



# Freedom Tails

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## Check it Out - There's New Kids on the Block!



**BELLE:** is a 2 yr old Labrador/Border Collie Mix. This beautiful girl is a bit on the heavy side, but we're working on trimming her up. She's coming along great with her commands, like they're 2nd nature, and This girl is definitely the Belle of the Ball! (DOC Donated)



**GUINNESS:** is a gorgeous 2 year old Chocolate Lab/Dutch Mastiff mix. This gentle giant weighs in at 105 lbs, and is the sweetest boy you'll run across. He has a great personality, loves people, and has no issues with other dogs. In fact, Guinness likes smaller dogs as his lifetime companion was a Cocker Spaniel! Sadly, his owner/dad unexpectedly passed prior to his coming to class. Guinness is still grieving, but with the love, attention and affection he is receiving he will be ready to open his heart to that new forever family. (PAWS of GH)



**RILEY:** at 2 ½ years old, this young Husky mix is a very intelligent boy and still a pup at heart. Riley is high energy, but is very relaxed when asked to be. He will need a home with a fenced yard, and one that can give him lots of exercise. He also needs a home with no cats, birds, or other livestock—but other dogs are just fine. Riley loves humans, is a snuggle bug, and has an amazingly soft coat. (Long Beach Humane Society)



**DRACO:** is a 119.5lb, 5 1/2 year old Mastiff /Yellow Lab mix and an owner surrender due to a "weight limit" imposed by their landlord. Draco lived on a mini-farm where he had chickens, goats, cows, cats and dogs as his friends—so, no worries there! This beautiful guy is easy going, very laid back, and will let you know where he is when sleeping, as he's a snorer. Draco would make an outstanding addition to your home! (HAVA)

The ancient Mbaya Indians of the Gran Chaco in South America believed that humans originally lived underground until dogs dug them up.



**MOLLY:** is a 2 year old Red Doberman/Lab mix—our best guess. Molly had a litter of pups not long ago, and is still getting used to being away from her brother who she lived with her entire life. She makes the funniest sounds, sometimes sounding like she's talking! She loves children, shows no sign of treat or food aggression, has very kind eyes, and is the sweetest, most loveable girl you'll meet. (PAWS of GH)





## And Some More to Hit Your Heart!



**ROLO:** Is a 1 year old, microchipped, 17lbs Jack Russel/Rat Terrier Mix. Surprisingly, Rolo does not meet the typical little -dog stereotype, he is filled with lots of goodness and love, and no aggression issues! Rolo is great with all dogs, cats and people. His energy level is oddly not on the higher end as you would expect from his combination of breeds, but still being a pup he will require lots of daily exercise, socialization, and love. ([Long Beach Humane Society - Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals](#))



**NEMO:** is a very special little 9-month old Black Lab with issues that are either congenital or toxin-based while in the womb. Nemo is deaf in both ears (she may possibly pick up on some sounds) and blind in her right eye. Her right ear has no eardrum, the soft palate and larynx on her right side are underdeveloped, and her tongue will consistently hang to the right. Nemo's handlers were challenged to train her to follow the command "Watch Me", which is imperative for deaf dogs to learn. Within 2 weeks, Nemo nailed it! Her training has been coming along fantastically and when she leaves us she will have completed a 5 month training course. Nemo is your typical goofy, fun-loving Lab girl. She is ALWAYS happy, exuberant, very sweet and loving, and she shows no fear of anything or anyone. Nemo Cont R...

**MACI:** at +/- 3 years, this friendly, microchipped Brussel's Griffon mix is an extremely loving girl, gets along well with us humans, and likes all the dogs in the program. Maci is a love bug and adores any and all the attention that you will fawn on her. Her handlers say she is very affectionate in return, and a joy to be with. Maci will make some home a great companion dog and new best friend. ([Animal World Rescue](#))



**PATRIOT:** this +/- 1 ½ year old, 65lb Boxer lab mix came to DOC as a puppy, so spent most of his life in a kennel environment but was very well socialized and exercised. Patriot never lacked in love and attention which speaks volumes to his personality. Inmates took care of him when he was not taking classes to become a Narcotics dog, so he became very well socialized with dogs and people. Patriot is a very happy-go-lucky boy, loves attention, and has a ball drive that makes him a such a kick in the pants that you want him in your life. all the time. This gorgeous, friendly boy will make a wonderful addition to your home. ([DOC State Donated](#))



**TABASCO:** is a very, very sweet 4 year old Red Heeler Mix. This guy is an owner surrender due to his "skin issue". When he first came to us he had a case of hair loss on his back. His person felt it might be cancer, figured they could not afford the medical cost, so they gave up and decided to have him euthanized. It was mange and has been treated. Tabasco is great with children, other dogs, people and appears to have no food/toy aggressions. Due to his sweet nature, Tabasco will make someone a **fantastic** family dog. ([PAWS of Grays Harbor](#))

...Nemo cont: her new home will need to continually follow thru with her training. Nemo is great with EVERYONE from all sized dogs, cats, and even chickens! ([HAVA](#))





# PetSense Adoptathon Days



Above: for a 3rd year, Freedom Tails trainer, Pat McCarty (L), volunteer Karen Diehm (R), and puppy JD attend PetSense Adoptathon Days; Left: PetSense staff, Demetria, Sarah, and Michelle, take a minute to pose for a group photo!



## Brussels Griffon Temperament - Maci

Often described as "full of self-importance," the terrier-like Brussels Griffon is happy, spunky, spirited, and comical. His adept climbing skills, coupled with his curiosity and imagination, can get him into trouble. Socialization is a must to promote a confident, stable temperament. This is not an eager-to-please breed! The B.G. has a clever mind of his own and without a firm hand can be demanding and manipulative. Training him to walk calmly on a leash may take time and patience, for he can be obstinate and may pitch a fit of acrobatic leaping and flinging himself about. If you can chuckle at some of his eccentricities yet remain firm about the general rules of the household, the Brussels Griffon is very pleasant and entertaining to live with.



## THE MASTIFF—GUINNESS & DRACO

This is one of the most ancient types of dog breeds. His ancestor, the molossus, was known 5,000 years ago. Then, he was a ferocious war dog, very different from the benevolent behemoth that he is today. He's the largest of the dog breeds, not the tallest but the heaviest, routinely weighing in at more than 200 pounds. He makes a fine companion for anyone who can accommodate his great size and doesn't mind a little drool slung here and there. Mastiffs are giants," big dogs whose main weapon is their size, instinctive underdogs and isn't a threat. A socialized Mastiff man family as part of his nature.





## Brigadoon Service Dogs

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