed by talented PPP inmate groomers to help the rescue group adopt them out. Not only do they look better, but the dogs feel fabulous too!*



## Paisley the new PPP Demo Dog by Betsy Pratt

For Prison Pet Partnership, community involvement and public education are critical aspects of our program. For public outreach, we often look to a Demo Dog to help us tell the full story. Demo dogs are usually dogs that for some reason cannot be placed as Service or Therapy dogs, but have many of the attributes we look for. One of our Demo dogs which you may have met at community events, is Tonka, a black lab owned by a long-time volunteer.

Since Tonka began his work as a Demo Dog we haven't had many others take his same career path until

recently. Paisley was a stray that came to us from California back in 2014. After months of training and evaluating we determined that she would make an excellent Demo Dog.

We placed Paisley with a volunteer family. She has become a loved member of that family and is already working on perfecting her Demo Dog routine. Her first community event was for a Girl Scout group in Renton, WA, and she shined in her new role! We're so proud of her and confident that Paisley will help us greatly with the commitment to our community and our goals to educate the public about our program.



*Demo Dog Paisley meets a few members of Girl Scout Troop #40786 sponsored by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Renton, WA. Paisley demonstrated all the skills she learned in her service dog training while at PPP.*



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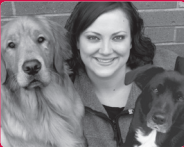
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# A note from the director

*This newsletter is all about the partnerships with our community. If we didn't have great partnerships, we would just be "Prison Pet." There are too many partnerships to list individually but ultimately, all of our partnerships intertwine with and between the animals and the offenders.*

*In addition to taking in dogs from shelters and rescue groups for our training program, we also help other organizations by grooming homeless dogs and socializing cats to increase their adoptability. By doing so we provide additional learning opportunities to the inmates in our program.*

*Volunteers work to reinforce the dogs' training and to socialize them in public. Without our volunteers, we couldn't place service dogs. Finding the right match for our paroled pets would be challenging as well. Volunteers who take our dogs on outings to assisted living facilities, outreach events and even to walk downtown Gig Harbor become ambassadors of our program spreading the word about all of the great work going on at the prison. Volunteer office workers, committee and board members are also significant partners to PPP!*

*Many of you entrust the care of your pets to us in our boarding and grooming facility. You, too are our partners in teaching the offenders about animal care in addition to helping support our programs financially.*

*And finally, to the individuals, families, businesses and foundations who contribute monetarily or via in-kind services or supplies, we thank you for helping us keep our programs going and growing. Whether you volunteer, contribute, share your rescue animals or family pets with us, we consider you an essential part of Prison Pet PARTNERSHIP!*

*Beth Rivard*



## Calendars for sale!

**2016 PPP Calendars  
are still available!**

**Only \$25 includes shipping.**

Go to our website to purchase yours today  
and enjoy seeing PPP's program dogs all year.

[www.prisonpetpartnership.org](http://www.prisonpetpartnership.org)



*PPP  
Paroled Dogs  
enjoying their  
new lives!*



## Many Thanks to the Franciscan Foundation!

In December, PPP was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Franciscan Foundation for much needed technology upgrades. New computers and a laser printer for our grooming and boarding clerks along with a new donor data base for our development office will help us be more efficient!

**Franciscan Foundation**  
Advancing the Healing Mission of  
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**Join the fun** at our 13th annual charity dinner and auction that will be held at The Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center. All proceeds will benefit Prison Pet Partnership’s programs. Go online to reserve your tickets or return this form with your payment by March 31st for early bird ticket pricing of \$60 each.

After March 31st, tickets are \$75 each.



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RSVP by March 31st for early-bird savings!

Please make check payable to Prison Pet Partnership and send it to PPP, Bark and Bid 9601 Bujacich Rd NW Gig Harbor, WA 98332.  
 Paper tickets will not be issued. Reservations will be held at the door. Questions? Call 253-858-4200 ext. 82596 or email javoelker@doc1.wa.gov for more information

Volunteer Gail Hume will be missed

One of our volunteers, Gail Hume, passed away in February. Gail’s daughter Adeanna called to inform us and also to thank everyone involved with PPP for helping to keep Gail active and involved the community. Gail was our summer outreach booth guru. She staffed our outreach booths and was instrumental in keeping all

of the booth supplies inventoried, sorted and stocked. She replaced our outreach canopy with one that had a wheeled carrier and she supplied the rolling storage box and tool tote to make it easier for all of us to transport everything to and from our events. Gail will be missed.

CHECK OUT THE ADOPTABLE DOGS & CATS ON OUR WEB SITE!  
 PrisonPetPartnership.org

Hampton’s Story by Betsy Pratt

Hampton and his sister Iona, two Shepherd Mix pups, came to PPP in late 2013. Both of them exhibited cases of fear and aversion towards people. Iona was trained and socialized by several women in our program for about a year before being paroled. She is currently living happily in her forever home with a PPP volunteer.

Hampton was waiting to be matched with a home when we noticed he had a little limp. After evaluation by a specialist, he underwent surgery on his front elbow. After a successful surgery in January of 2015, Hampton had eight weeks of recovery time before he could be adopted. While on a weekend home visit with a staff member, Hampton met his prospective new



After searching for almost 2 years, Hampton found his forever home in August, 2015. He loves family outings to the lake and taking naps with his friend, the neighbor cat.

family by chance – a relative of that staff member! A few months later, that family was asking about Hampton and if he had been adopted yet. They were his match and within a few weeks, the lucky guy was on his way to spend

Also greatly missed are some PPP four-legged friends: Anya Buckingham, Calvin Corvitti, Dreidle Cussen, Honey Bear Doney-Dutton, Talulah Esteroff, Lexi Foster, Beau Glessner, Dimpsey Howell, Oreo Kuhn, Jewels Lopes, Sinbad McCallum, Sunny McManus, Lucy Lang, Christmas Mullen, Genevieve Mullen, Izzie Mullen, Cricket Owen, Kaitlin Read-Monaco, Cosmo Ritchie, Dolly Ryle, Boo Boo Silcott-Bastista, Shadow Spinn, and Julio Van Dyke.



Welcome our new grooming instructor!

Some of our lucky volunteers and customers have had the pleasure of meeting Karen, our new grooming instructor who started working at PPP in September of 2015. Before joining our staff, Karen spent several years in the US Navy and worked for the federal government.

After ten years of working for the City of Bremerton, she decided on a career change to pet grooming. Karen attended the Master’s Grooming Academy in Kenmore, Washington in 2010. She operated a home based grooming salon for 5 years before joining our staff.

Karen usually has one or two of her five dogs in tow. Her Toy Poodle Ace comes to work with her on a regular basis and follows her everywhere. Boston Terrier Neo plods along behind Karen in no hurry to get anywhere. Her puppy, Olivia, the Miniature Schnauzer, is only a few months old and already learning lots from offender trainers! Her two Miniature Schnauzers, Siegfried and Jasper will be subjects for grooming certifications in our program.

In just a short time, Karen has brought lots of new techniques and customer service practice skills to the PPP grooming employees. We are thrilled to have her as a part of our team.



PAROLED PET: ULEA

In January 2015, partnering with a Local Rescue, R.A.I.N (Rescue Animals in Need), we acquired 4 dogs from Georgia. The four dogs traveled for four days by car from Georgia to the Pacific Northwest.

This Beagle mix, newly named, Ulea (you-lee-a) had been surrendered to R.A.I.N back in October of 2014. She began her training here at the prison and passed her basic obedience, or her Level 1 and Level 2 tests. Ulea continues to work on her obedience training and hopes to find her forever family.

She loves human companionship more than she cares about playing with other dogs, so she would be best suited in a home where she is the only pet. Are you the perfect match for this girl who makes everyone who meets her smile? Adoption forms are available on PPP’s website.