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Fences For Fido Receives Major ASPCA Grant To Unchain Dogs in SW Washington

Portland, OR—Fences For Fido is thrilled to announce that they are the recipient of a \$15,000 grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to be used for building fences, providing doghouses, and improving the lives of chained dogs in southwest Washington.

Fences For Fido co-founder Kelly Peterson says the funding is especially welcome because it will allow the organization to better serve dogs and their families in that region.

“We’ve been building fences in southwest Washington for many years now, and we know that the need has always outstripped our resources,” she says. “This generous grant will enable us to make a huge impact in the lives of chained dogs and the people who love them.”

The organization will provide services to qualifying families in Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Wahkiakum, Lewis, Pacific, and Klickitat counties.

“Fences for Fido has a demonstrated history of providing resources to families in need of assistance as well as educating the public about the damaging effects tethering has on dogs,” said Kevin O’Neill, ASPCA Vice President of State Affairs. “We are thrilled to grant this money to Fences for Fido in support of their work in Southern Washington.”

This year, the ASPCA is working with Senator Joe Fain in Olympia to pass statewide tethering requirements aimed at reducing the number of dogs on chains in Washington – a bill that is even more pressing given the volatile weather the state has endured this winter.

Families with chained or tethered dogs, or concerned citizens who are aware of a chained dog in the counties served can fill out a fence request at www.fencesforfido.org.

About Fences For Fido

Fences For Fido is an award-winning non-profit organization serving Northwest and Central Oregon and Southwest Washington whose mission is to improve life for dogs living outdoors by building fences free of charge for families who keep their dogs on chains, tethers, or in small enclosures. In addition to fences, a doghouse is provided for each dog as well as spay/neuter services and emergency veterinary care when needed. Since 2009, Fences for Fido has unchained nearly 1500 dogs and was instrumental in the passage of Oregon’s first anti-tethering law in 2014. The organization also actively supports and mentor unchaining groups all over the country, and have developed the [Unchained Planet](#) initiative to further this cause.

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