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## November 2024 Newsletter

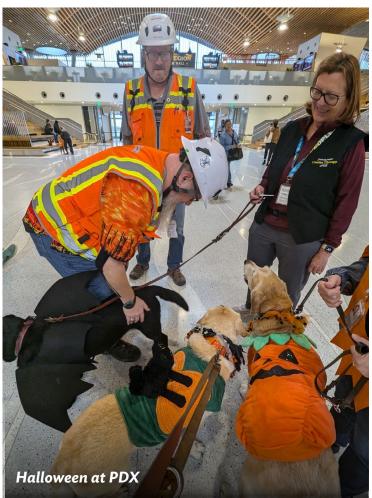
# Halloween at PDX





Walt with Donna, Jericho, Presidio, and Limerick













## The Best Training Partners for OHSTAR

We had the opportunity to join OHSTAR for their monthly training, refreshing their animal first aid skills!! With the help of veterinarians, plush animals, and our incredible pups, they were able to practice crucial skills.

Their training covered everything from reading body language and safely approaching scared animals to applying muzzles, taking vitals, bandaging wounds, and performing CPR. Thank you to our friends at OHSTAR for letting us be part of such an important training day, and a huge thanks to the PACTT dogs who helped us out—along with their humans, of course!

All our guest canines were happy to help in exchange for some love, cuddles, and a few tasty treats!

















## Thankful for All the Fun Visits

























Volvo at the Cottages Assisted Living and memory Care. This resident asked for him to be put on her bed





## Exclusive Snuggle Time with Olivia

Students at Vancouver's Harney Elementary School earn good behavior points that can be spent in various ways—popcorn parties, extra recess, treats—and, beginning last year, exclusive snuggle time with PACTT dog Olivia.

For 50 hard-earned points, students get 10 solo minutes with Olivia, who has visited Harney weekly for the past three years.

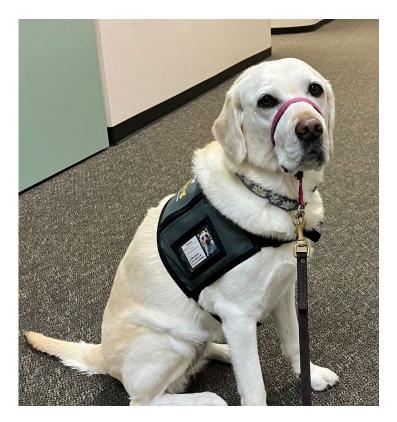
It's always fun to hear the students talk to Olivia. Here are some sweet things they say to her:

- "All my friends pick popcorn or extra recess, but I'd rather spend time with you."
- "I wish I could do this every day."
- "I wish I could take her home with me."
- "Can I take her home with me?"

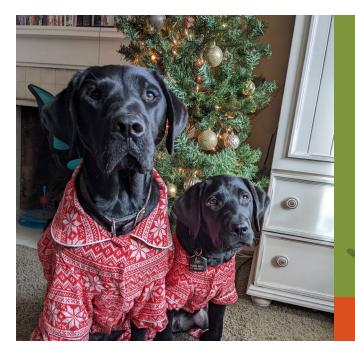
Students typically stretch out on the floor and lie next to Olivia. Sometimes they are quiet, sometimes they talk to her a bit. When classmates pass by in the hallway, they often ask, "Why do you get to play with Olivia all by yourself?" It's always nice to hear the students explain why they choose Olivia.

Once, a counselor asked a passing student if they would rather spend their Harney good behavior points on extra recess or time with Olivia. For that student, it was a tough question! But after a moment of thought, he came up with a solution. He decided to earn extra good behavior points so he could enjoy both extra recess and alone time with Olivia—a perfect solution!

Olivia's visits are coordinated through the school counseling team. She participates in classroom visits, individual visits with students who need extra support, and she also visits with staff. Through classroom presentations, students have learned about caring for animals, the difference between service dogs and therapy dogs, and possible careers involving animals. They've also learned about volunteer service and the DoveLewis blood bank. The students are fascinated to learn that dogs like Olivia are blood donors, and they're always surprised to hear that dogs and cats need blood just like people.







## 'Tis the Season for Holiday Photos!

It's back! Time to capture those festive moments and enter the PACTT Holiday Photo Contest! Submit your best shots by December 6, and remember, we welcome photos from all holidays! Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges from DoveLewis.





Email your submission(s) to kloter@dovelewis.org or mlaird@dovelewis.org if you have trouble attaching photos in the form.

## Gear Up for the Holidays with PACTT Merch!





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