

Freedom Tails

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We're Starting 2014 with Lots of Yellow!



DILLON: is a Golden Retriever Mix weighing in at about 31lbs. This sweet boy was picked up as a stray, and is as happy and loving as the day is long – and we're talking summer days, mind you! Dillon has a ton of energy, so he'll need a family that is able to keep up with him. Will you be that new forever family giving him a home? (PAWS of GRAYS HARBOR)



GRAHAM: or Graham Cracker, as he is affectionately called, is a 1 year old Yellow Lab Mix and full of spunk. This loving boy weighs in at almost 75lbs and has some **huge** paws – so, he is not done growing. Since he is still a pup, Graham has lots of energy and will need a forever family that can keep up with him and continue his training. (PAWS of GRAYS HARBOR)



CHARLIE: is another handsome Yellow Lab Mix. He's a little older, at 5-6 years, but right up there in size weighing in at 73lbs. Charlie will make a great companion for kids, and has a wonderful demeanor, but may want to be the only dog in the household. His family was no longer able to take care of him, so he is looking for a new forever family home. Charlie will make a new, devoted love of your life. (NB PAWS)

Dogs have about 100 different facial expressions – most made with their ears....they also have about 100 vocal sounds.

During the Renaissance, detailed portraits of the dog as a symbol of fidelity & loyalty appeared in mythological, allegorical, & religious art throughout Europe, including works by Leonardo da Vinci, Diego Velázquez, Jan van Eyck, & Albrecht Durer



DEE DEE: is another Yellow Lab Mix, and this gorgeous 3 year old girl is almost up there with the boys on weight – she comes in at 68lbs. Dee Dee is a talker to other dogs and people alike, is the sweetest thing on four legs, is very calm, and loves attention. She also *loves* to lean against you. And, as one staff member stated, “she has the most expressive eyes you’ve ever seen!” It will be a very lucky family that has Dee Dee join them as a new forever family member! (PAWS of GRAYS HARBOR)

We Add a Little More, then Stir in Some Colors!



MAX: at 5 years old and almost 11lbs, this Pomeranian Mix is quite the happy boy! As an added benefit, this boy gets along with other dogs, children, and cats! Sadly, due to hard times, his family had to give Max up. But now you have the opportunity to give him a new forever home.....Max would make a great addition to any home! (NB PAWS)



SPUD: is a 9 ½ year old 69lb Yellow Labrador Retriever with the heart of a 4 year old! His loving person of 9yrs became ill, and could no longer take care of him, so Spud came to FT. Spud loves to play ball and romp, but will have no problem taking it easy afterwards. He is going through a grieving period, but with lots of love and attention, he is healing. Spud just wants that special family and forever home to share his heart with for many years to come. (NB PAWS)

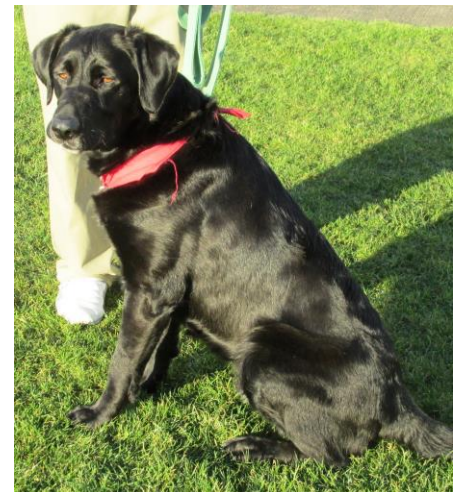


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PENNY: is a 39lb, 2 year old female Australian Shepherd mix who was brought in as stray when rescued. She has a sweet personality, loves attention, and rides in the car. Penny is a curious gal, and will be ready to go with her new people on an adventure without a minutes notice – they can't wait! (NB PAWS)



BILLY BOB: is spunky little 6 year old Chihuahua Mix weighing in at almost 9lbs. This boy gets along with other dogs and cats, but not little kids – big kids are OK. Billy Bob's former person had to go to assisted living, so he is looking for that new forever home and family to call his own. (NB PAWS)



ADOPTED

DUNCAN: this 3 year old male Black Lab mix is another big guy weighing in at 74lbs. This sleek coated beauty is young and full of energy, loves to play, and loves attention. Duncan also gets along great with other dogs, and like most Labs, loves to take rides. His new people can't wait to bring him home! (NB PAWS)

Long Hair, Short Hair, Tall and Short...



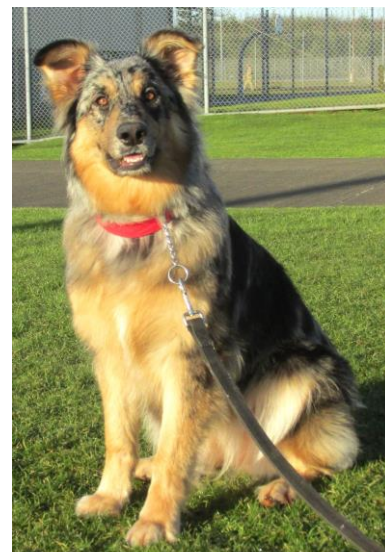
LYNDSEY: is a 7 month old, 21lb Brittney Spaniel. Obviously this girl is full of energy – we were lucky to get a still photo! Lyndsey needs an active family to keep up with her and continue her training. She will do well with other dogs, cats, and kids. Lyndsey is another sweetheart and is waiting for that right new, forever home to call hers.
(HARBOR RESCUE)

- Female dogs that are spayed eliminate the chance of uterine infection, uterine cancer, and ovarian cancer.
- Male dogs that are neutered nearly eliminate the risk of perineal hernias and penile tumors.



ADOPTED

FROSTY: is a beautiful 3 year old Shiba Inu Mix weighing in at almost 25lbs. Shiba Inu's are known to be independent dogs, but have a sensitive side and bond closely with their people. Frosty is full of energy, loves to play, and gets along with other dogs and cats. Graduation can't come soon enough for his new family! (NB PAWS)



MAYSIE: is a gorgeous 2 year old Australian/German Shepherd mix weighing just over 68lbs. This girl is very friendly, aims to please, and has the softest fur imaginable. You can tell Maysie has a happy soul, because when she wags her tail, her whole body wags! Maysie is great with the other dogs and with cats. Once the word gets out about this girl, she's sure to find a new loving home quickly! (PAWS of GRAYS HARBOR)



ADOPTED



LILLI-ANNA: is a stunning 2 year old Fawn Doberman Pinscher. At 64lbs, this girl has beautiful lines and the personality to go with it – no wonder she's already been adopted! On an interesting point, Doberman's come in four colors – Black, Red, Blue, and Fawn (each with Tan aka Rust). Fawn, sometimes referred to as Isabella color, is the rarest of the four color patterns. There are also white or cream colored Dobies, which are considered Albinos. Back to Lilli-Anna, her new home is patiently waiting for March to bring her home! (NB PAWS)



...there Must Be One Here to Surely Float Your Boat!



SKIPPER: is a gorgeous 1 ½ yr old male Hound Mix weighing in at 63lbs, with a short, thick beautiful coat. Skipper is very obedient, affectionate, and eager to please. He gets along phenomenally with all the staff and other dogs, and the big guy also gets along with cats. Skipper is an energetic boy who would make a loyal addition to your home and your life – but, beware, he is an escape artist – he will dig under, climb over, or chew his way through most confinements. Give this guy a chance, and you'll fall head over heels for him! (PAWS of GRAYS HARBOR)

ALFIE: is a cutest little Shih Tzu you'll come across. This young guy is not shy upon meeting people - he's ready for any loves and pets you are willing to give. He is also curious and playful with cats. Shih Tzu's are known as happy and obedient, and Alfie certainly fits the bill! Beware, this sweet guy will steal your heart. Alfie will make a great addition to your home as your new forever furry friend. (HARBOR RESCUE)

ROBERT PREGULMAN Continues his support of Freedom Tails!

<http://www.seattledogspot.com/blog/dog-blog/post/beautiful-9-12-year-old-yellow-lab-needs-new-home>



Beautiful 9-1/2-year-old yellow lab needs new home - JANUARY 14, 2014 | BY ROBERT PREGULMAN

Before you read Spud's description, I just want to vouch for the Freedom Tails programs at the Stafford Creek Corrections Center in Aberdeen. I visited there for a day last summer and was incredibly impressed with the inmates who train these dogs. Please read the post about my visit to learn more about this outstanding program...

The dogs in the program live with our offender handlers 24/7 for several weeks and are showered not only with constant attention, affection, and excellent grooming, but especially with the all-important 10 weeks of basic training that helps make us very adoptable. ***I will graduate on March 20 and I want my adopter chosen prior to graduation day.*** I want a loving family that will include me in their activities, take me on long walks, and reinforce all my training. I have a rash on my tummy that is being treated but other than that I am in good health and feel fit as a fiddle. I would go so far as to say I am perfect, but the adoption folks don't agree because I don't like cats and they say that a perfect dog would like them. Well nobody's perfect! I guess I just have to settle for being almost perfect!

For more info and application, email debalaldeb@gmail.com

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http://wsldocs.sos.wa.gov/library/docs/DOC/FreedomTails/FreedomTails_home.aspx



DEAR FREEDOM TAILS.....



While walking a dog named Ginger I frequently talk to her. Whether it be about her or myself she always listens intently. She never interrupts and is content to listen as long as I want to talk.

One day I started telling her about a guy I once knew a long time ago. This person as a young man showed a lot of promise to become anything he wanted to be. He excelled in everything he applied himself to. He had been through a rough childhood, losing his mother very young and having a lot of different adult figures in his life trying to steer him down the right path in life. His teenage years saw some rough times and ended up lacking in stability as a result. He left the small town he was from for the military at 18 and saw a lot of the world.

Somewhere along the way drugs and alcohol became a staple of his life. The impact soon became evident. He became insensitive in every way imaginable. He stole, lied and conned – turning scores of innocent people in to victims. He had no empathy for others. He boosted his own self-esteem by making others look bad. He became so absorbed in being someone other than himself that eventually he had no idea who he really was.

Then came events that turned his world upside down. He now had to face his worst fears. He had to accept who and what he'd become. A person that when he was 18 he would have deplored. A person that had done nothing but create havoc for himself and many, many others. Others that would have given him anything to help. The guilt this guy felt came very close to pushing him beyond repair. Finally he had hit his bottom once again by coming back to prison. This time things had to change. His family, health, and mental stability were on the verge of total collapse.

He was accepted into a dog training program where he became committed to helping dogs and realized that he was becoming a productive human being again. This was great, but he still couldn't face his past. "The Guilt." The guilt of what he had done to himself. Slowly but surely he began to start laughing. He started feeling the unconditional friendship a dog provides. He saw how others responded to him when his spirits were positive. He was seeing the person he was all those years ago. As time passed, almost every aspect of his life improved. He realized that just because you don't like something or someone doesn't give you the right to disrespect it or them. But most importantly, he found that remorse is a powerful thing and the hardest form of remorse is having remorse for oneself. Until that happened, he couldn't climb up from the bottom he'd hit. Once this was realized his road to recovery became a lot smoother. His affiliation with the dogs has given him an unbridled passion to be the best trainer he can be so that he can give back to others through them.

I can't talk for Ginger, but I sure am glad I have this story to tell. After all, I'm talking about myself.

Previous Freedom Tails Handler, Randy LeBlanc

