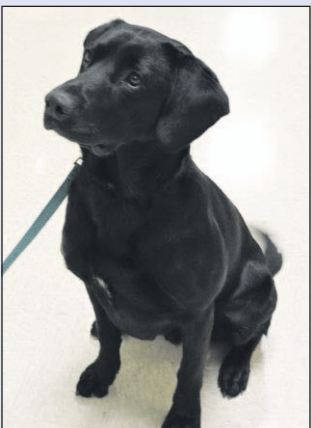


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Mister

Mister is a black Lab-mix who is approximately 1 year old. His handler, Cory Lewis, describes him as mellow — when he’s not playing. “He’s very young, so he just wants to play,” he said. Lewis said Mister’s playful nature sometimes distracts him from his training, but he’s otherwise very well-behaved and gets along well with other dogs. He said Mister also did well when interacting with children and other adults at a recent TRCI function. “He’ll be a great family dog,” Lewis said.



Duke

Duke is a chocolate lab/Chesapeake Bay retriever mix who is less than a year old although already quite big. His handler Peter Millard said Duke is probably the most improved dog because at first he had high energy and got into everything, something Millard has been able to stop with training. Despite his size, Millard said Duke is very relaxed and wants to be loved by people and play with the other dogs. He said when Duke is in Millard’s cell he will frequently jump on the bed with him. “This is how I envisioned him being towards the end (of his training),” Millard said of Duke. “He’s so smart and friendly with everyone.”

Coco

Coco is a miniature pinture about 3 years old. Handler Steven Freeman described Coco as curious and eager to play with other dogs, although he possesses a “little dog syndrome” — a small dog with a big-dog personality. He said Coco is extremely affectionate and loves to cuddle. He also loves his blankie, which he takes with him everywhere. Coco also likes to meet new people, and while he doesn’t fetch, he loves to play with a ball and chew on a rawhide.



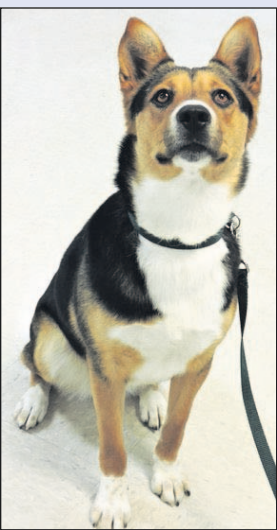
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She said it costs the organization about \$25 on average to provide a one-hour counseling appointment for an unplanned pregnancy, but people can sponsor themselves or collect pledges for any amount for Saturday’s walk/run fundraiser. Pregnancy Care Services is open from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays at 1055 S. Highway 395, Suite 111 in Cornerstone Court, Hermiston. For more information, call 541-567-2393.

Trixy

Trixy is a 3-year-old German shepherd-red heeler mix. Her handler, Robert Peck, said Trixy oves to play with any toy and loves being with people. “She’s great with other dogs,” he said, adding she is also affectionate with people. “She loves giving kisses.” Peck said Trixy is very smart and learned all the basic commands very quickly, although she loves getting treats. Peck said he has fallen in love with Trixy and would like to keep her himself.



Zoey (you can see her on A1)

Zoey is a border collie/Australian Shepherd mix who is about 3 years old. Handler Justin Schiller-Munneman-lol described Zoey as having a sweet and calm, but playful, disposition. “We definitely spent a lot of time in the yard playing,” he said. “As soon as we come back inside, she takes a nap.” He said while she was timid at first, she has outgrown that and now plays with other dogs and inmates. “She loves people,” he said.

ADOPTION

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said this week, adding both the dogs and the inmates have benefited from the program. “You never know what made them not so adoptable before.”

Isles said the dogs have all completed their training regimen and have received Canine Good Citizen certification.

All their hard work is leading up to the first pet adoption event, casually titled “From no house, to the big house, to your house,” beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. People interested in adopting one of the dogs are invited to the open house on the lawn by the TRCI administration building and become acquainted with the dogs. Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided, and people interested in adopting one of the pooches can fill out applications, which can also be found at the TRCI website, <http://www.oregon.gov/doc/OPS/PRISON/pages/trci.aspx>.

‘Certainly everybody deserves a good home.’ — Sherry Isles, TRCI assistant to the superintendent

Isles said if more than one person fills out an application for one of the dogs, their names will be drawn from a hat to determine who will be the dog’s owner. She said, so far, applications have been filled out for some of the dogs, but TRCI hopes to attract more potential pet owners to ensure the dogs go home with someone and not sent back to the shelter. Isles said it costs \$150 to adopt a dog, which covers the cost of spaying or neutering, micro-chipping, vaccinations and the training. Once people have been matched with the dogs, the new owners will get to take them home May 23, when they will get to come to TRCI and meet the inmates who trained their pets.

Isles said, while TRCI program organizers and inmates are hoping the dogs all find homes, the program will continue, with six more dogs coming from Pet Rescue to be trained.

“We hope this program will grow in the future,” Isles said. “Certainly everybody deserves a good home.”

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