



Freedom Tails

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Miscellaneous Happenings...



Saturday, April 11th, HAVA held their 5th Annual Spring Tea and Auction (aka the Annual Party for the Animals!) at the Willapa Harbor Community Center in South Bend, WA. This year's auction focused on Gardening/Spring along with Desserts, so there was quite a variety of items for people to bid on. Trainer Pattie McCarty and volunteer Karen Diehm were asked to attend as key note speakers regarding the SCCC Freedom Tails program. With attendance of over 100 animal lovers, it was the perfect venue to spread the word about our wonderful program! President Dee Roberts started the event covering some important HAVA happenings from the last year, then, after lunch, introduced the speakers. McCarty and Diehm had plenty of information to share with the audience, including how to access the Freedom Tails application on HAVA's website, noting the new adopters posting area (see below), and how to purchase personalized collars and leashes made by the handlers. They also answered questions and related stories from *within the fence*, to much laughter. Keba, one of this sessions dogs, also in attendance, had many people questioning how to adopt him! As an added bonus, many previous Freedom Tails adopters were there to tell stories on how their canine family members were doing. All in all, the Spring Tea was a huge success!

Program



March 19th, Freedom Tails graduated the first class of 2015! All of the dogs in the class were adopted. The photo at the left epitomizes the beauty of this program. Our dogs provide their handlers with the gift of LOVE and the handlers give them a new lease on life! Thank you to member Christine Balcom for helping to administer this program for HAVA. And thank you to the Stafford Creek Correction Center for giving us the opportunity to work with them!

Welcome & Update on HAVA Activities
Dee Roberts, President, HAVA

Introduction of HAVA Board
Lunch

Freedom Tails Presentation
Patty McCarty, Trainer & Karen Diehm, PR

HAVA is honored to administer this amazing dog training program in cooperation with the Stafford Creek Correction Center.

Above L: Keba stands, intently listening to the everything, so as to not miss anything (photo credit Heidi Bale); L: Trainer Pattie McCarty, Keba (in this session's group), and volunteer Karen Diehm do their best to pass on information and answer questions from the audience regarding the program (photo credit Facebook HAVA Heart); R: insert page of the event program highlighting Freedom Tails!

Check out the New HAVA/FT Link

Freedom Tails Adopter's we want to hear from you! Click [HERE!](#)

HOME - FREEDOM TAILS UPDATES

Send us an update!

Freedom Tails Adopters, we want to hear from you!
Give us an update on how things are going and send us a couple of pictures!

Dog's Name: *

Owner's name: *

Owner's email:

What's going on? *

Pictures

Submit

Timberland Library Sleepover



For the third year in a row, Freddie from Freedom Tails attended **Timberland Library's Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover**. This time, he brought a new member – Simon - with him. Children are invited to bring their stuffed animals to the Library, where they spend the night. Supposedly, they are tucked in tight, but the next day the children find out just what all the critters were up to the night before! Above: R – Freddie was again invited to read to the group (with Simon sitting right up front to take it all in!); L - Simon spent some time with Socks – it was his first year too. Socks is the representative from *The Jetty Cats* – a colony of cats that reside in the dock area of Westport, WA. The colony exists as people abandoned their unwanted pets at this location. Due to the hard work of HAVA volunteers, there have been no new kittens for a few years now. More information can be found on the HAVA website.

Make a Post of Your Mixed Breed Best Friend

German Sheprador - (Labrashepherd)

German Shepherd / Labrador Retriever Hybrid Dogs

The German Sheprador is not a purebred dog. It is a cross between the German Shepherd and the Labrador Retriever. The best way to determine the temperament of a mixed breed is to look up all breeds in the cross and know you can get any combination of any of the characteristics found in either breed. Not all of these designer hybrid dogs being bred are 50% purebred to 50% purebred. It is very common for breeders to breed multi-generation crosses.



(L) Taz the German Sheprador at 10 years; (R) Taz as a puppy

"Taz is a German Shepherd/Yellow Lab mix. He goes ballistic over the snow and the water. He'll show the playfulness of the Lab and the intelligence of the Shepherd, and is very good at trying to sneak away for walks on his own. He's been one of the best dogs we've ever had and he's gorgeous! I am involved with a program called Freedom Tails. I have been the Editor and Photographer for the newsletter since 2009, along with many other aspects of the program – including becoming an AKC Good Citizen Evaluator last year. The program is located at Stafford Creek



Corrections Center, a men's prison of approximately 2000 offenders, in Aberdeen, WA. We bring in shelter dogs that might otherwise be euthanized, retrain them in social skills and basic commands, and get them adopted back out to society. At this time, we have found new loving, forever homes for over 250 dogs."

<http://www.dogbreedinfo.com>



When you access the HAVA website, slowly drop under the Freedom Tails tab...magically an application link appears!



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For an adoption application see the website or contact:

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<http://www.hava-heart.org/freedom-tails>