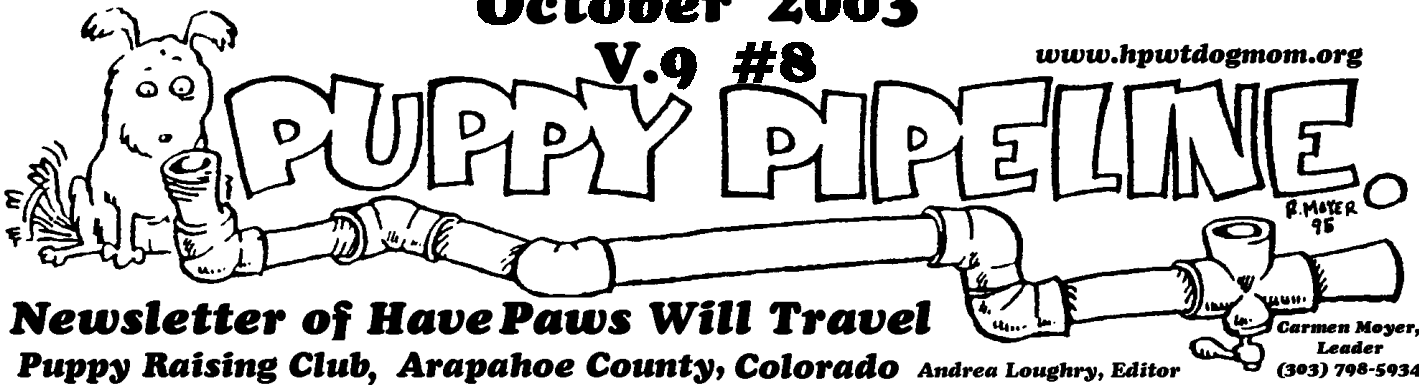


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HPWT SCHEDULE

Have Paws Will Travel club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at the County Extension building, with a social outing on the 3rd Tuesday. Young puppies meet every Tuesday. Call Carmen Moyer if you have scheduling questions.

BLOOD DONORS SOUGHT

Techs from Animal ER will be present at 7:00 p.m. at the October 14th meeting at the Arapahoe County Extension Office to type blood for young, healthy dogs who wish to become donors. If you have a career change dog or know a career change dog that lives nearby but is not in our club, please invite them to come. There is no charge or obligation for the lab work. Call Carmen if you have questions.

A GRADUATION

JORDANA, a female yellow lab co-raised by James Creasey and Ellen Goldstein, completed her in-home training and has graduated as a working guide to a lady in Idaho.



CONGRATULATIONS!

CAREER CHANGE DOG

Amiga, a female black lab raised by Ellen Goldstein, was career changed for congenital cataracts after returning to Guide Dogs for harness training. Amiga returned home on the puppy truck. She will be a marvelous co-puppy raiser!

4-H ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The 4-H Achievement Awards were held on September 28th. Kelsey Rea received a unique pin furnished by GDB for best senior Guide Dog Project Record at the County Fair. Both Kelsey and Wendy Kalkus received the "Tools of the Project" award for their champion status at the county fair.



NEW PUPPIES!

Three new puppies arrived on the October 5th puppy truck. Lizz Landert received her eleventh puppy, a male yellow lab named AKRON. Andrea Loughry received male yellow lab EMMETT, her twelfth puppy. James and Emma Creasey received puppy number nine, a female black lab named WILAMENA. The veteran raisers said goodbye to their current dogs, TERESA (F/BLB), TEXAN (M/GLD), and KIMMY (F/BLB). Mary Logan returned her fourth dog, WARD (M/GLD) but did not receive a new puppy at this time.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

The 10th Annual HPWT Halloween Party and Costume contest happens Tuesday, October 21st. Puppy raisers from all metro area clubs are invited! If you know any working guides or career change dogs that are not active members of a puppy raising club, please extend a personal invitation to them, and include them in your club's head-count. There are lots of fun surprises in the works, so make plans now to attend!



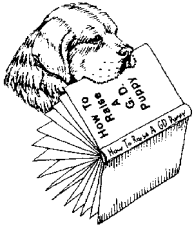
Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the costume contest, with a fashion-show theme, begins at 7:30 p.m. Prizes will be given in the following categories: Most Original, Famous People, Movie Characters, Best Namesake, Best Halloween Costume, and Best Team (any combination of dogs and/or people).

HPWT members, please bring a crock-pot of chili. Members of other clubs are asked to bring a dessert or salad. Guests of raisers are also asked to bring a dish to share. Leaders, RSVP a head-count for your club to Wendy or Pam Kalkus by October 15th at pamjks@aol.com or 303-933-9245.

DOGGIE TALES

Volunteers are needed for the November 8th Doggie Tales session at Smoky Hill Library from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. E-mail Kelsey Rea if you can help at wonderskater@msn.com

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:

I'm an eleven-month-old female German Shepherd. My raisers say I'm almost perfect, but lately I've felt "growly" towards other dogs, except for the puppy club dogs. At first my raisers sprayed the back of my head with Listerine when I acted up. That worked for a while, but not anymore. My raisers take me hiking in a nearby park each morning and we see about three dogs every time. If my raisers put me on a down-stay and talk calmly while the other dog passes, I'm okay. But if they keep walking when a dog is approaching us, I lunge towards it and bark. My raisers say that German Shepherds my age often have problems with anxiety and that we should avoid too much contact with other dogs until I grow out it. They say I shouldn't get into the habit of showing aggression towards other dogs, but I don't want to lose my morning walks! Is there anything my raisers can do to help me stay more calm?

—Just a Phase

Dear Phase:

Your raisers are right to be concerned about your aggressiveness. If you develop a habit of barking and lunging at other dogs, you will have a lot of trouble becoming a Guide, so it's important that you and your raisers work closely with your club leader and puppy raising advisor to help sort your behaviors. They might decide you need to try the food protocol, to recondition you to pay more attention to your raisers and not worry about the other dogs. One shepherd's raiser I know of used it in combination with a breath spray to get him over his aggressive phase. Every morning, his raiser took him to a park where they knew there would be lots of dogs and worked on counter-conditioning. The raiser sat on a park bench. His entire job was to sit beside her and watch the other dogs go by without keying on them. It's great that you are able to be still and quiet around strange dogs when you are on a down-stay. Perhaps walking while strange dogs are going by is too much stimulation for you. More experience and practice being calm around strange dogs just might do the trick. With patience, time and training, I'm sure you will be able to work through this phase and make it all the way to being a perfect Guide Dog!

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences are with Jane Smoke, of the *Seeing is Believing* puppy club, and her family on the recent death of her father.

NEW HPWT MEMBERS

Leah Jonas is twelve years old, and has been thinking about raising a guide dog ever since she met Lizz Landert and her puppy at Hobby Lobby a year ago. Leah's family will be her support in this journey: her Dad, Sam; Mom, Carol; and brother Jacob. The Jonas's have a seven-year-old golden retriever named Jesse, and a cat named Magic. An aquarium full of baby fish and a Madagascar lizard named Spike round out the menagerie. Family hobbies are hiking, biking and traveling. The Jonas's love dogs and look forward to puppy sitting until there is a puppy available for them to raise next spring.

Annette Bossert is using puppy-sitting as a testing ground for puppy raising; she enjoys the diverse personalities of the puppies she's come to know so far. Barb Witcher, one of Annette's co-workers, led her to this new avocation with HPWT. Annette is the Manager of Administration Services for International Risk Group, where the office environment is very amenable to puppy visits. Home is the Denver University neighborhood, which has several parks and trails for walking dogs. Annette shares her home with two elderly cats who have come to tolerate frequent canine visitors, but not without attitude. Cats notwithstanding, Annette gives our puppies top-notch care, so next time you need a sitter, be sure to give her a call!

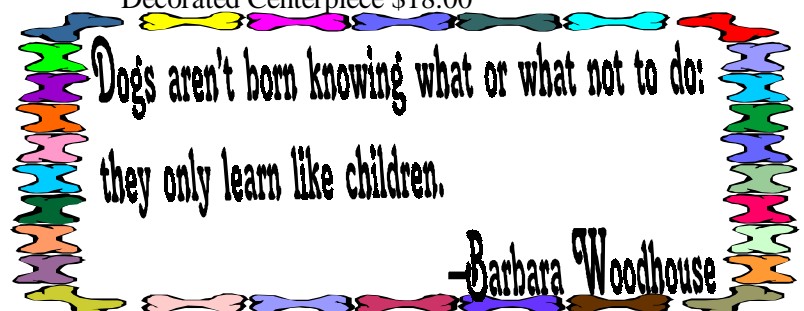
4-H WREATH SALE



The Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation funds activities, awards, scholarships, trips and other incentives for 4-H youth. The wreath sale is their *only* fund raiser for the year. Sales run October 1st to November 1st; wreaths will be distributed December 4th. We have the best dog training facility of any Colorado Guide Dog club--thanks to Arapahoe County 4-H. Let' show them we care and support our kids! Orders can be placed through any of our 4-H youth, Sheila Rea or Carmen Moyer. Sloppy kisses to Sheila Rea for being our wreath chairman this year.

Prices:

- Decorated Evergreen Wreath \$22.00
- Plain Evergreen Wreath \$16.00
- 25 Ft Evergreen Garland \$33.00
- 8 Ft Evergreen Garland \$14.00
- Decorated Centerpiece \$18.00



THE 4-H / GUIDE DOG CONNECTION



Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. was established in 1942, training donated dogs to lead the blind. By 1945, GDB had established a breeding program to produce its own dogs, and approached the California Extension Service, proposing that their 4-H members “provide personal attention and homes at member expense for three-month-old puppies, returning them to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., after nine months for the actual Guide Dog training.”¹ The 4-H values of “to make the best better” and “learn by doing” fit perfectly with the Guide Dog mission of raising dogs to help the blind, and a great partnership was born. The program became hugely popular, with more applications than puppies, and eventually expanded to eight western states. Colorado began offering the puppy raising project in 1987. Today we have around 80 puppies being raised in the state.

With Guide Dogs’ expansion to a second campus in Oregon in 1995, the breeding program doubled. 4-H suddenly could not supply enough youth raisers for all the puppies needing homes and the program was opened up to adult puppy raising clubs as well. *Have Paws Will Travel Puppy Rasing Club* reflects this heritage with its combined 4-H youth and adult membership. Guide Dogs supplies the puppies to raise, while 4-H supports us with meeting space, leader training, background checks and insurance, youth scholarships, County Fair awards for our youth members, and much more. This mix of adults and youth, families and singles gives our club a unique flavor and strength, providing our youth with a core of adult support for their 4-H puppy raising project.

¹Pfaffenberger, Clarence, *The New Knowledge of Dog Behavior*, Howell Book House, N.Y., 1963.



PUPPY KISSES

To Doggie Tales participants in September: Marty Dickerson with GYPSY, Dot Dill with RIGO, Janet Ford with DAYTONA, Leah Jonas and LODGE, Kelsey Rea with JASPER, Elaine Zick with SHILO, and Sheila Rea with TEXAN. In October, participants were: Marty Dickerson with GYPSY, Chris Ford with DAYTONA, Andrea Loughry with TEXAN, Kelsey Rea with LODGE, and Tim Rea with WONDER.

To the Anderson family with JET and Carmen Moyer with LODGE for manning a booth at the Fall Festival at the Church of Christ on October 5th. Sloppy kisses to the Andersons for making the arrangements for in this event.

MORE PUPPY KISSES

To Dogs with Vision puppy club for giving us a special price on tie-downs so HPWT could buy one for each member. Sloppy kisses to Jim Benson, who spearheaded the making of the tie-downs.



To Pam and Wendy Kalkus for their organization and planning of the Halloween Party. The 2003 party is shaping up to be the best one ever!

To the South Metro firefighters of the Maximus Drive station for welcoming a dozen puppies and about twenty raisers to their facility. The puppies gained valuable experience meeting a person in full turn-out gear, and seeing the equipment used to help people in need. The puppies were even made “junior firefighters” with special gold badge stickers for their puppy coats!

To Fire Station outing participants: Anderson, Green, Jonas, Kalkus, Landert, Loughry, Moyer, Witcher, Smoak, Newberg. Sloppy kisses to Lizz Landert for arranging the fire station outing, and to Lizz and Carmen Moyer for baking bread as a thank you for the firemen.

To Mary Kay Wilder, co-worker of Andrea Loughry for her recent generous donation of \$100 to Have Paws Will Travel. The money will be put toward a digital camera for the club, so we can record events and post them to our website more speedily and economically.

To HPWT Fall Workshop participants: Anderson, Champine, Creasey, Fitzgerald, Goldstein, Jonas, Kalkus, Landert, Logan, Loughry, Moyer, Rea, Witcher. Sloppy kisses to Mary Logan and Kristi Anderson for minding the club store during the event.

To Maegan of the Animal ER for putting together canine first aid kits as the 4-H Achievement “Tools of the Project” award for the Guide Dog Project. Ten other dog and cat winners at the fair also received Maegan’s first aid kits.

To LODGE Moyer, who, as the first career change Guide Dog puppy blood donor for Animal ER and Vet Specialists, was asked to come have his blood drawn on T.V. for a Channel 2 News story. LODGE and Carmen both appeared in the piece, which aired on the 9:00 p.m. news on September 24th.

To Carmen Moyer with GIDGET and Andrea Loughry with TEXAN for presenting a program for 24 kindergarteners at the Ricks Center on September 24th.

COME TO THE "CAT"ACOME FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL
HAVE PAWS WILL TRAVEL

HALLOWEEN "CAT"ASTROPHE

"CAT"WALK COSTUME CONTEST AND CHILI DINNER!

WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

6:00 P.M. FOOD

7:15 P.M. DOGGIE DRESSING

7:30 P.M. FASHION STAGE SHOW



WHERE: 4-H BUILDING: 5814 S. DATURA ST. LITTLETON

"CAT"CHY "CAT"EGORIES FOR PRIZES ARE OPEN TO ALL PUPPIES IN
TRAINING, GUIDES AND CAREER CHANGE DOGS.

REGISTER ON THE "CAT"ALYST UPON ARRIVAL. (DOGGIES SHOULD DRESS
AFTER DINNER)



CLUB LEADERS: RSVP TO WENDY OR PAM KALKUS BY
OCTOBER 15 @303-933-2945 OR PAMJKS@AOL.COM.

HPWT WILL PROVIDE "CAT"ERWAIL CHILI. SIGN UPS
FOR "CAT"TAIL SALADS OR "CAT"NIP DESSERTS WILL BE
"CAT"ALOGUED.

DO YOU THINK THIS IS TO "CAT"TY?!?!?!?