



Dear Friends, Colleagues and Partners of PPP,

On behalf of the board of directors of Prison Pet Partnership, we are writing to inform you that we have accepted the resignation of Beth Rivard as Executive Director. Beth is stepping down after 22 years of overseeing the first and oldest prison dog program in the United States.

Under her leadership which began in 1998, the organization has provided thousands of hours of vocational education, job readiness training, mentorship, and opportunities for personal healing and development to incarcerated individuals at the Washington Corrections

Center for Women. During her tenure, over 700 animals were trained and placed throughout the Northwest as certified service, seizure, and therapy dogs, as well as family and companion animals.

Upon announcement of her resignation, Beth remarked: "I take with me many extraordinary memories of the people and animals I have worked with over the years. To have witnessed so many lives changed for the better through the human-animal bond will remain one of my top life experiences."

We are incredibly proud of the work Beth and PPP staff have done, making an immeasurable positive impact on our community. Beth's infectious laugh and commitment to treating the people and animals we serve with dignity and compassion are just a few of the reasons she will be missed tremendously.

Although current public operations are largely shut down due to Covid-19, Beth leaves PPP in a very strong position for continued growth, and we sincerely thank her for her contribution and leadership in her time here.

Beth has stepped aside from day-to-day operations as of February 5, 2021, though she will assist with transition activities through March 9, 2021. The board will continue to oversee PPP staff until a successor is hired. We are confident that Beth and the staff will make this a smooth transition for the clients and women we serve, as well as our community partners and supporters.

If you have any questions about the transition or the organization, do not hesitate to reach out to the Board of Directors at board@prisonpetpartnership.org.