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Among the exciting changes to this year's event – The Tacoma Convention Center (left) was selected as the new venue to keep up with our growing attendance. Below is a selection of glass vases for auction by the Hilltop Artists organization.

We already have a bunch of exciting auction items including a stay on the beach in Ocean Shores and a sight-seeing flight for 2 over Seattle! Bark and Bid has begun to receive sponsorships as well from local businesses and community members. With these sponsorships and your support we hope to make Bark and Bid 2012 a night to remember! Please join us on May 19th to support the women and dogs of PPP. Registration can be found online via Paypal on our website or inside this newsletter! We look forward to celebrating with you!



Exciting new changes to Bark and Bid 2012

by Rachel Keeler

This year's event is proving to be one for the record books! A new location, new time and world renowned speaker, Gordon Graham, will be sure to make the night a memorable one! The Convention Center in downtown Tacoma will give our auction the much needed space to grow to help support PPP's mission. Our event time has also changed to help showcase our new location in the city. The event will now begin at 5 pm and we hope you will bring along your friends to enjoy a night out!

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Please be sure to remember to dress the part in your business casual attire!

This year we will be dining in style with a sit-down dinner and tables decorated with vases designed and created by the Hilltop Artists. Each vase will be up for auction so be sure to pick your favorite and bid quickly! Our goal this year is to raise money to renovate our kennel facility. The kennels were originally built in 1996 and with Bark and Bid proceeds we look forward to modernizing the design so we may continue to kennel your pooches for another 20 years!



Arfs & Crafts 2012

by Grace VanDyke

As Spring approaches, our thoughts at Prison Pet Partnership turn to art. Every third Thursday, artists and galleries in downtown Tacoma host the Tacoma Artwalk – allowing patrons the opportunity to explore the artistic side of Tacoma. Each year, Tacoma's Third Thursday Artwalk hosts a silent auction at The Art Stop at Le Roy Jewelers located at 940 Broadway Street to benefit both the

Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound and the Prison

Pet Partnership. Artists (both professional and casual hobbyists) donate items to be auctioned off for both programs!

This year, Arfs and Crafts will be held on Thursday, May 17th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm and you can find our current service dogs-in-training that evening in the shop, wandering around downtown Tacoma, exploring the galleries, schmoozing with the public and promoting the Prison Pet Partnership. Bidding on auction items begins during Arfs and Crafts and will continue until 5:00pm on Saturday, May 19th.

Come out and meet our dogs, bid on one-of-a-kind art pieces and support Prison Pet Partnership!

Examples of the kind of hand-painted dog bowls that will be available at this year's Arfs and Crafts auction.



Remembering Karol

by Beth Rivard

One of PPP's long time volunteers, Karol Alfera, passed away in January after a heroic battle with breast cancer. Karol volunteered in the office, with the Bark and Bid committee, and alongside her husband and fellow volunteer, Don, at outreach booths. Karol was a model of friendship, kindness and optimism. Just being around Karol gave one a sense of tranquility. Her warmth and gentle spirit made you feel like a member of her family. She was genuinely interested in every aspect of your life from kids to pets to hobbies. Karol's sense of humor, dignity and infectious optimism were never defeated by cancer and helped guide the rest of us through the ups and downs of her illness. She generously gave her time and talent to support those she loved and the charities that meant so much to her. Our deepest sympathies to her husband Don, their two sons and four grandchildren. Karol is greatly missed and eternally appreciated for leaving an imprint on our hearts.

Mission Statement

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

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A note from the director

Have you ever wondered who serves on the PPP board of directors? We have eight dedicated people who voluntarily give their time and expertise to help lead the organization. Four of our newest members are introduced here. Watch this space in the next newsletter for information about the additional members.

Jennifer Pomeroy is PPP's vice president. She is a CPA with Real Carriage Door Company in Gig Harbor. Jennifer is the proud mother of a 4 year old Pomeranian, Chewbaca and a "sister" to PPP paroled pet, Zander. Jennifer was drawn to PPP because of "the difference it makes in the lives of inmates and animals by giving them a second chance."

Ralph Flick is PPP's treasurer. Ralph is an attorney in Gig Harbor. He teaches undergraduate and graduate level classes for several Western Washington educational institutions and serves on several corporate and non-profit boards. He is also the current president of the Midday Rotary Club-host of Harbor Hounds. Ralph lives in Gig Harbor with his wife, two children and their dog, Jake.

Melissa Perry is a Human Resources Manager for JCPenney. She holds a Master's degree in Human Resources Management with a certificate in Organizational Development. She has a great passion for the mission of the PPP, specifically the unique dynamic that enriches a variety of lives. Melissa's family includes her husband, Jon, four daughters, two dogs, two cats and a small flock of chickens and turkeys.

Pete Philley joined the Board in January. He became involved with PPP because of his dog, Isis, who became a paroled pet in 1999. He loves the multi-faceted way PPP serves the community. Pete is an attorney in the Civil Division of the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and coaches girls high school basketball. He and his wife, Monica Butler, live on Raft Island and have two adult children.

A very special thank you from all of us at PPP to Linda Beltz and Gerry Schlehofer whose board terms ended in December.

Beth Rivard



Beth with her dog "Manu"

INMATE CORNER

Transitions through learning

I looked into the eyes of a dog and my heart smiled. I looked into the heart of a dog and my eyes smiled. It doesn't get any better than that.

My name is Kim and I've done 10 years of time before coming to work in the PPP program. How can you say you're doing time anymore when you see love all day. I work in the kennels, I often take boarding animals to my room. I have trained as well. I feel the PPP has brought out my natural abilities. The dogs that come to us are rescues. It is a win win situation for both the dogs and myself. Those that do not make it as service dogs still get a second chance and a great new home in the community.

As a new dog is assigned to me we both start on a journey by both taking a leap of faith. Together we learn obedience, trust, compassion, and patience. All of this gives us a new way to look at life as a whole. We learn positive responses to negative situations.

I have a high school education and I have never studied how to train a dog or to communicate effectively. I am now learning that on a daily basis.

I honestly feel that everything depends on how we respond to the little things in life. That's what caring and training has taught me. I enjoy the animals. I've learned to be compassionate; to love. We both learn loyalty, understanding and perseverance along with an incredible bond!

That's what makes this a great program! ~ Kim



Kim and "Tova", a black lab mix that has found her forever home thanks to Kim's calm training style, and patient love.

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You're invited to the
9th annual charity auction

Bark and Bid

Saturday, May 21

5:00 - 9:00PM

Tacoma Convention Center
1500 Broadway, Tacoma

auctions • light supper • cash bar

Featuring a presentation by Gordon Graham, author of *The One-Eyed Man is King* and former inmate at the Washington State Penitentiary

Act fast! We sold out last year!

Deadline is May 8 • Space is limited.

Please return the enclosed card to reserve your seat. > > > >

REGISTRATION CARD

TICKETS \$50 individual or \$400 per table of eight

- I would like _____ individual reservations at \$50 each: \$ _____
- I would like _____ table reservations at \$400 each: \$ _____
- I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution: \$ _____
- I have an auction item for donation, please contact me!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like a reservation confirmation: YES NO

NOTE: If you or your guests require any dietary restrictions, please call our office and ask for Rachel Keeler.

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 PMB 433 5114 Pt Fosdick Dr NW Gig Harbor, WA 98335-1733

Orders must be received by May 8. 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 or send an email to barkandbid@yahoo.com or call **253-858-4240**.

Dog Updates



Veruka

is currently at MCCCW and has passed her level 2 obedience and CGC test, and is

currently up for adoption – for more information about Veruka visit our website!



ZeeZee,

a black lab who came from another rescue in Washington,

is in training at WCCW. After a round of giardia and coccidia, ZeeZee is finally on track with training, now that she is no longer quarantined and on medication for her tummy. We're happy to have her back to her healthy self and look forward to seeing how she progresses.



Yarrow,

is currently in training at WCCW, and came to us from Adopt-a-Pet in Shelton. She is

working on her beginning obedience and shows great promise with her training. She had some shyness to overcome initially, but she is really starting to blossom.



Gloria

came to us from a family in Oregon. A big thank you to

our volunteers Roger and Judy for transporting her to PPP! She is in training at WCCW, working on Level 1 skills and enjoying being out of the kennels.



Aajay

came from the Kitsap Humane Society this winter and is in training at WCCW,

working on Level 1 skills and enjoying bonding with her new trainer. She is a smart girl with energy to burn!



Winnie

a young black lab mix is in training at WCCW, and just passed her

CGC test! She is a peculiar girl who is afraid of tall water buckets, but with love and training, we expect her to overcome this unusual uncertainty!



Caymen

is a yellow lab/golden mix who was transferred from a rescue organization in

Southern California. Thank you to Nicole for driving to Portland to pick him up! He is getting settled in here in the Pacific Northwest, and was likely shocked at the snow we had this February!

These adorable adoptables need special love

Onyx is a wonderful, loving dog. She enjoys cuddling, performing tricks like "turn" and "roll" and loves playing with her ball. Onyx is a special dog that will require a very dedicated home. Although young, Onyx has already been diagnosed with hip dysplasia and will need a family that is prepared to give her life-long veterinary care. It is uncertain if Onyx will need surgery, but an adoptive family should be aware that it is a possibility. Onyx is active and would enjoy a home with a family

that are willing to give daily but moderate exercise. She would enjoy a family with another youthful dog to keep her company. Though she needs a little extra TLC, Onyx truly is a happy-go-lucky, smart and delightful dog who will put a smile on your face every day!



Meet Luna! Don't be fooled by her age, this old gal has plenty of spunk left in her! Luna is looking for a nice quiet retirement home to cuddle up in the sunshine and admire the birds through the window. She is litter box trained. Luna has a hyperthyroid condition and is on a low-cost medication that she takes twice daily and will need to remain on for the remainder of her life, as well as go in for vet visits to recheck her thyroid. Luna likes affection on her terms, but loves to cuddle up with you in bed but does not appreciate being picked up or carried around out of the blue, so she should not be in a home with young children. Luna can't wait to go to a home that can care for her needs, and let her enjoy her days on the couch taking long naps!



Please contact us for more adoption information!

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!

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