

# a letter from the editor....

**Vernonia's Voice is going to the dogs this month!**

As we were putting together the content and story ideas this month, we noticed an unintentional theme: there were a bunch of stories about dogs. So this month we feature everyone's best friend, the dog.

In this month's issue you will find a conversation with Randy Hare who spent three weeks in Vernonia training police dogs. Randy is one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet, easy to be around, and fun to talk with. Randy seemed to be enjoying his visit, especially when he was ribbing Sergeant Mike Kay. Randy is teaching dog handlers a new technique he created, and he really seems to love his work.

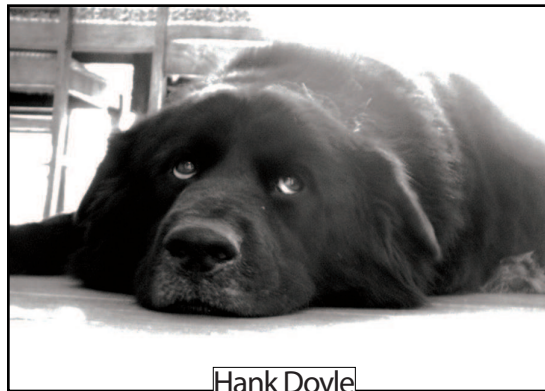
We also have a story about a new dog boarding and training center that will be opening in Vernonia. The Oregon Canine University will be a fundraising operation for Indigo Rescue which helps save



Laslo Laird

the lives of numerous animals every year. Indigo Rescue is of special importance to me because one of my family members, Laslo, came to us through Indigo. Laslo was a high strung one-year-old Australian Shepherd who had been turned in to the pound by previous owners. Laslo didn't like it at the pound and would throw himself barking at his kennel fence anytime someone came by. Needless to say, no one chose him. Laslo was scheduled to be euthanized when Indigo Rescue stepped in. They brought Laslo to us as volunteer foster parents until a permanent home could be located. Laslo's foster situation lasted about thirty minutes at the Laird household as we immediately fell in love with him, and he was made a permanent part of our family. Though still high strung, he is a great dog and has been a wonderful addition to our lives for the last three years.

This issue also features a column by Creatures pet store owner Lisa Edgar about puppies and a terrible disease that can affect them, Parvo. And of course we have the wit and wisdom of P.J. O'Leary as he examines everyone's favorite, the Weiner dog.



Hank Doyle

**It's a dog's world! Hope you enjoy this edition!**



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