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HEADLINE NEWS

Ten New Ridge Dogs Arrive On Thursday August 4, 2011

On Thursday August 4th, the A to Z Animal Sheltering services delivered ten new dogs to be a part of the Coyote Ridge Dogs Program. They arrived at CRCC at approximately 10:00 a.m., about a dozen staff members volunteered to take the new dogs to the visit room to present to the handlers. In the visit room the handlers received the dog to be in their care and returned to their unit after doing an intake check list for each of the new dogs. A few of the dogs caught the heart of staff immediately and had applications turned in that same day to adopt one of the new dogs. Terry, Holly and Dinkus all have a Pre-Adoption Application from these ten new Ridge Dogs that has been approved, they will go home with their new owner upon completion of their training program. A big thanks to staff that took the time to assist in the intake of the newest Ridge Dogs.



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NEWS TIDBITS FROM SGT. JENNIFER LYNCH

We recently lost a couple of our handler's, one from D-Unit and one from H-Unit. We have received some handler applications and these applications will be reviewed – If anyone in the other units have any more applications please get them to B-unit so they can be screened and interviewed all at once. Sgt. Lynch is asking for some suggestions/assistance with the handler applications – Cook and Her are constantly getting kites from offenders asking why they haven't heard back about their dog handler application. When looked up, it don't show ever receiving an application. So a KIOSK message is sent to them (in response to their kite) telling them to send another application, as we don't have anything. Then the offender will send their application usually attached to a kite. The problem is that some units/staff are holding on to the handler applications for sometimes over a month and when we finally get them from the units there are doubles and sometimes triple copies of offender applications. D-unit is going to revise and post a flyer in the unit, instructing offenders to attach a kite to their application and send it to B-Unit. We Will follow up with an email to unit staff also, reminding them to forward these applications to B-Unit as soon as they are received. Maybe this will help resolve this issue.

Holly - appeared to be very reactive to Katy when she entered the training room. This was only initial and they didn't know each other existed. Holly was having some issues last week with lunging, biting (non-aggressive) and the handlers not ensuring that she was being greeted properly. She was moved back to orange and moved to B-Unit with Garza. She was again assessed a few days later and she was put back to Yellow, she has had no issues since she was moved.

Kato – Growled when handlers attempted to take his rawhide bone from him. They were directed to work on resource guarding with him

Betty is our green dog and an E-mail has been sent out in hopes to get her adopted
Dogs that have gone green since our last graduation event are – **Remington, Betty, Lordy, Bo, Skip, Thor, Mac, Neiko, Blue, Brewster, Kilmer, Snoop**



Hobbs – This was interesting. We had been hearing that Hobbs was “Un-trainable” and that he wouldn't listen to anything, was REALLY dog reactive, and hyper. When he came into class we saw that he wanted to bark, howl, cry, whine and jump in circles. Hobbs would not sit still and would not be quiet. He had been in the program now for a little over 2 weeks and he was showing NO signs of improvement. The handlers tried covering his eyes and trying to divert his attention but nothing was working until they took him out of the room into the hallway. Offender Root was talking to the handlers about focusing and asked to use Hobbs to demonstrate this. Root brought Hobbs out to the center of the room (Dogs and handlers were all around the room) where he then took a high value treat and got Hobbs attention. Root began to click Hobbs whenever he looked at one of the dogs without reacting and gave him a treat. Within 5 minutes, Hobbs didn't care about the dogs around him, he wanted his treats. Hobb's handlers to came up and did the same thing that Root was doing with him so they could see that it would work. They were pretty impressed that it was working – the handlers were given some high value treats to work with him and we will check in with him in a few days to see how he was doing. The handlers were told that Hobbs was going to stay with them and that they **can** train that dog – One of the handler's wasn't so sure, but the other two were pretty excited to start seeing some progress. MonaLisa was reactive to Corona and Marilyn as they came in, other than that she did great. Marilyn didn't have a care in the world while she laid in training – She did not react to the other dogs and was minding her own business. She will be tested to go green in a few days and we anticipate her passing and leaving to her new home soon.

The dog handler rule book has been completed – it has been submitted to Rick Karten for final approval. Once it is approved it will be available to staff and offenders as a guideline to follow regarding the rules. There has been a new yard schedule created – It is available in this newsletter along with the Thursday training schedule for reference.

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NEW RIDGE DOGS ARRIVED AUGUST 4TH

I f Y o u F i n d Y o u r s e l f W a n t i n g T o B r e a k a d o g o u t

O r a L a p d o g L e t u s k n o w



Hercules / 6 months / "Tea Cup"
Chihuahua Short Coat Mix
*I Unit



Hobbs / 10 months / Irish Setter
Mix
*I Unit



Jolie / 3yr old / Aussie Cattle &
Retriever
*B Unit



Katy / 2yr old / Catahoula
Leopard Mix
*B Unit



Windy / 3yr old / Terrier & Pit
Bull
*B Unit

They are released after the completion of training program.
All you have to do is fill out an application.
Contact CPM Karten for more details.

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Kato / 3yrs old / Rottweiler
*B Unit



Dinkus / 1yr old / Lab & Siberian
Husky

*G Unit

- ◆ Pre-Adoption Application has been approved



Holly / 4yr old / Aussie Cattle
Dog

◆ D Unit

- ◆ Pre-Adoption Application has been approved



Terry / 3yr old / Terrier Mix
*D Unit

- ◆ Pre-Adoption Application has been approved



Grover / 5yr old/ Dachshund
*B Unit

Corona has been pre-adopted.

Thor was adopted and has left to his
new home.

They are released after the completion of their Ridge Dog
training program.

Interested in Adopting one of these fine dogs? All you have
to do is fill out an application to get approved. Contact
CPM Karten for more details and to obtain an application.

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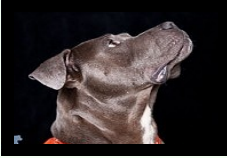
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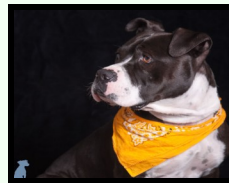
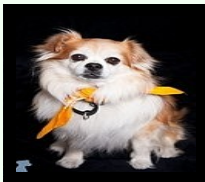
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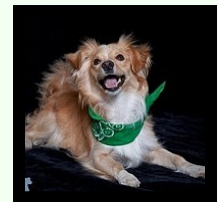
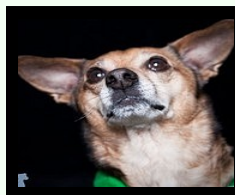
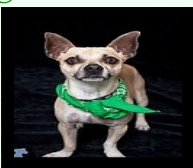
Remember When you see a Ridge Dog wearing a Orange Bandana staff and offenders should not try to pet them.



When you see a Ridge Dog wearing a Yellow Bandana they have had some training and their behavior has shown to be fairly predictable. Staff and offenders must request permission from the handler to physically touch the dog. The handler will remind the requester that the dog is not fully trained.



When you see a Ridge Dog wearing a Green Bandana they have graduated to a level of training and will fully follow direction. Staff and/or offenders should request permission to touch the dog, though it is not required. Handlers will pay attention to the dog's behavior, looking for clues that indicate that the dog is displeased. The Handler will then act accordingly. *Ridge Dogs with Green Bandana's are ready to be adopted and go to their new home.*



All dogs should be approached with caution regardless of the color of their bandana!

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Dog Movie's Suggestions for Your Family Entertainment



"Adventures of Greyfriars Bobby"

The setting is Edinburgh in the 1800s, the hero a terrier dog named Bobby. It's based on a true story about a dog so beloved that he wins the hearts of the entire city. Bobby was so loyal to his master that he even guarded his grave after he passed away. The real Bobby was a silky haired terrier, but the makers of this movie were smart enough to cast a WESTIE! Prepare to laugh and cry and and fall in love with



"Greyfriars Bobby"

A true story about the heart-warming adventures of a loyal Scottish Skye Terrier named Bobby is the basis for the 1961 Disney film, Greyfriars Bobby.

Bobby is the pet of a Scottish farmer and his wife, but the dog's affections lie with the farm's hired hand, Auld Jock. Hard times ensue, Auld Jock is fired and moves to Edinburgh. Jock dies in poverty and is laid to rest in Greyfriar's Kirkyard, a cemetery. Every night, Bobby returns to sleep on Auld Jock's grave.

Despite numerous attempts to chase the dog away, Bobby always finds his way back. The neighborhood becomes enamored of Bobby, but when no one will take responsibility and pay for the dog's license, he faces death as a stray dog. The children of Edinburgh collect and contribute their pennies and Bobby is saved by the kindness of his human friends, adopted by the entire city of Edinburgh. **Disney Movie**



HACHIKO—A DOGS STORY

"A college professor (Richard Gere) takes in an abandoned dog, Hachi, and they form an unbreakable bond. After the professor dies while away from home, the dog keeps vigil waiting for his master for nearly a decade."



BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA

This 2008 Disney movie is about a talking dog, Chloe (voice by Drew Barrymore), pooch of a mega rich cosmetics mogul (Jamie Lee Curtis). When the impulsive niece combines dog sitting with a vacation in Mexico, Chloe is lost south of the border. Enter Chloe's Chihuahua admirer, Papi who embarks on a mission to bring her back home. However in the meantime, Chloe must contend with the rough and tumble side of things, learning a few important lessons along the way. Beverly Hills Chihuahua is an amusing diversion that is custom made for canine lovers.

BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA 2

Puppy mayhem turns the lives of newlywed Chihuahua parents Papi and Chloe upside down when their rambunctious, mischievous puppies present one challenge after another. But when their human owners end up in trouble, the tiny pups will stop at nothing to save them because in good times and hard times, the family always sticks together. So Papi, Chloe, and the puppies embark on a heroic adventure, proving once again that big heroes come in small packages. Featuring an all-star cast, including George Lopez (voice of Papi), and complete with a

Watch for More Movie Suggestions in the September Ridge Dogs Newsletter!

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DOG ITEMS NEEDED



Laundry Soap



Towels



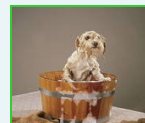
Dog Treats



Dog Toys



Dog Shampoo



ABOVE ARE A FEW ITEMS THAT THE RIDGE DOGS PROGRAM CAN ALWAYS USE

ANY DONATION IS WELCOME.

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE ANY OF THESE ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT RICK KARTEN, CPM
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MAKING A DONATION OF TO OBTAIN A DONATION FORM !

YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!

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A local business was looking for office help. They put a sign in the window, stating the following: "HELP WANTED. *Must be able to type, must be good with a computer and must be bilingual. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.*"

A short time afterwards, a dog trotted up to the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it and whined. Getting the idea, the receptionist got the office manager. The office manager looked at the dog and was surprised, to say the least. However, the dog looked determined, so he lead him into the office. Inside, the dog jumped up on the chair and stared at the manager. The manager said, "I can't hire you. The sign says you have to be able to type." The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to type out a perfect letter. He took out the page and trotted over to the manager and gave it to him, then jumped back on the chair. The manager was stunned, but then told the dog, "The sign says you have to be good with a computer." The dog jumped down again and went to the computer. The dog proceeded to demonstrate his expertise with various programs and produced a sample spreadsheet and database and presented them to the manager. By this time the manager was totally dumb-founded! He looked at the dog and said, "I realize that you are a very intelligent dog and have some interesting abilities. However, I **still** can't give you the job." The dog jumped down and went to a copy of the sign and put his paw on the sentences that told about being an Equal Opportunity Employer. The manager said, "Yes, but the sign **ALSO** says that you have to be bilingual." The dog looked at him calmly and said, "Meow."



1. First, uh, find a baby.



2. Second, be sure that the object you found was indeed a baby by employing classic sniffing !

3. Next you will need to flatten the baby before actually beginning the hugging

4. The 'paw slide' Simply slide paws around baby and prepare for possible

5. Finally, if a camera is present, you will need to execute the difficult and patented 'hug, smile, and lean' so as to achieve the best photo quality!!!



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Yard Times

Handlers attending yard with the dog will need to go to mainline with the first living unit on their side (Minimum Vs. Medium) Each dog will have 2 handlers accompany them to yard – Minimum side and medium side will alternate weeks for the yard time Please see yard schedule

Long Leash's will be checked out through the recreation officer upon arrival to the yard. They will be returned to the recreation officer when yard time is complete. AT NO TIME are leashes to be connected to each other. There will be 2 offenders attending yard with water supplies and they will NOT have a dog. These offenders will supply the dogs with water in the yard and wet them down as needed. Offenders are required to have their shirts on while out at yard, however they are allowed to wear sweats, jeans, shorts, boots or personal shoes.

Yard time is for exercising the dogs – it is NOT a time for the offenders to sunbath or participate in recreation activities by themselves.

Handlers walking their dogs TO the yard are training with the dog on leash manners, pulling, and loose leash walking. There are several ways to deal with a dog that is pulling and one of those ways is for the handler to stop, turn around in a circle or walk the other direction and stop. This process could happen every 5 feet or just a couple times. Sometimes these guys have to do this continuously while they are attempting to make yard time. The handlers who have a stubborn dog with no leash manners will take longer than the other handlers to get to yard. Some handlers will not allow a dog to go to yard if they continue to pull all the way there. They will turn around and continue the stop and go process back to the living unit. Handlers are authorized to take their dogs to yard during their unit yard time ONLY if the dog is yellow or green. Orange dogs are not allowed at yard during non dog yard times nor are they allowed to be off leash at any time unless supervised by a committee member. No long leash's are to be issued to offenders taking the dog to regular yard time.

Photo's with "Green" dogs are available in recreation for all offenders (Those NOT in the program) during regular photo times – The handlers are required to keep hold the dogs leash during the photo. At no time will a handler turn the dog over to another offender who is not an approved handler for photo's. Handlers waiting outside the yard gate to get in are allowed to utilize the faucet outside to get water for the dogs during their unit yard time ONLY if the dog is yellow or green. Orange dogs are not allowed at yard during non dog yard times nor are they allowed to be off leash at any time unless supervised by a committee member. No long leash's are to be issued to offenders taking the dog to regular yard time.

Boulevard movement with dogs

The offenders are allowed to walk the dogs at any point during the day on the boulevard providing they do not interfere with movements. The handlers are not allowed to walk the dogs back and forth in front of mainline during mainline movements or in front of the gym during gym movements, however they can walk them in front of the living units. The offenders are allowed to stop on the walkways to show the other offenders how to greet the dog in order to pet it. This teaches the dogs socialization skills and gets them used to crowded areas. These greeting should take less than a minutes and only one offender greeting at a time, not a group or crowd. Offender handlers are allowed to take their dogs with them to pill line. If they attended evening yard, they will attend the 2030 pill line.

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Living unit rules

When handlers are issued a dog, that comes with a collar, a leash, a clicker, food bowls, a clear plastic tote, and a dog bed.

Dogs will come with different toys such as rawhides, Kongs, plush toys, chew sticks, ect. The totes are only for handlers who have a dog and they are ONLY to be used for offender's property in order to keep the dog from chewing/eating it. If these totes are used for anything else they will be confiscated and the dog will be moved.

Long leash's – Each unit has long leashes for yard time. The leash's are kept in the lockers in the groom rooms and secured. Offenders are allowed to check out long leash's for dayroom use if previously approved. No offenders other than handlers are allowed to be at the cell fronts of dog cells. Dogs are to ONLY be on A-pod – they cannot cross pods to “visit” offenders on that pod. Only dog handlers are allowed in the “Groom room” – **no other offenders** and staff should be supervising them. There is a mop bucket, broom, mops, towels, blankets and beds that stay in the groom room at all times and is not to be used for other areas of the living unit. Handlers are to bathe their dogs at least once per week and wash the towels and dog bedding once per week.

PROGRAMING AREAS

Handlers are allowed to take their dogs to programs such as education, and the library ONLY with the approval of that program supervisor AND if the dog is in a green bandana. Dogs are only allowed in program area that is staffed by DOC/Contract staff, NOT volunteers. If a service/program is being facilitated by offenders and/or volunteers, the dogs are NOT allowed attendance. Dogs are NOT allowed to go with you to your property call-outs.

Supplies

If a handler request's supplies, they must do that via KIOSK to Counselor Cook by Wednesday each week. Counselor Cook or Sgt. Lynch will distribute supplies to the handlers on Thursday's. All supplies are stored in B-Unit

DONATIONS

– If staff wish to donate dog food, treats, toys, etc. they must fill out a donation form and turn all donations in to CPM Karten. At no time should staff give donated items to the offender handlers.

TESTING OF COLORS

Offenders wishing to have the dog tested for a promotion bandana will send a KIOSK message to CC2 D. Cook. All testing is done on Monday mornings on the BLVD in front of B-Unit.

TRAINING

Trainings are usually held on Thursday mornings from 0900-1045. Please see attached schedule for when and who attends training. Training is located in the Orientation room of M-Building and staff are welcome to attend if they would like.

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DOG HANDLER CONTRACT

~All offenders receive a copy of the below contract and they are required to sign this form acknowledging they understand the rules of this program. Contracts are kept on file

1. Dogs will be kept on a leash with the leash in a handler's hands at all times unless using the exercise yard or during training sessions.
2. Dogs are to be under control at all times and are not allowed to roam the living units, run up to people, or take part in rowdy behavior. It is the responsibility of the handler to remove himself and the dog from any situation that could be perceived as rowdy behavior or unauthorized training techniques given by other staff and/or offenders.
3. Dogs will not be given to anyone other than the Dog Trainer Volunteer, Tri Cities Animal Shelter & Control Services (TCASCS) staff, approved offenders, or unit staff.
4. Dogs will never be tied up or tied to anything.
5. Dogs will not be allowed to create a noise disturbance. Barking, whining, digging, and other negative behaviors will be promptly corrected. Dogs may whine or bark in the cell when the offenders leave it there alone – This is the dog testing people to see if it can get out. Ignore the dogs when this occurs, it will only last a couple of days and the dog will realize he's not getting out when he acts like that.
6. Proper diet and feeding schedules will be followed. Changes will be permitted only with the permission from the Dog Trainer Volunteer or TCASCS staff. Dogs will *ONLY* be fed dog food. No human food will be tolerated or allowed.
7. Dogs will not be left in another offender's cell or possession who is not a part of the dog program.
8. Dogs may play with or chew only TCASCS purchased items that are specifically provided for this purpose. If an assigned dog chews/destroys property other than its own toys, etc., the offender handler will be held responsible and will monetarily reimburse any damages. If this destruction occurs in the cell, all handlers will be held responsible.
9. Dogs may be allowed in common areas when approved by the Ridge Dog Committee and/ or the supervisor of the program area. Dogs are not allowed in any area specified as "Off Limits" to offenders, except designated dog areas or areas that have had prior approval due to specialized training. Handlers are not allowed to take dogs to the following areas: Weight deck, Hobby Shop, areas of Recreation where workout equipment is present, Property callouts, Kitchen, dining facilities, Visitation, Sweat Lodge and/or Correctional Industries.
10. Dogs will only be allowed on their assigned tier unless approved by unit staff and/or the Ridge Dog Committee to use the stairs or top tier for training purposes. No exceptions!
11. Dogs are allowed in the dayroom, however, they are not allowed on the furniture.
12. No offenders, other than authorized offenders or staff, are allowed in or around the immediate area where training exercises are being held.
13. Only dog handlers and alternates will be allowed at or around the handler's cell. Offenders not involved with the dog program will not be allowed in or around the handler's cell at any time.
14. Dogs are only allowed to relieve themselves in designated areas. Other areas are considered off limits for that purpose and care should be taken to see that accidents don't happen. If an accident should happen, it is to be cleaned up by the handler immediately.
15. Hair and muddy footprints will be cleaned up promptly using mops, brooms, and mop buckets specific to the program. The broom or mop used will be cleaned of dog hair before it is put away.
16. Dogs will be kept as clean and odor free as possible.
17. Each dog handler is required to share in the duty of changing the waste bucket on a regular basis. Schedules for cleaning the "pottie" area, waste bucket, and the tier will be provided by the unit Sergeant. Crates will be kept clean and disinfected weekly. Food dishes and training equipment will be put away when not in use.

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17. All dogs will be "pottied" at 6:30 am (count clear) and 8:50 pm, prior to the 9:00pm count. Exceptions are allowed for emergencies. In the event of an emergency, waste will be cleaned up promptly when the campus is opened for offenders the following morning.
18. All dogs, handlers, and alternates will be required to attend scheduled training classes. Absences must be approved by the Ridge Dog Committee or be documented on the sick call sign-up.
19. Offender Handlers are responsible for all personal and state issued property contained in their cells. Neither the State, nor TCASCS, will reimburse for property issued that has been damaged by the dogs. Offenders may store property in the unit storage if more space is needed in the cell. All handlers will be supplied with a clear plastic bin.
20. Offenders will not play rough with the dogs nor will they allow other offenders to do the same.
21. Offenders will not allow the dogs to sleep on a bed at any time, with or without the offender.
22. Dogs will remain on all four feet at all times. Handlers will not allow the dogs to jump on people, place paws on desks, or sit on chairs or other furniture.
23. Dogs will NEVER be picked up.
24. Handlers will only use training techniques taught by dog handler mentors and the volunteer dog trainer.
25. Photographs with handlers, alternates, and dogs will only be taken by the Ridge Dog Committee and/or the volunteer dog trainer and distributed to the handlers only through the Ridge Dog Committee.
26. Incidents involving dogs will be reported to a member of the Ridge Dog Committee immediately.
27. All training issues will be brought to the attention of the Ridge Dog Committee as they are observed.
28. Newly hired handlers/alternates will be required to take an exam for training and be on probation for a week before they are allowed to handle any dogs without an experienced handler/alternate with them at all times. Being a Handler in the Offender Based Dog Program is a paid position and is a 24 hour commitment. Handlers and alternates must be available for all assigned yard times and training days. If a handler signs up for educational classes that interfere with the handler requirements, the handler will be suspended until the education programming has been completed. Handlers may be moved to another living unit to work in the program.

*** This rule guide is subject to change at any time. Any questions, suggestions, concerns, etc. please direct those to CPM Karten, Sgt. J. Lynch, or CC2 D. Cook. ***

Email Sent to Staff on 8/24/2011 Regarding Leashes over 6'

After meeting with Superintendent Uttecht and Associate Andrewjeski the following changes will be made in a timely manner and reported to CPM Karten when complete.

Any leash over 6' will be a Class A tool. Currently we have a long leash 30' in B, D, E, I, and H units. Sgt Odum and Sgt J. Lynch will work together and relocate them to a Class A tool cabinet/cage in the Recreation building. Once this is completed and all paperwork inventories are done, Recreation staff and officers will be trained in the checkout procedure by Sgt Odum and Sgt J. Lynch. At that time, when the offender dog handlers go to dog yard the officer opening the yard will issue the required long leashes to the offenders, have direct supervision of the offenders and leashes, and then account for and check in the long leashes at the end of the yard. Just like any other Class A tool, the daily accountability forms will be completed. Staff will be trained in this as well.

One long leash 30' is approved to be stored in B unit for CGC testing. Class A tool requirements will be followed as well with this leash. Currently 6' leashes are assigned to each dog and on the handlers equipment list. Unit staff and Sgt J Lynch will confirm this by September 21st. No living unit should have extra leashes in the units. All extra leashes will be stored in B unit with a perpetual inventory to account for them. Add and drops will be documented. Units CUS's and Sgt's will be more engaged with the dog program, the policy requirements, and training aspects of it. More to come at the next Ridge Dogs scheduled meeting.

Both Captains, CPMS, and Associates will be added to the ridge dogs email routing list.

If you have any questions contact CPM Karten or Associate Superintendent Andrewjeski.

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“World’s Most Faithful Dogs”

4 Courageous Dogs

Every dog owner feels that he or she has the world's greatest dog. However, when faced with the hard evidence the following stories, you might be hard pressed to admit that there are a few dogs that have gone above and beyond the call of duty. That doesn't mean your dog loves you any less-it simply means your dog hasn't been put to the test as some of these famous dogs have. Here just a few of what can only be termed the "**World's Most Faithful Dogs**":

(Watch the September Issue to learn about 4 More Courageous Dogs)

Bobbie, the Wonder Dog

Bobbie was a Scotch collie and English shepherd mix that managed to find his way home after getting lost on a family trip. Bobbie traveled at least 2,800 miles from Indiana to Oregon in just six months in 1923. The Braziers identified the dog upon his return by three unique scars that he obtained before he was lost. His monumental feat of faithfulness did not go unnoticed. He was featured around the world in a series of newspaper articles and in Ripley's Believe it or Not. Having won the heart of a number of people, Bobbie received hundreds of letters, ribbons, collars, and even keys to various cities. He was also given a silver medal, engraved with the record of his long-distance journey by the Oregon Humane Society.

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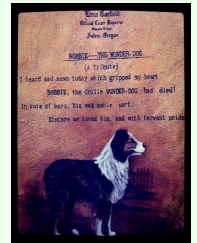
This story begins not with a dog, but with a burro named Shorty. After years of service in the mines around town, Shorty turned into the "beloved town mooch" in Fairplay, Colorado. When he died, it seemed only natural to bury him on the courthouse lawn. Enter Bum. Bum was a stray and, apparently, Shorty's best friend. Bum was so broken-hearted at the loss of his friend that he laid down on Shorty's grave. For days, he refused to move or eat, no matter what the townspeople did. Finally, Bum died as well. The townspeople were so moved by this act of devotion that they buried Bum next to Shorty and resurrected a monument to the two that still stands to this day.

Greyfriars Bobby

Greyfriars Bobby is another dog who came to fame after his master died. John Gray died on February 8, 1858 in Edinburgh, Scotland, leaving very little behind except for a little Skye terrier named Bobby. The day after the burial, the curator noticed Bobby lying on the fresh mound of dirt. He immediately chased the little dog away, but the next day he was back. Again, the curator chased him away, but on the third day-despite the cold and the rain-Bobby was back. Finally, the curator took pity on the poor dog and allowed him to stay. For the next fourteen years, Bobby kept constant watch over his owner's grave, rarely leaving except to take his noontime meal at exactly one o'clock. After a while, he came to be known as Greyfriars Bobby, after the cemetery in which his master was buried. Bobby outlasted his master by fourteen years. When he died, he was buried just inside the gate at Greyfriars Kirk-yard. He could not be buried with his master because it was consecrated ground. His headstone reads, "Greyfriars Bobby - died 14th January 1872 - aged 16 years - Let his loyalty and devotion be a lesson to us all." Greyfriars Bobby may be gone, but he has not been forgotten. Shortly after his passing, a statue was resurrected in his honor. His story was also passed down and eventually a fictional version of the tale was published in a book titled Greyfriars Bobby by Eleanor Atkinson. In 1961, the book was made into a movie titled Greyfriars Bobby: The True Story of a Dog. Another movie was released in 2006 titled The Adventures of Greyfriars Bobby and starred Oliver Golding and Christopher Lee.

Heidi

In 2001, a Jack Russell terrier named Heidi scrambled down a 500-foot drop to get to her owner, Graham Snell. Snell had fallen off the cliff while hiking and died instantly. Heidi stayed by her master's side for two days until rescue teams finally found them.



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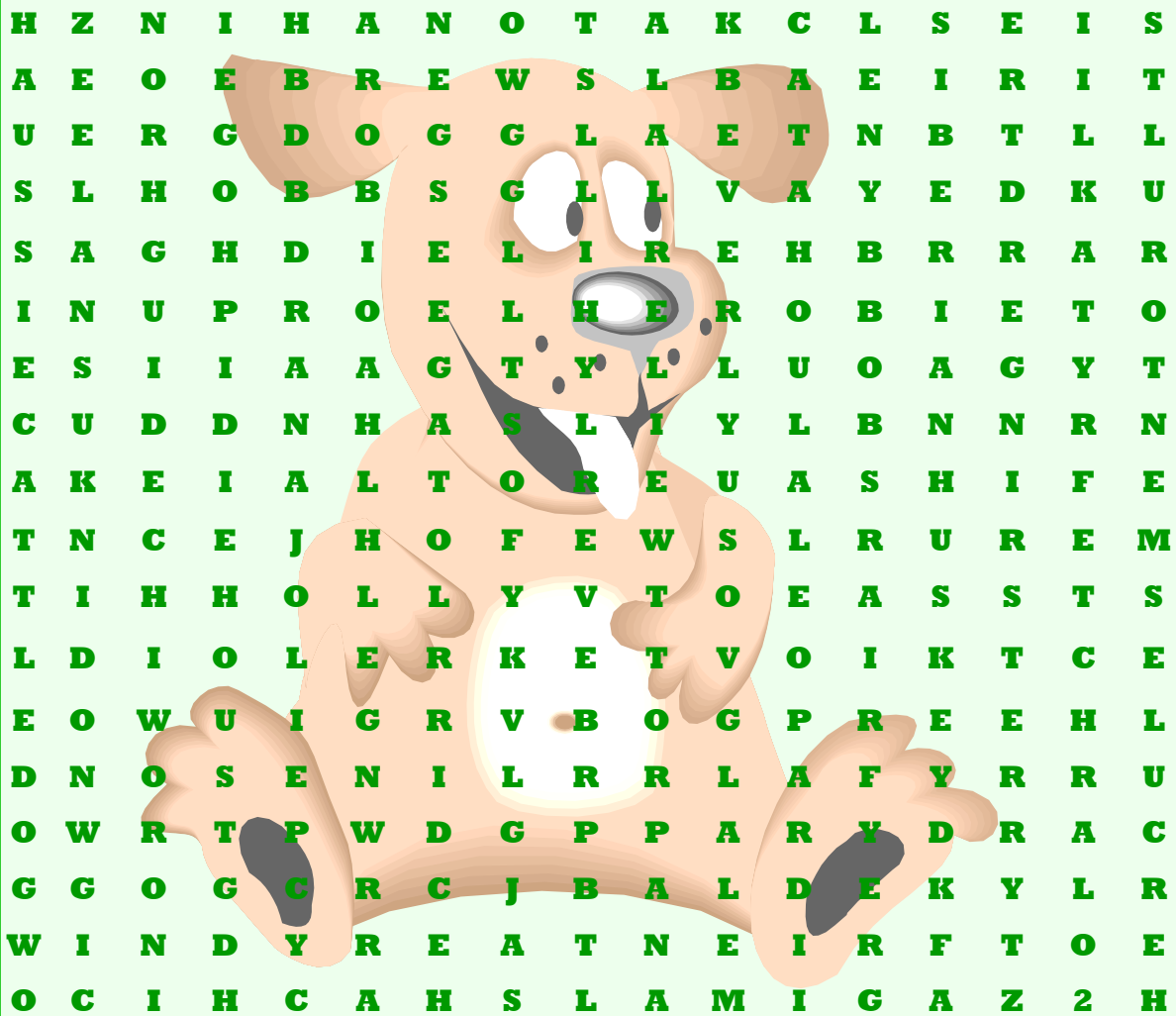
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