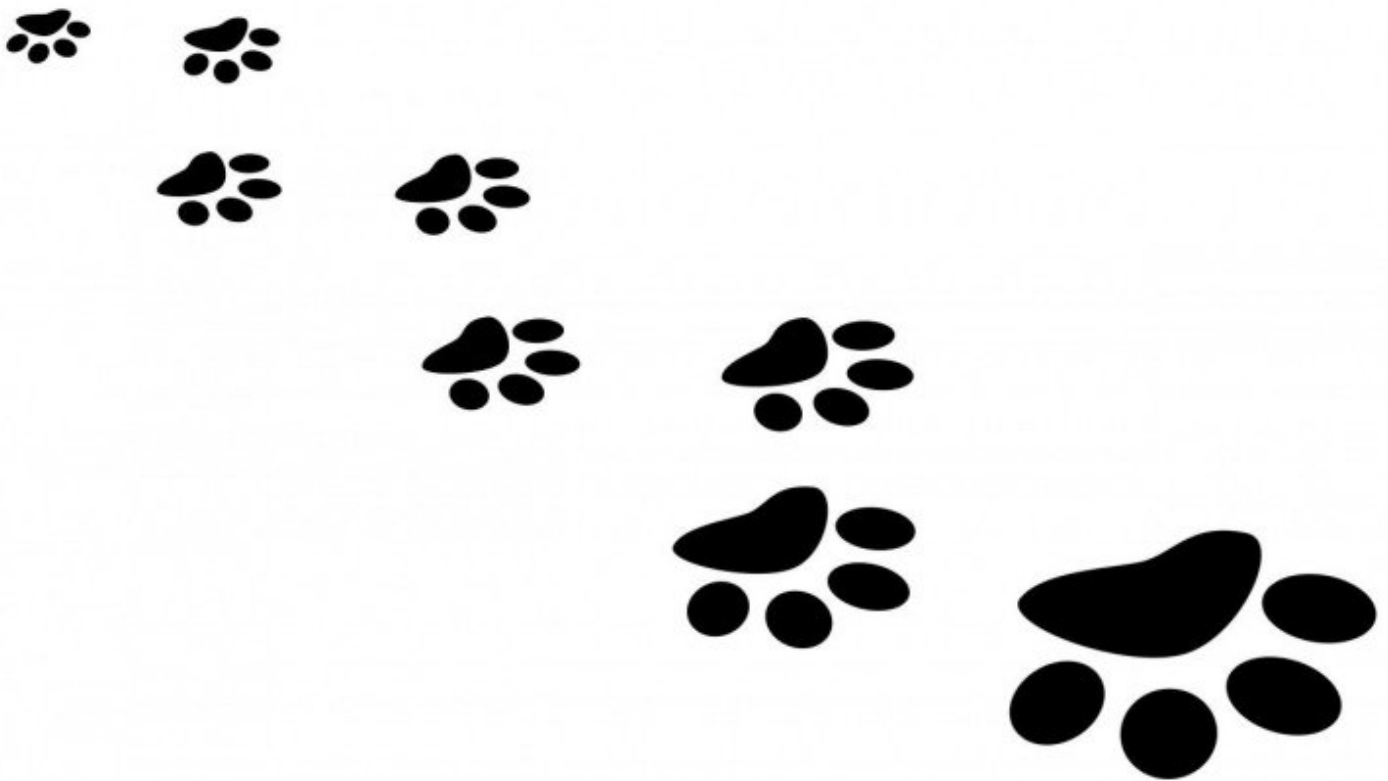


A DOG DAY AFTERNOON AT THE COOP

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A PACK OF COOP CANINES SAT AND WAGGED FOR MEMBER-PHOTOGRAPHER JACKSON KRULE

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They sit or they lie down on the sidewalk, patiently waiting for their human to return. If the timing is right, they meet others like them during Canine Rush Hours (after school, when parents and their children stop by for a quick shop with their dogs in tow; or when people grab a few things before dinner while taking dogs for their evening walk). “Sometimes there is a whole pack out there!” says Elly Dittmar, Membership Coordinator and dog admirer.

A beat-up aluminum dog bowl lives by the bench near the entrance. Sometimes a walking shift worker fills it; other times a dog owner is moved to do so. It's not a scientific system, and there's only one rule: Dogs must be secured to the bench, and away from the door. "I think it would be great if we could add a dog shift," said a Coop member named Ronna, whose dog Shelby accompanies her to and from the Coop. "Everyone would want that job!"



ALL TIED UP

"The Coop is the only place I would ever tie her up. She's safe." – Ronna, Shelby's owner



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"Millie likes coming to the Coop if it's not too crowded. She has some human friends who she's gotten to know. She also knows the aisle where the treats are!" - Rebecca, Millie's owner



FIERCE ATTACHMENTS

"I hope he doesn't take too long. I wonder what they sell in there..." - Miranda, waiting for her owner

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