DoveLewis Canine Therapy Teams

PORTLAND AREA CANINE THERAPY TEAMS

July 2025 Newsletter

Over 18,000 Volunteer Hours Serving Our Communities!

A LOOK BACK ON THE YEAR

105

TOTAL TEAMS

15

CERTIFIED NEW TEAMS

34

RECERTIFIED TEAMS

Celebrating an Incredible Year – Thanks to You!

We're thrilled to share some heartfelt highlights from Fiscal Year 2025, a year full of growth, connection, and the undeniable magic of our amazing dogs and their dedicated handlers.

This year has been deeply inspiring. Every day, we're reminded of the joy, comfort, and hope our teams bring to people in all walks of life. Together, we've grown to 105 strong, with each new member adding even more strength to our mission. We've expanded our training, deepened our community partnerships, and broadened our reach across Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties.

From supporting victims and working with specialty courts and first responders, to comforting patients in hospitals and hospice care, our dogs continue to make an incredible impact. Each week, our teams are there for youth in detention centers and schools, sharing quiet moments and warm encouragement. At the airport, they brighten the days of travelers, TSA staff, airline employees, and PDX team members alike.

Our PACTT teams are out in the community every single day—spreading joy, easing stress, and showing what compassion looks like in action.

This progress is only possible because of you—your professionalism, your deep bond with your dog, and your unwavering commitment to helping others. Whether you're meeting someone on one of their darkest days or simply offering a moment of comfort, your presence makes a lasting difference.

Each visit is unique because you bring your heart, your story, and your dog's special personality into every interaction. Together, we've built a culture of support, learning, and a lot of laughter—and it's what makes this program so powerful.

Thank you for everything you do. I can't wait to see what we accomplish together in the coming year as we continue to grow, connect, and

share the healing love of our dogs with even more people.

- Kathy and Marvin



Tee-rific Memories at the DoveLewis Golf Tournament

Thank you all, from the heart.

Being part of this event was truly a joy. It was one of those rare days that fills you up — with purpose, connection, and gratitude. I'm so lucky to work alongside such dedicated, compassionate people who care deeply about the work we do and the community we serve.

Ellie absolutely knocked it out of the park — the event flowed beautifully thanks to her leadership and the amazing support from our Development and Marketing teams, and the entire DoveLewis staff.

This tournament is always a highlight — the energy, the fun, the shared purpose. From golfers to volunteers to therapy teams (and of course, the dogs!), there's a unique joy that radiates throughout the day. The photos capture it perfectly, but the feeling is even better in person.

One of the most touching parts for me was seeing our therapy dog teams so warmly welcomed. It means the world to know that the comfort and connection they bring are so deeply appreciated.

It's a privilege to be part of something that brings people together in such a meaningful way. And it wouldn't be possible without the belief, effort, and wholehearted support of DoveLewis.

Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

I'm so grateful.

Kathy



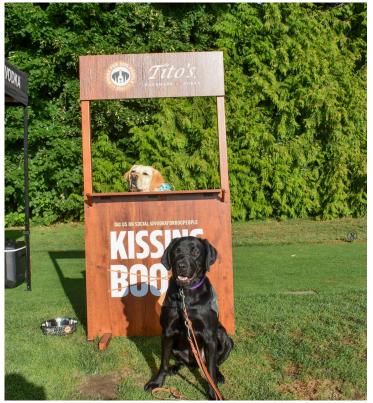




























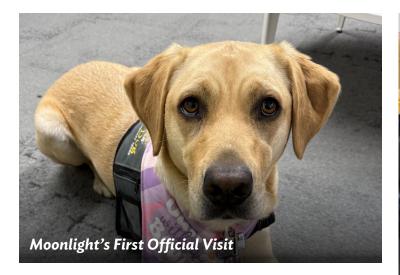




Dogs on Duty











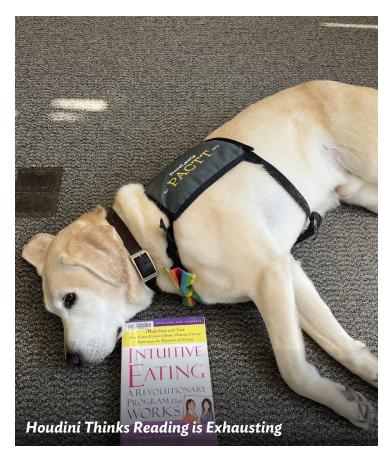








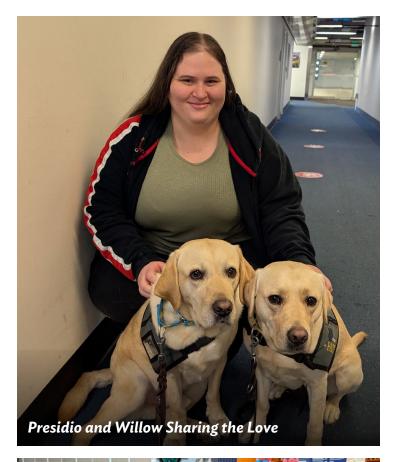


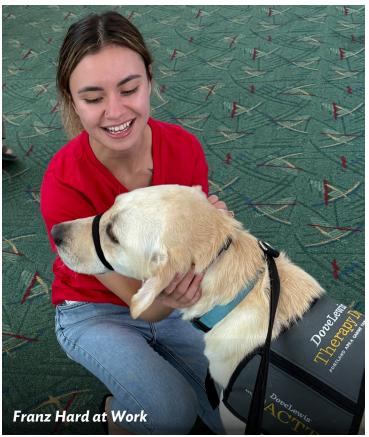
















DoveLewis Pet Loss Support Program

The loss of a pet can be devastating. For many, this is a loss not only of a beloved companion animal but of a best friend and cherished family member. We share our lives, dreams, homes, and affections with our companions. They touch our lives deeply and are deserving of our grief. Grieving a beloved pet is a natural and personal process that deserves expression and acknowledgment.

The DoveLewis Pet Loss Support Program offers free monthly support group meetings, providing a comforting space for reflection, sharing, listening, and healing at your own pace.



Upcoming Meetings

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Thursday, August 7 | 12:00-1:30 PM | In-Person Meeting Thursday, August 14 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Virtual Meeting Tuesday, August 19 | 5:00-6:30 PM | In-Person Meeting Thursday, August 21 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Virtual Meeting

September

Thursday, September 4 | 12:00-1:30 PM | In-Person Meeting Thursday, September 11 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Virtual Meeting Tuesday, September 16 | 6:30-8:00 PM | In-Person Meeting Thursday, September 18 | 5:00-6:30 PM | Virtual Meeting

October

Thursday, October 2 | 12:00-1:30 PM | In-Person Meeting Thursday, October 9 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Virtual Meeting Thursday, October 16 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Virtual Meeting Tuesday, October 21 | 5:00-6:30 PM | In-Person Meeting





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Service of Remembrance

Sunday, September 14 | 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



Additional Pet Loss Support Offerings

Grief deserves to be witnessed, and it needs expression. Sharing and giving voice to experiences of profound love and loss through our Pet Loss Support Groups is one way people may find that expression. And for some, it may serve them to find expression by memorializing their beloved companions creatively through art or writing.

Memorial Art Workshop: Sunday, August 10 from 3-4:30pm

Past projects have included memorial candles, picture frames, pendants, and flower pots.



Virtual Memorial Writing Workshop: Sunday, October

12 from 3-5pm

In partnership with Write Around Portland.

Provide Support for Fellow Animal

We are grateful for the contributions from generous donors who make it possible for the Pet Loss Support Program to offer its services to our community of loving families. If it serves you, we welcome you to donate in honor of your beloved companion and to continue to make this space available in the future.



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Virtual Caregiver Support Group

Caring for a beloved companion animal who has special needs or a life-limiting illness is an act of love and can come with challenges and frustrations. While we lovingly provide care to our cherished companions, it can also be a confusing, tiring, overwhelming, and isolating experience. The Caregiver Support Group is a space where people can connect to learn about topics relevant to caring for a companion, as well as yourself, and to find support in community with others.

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, August 26 from 7-8pm

Wednesday, September 24 from 7-8pm

Visit dovelewis.org/events to register





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