



Celebrate Gold

Christy Atkinson
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Dog Safety

Christy Atkinson has been a girl member for ten years in Troop 1026 in Service Unit 671. Christy graduated from Mill Valley High School as part of the Class of 2024.

Christy worked with Swanson's Doggie Daycare to improve conditions for dogs and workers. If an older or scared dog refused to hop into a raised tub, workers were often forced to lift large dogs, putting strain on the workers and adding stress to the dog's situation. To solve this, Christy built stairs that were able to be pulled down in front of the bath for easy access, but also stored out of the way when not in use.

Additionally, Christy found that in the play yard, waste was not being disposed of safely, leading to a situation where dogs could access waste and eat it, leading to possible parasites, bacterial infections, and viruses. To help with this problem, Christy installed enclosed trash cans and built a new set of stairs for workers to more easily access the dumpster. She also created a new waste schedule to ensure that waste was disposed of in a timely manner.