

# LINN TOLLES DEPINET '86

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Since retiring from the City of Oregon, Linn has been a full-time volunteer for the Friends of the Lucas County Dogs. She welcomes these dogs into her home which require her complete attention in not only providing the basic necessities of food, shelter and water, but making them feel safe. Without feeling safe, it is difficult for a dog not only to survive but to thrive. It is such a rewarding job. However, it can be draining emotionally. It can be upsetting to witness upfront the abuse and neglect these dogs have been through. Despite all of this, she puts her emotions aside and puts the dogs first ensuring they feel loved.

Her Facebook posts about these dogs shows the deep love and connection she feels. It is her divine purpose in life to help heal these dogs.

Without the help of Linn, these dogs would be wandering the streets struggling to survive. She helps them heal so they can be adopted to loving families.

Most of us love dogs. However, she puts her love into action.

Having fostering a senior, blind Pit Bull myself, I know how time consuming it can be. However, she is continually taking in new dogs - Something I applaud her for in taking on this heavy responsibility.

My heart goes out to her as work never ends. She deserves to be "seen" and know her work is making a difference in the community.