## DoveLewis Canine Therapy Teams

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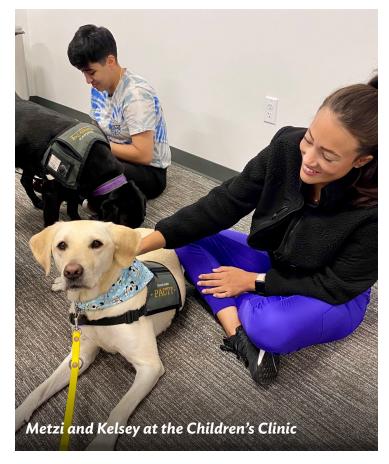


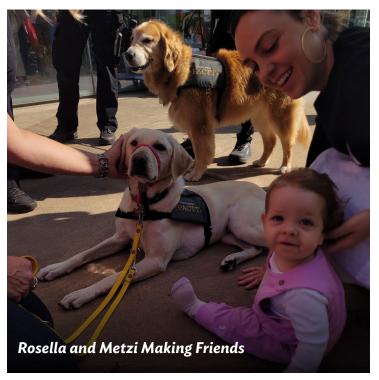


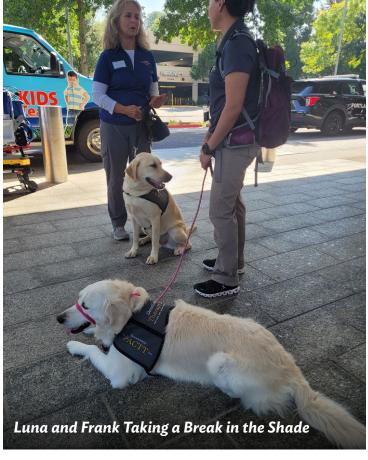














### **Dionne's Story**

This happened at Washington County Court, where two PACTT teams were present for different cases. Kathy Wentworth and her dog, LisaLu were supporting a juvenile, and Dionne Bradley was there representing CASA.

From Dionne's perspective:

"It came as a surprise to me that the child on my case was present — and expected to testify. As Kathy passed by, I stopped her and asked if she had an extra stuffed dog. She offered a black one, which couldn't have been more perfect, because my CASA child had already met my dog, Missy. The little girl hugged it tightly.

When Kathy finished with the other case, my group was still waiting for our trial to begin. It was delayed by a couple of hours, so several of us worked together to keep the child entertained. Kathy kindly stayed with us and, when it was time, she accompanied the child into the courtroom. She and Lisa stood right beside her as the judge and attorneys asked their questions. I could see how much calmer the child was with them there, and I know it turned a difficult moment into a more positive memory.

The little girl absolutely adored the stuffed dog. She spent much of the wait collecting supplies to make it a jacket and leash to match Lisa's therapy dog outfit. That creative project kept her busy and happy while the hours passed. Kathy jumped right

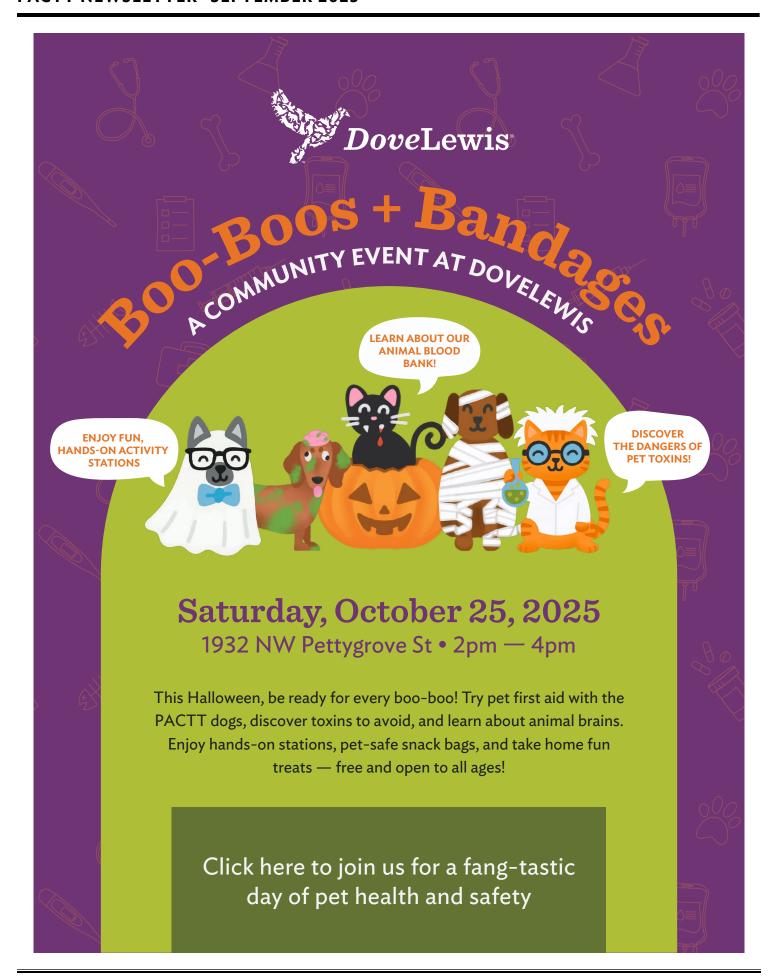
in to help — finding colored paper and tape and even offering the rubber bands that held her trading cards together so the child could fashion a leash.

The child studied Lisa's outfit closely and realized she had created everything except a name tag. Kathy came to the rescue again with a sticker, which became the perfect finishing touch on the paper therapy dog jacket. When it was done, the little girl proudly set her stuffed dog on the ground and pulled it along with its new leash — just like Lisa."

-Dionne



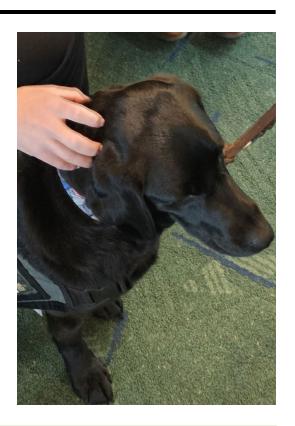




# John and Brea's Story at PDX

I went through security at PDX and headed down the concourse to find people for Brea to spread her joy. I came across a family with a mom, dad & young adult daughter. After petting Brea for a while, the mom shared that she's a nervous flyer. The daughter asked if petting the dog helped. The mom looked at her watch and immediately had a surprised expression on her face. As she showed her daughter her watch, she said, "My heart rate is down to 70. It's been over 100 all morning!" Turning back to us she said, "Brea, you are doing a great job!" Mission accomplished!

-John and Brea





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