

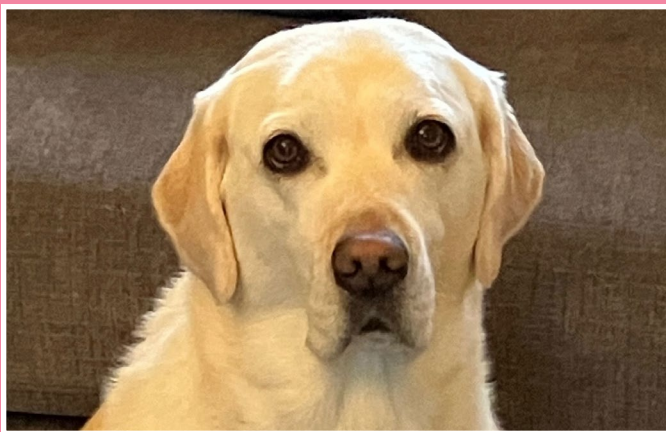
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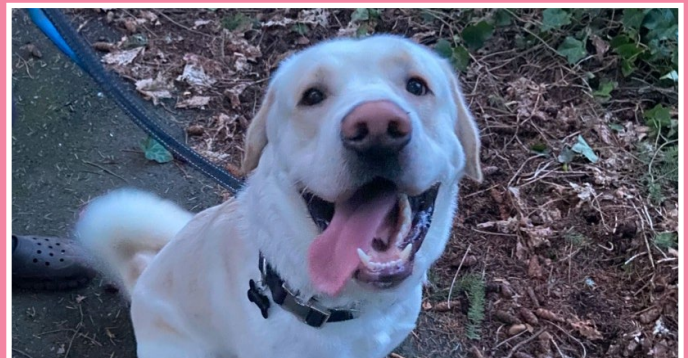
Thank you Kyla for the joy that you've brought to so many people!



Athena loves her hedgehog!



Dear sweet Olivia, I love how you always want to snuggle with me. I will always share my apple slices with you! Love, Grace



This is my Akita/Lab baby Banjo! Banjo likes swimming (as long as it doesn't touch his knees), my cat (though she doesn't like him), and singing along to firetrucks.



Falla, I love your sweet face, your kind heart, your intuitive nature and how happy you make EVERYONE who has the pleasure of meeting you. Happy Valentines and Birthday (February 13th) to you!



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My dearest pup crew, Toullie, Bear and Noodle! I love you so much and you are all adorable and quirky.



My favorite Valentines! The joy they bring never ends! Willow and Limerick



Presidio, Thank you for bringing so much joy and comic relief into our lives and into all those that you meet. You are the biggest goofball that everyone can't help but love.



Riley, Mel and Nikoda, Sweetness, Joy and Love!



Love you Rosella!



Rosey sharing the love at the Pacific Northwest Sportsman show!



Rosey, Wyatt, and Mia, The truffling Trio



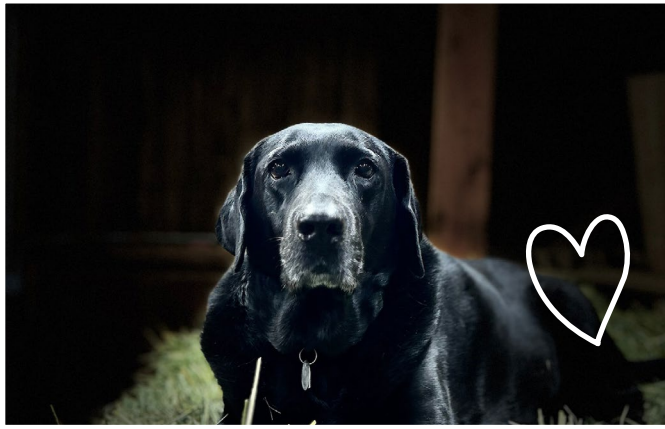
So many teeth... But I love you, Bongo.



Venice and Donna have filled our lives with an immeasurable amount of love. For the past three years, we have had the pleasure of their affection and their antics. Whether they are playing wildly in the snow or sitting calmly at a therapy visit, they never disappoint conveying love to others. We are so fortunate to have both of these bonded souls that live in our hearts every day. Thank you for giving us so much happiness.



Thank you, Prancer, for prancing into my heart and making my life more fun.



We love you fancy face!



To the new brothers in our home, we're so happy you love each other as much as we love you!



Wren, Thank you for always bringing a smile to everyone's face!



*Winston, can't wait to go on more hikes with you in the spring!
Love you so much!*

A Day in Court with Kathy and LisaLu

I recently had the opportunity to assist as a therapy team with my partner LisaLu with a trial in a local county. This case started with charges 3 years ago. We happened to be only one part of the complex group of people involved. In this case, we proved to be an important piece to the outcome of the trial. When we are a part of a case, we will meet with the attorney, victim advocates, sometimes family members, and of course, the victims who may be asked to testify. When we meet with victims, we often will give them a small stuffed dog that can function as a surrogate for the therapy dog, if we are



not allowed on the stand with the victims.

Trial cases have, in some counties and cities, allowed therapy dogs into courtrooms; we happen to be one of those teams and this was one of those cases. In this case, we were there to assist with a witness who had been through so much trauma that the attorney and victim advocate felt it would be beneficial for us to be with the witness during the testimony. This was a jury trial, and the judge, the prosecuting and the defending attorney all allowed us to be on the stand for the victim's testimony. This meant that I would be sitting just behind the witness next to the judge, next to the jury, while facing everyone in the courtroom. LisaLu would be lying next to the witness. When you are on the stand with a victim, you cannot touch them or talk with them, nor are you allowed to show any response or emotion. This case was fraught with emotion. The entire case revolved around the testimony of the witness. Without testimony from this witness, there would be no conclusion or verdict, and the case would be thrown out. Included in the charges were rape in the second degree, sexual abuse in the first degree, unlawful sexual penetration in the second degree, unlawful delivery of methamphetamine to a minor (two counts), unlawful delivery of a schedule II controlled substance to a minor (two counts), and recklessly endangering another person.

The witness' testimony started with easy questions and they were answered with no problem. Remember that this witness must face the person who has caused extreme trauma, and the witness is traumatized all over again, when having to face the accused.

This witness kept reaching down as if trying to gather courage to answer the attorney's questions and would stroke Lisa's coat, as if each stroke and touch gave her courage to answer the question. Then something in the witness stalled, unable to answer questions, recess was called. We stepped

out of the courtroom, to a quiet space for a time out. I reminded her that LisaLu was there to comfort her as I was too. We went back to the courtroom to continue with the testimony. We got through a few more questions but once again, the witness stalled, so scared, that the words were not coming out.

We all took a break for lunch, we came back together and talked about how LisaLu is there to help her, give her the courage to speak, and will be there for support. I encouraged the witness to reach down, pet Lisa and take the time needed to tell the truth. Lisa and I were expected at another appointment after lunch, which meant that we would not have been able to be there to finish the testimony after lunch. Everyone involved let me know that without us there, they did not feel the witness would have the courage to complete the testimony. We were able to stay and finish the testimony.

The witness after lunch was completely different, Lisa helped provide the support needed to the witness who came back stronger, full of a strong voice, took the time to be calm, strong, and said what needed to be said.

Quote to put alongside the story somewhere
"Thank you SO much, Kathy. I cannot thank you enough for being here and extending the day when I know you had other places to be. You and LisaLu TRULY made a difference in Kayla's ability to get through her testimony. I know you saw that and felt that. Your service is so incredibly valuable. I'm so grateful to you for doing what you do and giving us your time. I know that sitting through trials like this is also difficult on you. Please take care of yourself and LisaLu."

RAYNEY MEISEL, Deputy District Attorney
Washington County District Attorney's Office

Numerous people involved in the witness team said many times after that they could see the physical change in the witness when petting LisaLu and the strength she offered to this very fragile witness.

There is hardly anything better to be able to do with my time than to know that we positively affected this person, helped the witness say what needs to be said and to provide comfort in doing so. The result was a guilty conviction on all charges. The attorney, victim advocates, paralegal all confirmed how important we were as a part of their team and how helpful we were for the victim. That is one amazing feeling, and I am so proud to be a part of this team and organization.

Someone just asked me, “is this what you do? Just go around with your dog making people happy?” I laughed and said, “pretty much.” Little do they know what really happens.



“My name is Christine Forbes and I am the child abuse paralegal for the Washington County District Attorney’s Office. Our team consists of five DDAs and myself and, as you can imagine, the case load consists of the worst of the worst cases involving child victimization.

Having served most of my career in the Arizona criminal courts, I am familiar with the use of therapy dogs in the court system and the value that such programs bring. Recently, we had the honor of having Kathy Wentworth and Lisa Lu come and provide support for one of our child sex abuse victims during trial. Having endured years of sexual abuse at the hands of a father-figure, this was to be the first time the child would see her abuser in court.

Lisa Lu sat at the child’s feet while she was on the witness stand and, as expected, the

victim seemed to dissociate while on the stand. However, it became apparent that having her hand on Lisa Lu, allowed this child to stay mentally and emotionally “present” in the courtroom and answer the questions necessary for a conviction to be secured.

Of course, we cannot forget Kathy. Kathy was so kind and warm to everyone involved in the case and took a special interest in the child. It was a genuine pleasure to have her here and I hope to see her more frequently. (We have invited Kathy and Lisa Lu back for the sentencing as well)

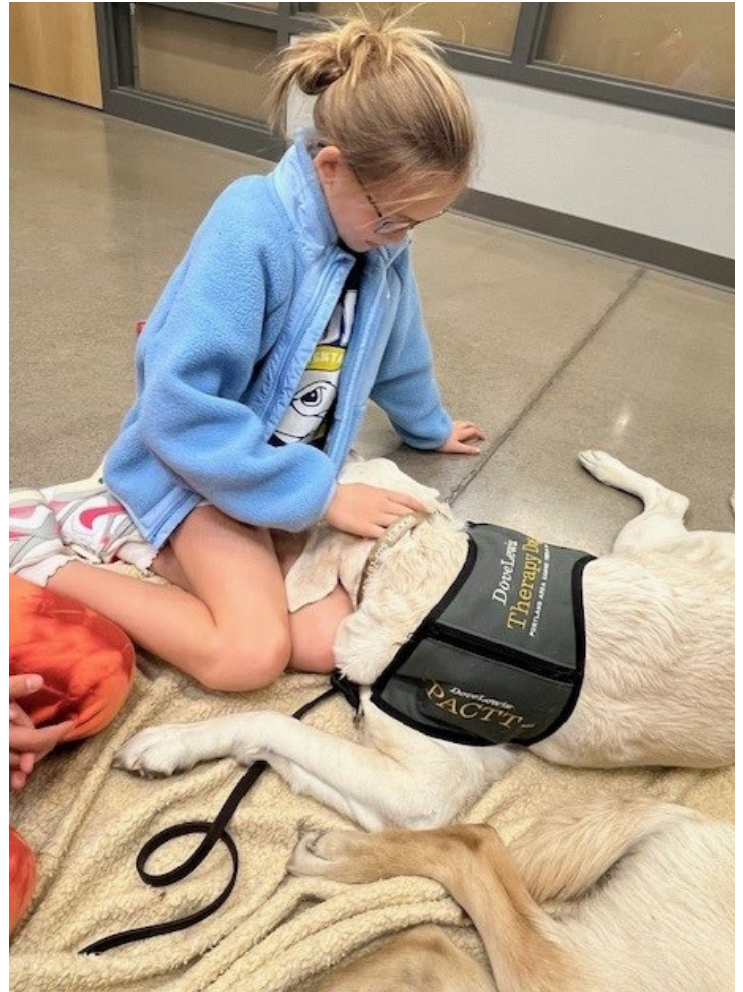
Thank you for all that you do and for allowing these 4-legged angels to be involved with these children.”

CHRISTINE FORBES, Child Abuse Paralegal
Washington County District Attorney’s Office

Comfort to 4th Graders

My boys (both!!) have become a huge part of Hopi Elementary. Today was a regular day with 4th graders. I told the kids they could whisper a secret to the dogs if they wanted and it would be safe with them. Three girls did. One girl, in the blue shirt, said her important thing was not a secret and that her home was destroyed and everything was lost in the LA Palisades Fire and they moved to Phoenix. She was quite matter-of-fact about it (as I tried to catch my breath). When she started, Roger quite suddenly and totally moved to be next to her. The teacher was there for part of it, and we exchanged glances with our mouths open. Roger stayed with her until their reading time was up. And then she went back to her classroom. I was told there are 4 such families with kids now at the school. I've watched Roger do some touching stuff, but this one was jaw dropping.

DAN & ROGER



Local Veterinary Professionals Visit DoveLewis' New Building

The Cuddle Corner at the DoveLewis Open House was a snuggly sensation! Over 60 local veterinary professionals joined us to tour the new facility, meet the DoveLewis team, and—best of all—soak up some serious cuteness with our cuddle superstars: LisaLu, Scooby Doo, and Rosella!





Roses are Red, And Some of our PACTT Merchandise is Too



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