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IN QUEST OF: OPPORTUNITY

BREAKING NEWS:

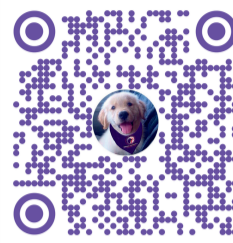
A wonderful opportunity has presented itself to Bergin University of Canine Studies (BUCS) and Paws for Purple Hearts (PPH): a fantastic new campus! Our new national headquarters has been acquired, with amenities that couldn't have been dreamed of in our current location.

Despite the efforts of the Board of Trustees, staff members, volunteers, and even an engineering firm, BUCS was unable to resolve water issues with the State of California. Had that been a rectifiable situation, we would have expanded BUCS on its present Penngrove site. Given the complexity of the issues, the Board directed the staff to try to find another location that would allow for the school's anticipated growth.

While sorry to leave the historic Green Mill site, staff began the search. After rejecting many unsuitable locations, a beautiful campus in Canyonville, Oregon was identified as a serious possibility. Board chairperson Dave Phillips, Board secretary/treasurer/architect Mark Quattrocchi, and Board member Clem Carinalli, began an in-depth investigation. This included hiring a company to assess building maintenance needs, perform a hazardous materials analysis, and review the title company's findings of the hundred-year-old site. Negotiations with the seller, and former high school, Canyonville Christian Academy (CCA), ensued at each stumbling block. Its location on the city of Canyonville's main street presented further challenges, but Quattrocchi's dialogue with City Planner Janelle Evans brought them to a happy resolution.

The final days of negotiation were literally filled with moments of holding one's breath. After many back-and-forth negotiations with the seller(s), an agreement had been reached! Bergin University of Canine Studies, together with partner Paws for Purple Hearts, became the owners of a 14-acre campus, just 435 miles north (6hr 43-minute drive) of our present location.

The property is beautifully set on the edge of historic downtown Canyonville, with easy access to amenities; it even includes a bridge with water running beneath it! The campus has three dormitories, seven apartments, eight+ classrooms, a house, administration office, large cafeteria, large exercise room and equipment, auditorium, faculty room, student café, chapel, music room, gymnasium, a double tennis court with a track surrounding it, and the lovely aforementioned creek that verges on the term "river". While located in a small community, the campus is only a short drive to urban cities and amenities (see campus pictures attached).



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With buildings ranging in age from just six years old to over 100, there are a number of improvements planned for the near, and long term, future. The next several months will be spent preparing the buildings for our students and staff members, with conferences and classes anticipated to start in Summer 2023. It will be very exciting to see our new campus brimming with staff, students, and dogs!

Taking advantage of hybrid work options, BUCS and PPH staff unable to make the move to Canyonville will work remotely in Sonoma County. Students' coursework will continue through the spring, until the official start in Canyonville expected for Summer 2023.

We look forward to sharing more with you about our new campus in the coming months and are so excited about the possibilities that these enhanced facilities will bring our students and staff.



Kerry and Abdul's Garden



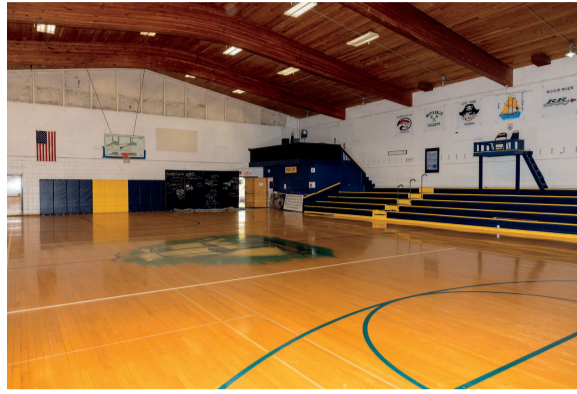
Canyonville Academy

14 acre campus = 56656 square meter campus size

Canyonville Photos (cont'd)



Library



Gymnasium



Auditorium



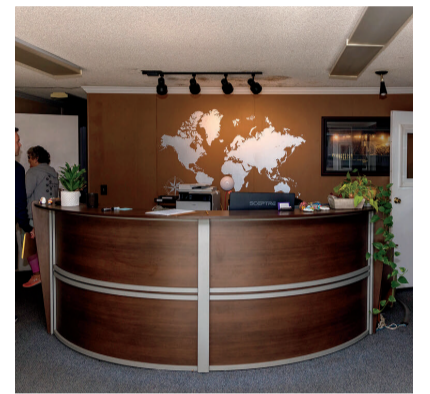
Student Café

A note from the Board of Trustees Chairman, Dave Phillips:

To all the Bergin University supporters who've been behind our mission to elevate the dog into a scholarly subject of study and to enhance the human-dog relationship: My sincerest appreciation to each and every one of you. From those of you who started with us in 1991 in Cotati, moved with us to Rohnert Park, helped us at Los Guilicos and again at Sebastopol Rd in Santa Rosa, then back to Rohnert Park's Labath Ave, to our present location in Penngrove.

With the state reducing the number of Bergin University staff, students and volunteers on our campus to twenty-four per day, coupled with our students inability to find affordable housing, we felt compelled to move once again to a campus that will allow us to take our students' canine education to greater heights, both experientially and scientifically.

We hope, despite the increased distance, our stakeholders will continue to participate in our efforts.



Reception Desk



Faculty Lounge



Computer Lab



Weight Room



Creek



Library (cont'd)



Tennis Court



Dorm Room



Classroom



Shaffer Hall



Dorm Bathroom



Class of 2022

Students

Associate of Science • Assistance Dog Education

Not pictured: Johnathan Hoerer



Mary Lynne Bement

John Wilson Colley

Kayla Gilbert

Angela Husband

Dria Kasunich

Nancy Newman

Sam Riley

Christina Southern

Bachelor of Science • Cynology

Not pictured: Stephen Moore



Noely Zitlaly Cazares-Munoz

Rena Corban

Salianna Paloma Goss

Holly Hinote

Beatriz Padilla

Ann Dempsey Schemel

Megan Sivillo

Master of Science • Human-Canine Life Sciences



Asher Belden

Mandy Hansen

Krystal Inman

Kimberly Lancaster

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Mathew Miller

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Ashley Torres

Clients

Service Dog Team

Facility Dog Team



Julia & Pepper

Megan & Dora

Chantal & Del



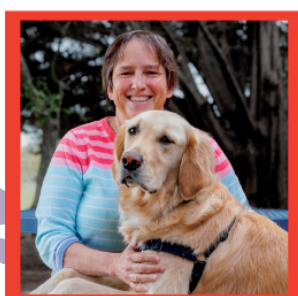
Ellen & Nando



Greta & Bosco



Sharilyn & Gilmore



Elena & Oprah



Nelson & Charles

We express our deepest appreciation for a special supporter that left us in their will. They felt strongly about our mission and our endeavors warmed their heart. May this supporter and their family rest with ease knowing that their contributions have made a lasting impact on our organization.

Our most sincere gratitude goes out to you, as we send many tail-wags.

If you would like to leave Bergin University of Canine Studies in your trust, consider leaving a legacy with a charitable bequest today! Thank you for choosing to fuel our program and expand the human-canine relationship.



Our most recent litters!



Mama Nestle



Mama Iris

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