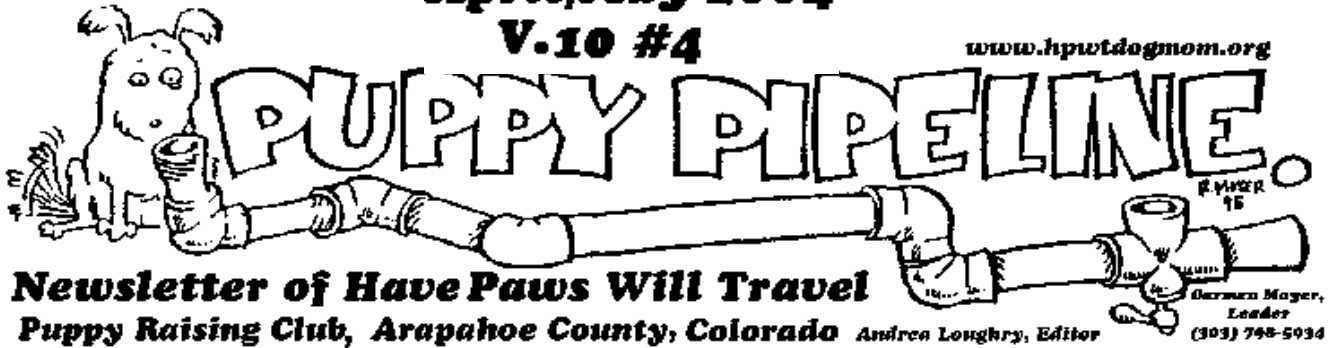


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## **SCHEDULE**

Young puppies meet every Tuesday. Call Janet Ford or Carmen Moyer if you have scheduling questions.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 p.m. All-puppy social outing. Meet at Dairy Queen, just south of the corner of Arapahoe Rd. and University Blvd. We will have a walk around the shops, weather permitting, then finish up at the DQ for some treats.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 p.m. Training and business meeting at the County Extension building.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 p.m. Training meeting at the County Extension building.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** All puppy social outing. 7:00 p.m. Westlands Park, 5701 S. Quebec St., Greenwood Village, just north of Belleview, under the big arch. Please be prompt for a group photo for our website. Let's all wear our new club T-shirts (or a denim-look shirt, if you didn't get one) and have your puppy in puppy coat for the photo!

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 p.m. Training and business meeting at the County Extension building.

## **NEW PUPPY!**



New HPWT member Kate Trujillo will receive a male yellow lab, name starting with the letter A, on the May 9<sup>th</sup> puppy truck. Welcome Kate, and have a great time with your new puppy!

## **THREE GRADUATIONS!**

Two male goldens graduated on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Guide Dog's Oregon campus: Andrea Loughry's **TEXAN**; and Mary and Kristin Logan's **WARD**. **TERESA**, a female black lab raised by Lizz Landert, is in class to graduate on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to our raisers, their dogs, and their new partners!

## **MEET THE NEW RAISERS**

Lynda Harris and her pet cocker spaniel, **BUDDY**, live in Golden. A retired accountant, Lynda works part time as a bookkeeper, and part-time as a Senior's Helper. Besides dogs, her other loves are community theater (where her role of choice is Assistant Director) and walking in marathons. Lynda and Carmen were in the same puppy club in Jefferson County years ago; Lynda's first Guide puppy, **DEPOT**, graduated in 1991. Lynda received **AKIRA**, a male black lab, in March.

The Sutton family consists of Rhonda and Allan, 12 year-old Rebecca, 10 year-old Jennifer, and their pet Boston Terrier, **ABBY**. Puppy raising has been a dream of Rhonda's for a very long time, so when the opportunity arose to get a second dog, she looked into puppy raising. The Suttons say thank you to Carmen and all current members of HPWT for our willingness to share our puppies during meetings, allowing them to puppy-sit, and being so eager to answer all of their questions. The upbeat, supportive atmosphere of our club was definitely an encouragement to them as they were making their decision. Thanks to all of us, they are now proud parents of a precious male yellow lab puppy named **ELTON** and have joined the ranks of HPWT!

## DOGGIE TALES

The final Doggie Tales session of the season will be May 1<sup>st</sup> at Smoky Hill Library in Aurora. Contact Kelsey Rea if you can help, or if you have a dog you could send with someone else. Doggie Tales will take a break over the summer and resume again next fall.

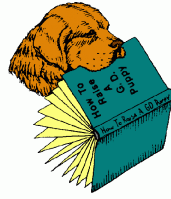


## VACATION PLANS

When you plan for your summer vacation, don't forget your puppy! Travel with a puppy can be inconvenient. Not all states have access laws for puppies in training, and it would be a shame to miss an attraction because the puppy cannot be admitted. Many raisers find vacations a natural time to leave the puppy with other raisers; the puppy gets valuable experience with new situations, the vacationers can enjoy worry-free travel. If you need a sitter this summer, make arrangements early. We are pleased to introduce Mary Jo Mueller and her family, who have had a fence check and are eager to puppy sit. The Muellers live near Bowles and C-470. Also, leader Jane Smoak has informed us that several members of Eye Paws of Denver will be between puppies after the May truck and are eager to puppy sit this summer. Jane's contact information is on the HPWT roster, or call Carmen for help arranging a sitter. If you do decide to travel with your puppy, be sure to fill out a travel form (available from [http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/travel\\_form.html](http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/travel_form.html)) and turn it in to Carmen early. If you are traveling to flea or tick country, Carmen can get tick preventive, with several weeks notice to order it. No matter if you're traveling overnight or for several weeks, the leaders always need to know where Guide Dogs' puppies are, so they can best help in case of emergencies!

## FOGERTY IN SAN RAFAEL

FOGERTY, a male yellow lab being co-raised by Janet and Chris Ford and Sue Green, was sent to Guide Dogs on the March truck for medical evaluation of mysterious digestive problems. We hope all will be well with him and that he will return home to his raisers soon.



## 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](mailto:abbie@hpwtdogmom.org)*

Dear Abbie:

My new mom keeps putting this leash on my collar and trying to lead me around by it. I don't like it much, so I grab the thing in my mouth and pull back! Then we have a really fun game of tug. But my mom gets cross with me about it. She even put some yucky tasting stuff on the leash, but I didn't let that stop me! Tug is just too much fun. I can't understand why my mom doesn't like it as much as I do. Maybe if you say something to her, she'll lighten up.

- Tuggin' and Lovin' It

Dear Tuggin':

You sound like a very young puppy just starting out on his leash training. Your mom can help you get used to the leash by working you on it in a quiet room at home. She can put you on the leash and every time you try to touch it, whip it away with a quick, silent jerk. If you can't get a tooth on the leash, you can't chew or start to play tug. If you manage to get the leash in your mouth anyway, your mom can manually remove the leash from your teeth while giving you a collar and scruff correction, similar to the ones your mother dog used. By working with you in the quiet of your home, your mom can concentrate on that lesson alone, instead of trying to work with you on leash biting, plus socializing you in public. The yucky tasting stuff your mom tried was probably a product like Bitter Apple. While a bad taste can aid your training by discouraging you from mouthing your leash, it wears off rather quickly, and is really no substitute for training. With your mom's help, you'll find it easier and easier to resist biting your leash, and your social outings will go more smoothly, I promise!

## ABBIE IN SYNDICATION!

The *Ask Abbie* column is now in syndication on the Guiding Eyes for the Blind website. See it at <http://www.guidingeyesbcweb.org/bin/askabby>  
Congratulations, Abolene!

## PUPPY KISSES

HPWT To Carmen Moyer with BAYLA, and Andrea and Miranda Loughry with EMMETT for presenting a program for some Cub Scouts in March. A big thank you to the Scouts, showed their appreciation by giving us enough dog toys for all the puppies in the club. View pictures at [http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/educational\\_programs.html](http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/educational_programs.html)

HPWT To Arapahoe County 4-H for allowing us to use the secure part of their Multi-Purpose building to distribute donated dog food to Colorado puppy raisers after the leaders meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>. ProPlan went to sixty-three dogs in ten clubs.

HPWT To Carmen Moyer for representing the Guide Dog project at a meeting of the Arapahoe County Junior Leader's Executive Board on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

HPWT To March *Doggie Tales* participants Elaine Zick with EMMETT, Kelsey Rea with LODGE, Sheila Rea with JASPER, Carmen Moyer with GIDGET, and Marty Dickerson and GYPSY.

HPWT To April *Doggie Tales* participants Kelsey Rea with MARTY, Sheila Rea with LODGE, and Tim Rea with FERARRI. Sloppy kisses to the entire Rea family who single-handedly made this session possible by hustling across town to the library after the Spring Puppy Raising Workshop!

HPWT To Lizz Landert, Sue Green and Ellen Goldstein with AKRON, FOGERTY, ILKA, and MARNIE, for doing four programs for Our Father Children's Learning Center on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. About 180 children, from ages 2½ to 6, attended!

HPWT To the *Beta Omega* chapter of *Beta Sigma Phi* for their generous donation, which was presented to HPWT at the March puppy truck by Beverly Tague.

HPWT Puppy kisses to Lizz Landert for finding a shirt embroidery company, and Pam Kalkus for coordinating the order for club shirts.

HPWT To Spring GDB Workshop attendees: Bossert, Champine, Creasey, Ford, Goldstein, Harris, Jonas, Kalkus, Landert, Rea, Sutton, Moyer, Mueller, Semin, and Trujillo.

HPWT To Spring Workshop toy sales and clean-up helpers: Rhonda Sutton, Kelley Semin, Pam Kalkus, Annette Bossert, and Lizz Landert.



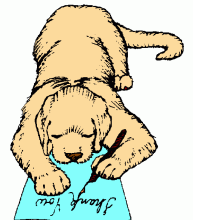
## REMINDERS

Remember, the monthly reports supply vital information to club leaders, our puppy raising adviser, and later on to the trainers at Guide Dogs. It's important to be complete and honest about our puppies' challenging behaviors and accomplishments. An easy way to keep track of the social outings part of the report is to keep a calendar on the refrigerator. When you get home from an outing, simply write the outing on the calendar. Then, when monthly report time rolls around, it's easy to transfer the information onto the form. Record information about behaviors on the calendar, too.

Tax day has come and gone, but it's never too late to keep track of all your puppy's expenses! Puppy food, toys, equipment, and mileage to meetings, are all deductible as non-cash charitable contributions come tax time. So make a folder and start saving those receipts today.

If you received free ProPlan and have not already written a thank-you note, please take a minute to do so. If you already have written, *Thank You!* Purina's support is important; showing our gratitude *does* make a difference! Write to:

Louis Thomas, Plant Manager  
Nestle Purina PetCare Company  
4555 York Street  
Denver, CO 80216



## THROAT & JOWL CHECK



All puppies pick up things in their mouths, especially in times of teething or stress. It's important to be aware of your puppy's oral activities at all times and check what's in his mouth. Even older dogs that seem to be well trained can snatch something forbidden given the chance. If the dog swallows something that may not pass through (like socks, rocks, or pins) or something that will pass but could make him sick (such as foil wrapped chocolates, or a tub of butter) you may need to induce vomiting. If your dog has ingested something questionable, call Carmen or our vet consultant Randa MacMillian immediately to discuss your best course of action.

## VET VISITS IN A NUTSHELL

Julianne Carpenter at Guide Dogs must be notified of any vet visit for something not routine at [jcarpenter@guidedogs.com](mailto:jcarpenter@guidedogs.com). If the vet visit involves procedures, permission from Julianne and an authorization number must be acquired before going ahead, regardless of the status of the puppy's reimbursement account. All invoices and reimbursement forms must be *mailed*, not faxed.

During a new pup's first month in the home, email the information below to Barb Deevers at [bdeevers@guidedogs.com](mailto:bdeevers@guidedogs.com), Julianne Carpenter and Carmen immediately for any illness.

### Puppy Illness Reports

Puppy Name:

Tattoo:

Breed/Sex:

Whelp Date:

Date Placed:

Date of Symptoms:

Symptoms:

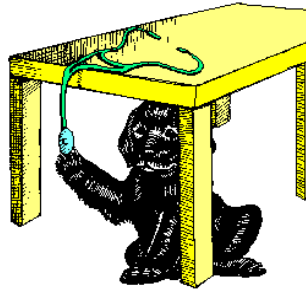
Treatment:

Veterinarian:

Phone Number:

Date Seen:

Diagnosis:



Every vet contact, no matter what the pup's age, needs to be copied to Carmen as well as the Guide Dog folks. Be sure to call Carmen if you have questions!

## MUCH ADO ABOUT MULCH



Cocoa mulch, made from cocoa bean shells, contains potentially toxic quantities of theobromine• the ingredient in chocolate that is toxic to dogs. The chocolate-like smell of the

mulch can be attractive to dogs and deadly if they ingest it in quantity. Be aware of the ingredients in mulches, fertilizers and pesticides you use, and the toxicity of plants in your garden. Then take steps to keep your puppy safe.

## HPWT VET STUDENT

Ed note: Alison Kindrachuk raised TYSON for HPWT in 2000. She served an internship in the Veterinary department at Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael in June 2001. After being accepted to CSU, she created the "Dogs in Dorms" project, giving some of our puppies college dorm experience. She is always willing to puppy-sit, when she is in town.

*I just wanted to let the puppy club know that I was accepted into CSU's school of veterinary medicine. I wanted to send you and the club my thanks for all your guidance and for allowing me such great opportunities with Tyson. I am truly grateful. Now, I have four years of hard work ahead of me, but I have been waiting for this opportunity for nearly my whole life.*

*Thanks again!*

*Alison Kindrachuk*

## HPWT BY THE NUMBERS

Did you know HPWT members have raised 155 dogs since our founding in 1992? Of those, 108 have been returned for harness training (some were dropped before going on to GDB, others are still being raised). We have had 54 graduations, and 54 career changes—exactly 50% graduation rate. Of the graduations, only ten have been accepted into the breeding program, and only one of those was a male. We've raised 69 yellow labs, 34 black labs, 20 German shepherds, 21 goldens, and 11 lab/golden crosses.

## TALE WAGGERS

At a recent program for a preschool, Sue Green was showing the kids a dog toothbrush and asked, "Can anyone tell me why this toothbrush has brushes at both ends?" The reply from a little boy was: "So you can brush two dogs at once!".

**WHAT WORSE PLACE  
CAN I BEG IN YOUR LOVE  
(AND YET A PLACE OF HIGH  
RESPECT WITH ME)  
THAN TO BE USED  
AS YOU USE YOUR DOG?**

**WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE  
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**

