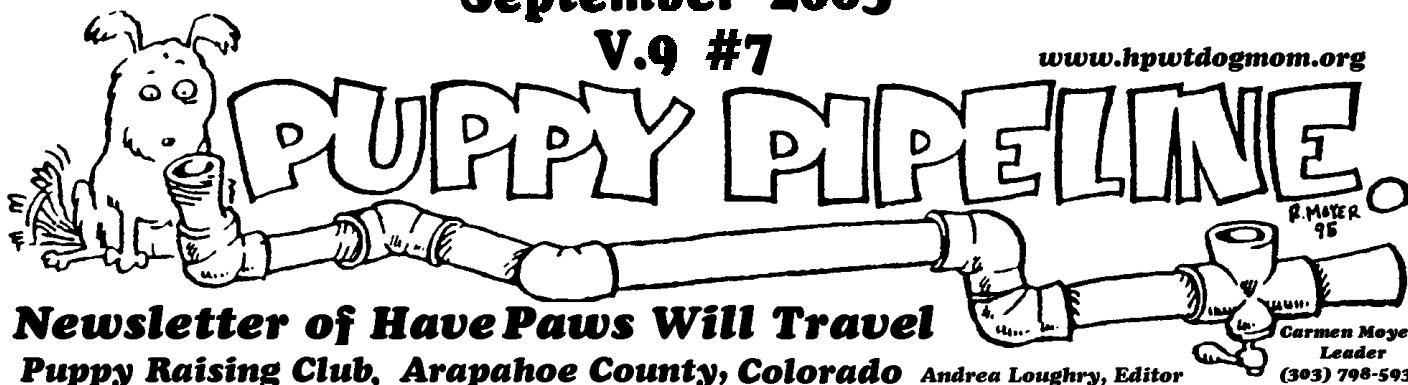


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Newsletter of Have Paws Will Travel

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

HPWT SCHEDULE

Please Note: There are several changes from our usual meeting schedule in September. Make sure to mark your calendar to reflect the meeting below.

Tuesday, Sept. 9th: Regular club meeting, 7:00 p.m., County Extension Building.

Tuesday, Sept. 16th: Social outing, Centennial Fire Station. Details to be announced.

Saturday, Sept. 20th: Puppy Raiser Workshop, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., County Extension Office. This is a GDB required event for all current raisers and raisers waiting for a puppy. You must contact Carmen for an excused absence if you are unable to attend.

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd: No meeting. Please attend the Puppy Raiser Workshop in lieu of this meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 30th: Dairy Queen, Arapahoe & University. We will honor our returning dogs at this meeting.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tuesday, October 21st. The 10th Annual Halloween Party & Costume contest. 6:00 p.m., at the County Extension Building. HPWT hosts a chili dinner & puppy costume contest for all metro area puppy clubs, career change dogs, and working Guides. This bash attracted over 70 people and around 40 puppies last year, and it just keeps getting better. So mark your calendar and start thinking of a costume! oppy kisses to Wendy & Pam Kalkus for volunteering to be our party coordinators this year.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Kong Work Day, Sept. 13th. 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All workers need to be at least puppy-raiser age: 11 or 12. It's okay to bring your Guide Dog puppies along. Email Carmen if you want to sign up or if you need directions or want to carpool.

GOOD-BYE AND HELLO

AMIGA, a female black lab raised by Ellen Goldstein, and FADA, a female yellow lab raised by Barb Witcher, were returned for harness training on August 9th. On the same day, Ellen welcomed ILKA, a female black lab with an adorable white patch over her heart. ILKA is Ellen's third puppy. Barb is taking a break from puppy raising, but she will be puppy sitting until the signs are right for her to take another puppy of her own.



IN-HOME TRAINING

JORADANA, a female yellow lab co-raised by James & Emma Creasey and Ellen Goldstein, was placed with a blind partner to graduate in July, but when her partner became ill, JORADANA's career as a Guide was put on hold. When her partner is ready, JORDANA will travel with a trainer to Idaho to finish the training in her partner's home. We wish them all the best!

PUPPY TRUCK CHANGES

There have been some changes in the puppy truck schedule for October. Female black labs KIMMY, raised by James Creasey, and TERESA, raised by Lizz Landert will be on the October 5th truck to Oregon, as will male golden retrievers TEXAN, raised by Andrea Loughry, and WARD, raised by Mary & Kristen Logan. The Rea's female yellow lab, WONDER had been scheduled to return in October, but is no longer on the recall list.



NEW PUPPIES!

The following puppies are scheduled to arrive on the October 5th puppy truck:

- Creasey - F/BLB - W
- Landert - M/YLB - A
- Loughry - M/YLB - E



HPWT VET CONSULTANT

For personal reasons, Randa MacMillian, D.V.M., is stepping back from her leadership position with Have Paws Will Travel. However, she will continue to serve as an information source - to answer questions or concerns via phone or e-mail. We are extremely fortunate to have our own club veterinary consultant who thoroughly understands Guide Dogs' policies and procedures and the challenges that puppy raisers face, because she has raised her own puppy! Randa says: "My association with HPWT has been a blessing. The people of HPWT are just the nicest around." Whether or not you choose to take your puppy to Randa's clinic, we hope you will continue to take full advantage of the knowledge and support Randa has to offer. You will find her contact information the club roster at <http://www.hpwt dogmom.org/leaders/leaders.html>.

YOUNG PUPPY SPECIALIST

Janet Ford has offered to share her enthusiasm and love for the puppies with our baby puppy handlers, and will lead the class of puppies 20 weeks old and under. Janet and her husband Chris have raised five Guide Dog puppies, and specialize in raising shepherds and transfer dogs that may need a little extra help with behavior problems. Janet trains obedience and agility with her career change shepherd, DAYTONA. She and Chris are currently co-raising a male yellow lab, FOGERTY, with Sue Green. Please welcome Janet as our new teacher of the baby puppies!

WHO'S WHO AT HPWT

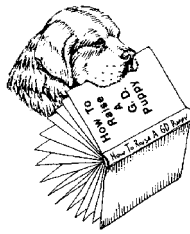
Carmen Moyer is our head leader, doing all paperwork, administration, policy, or business with Guide Dogs and our Puppy Raising Advisor, Barb Deevers. Assistant leader Andrea Loughry teaches the older puppy class, plus the newsletter and website. Direct "baby" questions to Janet Ford. Contact Randa MacMillian if you need medical advice, but be sure to keep Carmen in the loop as well. In an emergency or if one of us doesn't answer the phone, you can call any of us for help!

HOLIDAY FUND RAISER

Each year puppy raisers have an opportunity to add to their graduation fund by staffing a gift-wrap table at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. One or two people work a four-hour shift. Table and supplies are provided. Puppies are welcome. Proceeds are divided equally by HPWT's treasurer and added to the individual accounts of participants. If you are interested, call Lizz La ndert by September 15th to schedule your time..



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@hpwt dogmom.org

Dear Abbie:

This weekend we went visiting my raiser's relatives and their dog Brutus. I'm telling you, Uncle Brutus is one cool dog. He's huge and drooly and you should see him run and play in his big back yard! I really wanted to have a good romp with him but my raiser wouldn't let me. It's not fair! Why did my raiser make me stay inside with her on a leash?

—Not Running with the Big Dogs

Dear Not Running:

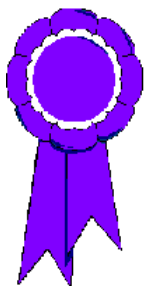
It seems unfair, but your raiser was really looking out for your best interests by not letting you play rough with Uncle Brutus. Aside from serious injuries that could result from playing with a dog much bigger than yourself, there are lots of undesirable behaviors you could learn from Brutus. Rough play can quickly escalate to something much more dangerous. Brutus could get mad and growl or even bite you. Then you might learn to be fearful of other dogs or aggressive with them. Future Guides need to be confident and calm around other dogs. When you are working, you must ignore other dogs altogether. If all you can think of is playing with every dog you see, you will not be able to keep your mind on your guide work. You see, in your future career you must be more people oriented than dog oriented. You already speak fluent dog—learning to communicate with people is like learning a foreign language. You have to spend much more of your time with people than with dogs because one day your "pack" will be entirely composed of one person—your blind partner. I hate to say it, but even play dates with other Guide Dog puppies about your same age are not a really great idea. Yes, you need time to play and be a dog—but the play needs to be interactive with your raisers so you learn to bond with people, not with other dogs.

COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

Have Paw's 4-H'ers did a super job with their County Fair projects this year. The proof is in the results:

Kelsey Rea: Blue Ribbon, Champion of the Senior Division, and Reserve Grand Champion of the Guide Dog Unit.

Wendy Kalkus: Blue Ribbon, Reserve Champion of the junior division.




County Fair posters will be on display at all educational programs we present. You can view the prizewinning projects on-line at http://hpwt dogmom.org/club/info/county_fair.html

NEW LEASH ON LIFE



Did you know damaged leather leashes can sometimes be spliced or repaired back to working condition? Lizz Landert, our leash expert, says that leather in good condition from old leashes is perfect for repairs. Supplies are running low, so please round up any leather leash pieces you may have and get them to Lizz for her stockpile. If a leash is too damaged to be repaired, our club sells new ones for \$15.00. Remember, the best way to avoid damaged leashes is to teach your puppy never to put its mouth on its leash, and never, ever use a leash as a tie-down.

REMINDERS



Anyone taking their dog to the mountains—even for the day—should use a tick preventive. One raiser recently found *three* ticks upon returning from Rocky Mountain National Park. The ticks aren't done with us until the first hard freeze, so be vigilant about checking your puppy for "passengers" if you've been to the mountains, and do request preventive from Carmen to apply to your puppy before your trip.

HPWT has a new 48-inch exercise pen. Contact Carmen if you have need of it.

An index to the puppy raising manual is now available. Contact Carmen if you couldn't open the recent e-mail & need a hard copy.

OUT OF BOUNDS OUTINGS

PetSmart and PetCo should be a last choice of places to socialize our dogs, and are off-limits to young puppies until they are fully vaccinated, just like any other high-dog traffic area. Many of the dogs you will find there are untrained or poorly trained, and who knows if they've been vaccinated! Any pet store that has a vet clinic is no different from taking your puppy into your own clinic. You are liable to run into contagious situations, so keep your puppy away. (Since you cannot avoid the vet, carry the baby puppy during its vet appointments). Other off-limits places for puppies no matter their age, include zoos, amusement parks, dog parks and escalators.

WEST NILE UPDATE

News from your Guide Dogs for the Blind veterinarians: West Nile Virus does not cause significant illness in dogs, so prevention of infection is not a concern. Use of mosquito repellants is not necessary.

USE DISCRETION

From Barb Deevers, PRA

Please remember that Guide Dogs' policy on seeking access for puppies is the same no matter where you go, at home or on vacation: Take your puppy only where it is welcome. If a business owner or manager says the puppy is not welcome, the puppy raiser is *not* to argue the matter, but find another place to go. This may be an inconvenience, but there are always options for places to socialize a puppy, have lunch, etc. Being cooperative and polite creates goodwill with business owners which is much more effective at gaining access than arguing.

A CAUTIONARY TALE

From Lizz Landert

In July, my career change dog TRESLER and his person, Rick, were out for an evening walk. They spotted some kids fishing in a creek and went over to say hi. After visiting for a few minutes, one of the boys said, "Did your dog just eat my hot dog?" He was using a hot dog for bait. Well, looking down at TRES revealed a string hanging from TRES' mouth. Being a fisherman, Rick asked, "Did it have a hook in it?" Unfortunately the answer was YES....

Rick was smart enough not to pull the string with fear of hurting TRES. So they cut the string. Minutes later they were on their way to the vet. Being after hours, they had to go to an emergency room. One X-ray revealed the hook in her stomach. The vet scoped the stomach but could not find the hook. Time to empty the stomach. Another X-ray and scope. They found it this time. It was hooked on the wall of the stomach. Luckily, the hook broke loose and was removed without surgery. Total cost: \$1700.00, plus the cost of medications. Moral of the story: Don't assume your dog won't eat something just because you always feed your dog only from her dish. *Teach food avoidance!*

DOGGIE TALES

from Kelsey Rea

Thanks to all of you who helped with Doggie Tales in August. Doggie Tales are always on the first Saturday of the month. Upcoming dates and locations are:

September 6, 2003	Koelbel library
October 4, 2003	Castlewood library
November 8, 2003	Smokey Hill library
December 6, 2003	Smokey Hill library

Please e-mail me at wonderskater@msn.com and let me know if you and especially your (6-month or older or career change) dog can help. If you can't make it, I might be able to find someone to handle your dog. Please let me know if you need directions, or check it out on-line at




<http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/doggietales.html>


PUPPY KISSES


To Kong Workday participants in August: Ford, Witcher, Andersons, Moyer.




To Lizz Landert for always having her leather repair tools at the ready to fix leashes whenever the need arises.


 To Chris Ford for fetching and dispensing the 40 pound bags of ProPlan to each of the 9 new dogs who arrived on the truck Aug 10th.

 To Lizz Landert, Sue Green, Mary Logan, and Carmen Moyer for helping with the Animal E.R. open house.

 To Annette Bossert and Kathryn Champine, for multiple sitter duties. Both have been given our puppies outstanding, loving care.

To the Logan family for hosting the annual club picnic August 19th. Seven families and five puppies attended.

 To Doggie Tales participants in August: Barb Witcher and FADA, Claire Benson and MAHALIA, Jack McPartland and NIMOY, Barb Kindrachuk and TYSON, Kathryn Champine and GIDGET, Elaine Zick and LODGE and Sheila and Kelsey Rea & WONDER. Sloppy kisses to Kelsey for her efforts coordinating the Doggie Tales program!

 To Pat Fitzgerald, who accepted a \$100 donation to GDB from a supportive citizen on our downtown outing in July.

DOG FOOD

All GDB puppies start out eating Purina ProPlan Large Breed Growth formula or another GDB approved brand, one cup, three times a day. When the pup is around four months old, feed two meals a day. Amount of food must be adjusted as the puppy grows and will be different from puppy to puppy depending on its energy level. When the puppy is 12 months old, gradually transition to Eukanuba Adult Maintenance Formula (note: do not use Eukanuba's *Large Breed* Adult formula). The dog will be given Eukanuba at Guide Dogs and transitioning them in the raiser home is one way we can make the change to kennel life go smoother.

Remember, we do not allow our dogs to have table scraps or other people food. Food is always given from a bowl and not from the hand. We may not use food for training or with toys except when specially approved by our puppy raising advisor and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

COUNTY FAIR STORY

Each year we are pleased to publish the stories written by our 4-H members for their Fair projects. Here is the first story, by Wendy Kalkus

Fourteen years ago, I was born in Morristown, NJ. Later we moved to Colorado but still visited New Jersey frequently. When I was about eight years old I did a report on the Seeing Eye in NJ. I was too young then to raise a puppy—so we bought a beautiful black lab named Cody. Preoccupied with my new responsibilities, my desire for raising a puppy soon faded. When Cody was five years old he was diagnosed with cancer and was put to sleep on the same day. A year later I wanted another dog; my mom complained to me that soon enough I would be off to college and leave her with this dog, so my idea of raising a Guide Dog puppy resurfaced. After much research, I discovered the Have Paws Will Travel club in Arapahoe County, visited and soon joined.

While I was waiting for a puppy, I puppy sat five excellent dogs, FADA, TEXAN, WONDER, KIMMY, and TERESA. Puppy sitting was fun and it showed me what it might be like raising a puppy of my own. That puppy came on June 30, 2003 I received a handsome puppy named FERRARI. FERRARI and I have been having a fantastic time ever since! I am very proud to be part of such a wonderful organization. Before I received FERRARI to raise I read a couple books that were really interesting. These books were *What Blind People Wish Sighted People Knew About Blindness!* by Harry Martin, *Through Otis' Eyes: Lessons from a Guide Dog Puppy* by Patricia Burlin Kennedy and Robert Christie, *A Guide Dog Puppy Grows Up* written by Caroline Arnold, photographs by Richard Hewett. I extremely enjoy playing with FERRARI every day. I love to go through his everyday emotion like a little child. I've learned that puppies are very similar to babies; they cry, always want their mom, and are adorable! I've also learned that you have to be with them almost all the time and you feel as if you are attached at the hip. I love seeing him in the morning bleary eyed, with his floppy ears, and his little tail thumping wildly. I have met so many new people. Kids come rushing up. Best of all, I have a constant companion.

FERRARI has mastered the commands "Sit" and "Come." We are working on "Down" and "Stay." He is very smart and progresses each and every day. The commands have been useful—for example if somehow his leash slips through my fingers I can just call him and he comes running. Although I try to teach FERRARI new things every day, he succeeds in teaching me more. We are only capable of a small glimpse at all the things a Guide Dog puppy can teach us and admire the noble destiny they will fulfill.



GDB VET AUTHORIZATIONS

from the GDB Puppy Raising Department and PR, Barb Deevers

1. Puppy raisers may spend \$250 on veterinary care for the puppy that they are raising without approval from Guide Dogs for the Blind. Any time, though, that they are seeking general veterinary care of any nature, they should contact their leader for advice.

2. Raisers are asked to keep a running calculation of the money that has been spent on the puppy that they are raising, so that they know when the \$250 limit has been reached. Please remember that the \$250 limit includes all vaccinations, wormings, exams and any other procedures (with the exception of spays and neuters which are otherwise authorized).

3. Raisers who have exceeded their \$250 allotment should consult with their leader for advice on any additional veterinary treatment. Then obtain an authorization code by contacting the authorization specialist:

Julianne Carpenter
800-295-4050 x2112,
jcarpenter@guidedogs.com
fax number 503-668-2150

Julianne is very prompt and informative. When she is in the loop there are never any problems! She can authorize many vet procedures on the spot. It is helpful to fax her a copy of the invoice after a visit that she has been involved with. This way, she can correctly enter the amount. When using e-mail, please copy Barb Deevers on your message. (*Note: Your vet clinic will need to mail a hard copy of the invoice to GDB for reimbursement, see #7.*) Your local vet can continue to consult with the vet department directly, however for simple billing questions, Julianne is a good contact for vet hospitals too.

Since our puppies ultimately belong to Guide Dogs for the Blind, it is imperative that local vets consult with GDB when treating our puppies. Therefore, *do* contact Julianne for *all* procedures that are costly, whether or not reimbursement is at issue, just to be sure it is in the notes. Local vets should continue to contact GDB prior to *all* procedures (X-rays, blood work, etc.).

If, for example, a raiser receives pre-authorization for urine analysis, and during the veterinarian appointment the veterinarian discovers an ear infection, raisers are asked to proceed with receiving the necessary medication to treat the ear infection. Directly after the appointment, they must call to have the treatment for this additional problem added to this original pre-authorization.

4. Guide Dogs will not reimburse the following procedures for puppies: Acupuncture, Holistic medicine, Chiropractic therapy, Non-medical bathing/grooming, Micro-chipping, Vaccine titers, Nail trimming.

5. In the case of a medical emergency, raisers should seek local veterinary assistance immediately even if pre-authorization is not possible in a timely manner. For example, in the case of a puppy who has ingested poison or has been involved in a car accident, raisers should seek veterinary care immediately and contact their leader and the GDB Veterinary Clinic and as soon as possible.

6. Raisers who do not seek pre-authorization after reaching their \$250 limit (with the exception of emergencies) or who obtain unapproved expenses will not be reimbursed for their costs.

7. *New!* Our accounting department now requires that all veterinary invoices be received by hard copy through the mail. *Faxed invoices are not accepted.* This change in procedure is a result of poor fax transmissions and illegible numbers. Please advise your Veterinary Clinic of this change.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A PUPPY RAISER WHEN:

You think Puppy Breath smells heavenly.

You have more photos of dogs than people.

You know fellow raisers by the name of their dog instead of their own names.. (“...JUNO’S Mom and Dad...”)

Most of your clothing has a dog related theme.

One section of your closet is devoted to dog equipment.

Your e-mail address has something to do with dogs.

You don’t feel like you’re dressed without a few dog hairs on your clothes.

Your next car will have to accommodate an extra large crate or you won’t buy it.

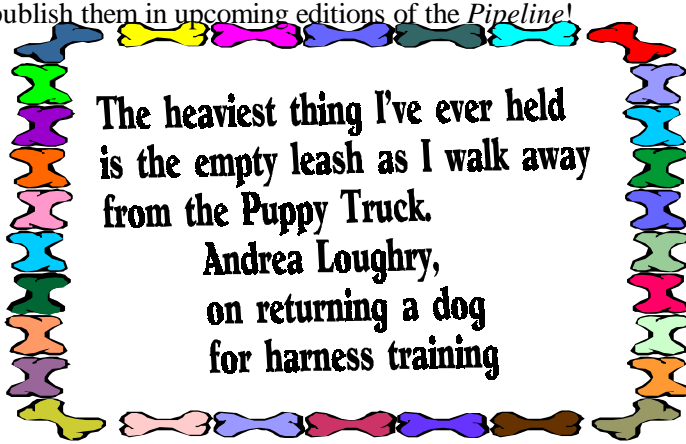
You have clean-up kits in every pocket of your jeans.

You own shares in the Nature’s Miracle company.

You don’t mind talking about puppy relieving habits at restaurants.

You get a new puppy every year.

If you have a “You Know You’re A Puppy Raiser When”...e-mail it to editor@hpwtdogmom.org and we’ll publish them in upcoming editions of the *Pipeline!*



The heaviest thing I've ever held
is the empty leash as I walk away
from the Puppy Truck.

Andrea Loughry,
on returning a dog
for harness training

