

A Life Loved, A Life Lived

I got an email from someone asking if her best friend, Eileen, could have dog visits in her final months. As it turned out, Eileen lived where I work. When we met, she told me she had terminal cancer, had declined treatment, and was at peace with her decision. She just wanted to spend time with dogs again.

I arranged for teams to visit her weekly. We all quickly saw what a remarkable woman she was—caring, inspiring, and deeply dedicated to helping others. With each visit, we learned more about her incredible life. She always made time for the dogs, telling friends not to visit during those cherished moments.

As her condition worsened, Eileen remained calm and even excited for what came next. She chose death with dignity, and during that conversation, asked if we could organize a birthday lunch. Of course we could—by then, there wasn't anything I wouldn't do for her. She picked the place and her order: a soy cappuccino with honey and a BLT with a salad at a dog-friendly restaurant.

On July 12, we took her to lunch. She said goodbye to a few visitors before we left, noting how hard it was to say those last goodbyes. Over lunch, she shared stories, and when asked about regrets, said only if she had unknowingly hurt someone. That was Eileen—thoughtful to the end. She spoke of reuniting with her father and imagined all her past dogs running to greet her.

After lunch, she thanked us for spending time with her. Over the next two weeks, her calendar was full with visitors from near and far. Though she had no blood relatives, she was surrounded by love.

On July 26, she passed peacefully, exactly how and when she chose. This experience was far more than a volunteer assignment—it was a lesson in living with intention, advocating for yourself, and loving deeply. One I'll never forget.

Thank you, Eileen, for the wisdom—and to all the teams who gave her so much joy in her final months. She truly loved every moment.

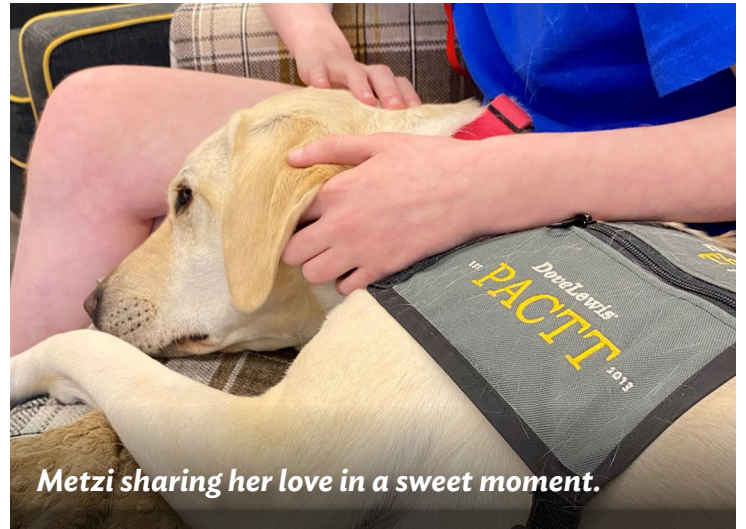
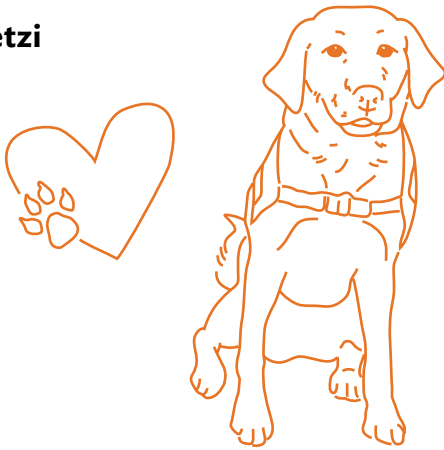
**Warmly,
Kathi Nakama**



A Quiet Moment to Remember

We had an especially magical moment near the end of our visit last night at Ronald McDonald House. This child sat to pet and hug Metzi in silence for a long time. It was clear this interaction was needed so we stayed about 20 minutes past our normal end time. It was challenging not to talk but the peace and quiet of what was happening felt right. Metzi fully relaxed, fell asleep and when it was over had to be encouraged to get off the couch to go home. I can't really explain it, but that visit was one I knew really had a big impact.

-Jenny and Metzi



Metzi sharing her love in a sweet moment.

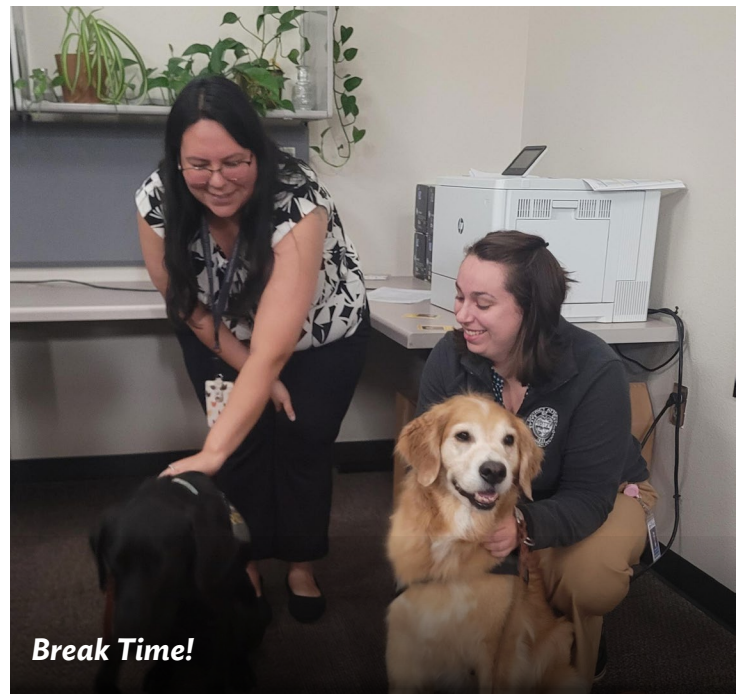


Therapy dog Metzi giving and receiving therapy!

Washington County Wagging Wellness Wednesdays



LisaLu, Rosella, and Scooby Doo With Christine at Washington County DA's Wagging Wellness Visit



Break Time!



Rosella Sharing Her Fur



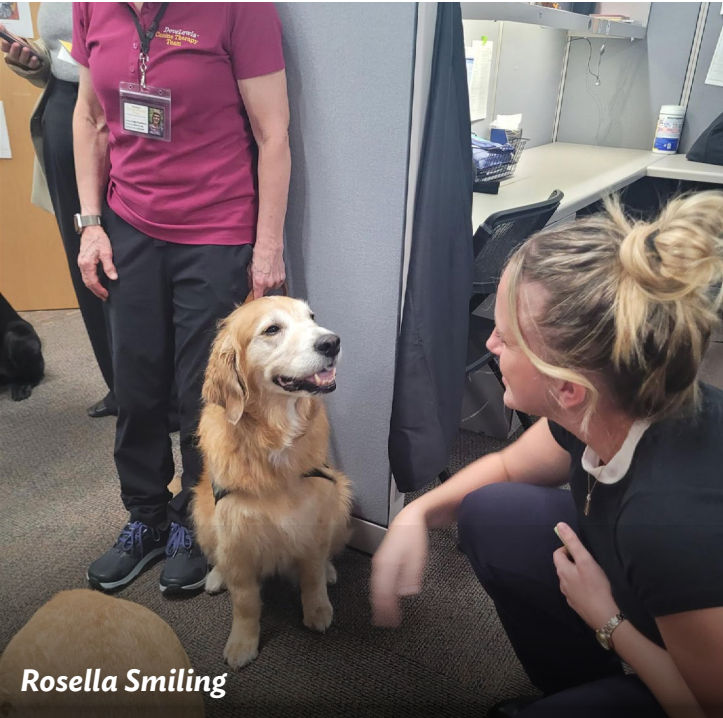
Washington County DA Kevin Barton and LisaLu, Rosella and Scooby Doo



Chief Deputy DA Jeff Lesowski with Teams



Crowded but Spreading Joy



Rosella Smiling



Scooby Doo Waiting for a Reward



Can't Get Any Better Than This

Furry Friends and Big Smiles



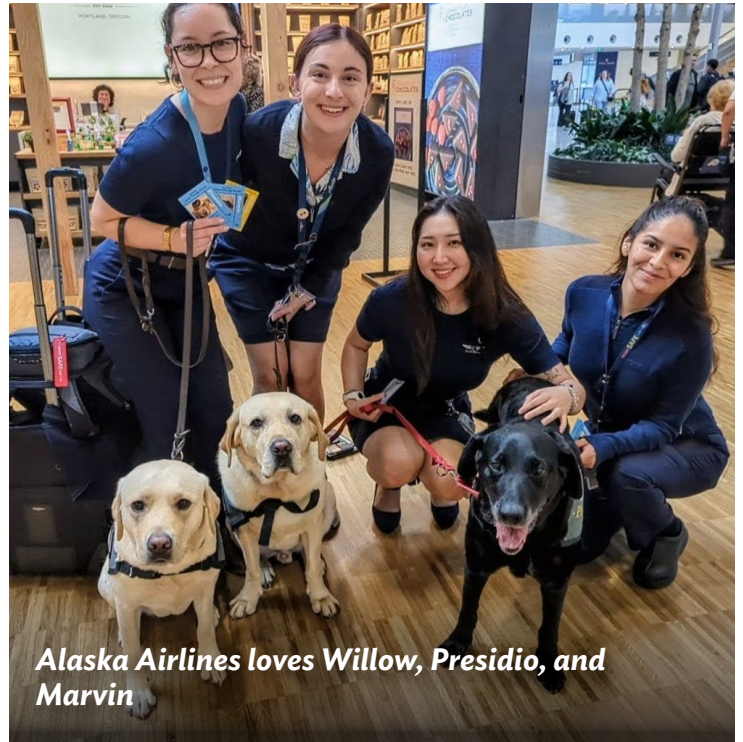
Pippin Making a New Friend at PDX Summer Fair



A Patient at Shriners Made this Keychain for Bonnie



Emily giving Tater Tot a Birthday Tater Tot!



Alaska Airlines loves Willow, Presidio, and Marvin



Frank Extending a Paw of Welcome at PDX



Bonnie at Doernbecher Children's Hospital



Judge Britton and Beaverton BSOBR Court Staff with Rosella



Marvin Celebrating Kathy's Birthday



Presidio and Willow at PDX



Metzi at Tigard Canine Festival



Multnomah County Court Staff Celebrate Tater Tot's Birthday!!



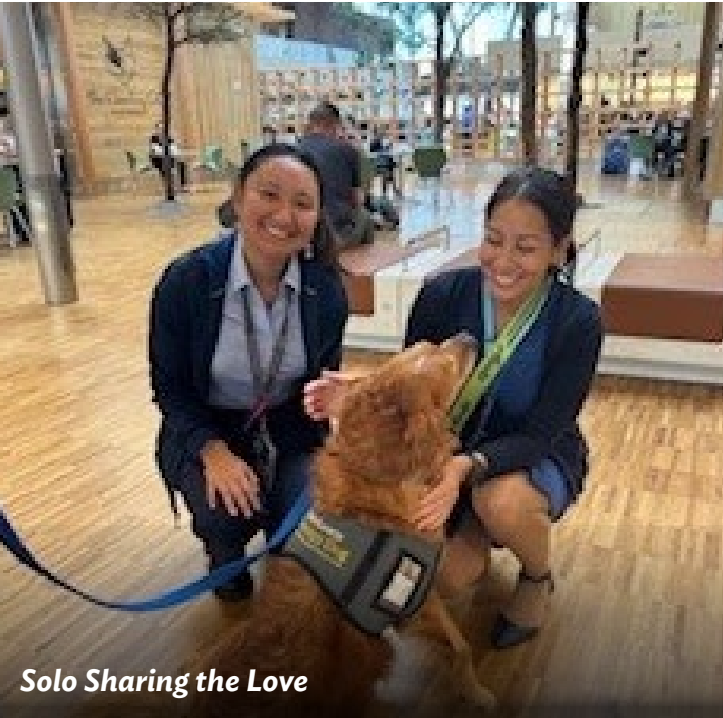
Presidio and Willow with a New Friend at PDX



Solo Sharing a Special Moment



Pippin Laying Down on the Job



Solo Sharing the Love



Rosella at BSOBR Court Laying Down on the Job



Willow Sleeping on the Job at Ronald McDonald House



Susan and Roxy Sharing the Love with an Alaska Pilot!



Sophie with her New Best Friend Tater Tot at the Holgate Library



Willow and Presidio at PDX Summer Fair with Pickles!



Teams at the PDX Summer Fair



Metzi with Rachel and Molly at Tigard Canine Carnival



Who wants a treat! Willow, Presidio and Marvin!

Make a Splash at the

Dogtoberfest Dog Wash

Saturday, October 4 • 12:00 PM–3:00 PM

Lucky Lab Brew Pub • SE Hawthorne • Free Entry

Treat your dog to a bubbly bath, sip a brew, and support DoveLewis' Blood Bank—home to the superhero cats and dogs who donate blood for 700+ lifesaving transfusions every year.

Stop by the Blood Bank Kissing Booth for photo fun and meet our furry heroes in person.

Donations for the doggy bath are encouraged!

But wait, there's more!

Bring a toy to Dogtoberfest and help thank our blood donors. After donating life-saving blood, they get to pick a toy as a reward!



Reminder!

Service of Remembrance

Sunday, September 14, 2025 | 4-5pm | Free Event

First Presbyterian Church | 1200 SW Alder St

Join us for a special memorial service and ceremony to honor the memory of your beloved animal companions. The undeniable impact that animals have on our lives is everlasting, and the Service of Remembrance pays tribute to that deep connection. Enjoy words of comfort from DoveLewis staff, a personal message from a fellow pet owner, and live music. This service will be in-person.

Pets welcome in spirit only. This service is non-denominational and is open to any and all who wish to attend.



[Click Here to Register](#)

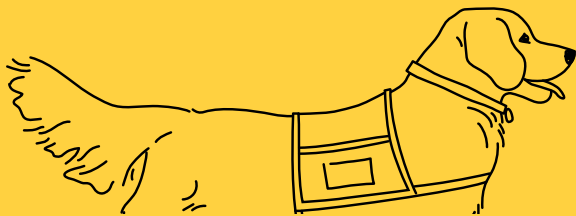
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