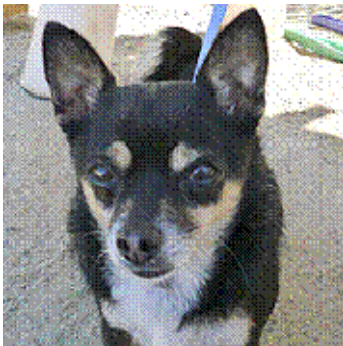


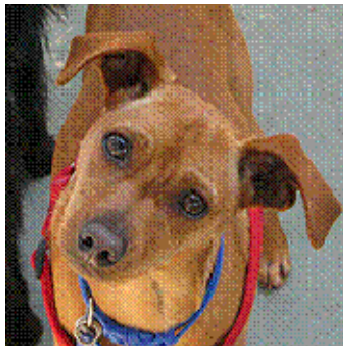
**Dogs in Peninsula Humane Society/Sheriff's Office Partnership to Graduate in February...  
Possible Adopters Should Inquire Now!**

The latest group of PHS/SPCA shelter dogs participating in the TAILS program will soon complete their eight-week program at the Sheriff's Office's Maple Street Transitional Facility in Redwood City where they have been under the watch of inmates assigned to their training since late November. Once each week, PHS/SPCA volunteers lead a structure obedience class for the inmate handlers and dogs; outside of class, inmates are responsible for all aspects of the dogs' well-being. Dogs selected for the TAILS program (TAILS = Transitioning Animal Into Loving Situations) have issues keeping them from being adopted at the shelter. During the course of the eight-week program, inmates work with the dogs to overcome these issues and make them more adoptable. At the same time, inmates learn skills from PHS/SPCA trainers and have something positive upon which to focus their time and energy. It's what we call a win-win-win situation!

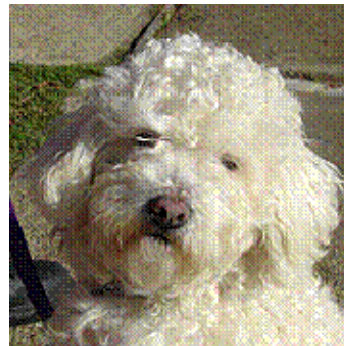
Please "meet" our new class of TAILS dogs. If you are possibly interested in adopting one, contact PHS/SPCA right away at 650/340-7022, ext. 306.



Juanita



Lancelot



Monty



Selly

**Juanita** -- Chihuahua, age 5. She was returned to the shelter for her low tolerance of dogs, and for being snappy with strangers. She has a ton of personality. She will be fine with people petting her but should be approached slowly and at her level. She does not like to be picked up but will allow it once she has warmed to you. She is not very comfortable with hands close to her mouth; PHS/SPCA vets think she may need minor dental work which will happen before she's placed in a new home. Juanita can

be bossy with other dogs and does not like them in her face, but she will not go after them; she'll just snarl and correct them! Her TAILS handlers are being specifically asked to help her build-up tolerance of dogs and people handling her.

**Lancelot** -- Chihuahua mix, age 1. He was returned for becoming possessive of food in the home and is being monitored closely for this behavior. He is very treat motivated and learns quickly. Once his handlers bring out treats, he forgets about dogs and focuses on treats, though he can get snarly with dogs who try to swipe his treats. He takes treats roughly, which is another issue his handlers are addressing.

**Monty** -- Poodle mix, 1 yr-old, found as a stray. He loves attention and jumps up a lot (which his handlers are addressing). Monty is a smart and funny, but got into a couple of scuffles with PHS/SPCA kennelmates over food. He hasn't shown continued food guarding issues, but PHS/SPCA staff recommend separating him from dogs when feeding. He is easily excitable and can be reactive to other dogs on leash. With slow approaches and proper introductions he has been OK and plays with them.

**Selly** – One-yr-old Longhair Chihuahua mix who was dropped off at the shelter with no information from her previous owner. She is easily excitable, tolerant and social around people familiar to her, but needs time to warm to strangers. She is very interested in dogs and gets very distracted in their presence. When she meets them, she put her paws on them and does not have good dog-skills. Her inmate handlers are working on these “impulse control” issues.

Again, please call 650/340-7022, ext. 306 soon if possibly interested in adopting. We are anticipating a great deal of interest in these TAILS program dogs.