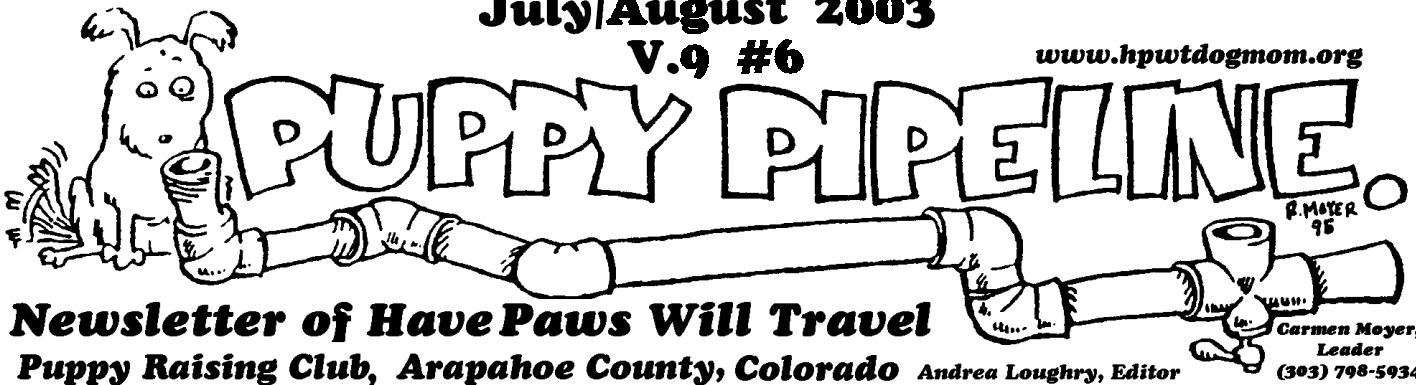


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Newsletter of Have Paws Will Travel

Puppy Raising Club, Arapahoe County, Colorado Andrea Loughry, Editor

HPWT SCHEDULE

July 8th Training meeting at the County Extension building, 7:00 p.m.

July 22nd Social Outing, Downtown Denver. Meet at the Littleton Light Rail station on Prince Street at 6:45 p.m. We will ride the train downtown. Please RSVP to Carmen if you can't attend.

July 29th Training and business meeting at the County Extension building, 7:00 p.m.

August 12th Training meeting at the County Extension building, 7:00pm.

August 19th Club picnic at Randa's at 7:00 p.m. Everyone be ready to sign up to bring something. This social outing is for *people*, so puppies are optional for this event.

August 26th Training and business meeting at the County Extension building, 7:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Kong Work Day - July 12th, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Call Dot Dill if you can attend. The last group of people who worked earned over \$100 each! What a great way to earn the price of a ticket to graduation or enough to bring a career change dog home!



COUNTY FAIR

4-H Guide Dog Project members bring your entries for judging to the County Extension building (where we meet) on Tuesday, July 22nd. Arapahoe County 4-H General Exhibit will be open to the public on Wednesday, July 23rd from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Make plans to come and support our super 4-H'ers, Kelsey Rea and Wendy Kalkus!

NEW PUPPIES

Have Paws Will Travel received three new puppies on the June 28th puppy truck.

Chris & Janet Ford and Sue Green will co-raise a male yellow lab named FOGERTY. For Chris & Janet FOGERTY is puppy number five. He is Sue Green's sixth puppy. Fords and Greens have been taking a break from the patter of little paws, so it's super to have these long-time members actively raising a puppy again!

Wendy Kalkus' new puppy, a beautiful male black lab named FERRARI, was born at the Guide Dog Foundation in New York, and flew in on June 27th.

Wendy, who was born in Morristown, NJ, has wanted to raise a puppy since she was eight years old; a trip back to do a report on The Seeing Eye sparked her interest. Wendy has two younger brothers, Kevin (5) and Trevor (11), and a sister, Kira (9).



Wendy is 14 and going into 9th grade at D' Evely Jr./Sr. High School. The kids' pets include a love bird, a turtle, a rabbit, saltwater fish, and an Australian Shepherd named Reiny. Plenty of deer, coyote, owls, and even skunks visit their foot-hills home! When not training FERRARI, Wendy plays the flute, sings and loves sports. Wendy says she is "so excited to be part of this wonderful organization!"

Kristi Anderson and family received JET, a male black lab. Kristi works part time processing home loans. Mark is a mechanic for the FBI. The kids are home schooled: Tori is going into 6th grade, Kati and Stevi are going into 4th grade, and Elizabeth is going into 2nd grade. They have a pet yellow lab named Duke. Tori is beginning her 3rd year at *Westernaires* and Kati and Stevi are beginning their 2nd. Elizabeth is taking a ballet class until she is old enough to join her sisters at *Westernaires*. Family hobbies include camping and boating.

FUTURE PUPPY RECALLS

August 9th AMIGA and FADA are scheduled for this truck.

October Two Trucks, two weeks apart. These will be the last puppy trucks of the year.

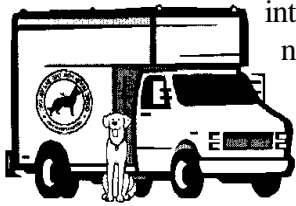
Truck to Oregon: KIMMY, TERESA, TEXAN & WARD.

Truck to San Rafael: WONDER.

The puppy truck schedule is entirely driven by the date that dogs are needed on campus. Recall dates are set by the Training Department; dogs need to arrive in time for eye, heart and orthopaedic evaluations. Puppies are chosen for each campus randomly, based on the need to split litters between campuses and balance the ratio of breeds as much as possible.

With eight western states raising puppies, Guide Dogs plans

truck trips to take driving conditions into account. Our mountains are not the easiest thing to cross when the weather is unpredictable! That's why we don't have puppy deliveries to Colorado in winter.



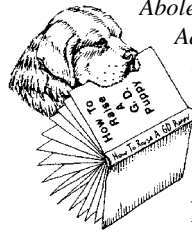
There is a long waiting list and a limited number of new puppies for these shipments. If you want a baby puppy to kiss away the tears when you load your returning dog, it is imperative to get your application in right away! It is entirely possible that there will not be enough puppies to fill all the applications, and new raisers especially may be facing a wait until next spring; just think what great raisers they will make after puppy sitting and being involved all winter while waiting for their puppy! Puppies will continue to be placed according to the date when applications are received.

THANK YOU

I always knew that dog people were the best but I recently had a chance to be on the receiving end of some wonderful support and I want to let everyone know that it is indeed true. Dog people, in particular puppy raisers, are the best around when you need a hand. A special thank you goes to the Shanteau family who puppy sat LAREDO for a bit over two weeks. I'm completely impressed with how LAREDO came back to us and hope that their whole family knows that they have my gratitude for all the love and patience they provided for our puppy during his stay.

—Jane Smoak

ASK ABBIE



Abolene is a career change golden and co-raiser of ten puppies.

Address questions to Abbie c/o the editor or e-mail at abbie@hpwtdogmom.org

Dear Abbie:

My new baby brother picks up everything in his mouth—rocks, socks, sticks, pens, paper, you name it! Yesterday he ate up three crayons and one of mom's flip-flops. Mom yells at him, but that only makes him run away with his ill-gotten chew toy. I can't remember chewing when I was a puppy in training, and I certainly know better now that I've had a change of career! What can my mom do to make him stop already! I'm tired of all that yelling.

—Wise Guy

Dear Wise:

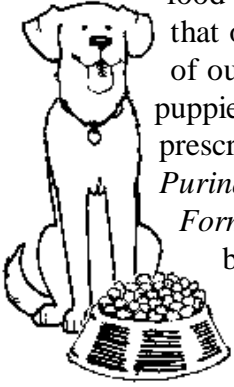
Little puppies, like human babies, explore their world by picking things up with their mouths. With oral breeds like goldens and labs, the drive to "mouth" things is doubly strong. This is a problem where prevention is 98% of the cure. Tell your mom to keep the puppy on the leash at all times and watch him closely. She can even attach the leash to her belt loop or ankle to help keep him close. In addition to picking up off-limits objects, she needs to make sure he doesn't chew his leash or get entangled. If she can't watch him, then the best place for him is in his kennel, where at least he can't be learning bad habits. Your mom should keep a toy close by at all times and encourage him to chew on that. After a while, he will begin to understand the difference between his own toys and everything else, and will begin to prefer the toys. Then he can start dragging the leash. If he picks something up and starts to run with it, your mom can step on the leash and stop the keep-away immediately, then praise the puppy for giving up the item, and replace it with a toy. A couple of weeks of intensive training up-front will make the rest of the year with him much easier! If the puppy should ingest something accidentally, tell your mom to keep whatever bits are left. This is especially true if another puppy is having a sleep-over at your house—if a vet visit is required, those pieces will help tell the vet how big a belly ache the ill-gotten item will cause the hapless pup! And take heart, after he's through teething, his chew-drive will decrease considerably.

**Celebrate
HeartGard Day
The 1st of each month!**

NEW FOOD PROCEDURES

Feeding puppies on the GDB campus

The GDB Kennel staff have been conducting a puppy food trial to explore new or modified diets that optimize the health and development of our dogs. As a result of this study, all puppies on campus, without specific prescription diet needs, will be fed *Nestle's Purina Pro Plan Large Breed Puppy Formula*. Our Kennel and Veterinary staff believe that this food offers quality nutrition for our large breed dogs, combined with high digestibility and less stool.



Feeding puppies in the raiser home

New puppies will be eating Nestle's Purina Pro Plan Large Breed Puppy Formula on campus. Puppies will no longer be leaving campus with a bag or container of food. Raisers need to prepare for their puppy's arrival by purchasing a bag of Purina Pro Plan Large Breed Puppy Formula. If they wish and with the leader's approval, they can leave the puppy on that food or transition the puppy to one of our other options as discussed in the nutritional policy.

Preparing a puppy for return to GDB

Both campuses now routinely feed twice a day. Therefore, *we are no longer asked to place older puppies on a once-a-day feeding routine*. You may continue to feed twice a day through recall if desired. If an individual puppy does best on once a day or has already successfully transitioned to a-once-a-day routine it is okay to continue! When filling out the end-of-project record, the question, "if feeding twice a day, why?" no longer applies. We still need to transition our dogs to Eukanuba adult food before their return for harness training, however.

PURINA FOOD DONATION

Purina donated ninety-six 40 lb. bags of Pro Plan Large Breed Puppy Formula for the puppies on the June 28th. We distributed 68 bags of ProPlan to ten puppy raising clubs. All 20 new puppies received two forty lb. bags, and current puppies ten old months and younger received one bag. (Puppies eleven months and older should already be switched to Eukanuba and did not qualify for the giveaway). Extra bags will be stored and distributed at the August puppy delivery.

PUPPY KISSES

🐾 Sloppy Kisses and wildly wagging tails to James Creasey for his tireless efforts in lining up the food donation from Purina.



🐾 To Carmen Moyer for coordinating the food distribution at the puppy truck on June 28th. Sloppy kisses to Tom Moyer for taking his flat-bed trailer and picking up 3840 lbs of dog food and bringing it to the Extension Office for delivery!

🐾 To Tom Moyer for photographing the food giveaway and to Andrea Loughry for putting the photos on our website, the better to thank Purina for the donation.

🐾 To Ford & DAYTONA, Landert & TERESA, and Loughry & TEXAN for participating in the formal CGC test. Congratulations to TERESA & TEXAN for officially becoming Canine Good Citizens.

🐾 To Kelsey & Sheila Rea for caring for brand new puppy FERRARI while the Kalkus family was out of town.

🐾 To James Creasey for buying three kennels—two of them extra large—in excellent condition at a yard sale. Together they cost less than the price of one new extra large kennel!

🐾 To Kelsey & Sheila Rea and WONDER for helping Leonard Decker man the National Eye Foundation's informational booth at S.W. Plaza on July 5th. NEF is organizing public awareness and showcasing different services available to the blind and visually impaired at different malls this summer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

You have a wonderful website. I particularly like the way you've showcased your retired guides. What a lovely tribute.

I'm a puppy raiser in Medford, Oregon, raising my 6th puppy. She's a yellow Lab six months old. She is brassy, sassy, stubborn, and full of herself, but oh, we are totally in love with her! My fifth puppy, a Golden, Sharon, is in phase 10 in Boring.

Thanks for such a great site with so many pictures.

Cindy Hauser



REMINDERS

New baby puppies will be issued puppy coats when they are able to walk nicely on a lead and have a good concept of their relieving habits and are able to handle short outings. (Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis for puppies socializing at approved work settings). Raisers should concentrate on in-home behavior and simple obedience for the first few weeks. Ask Carmen or refer to the puppy manual for more information.

Puppy reports are due without fail at the 4th Tuesday meeting of each month. That gives our leaders time to review the information and get them to our Puppy Raising Advisor by the end of the month when they are due to her. Plus, dropping it off in person saves the trouble of having to fax it in later.

Book your sitter early if you are traveling this summer and plan to leave your pup at home. If you are traveling with your puppy, be sure to fill out a travel form and fax it to Carmen. Forms are available at http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/travel_form.html

GRADUATE RETURNED

JASPER, a male golden retriever raised by Andrea Loughry, graduated in march but was returned to Guide Dogs after developing relieving problems related to stress. The GDB trainers hope JASPER can be re-issued to another partner with a less hectic lifestyle. His progress should appear soon on the weekly puppy report.

WEBSITE EXCITEMENT

Check out a new page for Retired Guides at http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/retiring_guides.html. If you know of any retirements we don't have on the web, or if our information needs updating, please let us know! Also, check out the photos of the June 28th puppy delivery on the Events page.

DOGGIE TALES

"Dogs don't read...but they love a good story!" The *Doggie Tales* program at Arapahoe Library District introduces children in grades 1-5 to a four-legged friend...and then the magic begins. Each child selects a fun book to read to his or her new doggie pal. Tails wag as tales are told and each child practices his or her reading skills with a new friend who loves a good story and won't interrupt or criticize.

We need career change dogs and older puppies in training to volunteer for this program. The sessions are always from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month, and rotate to various Arapahoe Library District branches. Volunteers should plan to arrive fifteen minutes early for training and to get settled in before the children show up. During the two hours, dogs are read to by four children, with each child reading for about 20 minutes. Most career change dogs and puppies six months or older would qualify to participate; contact Carmen if you need help evaluating if your puppy is ready for the program. If you are available and would like to help out, contact Kelsey Rea at timandsheila@msn.com.

DOGGIE TALES SCHEDULE

- August 2nd - Koelbel Main Library
- September 6th - Koelbel Main Library
- October 4th - Castlewood Branch
- November 8th - Smoky Hill Branch
- December 6th - Smoky Hill Branch



Driving directions and a map to each Doggie Tales location, are located on the "Jobs for Career Change Dogs" page of our website at <http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/doggietales.html>.

YOUR NAME HERE!

If you have a story, article, poem, or artwork you'd like to share, submit it to the editor and see your name in print and on the website!

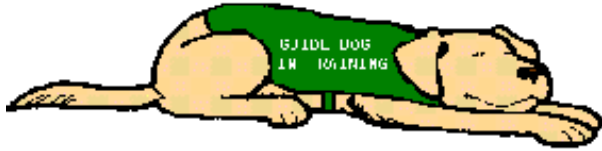


Nothing is too much trouble for love.
~Desmond Tutu

SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED A NAP

By Carol Fey

TRAPPER, a 45 pound, 5-month-old yellow lab puppy, went with me to the Radiant Panel Association (RPA) convention in Sacramento this spring. As you would expect, there are many things to be learned traveling with a puppy. It turned out that those things weren't at all what I expected. But not surprisingly, several apply to controls:



- Things are not always what they seem to be.
- People often read one thing and see something else entirely.
- You can't do your job very well if someone's stepping on your tail.
- Sometimes you just need a nap.

Here's the scoop on the pup. TRAPPER is a puppy-in-training for the organization Guide Dogs for the Blind. My friend Patrick and I are raising him. For the next year or so our job as volunteers is to expose TRAPPER to every situation we can find, so that when he's a guide dog, nothing will surprise him. That means we

can take him everywhere people go—restaurants, bars, movie theaters, the passenger compartment of airplanes, and even RPA conventions. When TRAPPER'S about 1-1/2 years old, he'll go back to the Guide Dogs school for 5 months of guide training. Then he'll be paired up with his blind person and together they'll get another month of training at the Guide Dogs campus. Finally they'll be turned loose into the blind person's everyday life.

Carol Fey is a monthly columnist for Plumbing & Mechanical, a national trade magazine. Her article about TRAPPER appeared in a recent edition of that publication.

"Controls" are devices that turn heating and air conditioning systems on and off at the right time (like thermostats and gas valves). Carol is a HPWT member, co-raising TRAPPER with Pat

Just like with controls, there are certain things I expected to happen when I took TRAPPER on this trip. I was ready for it. I had my "tools." That means I had plenty of plastic bags for poop pickup.

I had a variety of chew toys for keeping him entertained on the plane and in restaurants. I had three different kinds of collars and three different types of leashes in case TRAPPER decided to be exhibit challenging behavior. I even had a collapsible food and water dish, and a week's worth of food. (Yep, it's a lot like traveling with a kid.)

I had my paperwork ready too. There was a certificate of TRAPPER'S immunizations if anyone asked. I had documents that showed that TRAPPER really is a Guide Dog, and a phone number to call to prove it. And I had the final credential: the bright green with bold white print "puppy coat" that TRAPPER always wears in public. It's so bright it could almost be neon. It says, "Guide Dogs for the Blind—Puppy in Training." This coat is magical like a police badge. Folks who might normally resist just smile and let us in. Nevertheless, I expected trouble at the airport and I was ready for it. I anticipated at least one puddle from the pup. I thought there might be some resistance from the airline agent as to whether pup could sit with me on the plane. I was braced for dealing with airport security about whether or not this really was a guide dog.

Just like a controls job, there were plenty of incidents. And just like a controls job, the incidents weren't at all what I expected—not even close. I was most nervous about security screening. I went through the screening machine first. TRAPPER and then Pat were behind me. I'd carefully removed every piece of jewelry and every coin from my body, and I got through without setting off the metal detector. But for some reason, I'd assumed the screeners would understand that the metal on the dog collar is just metal on a dog collar, and would be cool about it. Well of course they weren't cool about it. Duh for me. But here was a bigger surprise--instead of inspecting the pup, they went after me. They put me in that "feet two ft. apart, arms horizontal out to your sides, don't you dare move" position, and they found every rivet in my jeans with that wand. Meanwhile, the 45-pound pup was bounding like a yo-yo from the leash in my helplessly extended hand.

When they finally finished with me, one inspector demanded, "Is he okay?" "Yes, the dog's fine," I replied, thinking that it was I, not the pup, who had endured the ordeal. "No, is *he* ok?" the inspector emphasized. "He who?" I asked. "The blind guy," he responded. "What blind guy?" I asked. "The one with the dog," said the inspector, and pointed back at my friend Pat, who was still on the outside of the metal detector machine. It was one of those moments that seem to take an eternity for the brain to process. It felt like when you burn your last transformer and it's 10:00 p.m. on a Sunday night. What you see and what you

know just don't match up for a bit. Finally I understood. "He's not blind," I squeaked. "We're just training the dog." So now at least we know one of the reasons for when the screening line stops moving. They're making sure the blind guy doesn't have to go through without the pup in training.

Back to my expectations. I was ready for some problem on the plane, like the passenger next to me claiming allergy to dogs, or the pup refusing to stay in the space under the seat in front of me. No problem on the plane. I was ready for objections from the rental car agent or the hotel clerk, and was prepared to make a pitch, complete with paperwork to prove it, why this particular puppy really *is* allowed in places that pets can't go. But there was no resistance, only huge smiles, questions about "how old is he?" and even folks saying, "It's so wonderful that you're willing to do this!" Little do they know that it's the rebel in me, not an altruist, that's behind this work (yes I CAN bring this dog in here).

But as always, surprises come in surprising places and ways, not in expected ones. If you think you'll need a screwdriver, you'll need a hammer. If you bring the whole tool box, you'll need a mop.

Here's the next puppy surprise. I was working a booth as an exhibitor at the RPA show. Everyone needed a badge to enter the show, and since Pat was my guest, RPA gave him an exhibitor badge. Pat and TRAPPER came by the booth for a visit. Right after they left, two guys who'd been standing nearby came up to me and asked, "Who's the blind guy with the exhibitor badge?"

When I recovered from that surprise, I couldn't help but think how this incident was so much like reading (or not) the technical material. It's so common to read one thing and see something else entirely. I've done it often enough myself. The installation sheet says 24V, but I see 120. Oops. The puppy coat says "Puppy in Training," but folks see "Blind Guy with a Dog."



We're not done yet. On the weekend after the show, Pat, TRAPPER, and I ventured into San Francisco. I wanted to ride the cable cars and see the cable car museum. At the museum, you can see the huge wheels pulling the cables that pull the cable cars through the streets. And there's historical information on the walls to read while you watching the wheels go around. You can learn about how everything works and how everything once was. TRAPPER had been on and off several cable cars by then and was tired, so he flopped out on the floor for a nap every time I paused. I was reading a display. To my amazement, a woman, rather rudely I thought, wedged in between me and the display. I kept reading by stretching around her. Then she suddenly turned around, looked into my face, and asked, "Do you want me to read this to you?" At first I thought she was being sarcastic, and that she was expressing irritation about my trying to read around her. Then another one of those slow realizations soaked in—she thought I was blind. She was sincerely offering to help. She'd stepped between me and the display because she assumed I couldn't read it anyway. What an excellent lesson in "things aren't what they seem to be!" She wasn't rude. I wasn't blind. And a puppy in training wasn't attached to a blind person.

You'd think that a hectic city like San Francisco would present many alarming things to a puppy. But TRAPPER dealt with everything like he'd seen it all before. If nothing else, I was sure that getting on and off the cable cars would be a problem. But he hopped on and off the huge cable car step like it was the easy entry into the house. By the third time we had it down for sure, and I relaxed about the whole thing. But instead of jumping on like he had before, he balked, yelped, and refused to move. I shoved him and he yelped again. There was one problem I was causing but didn't know about. I was stepping on his tail! He couldn't have jumped up if his life depended on it. Again there seemed to be a real world similarity here—you can't get your job done if someone's stepping on your tail.

As in real life, there was too much to do in San Francisco. We walked and walked and climbed hills going up and hills going down. There was so much left that we hadn't seen. Standing on a street corner trying to decide, shall we try to find China Town? Or shall we try to climb the crookedest street? I looked down at TRAPPER. Once again he was out for a nap. You know, the pup's right about this, I thought. Sometimes it's time to stop. No matter how much opportunity is before you, or how much you should get done while you can, sometimes you just need a nap.

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