



PUPPIES FOR PAROLE

Join us for our 5,000th adoption celebration

1:30 p.m. Friday, June 1

Jefferson City Correctional Center

Please arrive early to allow time for security check.

**RSVP to Carol Benskin
by May 25**



P4P's 5,000th adoption

Ellie is a Redbone Coonhound mix who came into the Puppies for Parole program from the Grabb Animal Shelter in Fulton, Missouri, where she was found as a stray with her mother. When she was four months old, she was enrolled in the S.T.A.R.S. (Socialization Training for Animal's Reentry into Society) P4P program at Algoa Correctional Center (ACC) in Jefferson City, Missouri, to learn basic obedience. Because she was a puppy, she took a little longer to train than a more mature dog. She was easily excitable and preferred to play with the other dogs rather than greet them and moving on. She will immediately sit perfectly or lie down when she knows a treat is nearby. Playing fetch is her favorite activity, especially if a squeaky ball is involved. Although she is now 10 months old, she is still very much a puppy. Her handlers put a lot of work into developing her into the great dog she is.

Ellie was adopted upon first glance by ACC employee Brian Hogue. He already had another coonhound at home, and when he saw her, he knew she needed to join his family. Brian has always liked hound dogs and their distinctive baying sounds. He has had several hounds as pets throughout his life, and he says they are good dogs and make wonderful pets. Brian is not going to use Ellie to hunt as many do with hounds, but she will get plenty of exercise loving her new family.

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