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Fences For Fido will unchain 1000th dog on March 28th

Portland, OR, March 3, 2015 – Fences For Fido, the Portland-based non-profit organization that builds fences free of charge for families with dogs living outdoors on chains, is thrilled to announce an incredible milestone: the unchaining of their 1000th fido on Saturday, March 28th in Gaston, Oregon.

"Cupcake" is a 2-year-old shepherd mix, will have her fence built by a dedicated group of Fences For Fido volunteers. She will also be given a new, insulated doghouse decorated by 6th grade students at Chehalem Valley Middle School in Newberg. The build begins at 9:00 a.m. and falls on the eve of the organization's 6th anniversary.

"Each dog we unchain is known and loved regardless of the number," says Fences For Fido founder Kelly Peterson. "The number is important and symbolic only because it demonstrates what we have accomplished together."

Those accomplishments include the championing of <u>Oregon's Anti-Tethering Law (HB 2783)</u>, which has been in place for just over a year. This law—in addition to Fences For Fido's commitment to assisting chained dogs in need—has already been instrumental in helping animal control and law enforcement see to the untethering of many dogs, including Cupcake.

Fences For Fido will be honored for their involvement in the passage of the law by the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association on March 7th, at the Oregon Veterinary Conference.

Members of the media and all Fences for Fido supporters are encouraged to come out and celebrate Cupcake's special day, when the spirit of this organization is on full display in the eyes of a joyful, unchained dog.

Please contact Fences For Fido for exact location and build details.

About Fences For Fido

Fences For Fido, <u>an all-volunteer</u> 501(c)(3), improves the quality of life for chained dogs living outside in the elements day and night. We attend to all needs by building a fence, removing the chain, supplying a warm dog house, providing critical veterinary care along with spay/neuter, and returning yearly to ensure the dog lives a safe, un-chained life. Additional information, images and video are available at <u>www.FencesForFido.org</u>.

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