



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Woman Arrested in Theft of Companion Dog

November 30, 2015—Sheriff's Deputies responded to a location of a dog that was reported stolen in December 2014. The dog was located and the woman who reportedly stole him was arrested.

On November 30, 2015, at 1:34 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were called to a possible location of a stolen Australian Shepard dog named Pippin in the 18400 block of SW Parrett Mountain Road in the community of Sherwood. It was reported that the dog was reported stolen from the front of a store in Beaverton on December 14, 2014.



**Pippin with Deputy Jim Rue**

A Sheriff's Deputy contacted Penelope Whipple, 54, at her residence on SW Parrett Mountain Road. Ms. Whipple matched the description of the person that took the dog given to the Beaverton Police Officer when the theft was originally reported. The Sheriff's Deputy also saw a dog that matched the description of the one stolen. The Sheriff's Deputy took the dog to the Banfield Pet Hospital where they verified through the dog's chip that it was indeed the stolen dog in question.

The Sheriff's Deputy returned at 3:48 p.m., and arrested Ms. Whipple at her residence. The dog's owner picked up her dog and was planning on surprising her children with a reunion this evening.

Penelope Anne Whipple was lodged in the Washington County Jail, charged with First Degree Theft (Companion Animal). She is held on \$5,000 bail. There is the possibility of additional charges as the investigation continues.