



# Freedom Tails

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The End of 2011, Will Be the First of 2012!



**MAYA:** is a beautiful 2 year old Rottweiler/Lab mix. She is a bit of a dominant female, so might do best as the only dog in the household. Maya loves to play ball, is eager to please, and is coming along quickly in her training. She will make a great addition to an active family. (private via HAVA)

A one year old dog is physically as mature as a 15-yr old human.



**IZZY:** a Labra doodle in beautiful shades of grey. This 4 year old girl has an outgoing attitude and is loved by all. Izzy has a very calm disposition, but don't let that fool you – she still enjoys romping and playing. Beware, she will need brushing with that full coat of fur. (donated by the state)



**BUBBA:** is a very well behaved 1-2 year old male of Pointer mix. Bubba has a loving demeanor, though his past is not a happy one. He is an energetic boy, loves affection, and is looking for a wonderful new forever home. See more about Bubba below. (HAVA)



*"It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are."*

--Unknown



**TUCKER:** is a 1-2 year old Lab mix with some white markings. He is still very young at heart and doesn't know what a stranger is – he is happy to see everybody and loves the attention as well. Tucker is a big fan of playing fetch and would be more than happy to be your running partner. If you look closely, he has remarkable eyes. Tucker is coming along quickly in his training. (donated by the state)

# One of These Pups Could Start a New Life...

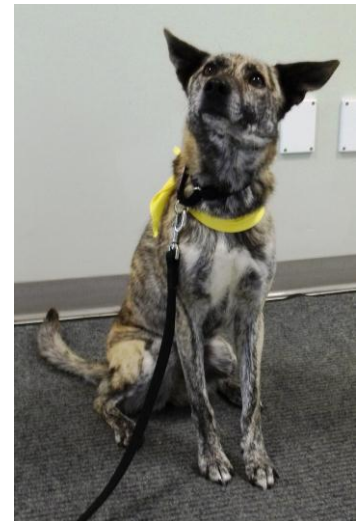


**ADOPTED!**

**HORIZON:** comes to us as a special needs dog. He is a 6 year old Great Dane-Doberman mix endowed with a great amount of calmness and sweetness. Due to an accident involving a family member, he needs to learn some specialized manners in order to aid in the rehabilitation process. (NBPAWS)



**NEVA:** is an energetic, fun-loving 1 -1 ½ year old Cattle Dog mix. She gets along with all the other dogs in the program, and is picking up her commands quickly. Neva will need a family who can keep up with her pace and her lovin's. (donated by the state)



**BREA:** (pronounced Brie) is a gorgeous 4-5 year old Malinois or Malinois mix. She would enjoy being the only dog at home, but does get along with others. Sadly, her family was moving and took her to a shelter to be put down. She now has a second chance to join a new loving family! (LONG BEACH)



**HARLEY:** does this boy remind you of someone....maybe Shadow from the last session? This Shepherd/Lab mix is 1 year old, and quite the clown. When given the command to lie down, he FLINGS himself to the ground and grins back up at you. Harley is also quite the hero, as he donated blood to save another dog's life while at the shelter. He is big in personality and size, and will keep you forever entertained! (LONG BEACH)



**ADOPTED!**

**COPPER:** is a gorgeous male German Shepherd who will be 4 years old by graduation. Due to the poor economic situation, Copper's family was forced to surrender him. He is loving, gentle, and loyal – yet still has plenty of “pup” left in him. His new family is excited to invite him to his new forever home! (LONG BEACH)

# ...And New Year, With You!!!

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~Lord Byron, an epitaph for his dog Boatswain*

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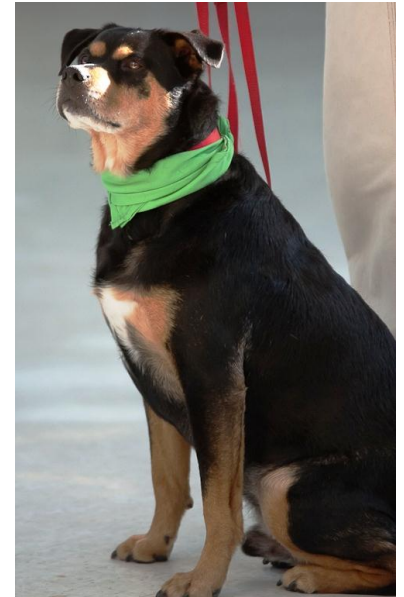
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**GUS:** is a wonderful 1-2 year old Lab mix with the Lab personality, to boot! He has energy to burn, and will need a family that can keep up. Gus has a happy soul and it shows whether during training or playing. He gets along great with the other dogs, and is coming along quickly in his training. (LONG BEACH)

**LEROY:** graduated the Freedom Tails program last session, and is still looking for a loving home. In the meantime, this wonderful boy he can be found at NBPAWS. As stated by Brandie Alhgren, CityDog Magazine Editor and Founder, "Leroy is a terrific dog - I witnessed this first-hand. In addition to his basic commands, he...showed off his newly-learned tricks like catching a treat in mid air from across the room!"

For more information about Leroy and his status, please go to:



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# MORE ABOUT BUBBA!

## “Throwaway” Dog with a birth defect finds help with HAVA

By Claire Wolfe  
Special to the Bulletin

What happens to you if you're an unwanted “throwaway” dog with a birth defect so rare many veterinarians will never see it in their entire careers?

Well, if you're Buddy, a large, young, friendly mixed breed, good things happen eventually. In September, Buddy wandered into one of the garage sales during the South Beach “Thirty Miles of Junkie” event and didn't want to leave. A customer recognized him and told the homeowner that he had belonged to someone who beat him often and finally tossed him out to survive on his own.

Fortunately, Grayland resident Kathy Tissell, who met Buddy at the garage sale, contacted Donna Westrick, a member of the board of the Harbor Association of Volunteers for Animals (HAVA). Shortly, Buddy was in the care of a HAVA foster family.

### Major problems

Buddy was skinny and undernourished. His foster family started making the rounds of local vet clinics to



Mary Mast Photo  
A fully recovered Buddy contentedly chews on a bone in his current foster home.

see what could be done for him.

A thorough physical exam showed that he also had fleas, worms, a bladder infection, a touch of mange, and crystals in his urine (a precursor to bladder stones).

But none of those compared with Buddy's biggest problem. His whole urinary system was terribly deformed. The furry sheath that should have held his penis lay wide open and the penis itself was malformed and partly missing. Although Buddy raised his leg like a boy, he “peed like a girl” because his urinary opening was behind his

scrotum.

This extremely rare defect is called perineal hypospadias, and it is due to a genetic defect that arises at the stage of development where nature is determining whether a pup will become a male or a female. Buddy was all boy; he just didn't finish forming his parts right.

Dr. Gina Lewis of Vettes Animal Hospital in Raymond said she could perform the surgery, but she also thought he would be a prime candidate for sending to Washington State University's veterinary school, where an experienced surgeon could

use Buddy's case to teach students and where at least part of the expense for the operation would be covered by the institution. So she got on that effort.

### Freedom Tails

Meanwhile HAVA learned that Buddy — if he could be repaired and could recover in time — might be able to enter the Freedom Tails program. Freedom Tails is a prison-pet partnership program operated by the Stafford Creek Corrections Center in Aberdeen and volunteer trainer Deb Thomas-Blake with invaluable assistance from North Beach PAWS. Canines accepted into the program live for eight weeks with a Stafford Creek inmate who obedience trains them. Upon graduation, the dogs go to new families who can be sure they're getting well-behaved companions. It's a win-win-win — for the inmates, the animals, and the adopters.

### Successful surgery

But for Buddy to be accepted into Freedom Tails, which takes dogs just four times a year, his surgery would have to be performed soon and there was still no word from the vet school. So Dr. Lewis,

who had never operated on a hypospadias case but who had excellent advisors and information from online medical journals, undertook the task herself, using a surgical laser to minimize bleeding and trauma.

Buddy came through with flying colors. Although he has a 10-inch long “zipper” scar on his belly from the stitches and will always “pee like a girl,” he now looks like a healthy, neutered male. Within a day of the operation, Buddy was happy and ready to bound around like a puppy.

### Friskie Fund depleted

HAVA paid for Buddy's surgery through the Friskie Fund, a dedicated account for sick or injured strays, which was started by Raymond resident and former HAVA president, Gail Friedlander, as a memorial to her father, whose favorite cat was named Friskie. The fund has received contributions from many donors, but as you can imagine, such unusual surgery put a large dent in the fund, even though Dr. Lewis discounted her services. The next animal in need might not be as fortunate as Buddy.

HAVA is asking for donations to refill the Friskie Fund,



Mary Mast Photo  
Buddy ready for release from the hospital following his surgery.

and hopefully even add to it. If you can give — a little or a lot — please send your contribution to: The Harbor Association of Volunteers for Animals, P.O. Box 243, Raymond, WA 98577, or donate using PayPal through the HAVA website ([www.hava-heart.org](http://www.hava-heart.org)). Please mark your donation for the Friskie Fund.

Claire Wolfe is a longtime volunteer for the Harbor Association of Volunteers for Animals.

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Good news! North Beach PAWS is now an approved charity for the government employees Combined Fund Drive matching funds program.