

Thank You to PPB for Our New Testing Location!

Thank you, Portland Police Training Division, for sharing your “Scenario Village” with PACTT for trainings and certifications!

Using this location gives teams additional distractions, new smells, and give us a sense of how the dog would handle real life situations. All an added benefit in certifying and re-certifying teams. We are grateful for our partnership with PPB!





Plentiful Visits



Three Amigos: Stella, Amos, and Jack



Bento Gave His First Blood Donation



Duke Getting Pets from an Officer at B-SOBR



This Student Knew it was Duke Day Today so She Wore This Shirt



Venice at WA County Court



Duke at PSU



Venice at WA County Court



Hoxton Hotel Visit

Much-Needed Comfort for a Nervous Witness

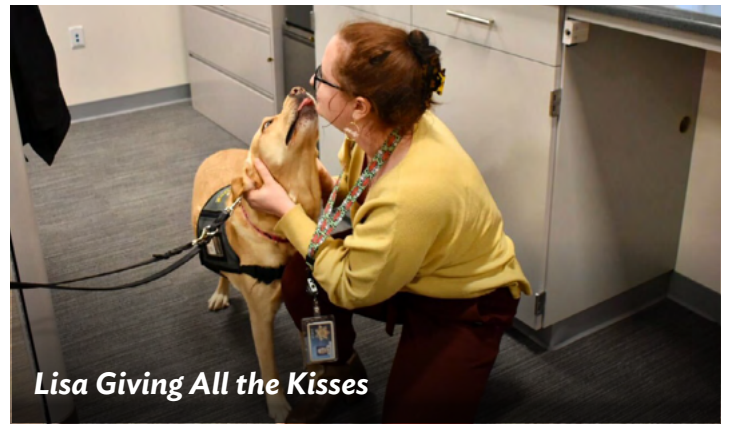
Lisa and I are available for a number of opportunities providing support to court for victims and their families, victim advocates, DAs and their staff, grand jurors, and other support services in the Multnomah and Washington Counties. Every visit is unique and starts with a request from the court.

One of the visits that we had recently was a request to assist a victim who was asked to testify in a multiple homicide trial. The witness was understandably nervous about being asked to testify as it had been almost 2 years since she had waited for her moment to testify and really didn't want to be there. She was afraid for her life.

Because of the amount of time, I decided to take Lisa, with her exuberant spirit. She believes that everyone in every room is her very best friend and can't wait to meet them. We entered the waiting room to meet the witness. Lisa immediately went to her, wiggled, and couldn't get close enough. Laughter and smiles brought some levity to a very heavy atmosphere. Lisa sat at the feet of the witness as we learned what we were there for. The witness leaned over petting Lisa and seemed to calm down immediately. There is a connection between Lisa and the witness immediately.

One of the other elements of a visit is there are so many people involved. In this particular visit, in addition to Lisa and myself, there was a legal assistant, a detective, and a victim advocate. As they all worked to prepare the witness for her testimony and review some aspects of the case, I watched the victim reach down and pet Lisa.

Finally, it is time to go to the courtroom for the initial review with the judge. It is a jury trial. The jury is out of the room. We enter the courtroom with the witness, we are there to support her. It is nerve-wracking.



The witness is nervous and wants us with her in the jury box. We are asked to clarify why we are there. We identify ourselves as a PACTT team and the judge allows us to go to the witness stand with the witness, I have Lisa lay next to the witness, who is visibly nervous. I sit on the floor next to the witness. The accused murderer is literally 10 feet away. It is a charged environment. The witness reaches down to pet Lisa.

Because there are some questions about the witness statement, she is questioned by the judge, the prosecution, and the defending attorneys. It is decided that she will come back and testify in front of the jury without having the therapy team with her. We are excused from the courtroom. We all walked out together.

The witness, her friend, Lisa and I go to a conference room to wait to see when the witness will go back to the stand. While in the conference room, Lisa goes to the friend and the witness. She lays at the witness' feet. Clearly, she has a calming effect in the very small, electrified room we are in. While we were in the room the witness, her friend and I discussed what had just occurred. I find it appropriate to offer some guidance, comfort, and encouragement. At that point, they needed to go back to the courtroom without Lisa and me. Our job was complete, and we head off, Lisa was tired but her tail wagging after being hugged and thanked. One of the tough things is that after spending hours with people we often don't know the outcome. In this case, we found out weeks later the accused was found guilty. I am so thankful that we were there for this witness. Job well done, Lisa!

- Kathy and Lisa

Halloween Fun at PDX







Honoring Your Work Again!

Thank you to the FBI for hosting a second Community Awards reception last month!



Have You Submitted Your Holiday Photos Yet?

There's still time to submit photos for the holiday photos contest. Photos are due by December 15 and all holidays are welcome! Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges from DoveLewis.

[Click Here to Submit Your Photos!](#)

Have trouble attaching photos in the form? Please email your submission(s) to kloter@dovelewis.org or mlaird@dovelewis.org instead.

Canine Respiratory Story on KGW

You may have seen the news about a canine respiratory disease going around Oregon. Dr. Sarah Tauber spoke with KGW about the disease and what symptoms to look out for as the Department of Agriculture works with clinics across the state, including DoveLewis, to gather samples and collect more information.

[Click Here to Watch the Interview!](#)

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