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Oregon and Washington Unchaining Groups Join Forces to Build Fences for Dogs in Lewis, Cowlitz, Thurston Counties

Portland, OR/Tacoma, WA—Fences For Fido and South Sound Freedom Fences have teamed to help dogs in Lewis, Cowlitz, and Thurston counties by building fences free of charge for families who keep their dogs outdoors on chains, tethers, and in small enclosed spaces.

Both groups are non-profit organizations serving limited regions: Fences For Fido builds fences in Central and Northwest Oregon as well as deep southwest Washington; South Sound Freedom Fences serves the greater Tacoma area.

Recently, Fences For Fido was awarded a grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to build fences in Washington in anticipation of the passage of the state's first anti-tethering law. That bill was signed into law this week.

"When we had some press about the grant, we were overwhelmed with requests from these three counties, which are in the far north of our service area, and far south of that of South Sound Freedom Fences," says Michele Coppola, Fences For Fido President. "We decided to try and help the dogs in these communities by teaming up."

The two groups will hold an informational meeting for people interested in volunteering and learning more about unchaining on Saturday, April 29th at the Chehalis Timberland Library, 419 North Market Blvd., at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and no fence-building experience is necessary, just a willing heart and love for canines.

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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.