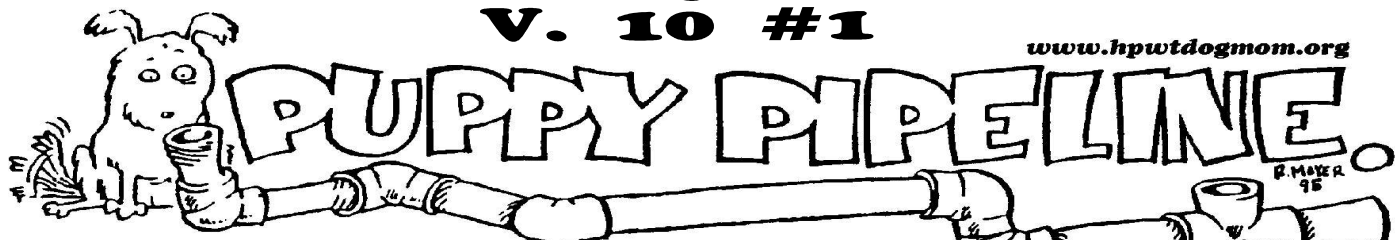


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HPWT SCHEDULE

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

January 13th: 7:00 pm. Training Meeting at the County Extension building.

January 20th: Social Outing, to be announced. If you have an idea for a great place to go that would be indoors, and provide the puppies a good experience, please call Carmen.

January 27th 7:00 p.m. Training Meeting at the County Extension building.

NEXT PUPPY TRUCK



The next puppy pickup and delivery is tentatively scheduled for March 13, 2004. Carmen Moyer's female German shepherd, GIDGET, is scheduled to return on this truck. New raisers interested in possibly receiving a dog from this shipment should submit an application as soon as possible, since there is a waiting list and a limited number of puppies.

BREEDER DOG

KIMMY, a female black lab raised by James and Emma Creasey was accepted into the breeder program on December 17th. KIMMY is the daughter of LENA, a female black lab also raised by the Creasey's. Congratulations!



NEW PUPPY!



Sheila and Kelsey Rea received a male, yellow lab named MARTY on December 12th. MARTY is the Reas' second puppy to raise. Welcome, pup!

MEET THE PUPPY SITTER

Puppy sitter Kathryn Champine has been taking super care of HPWT puppies since last summer. We asked her to introduce herself, so we could all get to know her better. Here's what she had to say.

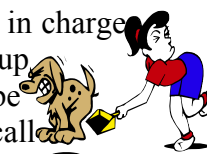
I've been in Denver-Boulder for most of my life and have been an interior designer for over twenty years in the area of Hospitality (hotels, restaurants, etc.). Both of my parents live nearby and I share a special relationship with my eighty-year-old mother. My husband, Dennis, a former Public Defender and mayor of Aurora, is marketing a large project near the Front Range Airport. His four grown children have blessed us with seven grandchildren. We enjoy two beautiful long-haired white cats named Bali and Java and a very sweet horse named Smith. Dennis enjoys working out at the gym, reading, and riding Smith, while I enjoy working, music, and yoga. We like to go to our log cabin in Cuchara as often as possible.

I lost my beloved dog, BLUE MOON, six months ago and even though I have tried everything to let her go, the pain is only eased in the presence of the precious Guide Dog puppies that I am honored to puppy sit. Each one is totally unique and adorable; each time I fall in love again. I want to thank all of you who have shared the precious time with your pups with me. I know how much it means; believe me.

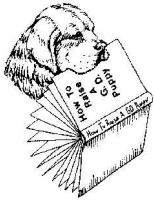
*Sincerely,
Kathryn Champine*

FEBRUARY DOG SHOW

The Colorado Springs puppy club will be in charge of the Presidents day dog show cleanup crew this year. Members of HPWT may be needed to fill in some shifts. Please call Carmen if you would like to be considered to work. Scheduling choices will be determined in the order that requests are received.



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:

The other day I went exploring inside the closet. It was so dark and comfy in there, I lay down and fell asleep. I didn't even hear it when my Dad closed the closet door behind me. When I woke up hours later, I heard my Mom and Dad talking—they were really upset! They were saying I couldn't have run away because no one opened the door, so someone must have dognapped me! It seems Mom had left to do errands, and Dad had gone to work, and each thought the other had me along. When they got back together and realized they didn't know where I was, they got really scared! They searched the neighborhood, looking for me. I heard them calling me, but I know to be quiet in my crate, and the closet seemed so crate-like that I didn't answer. Boy, did they ever hug me when they finally opened the closet door and discovered me safe and sound! I think all raisers should be extra careful to keep track of their puppy's whereabouts, keep doors and gates locked, and communicate with each other about where their puppies are, so they don't scare themselves the way my Mom and Dad did!

—Sign me, Lost & Found

Dear Found:

I'm so glad you were not truly lost or stolen. The safety of our Guide Dog puppies is indeed paramount! Thank you for sharing your story with my readers.

REMINDERS



When you switch your puppy from its baby collar to its big-dog collar, remember to move all tags, including the GDB tag, to the new collar. Also, please turn in the baby puppy collar to Andrea for recycling.

All dogs that your puppy comes in contact with must be approved by your puppy leaders. That means everything from Grandma's teacup poodle to uncle Bruno's rottweiler. If your social plans take you to a home with an unapproved pooch, please keep your puppy separate from the resident dog. This will insure that your pup's dog-to-dog interactions are appropriate and safe for everyone involved.

GRADUATION CHANGES

From the Puppy Raising Department

Evaluations over the last six months have revealed that having graduation at the end of class (the fourth week), instead of the third week, as has been done since July 2003, allows the Training Department to give students the most beneficial class experience. Therefore, GDB has decided to revert back to having their graduation ceremonies occur on the fourth week of class effective April 2004.

Ed. Note: the correct graduation schedule appears under events on our website at www.hpwtdogmom.org



PUPPY KISSES

Thanks to Randa MacMillian for providing an excellent class on First Aid.



To families who attended the First Aid workshop: Anderson, Rea, Landert, Goldstein, Smoak, Kalkus, Peet, Moyer and Jonas.

To wreath sale participants Kelsey Rea and Wendy Kalkus. Together they sold \$408 worth of wreaths and centerpieces. Sloppy kisses to Sheila Rea for chairing the wreath sale.

To Carmen, Tom and Rich Moyer for taking three puppies to visit a GDB financial supporter in Ord, Nebraska, at the request of Guide Dogs. GIDGET, LODGE & EMMETT made a positive impression on the 95 year old donor who wished to make a difference in the lives of other blind people like herself.

To Barnes & Noble gift wrappers: the Rea Family, and the Anderson Family. Sloppy kisses to Lizz Landert for organizing this effort.

To November Doggie Tales participants: Pam and Kira Kalkus with SONIC, Wendy Kalkus with FERRARI, Kelsey Rea with LODGE, Sheila Rea with WONDER, Jane Smoak with LAREDO and Jean Talman with LUDWIG.

To December Doggie Tales participants: Gwen and Katie Arnold with MOLLY, Janet Ford with DAYTONA, Chloe Profant and Jane Ritter with KEIFER, Sheila Rea and WONDER, Jean Talman with LUDWIG, and Jane Smoak and KYRIE.



BONE FRACTURES

Ed. note: We are pleased to introduce a new feature to the Puppy Pipeline. Vets from the Animal E.R. will contribute an occasional column addressing health issues of interest to puppy raisers.

By Wendy B Fleischnan, DVM, Animal ER

The majority of bone fractures in dogs occur as a result of trauma. Most commonly the traumatic incident involves a motorized vehicle - either the dog is hit by a car or jumps from one. Small dogs can fracture bones when they jump or fall from a height. Dog fights sometimes lead to bone fractures. Occasionally a bone fracture will occur secondary to non-traumatic conditions such as bone cancer or nutritional deficiencies.

Fractures are named and categorized in a systematic manner. Obviously the name of the broken bone is identified, as is the specific part of the bone that is affected. Other features utilized to describe a fracture include the shape or orientation of the fracture, the presence of one or multiple pieces, the spatial relation of the pieces and the bone to each other, and the presence or absence of an overlying soft-tissue wound. The characteristics of the fracture will largely dictate the type of repair which will be necessary. The time it will take for the bone to heal is a function of the type of fracture as described above, the way the fracture is repaired, and several patient-related factors such as age, weight, and general health.

Repair of a fracture involves two major steps. First the fracture must be *reduced* which means the bone pieces must be replaced into an anatomically correct position. This is most commonly done in surgery as an "open" reduction, although it can sometimes be accomplished without surgery as a "closed" reduction. Either way, general anesthesia is almost always required. Secondly, the fracture must be *immobilized* or stabilized in such a way as to prevent movement of the pieces at the fracture site. Some fractures can be stabilized from the outside, utilizing a splint, a cast, or an external fixator (a series of metal pins placed through the bone and connected by a rod or rods). Often the fracture must be repaired internally in order to obtain the best result. This is accomplished through the application of metal plates, pins, screws, and wires. Again, the type of repair selected will be based on the nature of the fracture.

What should you do as a pet owner if you suspect that your dog has broken a bone? First of all, remain calm and realize that a broken bone is rarely a life-threatening emergency. If your dog has sustained trauma, it is important to assess his or her general well-being *first*. Assure that your pet is mentally alert, is breathing comfortably, has pink gums, and is not experiencing unstoppable bleeding. Once you've determined that your pet is stable, you can assess the area that you believe to be injured. If there appears to be an open wound, gently cover it with a clean dressing to decrease contamination during transport. You should not attempt to bandage or splint a leg at home. Keep your pet quiet as possible and contained in a space where they will not be apt to cause themselves further injury. Contact your veterinarian or an emergency clinic and make arrangements to have your pet seen as soon as possible.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are a senior in high school, have actively raised a Guide Dog puppy for Guide Dogs, and are pursuing further education at an accredited college, university, technical or trade school in the Fall of 2004, you qualify for our 2004 Puppy Raising Youth Scholarship. Application packets will be sent to puppy raising leaders by January 15th, 2004.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Applications for the Summer Internship 2004 program will be available for youth 16 years of age through college after March 1st. To have your name put on a mailing list to receive the application when it is ready, please e_mail Aerial Gilbert at agilbert@guidedogs.com or Jennifer Bernstein Lewis at jblewis@guidedogs.com.

FROM THE EDITOR

Due to illness and holidays, there was no December 2003 edition of the *Puppy Pipeline*. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

