

# RIDGE DOGS NEWSLETTER

*Coyote Ridge Correction Center*  
**1ST ANNIVERSARY EDITION**

October 2011

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**OCTOBER 5, 2011  
ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
RIDGE DOGS PROGRAM**

**PROGRESS STORIES -  
DOGS IN NEW HOMES!**

**PET SAFETY TIPS  
FOR HALLOWEEN!**

**PICTURE OVERVIEW  
1ST YEAR!**

**MICHAEL KLOTH  
Photographer!**

*Farewell*

**WELCOME NEW  
DOG PHOTOGRAPHER  
ROB PIAZZA**

**DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION**





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On October 5, 2011 we celebrated the one year anniversary of Ridge Dogs Program—there have been many changes in the past year, but the program is still moving forward and benefiting all concerned in the program—staff, offenders—the community and the most important the dogs.

The first Newsletter was Published in October 2010, it was three pages, now most of the news letters run an average of 15 pages. A big Thank You to those who have helped make this program a success!



## Those Responsible for the Ridge Dogs



Back Three - John Brown, Chief; Krystal Ellingson, Speak Dog Trainer; Rick Karten, Captain; Front Two - Angela Zilar, Director; Melissa Andrewjeski, Associate Superintendent.



Sgt. Jennifer Lynch and Denise Cook, CCII





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## CHANGES TO THE RIDGE DOGS PROGRAM

All of the Ridge Dogs are now housed in only B and E units. This meant that moving both offender handlers and dogs from D, H, and I Units. Sgt. Jennifer Lynch and Denise Cook, CC2 met with all offender handlers to review if any of the MI3 offenders in H and I units would want to move back to the medium side. If they decide to do this then the units will swap those offenders for other MI3 offenders in the units. Those handlers that chose not to move have been removed from the dog program for the time being. Making this program change allows us to have better control over many aspects of the program. Sgt. Lynch and CC2 Cook worked with those involved to make this change in a timely manner.

The Goals of making these changes are to:

- ♦ Reduce violence in medium units
- ♦ Improve classification and programming issues
- ♦ Better monitor offender handler training
- ♦ Better monitor the dogs training
- ♦ Better control of supplies and equipment
- ♦ Help relieve some of the bed issues in the MI3 units
- ♦ More consistent enforcement of program rules and policies

Sage unit at MSU will continue with the companion dog program. These changes do not mean that we will not move out to other units in the future, but at this time, this is the best practice for our current program needs.

### ***New Form—"After Hours Dog Report"***

A new form called "After Hours Dog Report" has been developed for use when there is an incident with one of the Ridge Dogs after hours. It is for those involved to assess the situation and make recommendations of what happened and why. This form has been submitted to be added to OM 500.010 (Offender Based Dog Program.) Below is an example in part:



### ***"Ridge Dogs After Hours Incident Check List"***



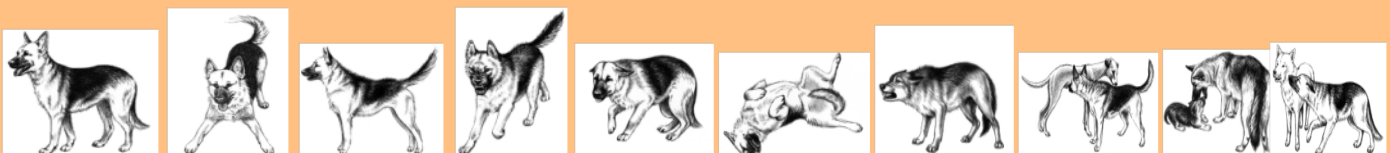
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Dog Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

*If a staff or offender reports an aggressive or out of control dog, place the dog in the crate with-in the cell or in the outside kennel in front of N-Building.*

*Immediately notify CPM Rick Karten or Associate Supt. Melissa Andrewjeski*

DOC CRCC form #----- needs to be filled out by all staff involved as well as the current handler of the dog and a mentor from the living unit the dog resides in.

**Which posture(s) did the dog display? Circle images:**





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## DOG HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Keeping you and your pet  
safe this Halloween!



Attention, animal lovers, it's almost the spookiest night of the year! The ASPCA recommends taking some common sense precautions this Halloween to keep you and your pet saying "trick or treat!" all the way to November 1.

1. No tricks, no treats: That bowl of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not for Scruffy and Fluffy.

**Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for dogs and cats!**

Candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also cause problems. (See Below Poison Control Info!)

2. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered to be relatively nontoxic, but they can produce stomach upset in pets who nibble on them.

3. Wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations should be kept out of reach of your pets. If chewed, your pet might suffer cuts or burns, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.

4. A carved pumpkin certainly is festive, but do exercise caution if you choose to add a candle. Pets can easily knock a lit pumpkin over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned or singed by candle flames.

5. Dress-up can be a big mess-up for some pets. Please don't put your dog or cat in a costume UNLESS you know he or she loves it (yup, a few pets are real hams!). For pets who prefer their "birthday suits," however, wearing a costume may cause undue stress.

6. If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict the animal's movement or hearing, or impede his ability to breathe, bark or meow. Also, be sure to try on costumes before the big night. If your pet seems distressed, allergic or shows abnormal behavior, consider letting him go au naturale or donning a festive bandana.

7. Take a closer look at your pet's costume and make sure it does not have small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that he could choke on. Also, ill-fitting outfits can get twisted on external objects or your pet, leading to injury.

8. All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treating hours. Too many strangers can be scary and stressful for pets.

9. When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, take care that your cat or dog doesn't dart outside.

10. IDs, please! Always make sure your dog or cat has proper identification. If for any reason your pet escapes and becomes lost, a collar and tags and/or a microchip can be a lifesaver, increasing the chances that he or she will be returned to you!



**Poison Control**

If you do suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

*If you notice these symptoms of chocolate poisoning, go to your vet or an emergency vet right away because your pet's life may be in danger:*

→ Excessive drooling

→ Pupil dilation

→ Vomiting and diarrhea

→ Muscle tremors and seizures



**NO CHOCOLATE!**

→ Excessive urination

→ Rapid heartbeat

→ Hyperactivity

→ Coma

**Happy Halloween**

*While this can be a fun time for people and pets alike, remember that your pets are depending on you to keep them safe from the more dangerous goblins and ghouls that this holiday brings!*



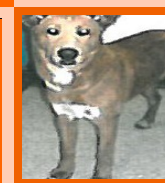
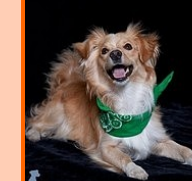
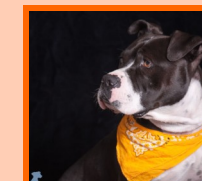
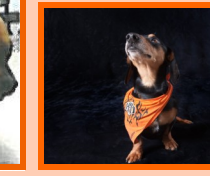
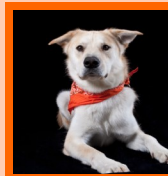
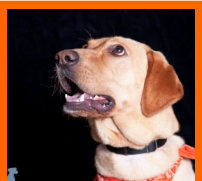
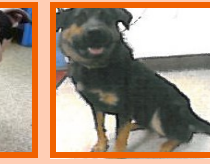
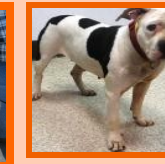
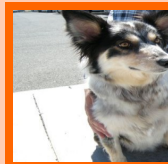
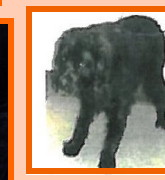
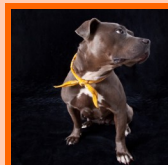
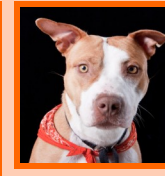
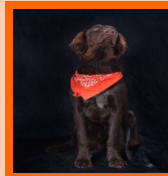
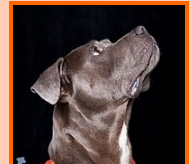
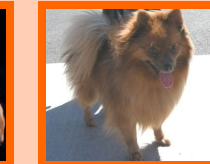
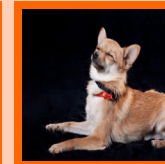
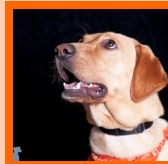
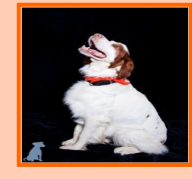
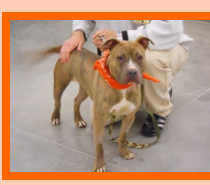
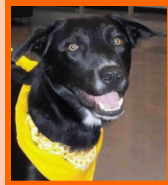
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## A PICTURE OVERVIEW OF OUR FIRST YEAR

AMY  
BATMAN  
BETTY  
BLUE  
BO  
BOLT  
BONNIE  
BREWSTER  
CHICO  
CLASH  
CLYDE  
CORONA  
DANIKA  
ERNHARDT  
DASH  
GROVER  
HERCULES  
HOLLY  
HOBBS  
JOLIE  
KATY  
KATO  
KILMER  
LADY  
LORDY  
MACK  
MARILYN  
MISSY  
MONO LISA  
NEIKO  
PETEY  
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SPARKY  
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TERRY  
WINDY



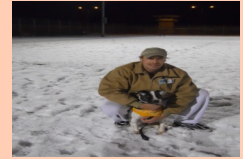
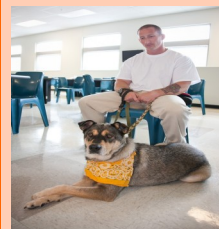
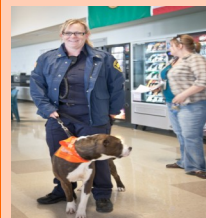
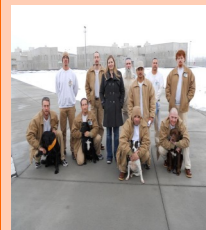
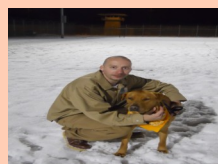
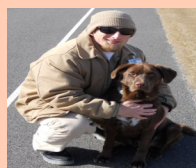
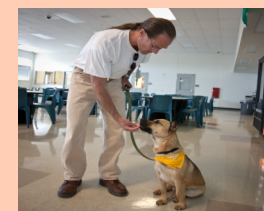
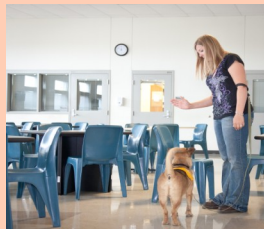
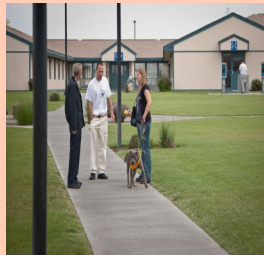
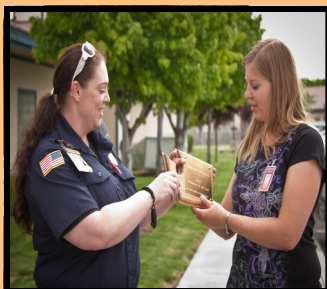


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## **GRADUATED GREEN AND IN NEED OF A HOME**

### **PETEY**



*Petey is a retriever/Husky/Chow mix and is estimated to be about 1 year old. He arrived at the animal shelter 06-17-11 and came to CRCC 08-04-11. Petey's original name was Dinkus when he arrived here and he was quickly nabbed up by someone who wanted to adopt him – from then on, his name has been Petey – The adoption fell through and Petey is now available. He has completed his training and is currently green. He is a very smart dog and friendly as ever – When you meet him tell him to give you a high-five – He's pretty good at these from the sitting position. Petey has not shown any reaction to other dogs and loves being around people. He is currently housed down at camp in Sage -Unit*

### **MONA-LISA**



*Mona is a blue pit bull mix and is estimated to be about 2 years old. She has the craziest eyes and such a sweet demeanor; She arrived at the shelter 04-22-11 and came to CRCC 07-13-11 to begin the training program. After spending 3 months at the shelter she was more than a little standoffish and took some time to socialize with people. You wouldn't know it now, she loves people and the attention she gets. She is a very sweet dog and needs a great home. She has shown no signs of aggression towards people or other dogs. She is currently in B-Unit.*

### **HOBBS**



*Hobbs is a retriever mix and estimated to be about 3 years old. He came to CRCC on 08-04-11 and just passed his green test yesterday. Hobbs is a very excited dog with LOTS of energy. He definitely needs a fenced yard to allow him to burn off some energy. He is a very smart dog and knows all his cues but can become easily distracted if other dogs his size are around. He doesn't show any aggression towards the dogs just curiosity and wants to play. Hobbs has personality and character that just makes you laugh. He is currently housed in B-Unit*



- You can tear a portion of Styrofoam cups off to make the right sized bowls. Do not add chocolate flavoring to the treats, as chocolate can be lethal to dogs.



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## NEWEST RIDGE DOGS OCTOBER 2011



**Ernhardt—2 Yr+ Male Black/Tan  
Shepherd Mix 54 lbs**



**Clash—5 Yr+ Male Black  
Newfoundland Mix 67 lbs**



**Shelby-1 Yr+ Female  
Fawn/White Retriever/Lab/Shepherd 47 lbs**



**Lady-3 Yr+ Female  
Black/White Retriever/Lab/Mix 47 lbs**



**Missy-1 Yr+ Female  
Black/White Terrier /Pit Bull Mix 28 lbs**



**Danika- Female Black/White  
Terrier /Pit Bull Mix - Danika Graduated  
to Yellow Bandana on 10/18/11**





## **NEWEST DOG HANDLERS OCTOBER 2011**

### **TERRY HAS GONE TO BE WITH HER NEW FAMILY!**



### **HOLLY HAS GONE TO BE WITH HER NEW FAMILY!**

Holly went to be with her new family at their home on September 15, 2011. She has proven to be quite the adventurous dog - her new family is learning her behaviors can be quite entertaining and at times frustrating.



### **CORONA: A BRIEF PROGRESS REPORT WITH HER NEW FAMILY!**

Corona the three legged Ridge Dog graduate is settling into her new home and adjusting well. She plays with the other family dogs, runs around outside, and travels with her owners when they leave home. She played a trick on her new owners shortly after she was with them. Corona appeared to have lost the use of her other back leg. Her new owners were carrying up and down the stairs, outside to use the bathroom—thinking she would be okay, but still would not walk on her leg. Finally, her family decided to take her to the vet to get her checked out. One of her owners told his wife that he was going to go get the car started and warmed up to take Corona to the Vet! When Corona heard this she jumped off the couch and ran out to the car...she was faking not being able to use her leg to get extra attention. Needless to say there has been no more problems with her other back leg. Another time, when she was left at home alone on the back porch, she proceeded to drag two bags of dog food in front of the door and cover it with a blanket, then laid on top of it until her family came home. Looks like she was preparing for the worse—in the event they did not return.

(The above two Progress Reports have been paraphrased by Linda Ampofo Quaye from original undisclosed sources.)







## DOGGIE HUMOR

### How to Be a Good Dog



#### **Barking:**

Because you are a dog, you are expected to bark. So bark--- a lot. Your owners will be very happy to hear you protecting their house. Especially late at night while they are sleeping safely in their beds. There is no more secure feeling for a human than to keep waking up in the middle of the night and hearing your protective bark, bark, bark...



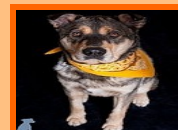


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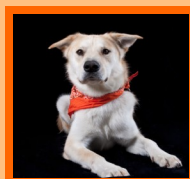
## FAREWELL & BEST WISHES



**THANK YOU**

Michael Kloth for the time you dedicated to the Coyote Ridge Dog Program taking excellent Professional Portraits of our Ridge Dogs and of the Ridge Dog Program!

We wish you Farewell and the Best Wishes with your new adventures!!



# Farewell



# Best Wishes

*Rob's Artistic Portraits*



Rob DiPiazza, Photographer from Rob's Artistic Portraits will be our new volunteer photographer for the CRCC Ridge Dogs Program. Rob and his wife have a Photography Studio located in Kennebec where they specialize not only in Pet Portraits but also in Family Portraits, High School Portraits, Children's Portraits, Wedding Portraits and much more. See the Ad on the Back Page for contact information if you are interested in having a portrait package done by Rob DiPiazza!



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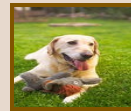
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## DOG ITEM DONATIONS NEEDED



### NEED VARIOUS DOG SUPPLIES:



Laundry Soap, Towels, Dog Treats, Dog Toys, Dog Shampoo



ABOVE ARE A FEW ITEMS THAT THE RIDGE DOGS PROGRAM NEEDS!  
ANY DONATION IS WELCOME. IF YOU WISH TO DONATE ANY OF THESE ITEMS!  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION—CONTACT RICK KARTEN, CPM**  
PLEASE CONTACT RICK KARTEN, CPM FOR A DONATION FORM!  
YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!

### KUDOS TO :

*Fern M. Gross Hearing Clerk* and Brian From *Larch Corrections Center*

Fern donated towels, dog treats, rawhides, and shampoo to the CRCC Ridge Dogs Program; Brian packed and hauled it for her. They plan on donating again in the future and her daughter thinks this is a worthy cause and will be including some items also!

**THANK YOU**

### EBA HAS CRCC RIDGE DOG GOODIES FOR SALE

The Dog dishes are \$5.00 each. The Flying disks are \$3.00 each. The leashes are \$10.00 each. The Coffee mugs are \$8.00 each. The Portfolio Notebooks will be in soon, they are \$20.00 each. If you want a better picture of any of the items please let me know and I'll send it to you. As always you can pay with cash, check, or via payroll deduction. We have plenty of these items in stock. Contact Michelle Long in maintenance, Kevin Thorson, Or Rick Karten at MSU..





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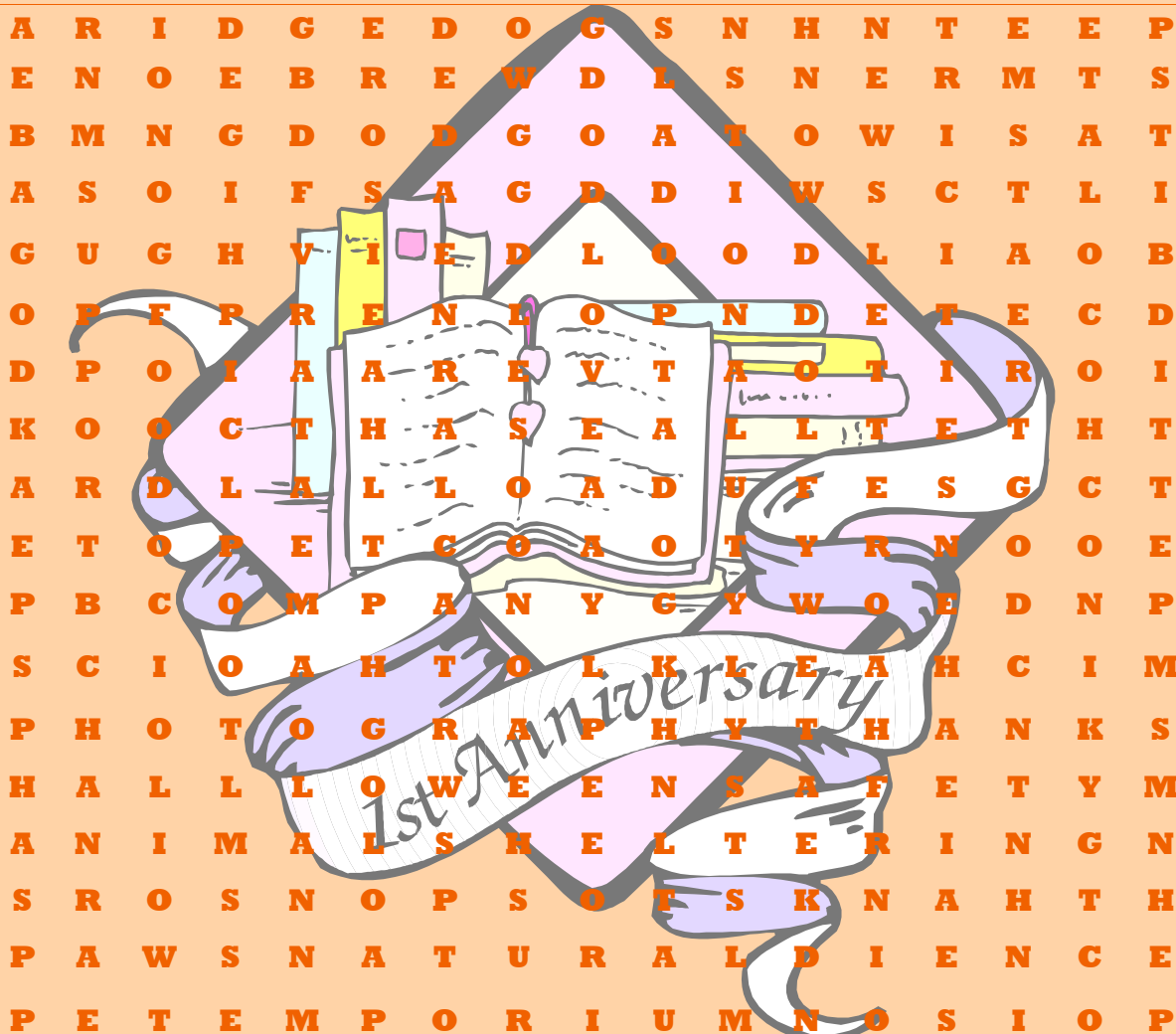
**HAPPY Halloween**

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TRI CITIES  
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Founder and Trainer

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### *Rob's Artistic Portraits*

**Family Portraits, High School Portraits,  
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"No one can "do it all," but everyone has the capacity to give. We know that our business can only succeed if the community that we serve is economically healthy and viable. That's why we are dedicated to improving the communities where we live and work. We show our support through donations, contributions, win-wins partnerships, and volunteerism." Check out their Website for more information - [www.RobsAP.com](http://www.RobsAP.com) (Above Quotes from their website)

Rob & Judy DiPiazza  
1103 S. Jurupa Street  
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### **TO ADOPT A RIDGE DOG**

If you have an interest in adopting a Ridge Dog—  
please contact CPM Rick Karten, Sgt. Jennifer Lynch  
or CCII Denise Cook for more information.

