

K-9 PenPals At The Nebraska State Penitentiary

(11/29/2005)

Nebraska Inmate Dog Handlers Giving Shelter Dogs a Second Chance

Nebraska State Penitentiary inmates volunteer in the K-9 PenPal program to obedience train and socialize dogs selected from the Beatrice Humane Society, Capital Humane Society, Central Nebraska Humane Society and NOAH'S Assistance Dogs.

This program is a true form of rehabilitation for the inmates. Inmates must focus on a dog and their needs rather than just think about themselves and their situation. Inmates are also given a chance to give back to society in a positive manner and contribute to a solution for the growing problem of uncared for and unwanted animals.

After completion of the program, dogs are then adopted to area families as pets or go on for further training to become assistance dogs for persons living with disabilities. These K-9 PenPals become better canine citizens and have a second chance at a life long relationship with a loving family. For information on K-9 PenPals or adoption please contact 402-489-8223 or e-mail k9penpals@diodecom.net