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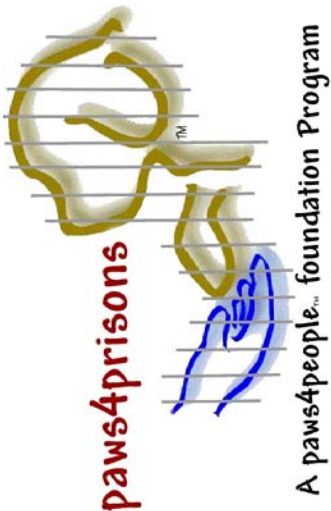
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Preston County Animal Shelter Joins paws4prisons™ to SAVE DOGS!

The Preston County Animal Shelter is pleased to announce our new partnership with the **paws4prisons™** Program, which will place some of our shelter dogs in the **paws4prisons™** Shelter/Rescue Training Program (SRTP) at the US Penitentiary Hazelton, Bruceton, Mills, WV, to be trained as community dogs.



We are proud to introduce the first dog accepted into this program, GENEVA! GENEVA will be trained as a community (adoptable) dog in the **paws4prisons™ SRTP**.

GENEVA will receive basic obedience training, and after completing the program will, be returned to the PCAS for adoption to a lucky

“DEATH ROW PUP”



By Linda S.
Inmate
paws4prisons™
Program Support Specialist

The newest of our four-legged friends at USP Hazelton's Secure Female Facility (SFF) is an unusual little pup of many pedigrees. She is every color imaginable -- grey speckles and golden speckles, brown, white, tan, and black patches. Her hair is medium length with lovely waves on her back and impressive “feathers” of fur on her tail. Her name is Miss GENEVA and she is a Corgi mix. Mr. Henry, Co-Executive Director, **paws4prisons™** lovingly refers to her as a “Heinz 87” because she certainly has more than the standard “Heinz 57” mixes in her! GENEVA has itty, bitty, short little legs. But don't underestimate those little legs because they are muscular and very strong! GENEVA has a very sweet personality and an adorable presence – She is definitely one of “THE

person or family. GENEVA is an Australian Cattle Dog-Corgi mix under a year old as of September 2007. She was found roaming around as a stray with her brother and sister. She has a very nice temperament and should do very well in her training.

The Preston County Animal Shelter looks forward to additional dogs being trained in this program throughout the coming years. Dogs entering the program must be spayed or neutered, up-to-date on all vaccines, wormed, free of fleas/ticks, and have routine testing for common canine diseases. Businesses or individuals may sponsor a PCAS dog's participation in this program. Please contact the shelter for details.

BEST™ **paws4prisons™** ambassadors we have on the SFF Hazelton compound. Inmates who were wary of the larger dogs have quickly taken a special liking to our short little lady!

Miss GENEVA is extra special because she was on “Puppy Death Row” and was just two days away from being euthanized at the Preston County Animal Shelter when she was selected for the **paws4prisons™** Shelter/Rescue Training Program (**SRTP**). How lucky for us that GENEVA was released on “Puppy Parole” to our compound for rehabilitation, training, and eventual release.



GENEVA
SRTP's first-pooch!

On September 21, 2007, Ms. Jodeen Johnnie, Director of the Preston County Animal Shelter (PCAS), where GENEVA previously resided,



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and Mrs. Helen Nikirk, the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee of PCAS, turned over GENEVA'S leash to her new-found friend and trainer, SFF Inmate Gail M. There was not a dry eye in the room when GENEVA arrived. We all truly felt that we could make a big difference with GENEVA because we had the opportunity to give her a new life -- literally!

We welcome “Little Miss GENEVA” to SFF and wish her well

in her rehabilitation and training. She is learning very quickly and has already mastered several of her required commands and some extra ones to boot (or is that paw?). And, in the not-too-distant future, a lucky individual will have the opportunity to adopt this bright and loving canine, thus providing GENEVA with the “Pardon” she so very much deserves!

The USP – Hazelton DOGS



GENEVA

GENEVA, a mixed-breed [best guess: Australian Shepherd, Corgi and . . .], is the first dog selected for the **paws4prisons™** Shelter/Rescue Training Program at USP Hazelton in September 2008. GENEVA was selected for participation in this program two days before she would have been euthanized. GENEVA was obtained from the Preston County Animal Shelter, Kingwood, WV.

GENEVA was assigned to USPH Inmate Gale M. as her Primary Trainer.

GENEVA is receiving immersion training within the **paws4prisons™** Shelter/Rescue Training Program Command Set. This Command Set is specifically designed to train shelter/rescue dogs the basic skills necessary for a successful “adoption.” The main intent of this program is to aid rescued dogs to find their “forever homes,” and thereby decrease the possibility that they are returned to the shelter after they are adopted.

GENEVA is currently scheduled for her private adoption on February 26, 2008.



GENEVA'S
Primary Trainer