Four-legged companions helping troubled youth change their lives.
Since 1993 the internationally emulated and award-winning Project POOCH® has rescued and saved hundreds of lives. By matching unwanted dogs with incarcerated youth in a program that prepares each for a new beginning, these four-legged companions help their young trainers refocus their own lives as well.

One of the greatest testaments to their success was evidenced in an early study consisting of 100 Project POOCH youth, indicating that none had returned to corrections once they were paroled—a rate of zero percent recidivism.

In their own words...
...being taught to care for and appreciate these animals, we learn to have compassion for things other than ourselves...  
— Pooch Youth B.N.

...my life has changed a lot because of helping the dogs. I became a responsible person because my dog depends on me...  
— Pooch Youth I.S.

...from the first day Emma arrived from Pooch she has been pure joy. All of our lives have changed for the better!  
— Pooch Adopter M.U.

Guided by a team of professionals, these juvenile offenders at the MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility work with their dogs daily, practicing the principles of positive reinforcement and behavior modification. It is with these same principles that they learn to manage their own behavior as well.
Built on a **foundation** of emotional support and mutual trust, the young men and their dogs are the heart and soul of this program. For each, this relationship might be their first ever experience with unconditional love.

**Pooch** dogs come from local shelters; abused, neglected and branded as unadoptable. Many are on the verge of euthanization. **Project Pooch** is their last chance. With patience, guidance and understanding, these dogs again learn to trust. As a testament to their success, every **Pooch** dog earns its AKC Canine Good Citizen Certificate upon graduation.

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By working **together**, both are rewarded. **Pooch** dogs leave this program with a new leash on life, ready to be adopted into new, loving homes. And the young men leave this program ready to re-enter their community with new skills and goals, including a compassion and respect for all living things.

It is through this bond that boy and dog together learn that success comes not through intimidation, but through trust.
Adopting a Pooch: Finding a dog a forever home is one of our most important responsibilities. Careful screening and in-home visits help to ensure a good match between adopters and their new Pooch. Please visit us at www.pooch.org/adopt to see all of our happy canine friends and to learn more about meeting the Pooch of your dreams.

Mission Statement:
Project POOCH, Inc.® provides opportunities for youth in corrections to develop the personal and vocational skills they will need to become responsible, productive members of the community. The program accomplishes this by teaching youth to care for and train shelter dogs for adoption.

Project POOCH is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and receives no government funding. We rely solely on private donations and your support.

Some of the ways you can help:
- donate funds
- mentor a youth
- foster a dog
- volunteer your time
- provide supplies
- adopt a dog

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Joan Dalton, MST, Project POOCH founder and Executive Director, was a 2008 Animal Planet Hero of the Year finalist. Learn more about her at www.joandalton.com.
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