DoveLewis[®] Canine Therapy Teams

December 2023 Newsletter

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Holiday Photo Contest!

Congratulations to our winners! Thank you to Debrah Lee, LCSW, Erin Erck, and Kirsten Leniger for judging this year's contest.



1st Place- Bliss bringing on the holiday cheer while helping in the kitchen with some homemade baked goods.







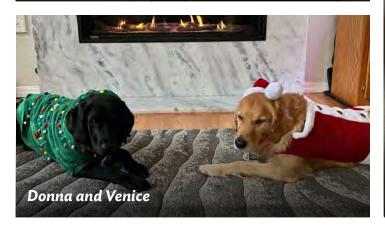




Although we've been naughty, Santa has been nice. -Stella and Amos















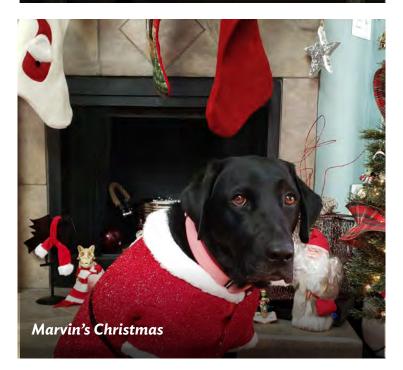






















Nothing better than a good romp in the snow, while staying cozy warm in your dino jammies. - Jeep

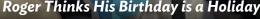




















Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

PACTT celebrated our 10-year anniversary ending the year with 84 teams! We were this year's honoree of the FBI's prestigious Director's Community Leadership Award. This award celebrates your dedication and service in our communities and honors DoveLewis for supporting this program. You collectively have contributed over 12,000 hours of volunteer service this last year!

We have expanded our reach with victim and court support, youth at risk, specialty courts, crisis response, first responders, libraries for Read to the Dog, PDX, and one-day events. Your dedication to this program has made you extraordinary ambassadors for DoveLewis. I listen to handlers talk in public and am proud to have you represent PACTT and DoveLewis. You give your dogs, your time and your hearts to each person you meet.



I appreciate you all and look forward to working with you in 2024 to bring more love and fur to our communities! Hugs to all your dogs!!

Watch for the January 2024 issue, 2023 Year in Review!

Kathy and Marvin

Spreading Holiday Cheer at PDX!

This year's PDX holiday visit, a.k.a. Operation Candy Cane, was absolutely spectacular! Witnessing the joy on people's faces as they encountered our teams in their festive attire was truly heartwarming. A big thank you for joining us in spreading cheer, alleviating stress, and bringing smiles to so many during the bustling holiday season.

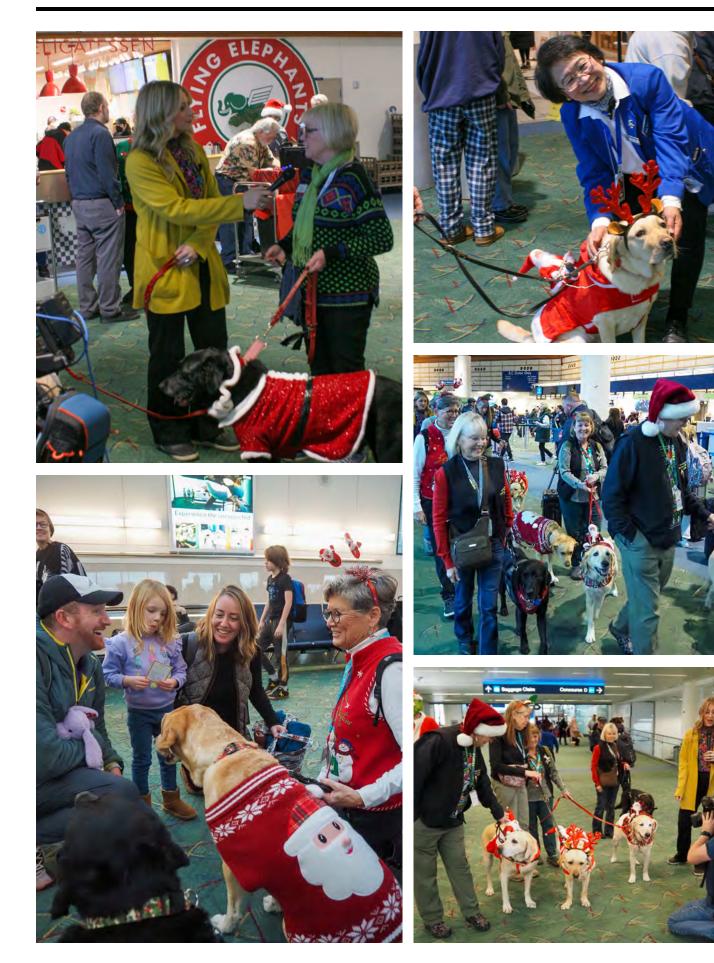
The media loved coming by to share about all that you do too! Watch the teams on FOX12 Oregon and KATU.











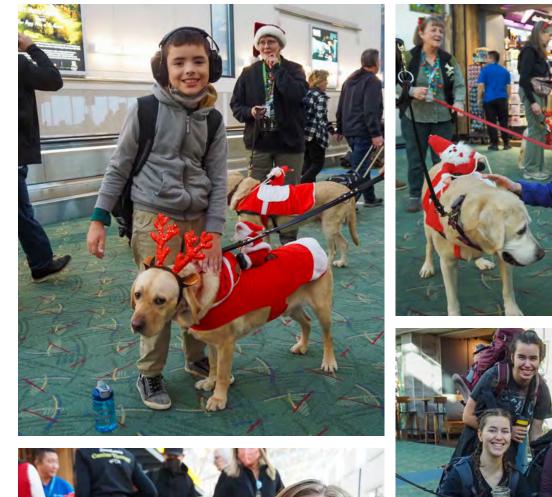














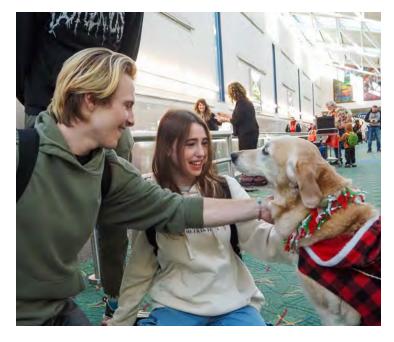








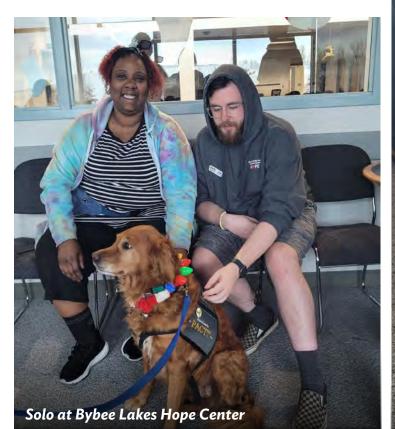








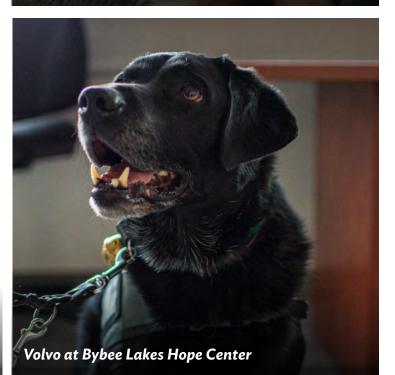
Pawsitively Festive Visits





Duke at Providence Child Center Event











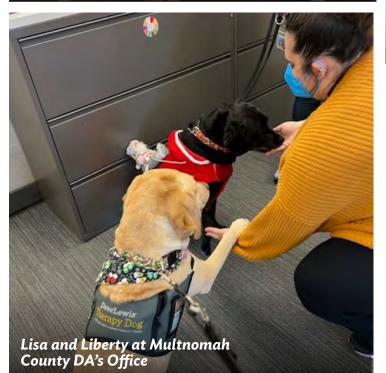


















Houdini and Megan with Portland Fire Street Response Teams







Missy with Portland Fire Street Response Teams





Health Unit teams









Portland Police Assistant Chief Bell with Rosella, Pippa, Venice, and Houdini







Trino and Martha passed their recertification!





Rosey's first visit to Washington County Court



Pippa is resting up before recertifying



Mick leaves to help serve holiday hot chocolate to the staff coming off duty at the crack of dawn, good Samaritan Hospital.







Teams at Trillium Family Services





A Thank You from the Blood Bank

A MESSAGE FROM KELSEY: Hello friends! I just wanted to take the opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire PACTT team crew for all the amazing work that you do. I especially want to shout out the amazing dogs who ALSO donate blood for our Blood Bank! The blood bank currently has 96 dogs in the program, and 22 of those dogs are active PACTT dogs! Over 20% of my donor pool is comprised of your amazing dogs! And I can't even begin to tell you how grateful I am that DoveLewis has the PACTT team around for me to team up with, because your dogs are the absolute best donors I have!

My days are always made when I have a PACTT dog (or a few) on my schedule. Having Stella push Jericho and Amos out of her way to get to me at the end of the hall when they come to their appointments is my absolute favorite. Anta still behaves like a mad man every time he comes to see me, and it's mutual, he makes me act like a fool, too! I love watching bystanders' reactions to the way your dogs greet me in the specialty lobby, they can see how excited your dogs are to be here! Kashi and Kiev always seem to come in right when an ICU patient needs a time-sensitive blood product, and recently gave platelets to Winston. Lady and Elfie get fawned over by many of my coworkers when they come donate because of their pint-sized-twinlike-cuteness. The list of my favorite things about your dogs goes on and on, truly.

I also want to recognize the amazing people on the other end of the leashes! You all have demonstrated such amazing commitment not just to DoveLewis but to the entire community. Whether it is donating blood or providing comfort to someone, you are the ones volunteering to take these amazing dogs to every appointment and every visit. And on top of all of that, you never cease to amaze me when Kathy sends out a request for blood bank toys, I always get numerous donations from PACTT team members.

Thank you for everything you do, and for another amazing year collaborating with our blood bank to help save lives.

Kelsey Reinauer Blood Bank Coordinator, CVT 971-255-5920 bloodbank@dovelewis.org



LIST OF ACTIVE PACTT DONORS

Dolly	Olivia
Falla	John
Venice	Kashi
Bento	Donna
Freely	Anta
Stella	Lars
Jericho	Captain
Amos	Elfie
Rusty Orange	Lady
Dovi	Gavin
Presidio	Trino

Shout out to Kiev, who retired because he turned 9. He donated a total of 14 times.



PACTT PUPS MAKE FOR GREAT BLOOD DONORS!

Due to the national canine blood shortage, we are actively recruiting for volunteers! PACTT dogs are ideal candidates to help because of their gentle disposition. Qualifications include weighing 55+ lbs and being 1-6 years old. <u>Click here to learn more and</u> <u>schedule an initial consultation</u> <u>appointment.</u>

An Incredible Honor!

DoveLewis was named the 6th Most Admired Nonprofit in Oregon by *Portland Business Journal!*





Cozy Up with Some PACTT Apparel!





Start the new year with some PACTT gear! Check out the new website and pick out your favorites for fall. Click Here to Shop Now!



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