



Darin Campbell

Working Dogs Oregon
Executive Director

Darin Campbell is the Executive Director and co-founder of Working Dogs Oregon, a nonprofit organization dedicated to training and donating comfort, wellness, and service dogs to law enforcement agencies, veterans, and community partners across the Pacific Northwest. A lifelong Oregonian born in Portland and raised in Eugene, Campbell has spent decades working at the intersection of public service, community engagement, and advocacy. His work focuses on harnessing the extraordinary bond between humans and dogs to improve officer wellness, support victims of crime, and strengthen trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Under Campbell's leadership, Working Dogs Oregon has developed innovative programs that place highly trained comfort and wellness dogs within police and sheriff's offices throughout Oregon. These dogs serve as powerful tools for first responder wellness, helping officers process the cumulative stress of critical incidents, while also supporting victims during times of trauma and crisis. Beyond the walls of police departments, these dogs regularly engage with schools, community groups, and public events, becoming ambassadors of compassion that help humanize law enforcement and build meaningful connections with the public.

Central to this mission is Working Dogs Oregon's "Raising Heroes Puppy Program," which brings together volunteer puppy raisers, professional trainers, and law enforcement agencies to prepare dogs for service careers focused on emotional support, community outreach, and crisis response. The program reflects Campbell's belief that strong community partnerships are the foundation of effective public safety.

Campbell brings more than three decades of experience in government affairs, public policy, and communications to his leadership role. Professionally, he served as Director of Marketing, Media, and Government Affairs for Radio Cab Company. Through that role he became the Chair of the Private for Hire Transportation Advisory Committee at PBOT where he works extensively on transportation policy and regulatory issues. His background in coalition building and public engagement has helped expand Working Dogs Oregon's partnerships with law enforcement agencies, civic organizations, and community leaders across the region.

In addition to his nonprofit and professional work, Campbell is deeply engaged in Oregon's civic life. He serves as a Director for the Portland Rose Festival Foundation, contributing to major community events including Fleet Week and the Starlight Parade. He is also a passionate advocate for disability rights and service dog education, regularly working with businesses, schools, and government agencies to promote awareness and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Campbell's passion for the mission of Working Dogs Oregon is rooted in a simple but powerful belief: that dogs possess an extraordinary ability to heal, connect, and comfort people during life's most difficult moments. Through his work, he continues to expand programs that bring these remarkable animals into service—supporting first responders, uplifting communities, and demonstrating what he often calls the "Power of doG."

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