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The Passing of Pollock

Guidedog Pollock: March 1996 – February 2010.

Pollock was an import, born; puppy raised and initially trained in Victoria but spent nearly his entire working life here at the University of Western Australia.

Each weekday morning, mostly in the dark of predawn, Pollock would guide me through the streets of Nedlands down to UWA, and the workday at CLIMA.

Pollock’s working career at CLIMA spanned the years 2001 through to September 2009, at which time he retired. After 6 months of blissful retirement in late February this year a trip to the vet brought about the discovery of inoperable cancer in Pollock’s front leg. I had to make the uneasy decision to have Pollock put to sleep.

Pollock’s working life at UWA I can only imagine was a bit of a dream for him, trees everywhere, hob knobbing with Vice Chancellors, Deans, Ministers, Governor’s General, Professors, researchers, a Prime Minister and even a face to face meeting with the Prince of Wales; he was at ease with everyone. Pollock loved to guide through the lush greenery of the UWA campus at Crawley; And as he lived and loved it so much when an opportunity to sprinkle Pollock’s ashes in the new landscaping in front of the CRC wing arose; I decided that would make a fitting resting place For a faithful friend.

ON an early March morning a small gathering of UWA, CLIMA, FFICRC and FNAS staff and friends paid our last respects to a much loved colleague and mentor. Pollock will now be forever part of this university.

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