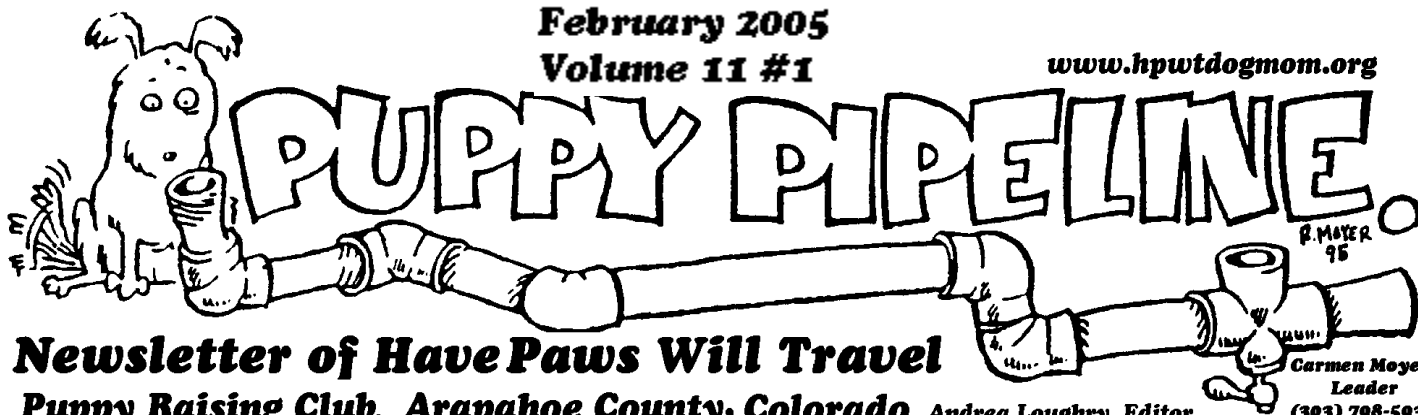


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SCHEDULE

February 8th - 7:00 p.m. Training meeting at the county extension building.

February 15th - No meeting. Please plan to attend the social outing on the 27th.

February 22nd - 7:00 p.m. Training and Business meeting at the county extension building.

February 27th - Arapahoe County's 4-H *Well & Alive in '05* Celebration at the Wildlife Experience museum, 10035 South Peoria (2 miles east of I-25 on Lincoln Parkway), 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to a "Share Fair" featuring information on Arapahoe County's award-winning 4-H Clubs, County Wildlife Masters, Master Gardeners, Agriculture, Consumer and Family Science and NSNEP programs, the 4-H Foundation, and the newest information on the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds.

In addition there are two Nationally Acclaimed exhibits as well as a Hands-on Education Learning Center called the Children's Gallery. We receive a special reduced rate when we pre-register: \$3/adult and \$1.50/child. HPWT will share an information booth with *Dogs with Vision Puppy Club*. Please RSVP to Carmen with your admission fee and sign up for a 30 minute shift by February 15th, 2005.

RETURNING DOG



MARTY, a male yellow lab raised by Kelsey Rea, will accompany Barb Deevers to return to Guide Dogs for harness training on February 7, 2005. Kelsey will receive a male yellow lab, letter Q, to raise on February 11th. Best of luck to **MARTY** and enjoy that new pup, Kelsey!



NEW PUPPY

Congratulations to Janet and Chris Ford who received **FRANNIE**, a three-month-old, donated female golden retriever on January 19th, 2005.

CAREER CHANGE DOGS

FOGERTY, a male yellow lab co-raised by Sue Green and Janet and Chris Ford, was career changed for physical reasons on January 18th. **ILKA**, a female black lab raised by Ellen Goldstein and **JET**, a male black lab raised by Kristi Anderson, were both career changed on December 21, 2004 for temperament. **ILKA** and **JET** have returned home to their puppy raisers. Ellen and Kristi were co-raising **NANA**, and have voluntarily discontinued raising her in order to concentrate on their career change pups.

NEW PUPPY RAISER

Mary Jo Mueller became interested in puppy raising when she saw a presentation at her daughter's elementary school, years ago. The time wasn't right then to get involved, but when their pet dog passed away the family decided to try puppy raising (her daughter is now in high school). Mary Jo has been puppy sitting for HPWT since the summer of 2004, and has enjoyed working with the variety of dogs. Mary Jo became **NANA**'s official puppy raiser in January, and says **NANA** is the easiest and best-behaved puppy they have kept so far. Mary Jo works with visually impaired kids, and sees raising future Guide Dogs as another way to help.

BREEDER DOG

FERRARI, a male black lab raised by Wendy Kalkus, was accepted into the breeder program on December 2, 2004. When not on duty, **FERRARI** lives in downtown San Francisco with his breeder keeper, taking swimming lessons and fetching. He already has his first date set up with **MACKIE**. The Kalkus family will present **FERRARI** to GDB at an upcoming graduation ceremony.





ASK ABBIE

Abolene is a career change golden and co-raiser of twelve puppies. Address questions to Abbie at abbie@hpwtdogmom.org

Dear Abbie,

I've been at my new home for a couple of weeks and really enjoy it. In the past few days I've discovered neat things to "snark" whenever I go outside—little pebbles, pieces of leaves, pieces of ice or snow and any other little tidbit within reach (which at my height is pretty easy). Have to say I'm pretty good at it! It's so much fun that I really can't concentrate on getting busy, which annoys my mom.
—Turbo Teeth

Dear Turbo:

Puppies your age tend to pick up everything in their mouths. It's how they explore the world, just like human babies. Trouble is, if you swallow the things you pick up, they could make you sick. Plus, when you're outside to relieve, you need to take care of business, not be vacuuming up the landscape! Since puppies sniff the ground to find just the right place to relieve, your raiser can't correct you for the snarking without interrupting your business. You need to learn to walk with your head up. Your raiser should work on "no sniffing" when you are out for walks or in the yard together by giving you little pops when your nose goes down and praising when you look up at her. When she takes you out to relieve, she should give you five minutes, maximum. If you waste that time snarking, you lose your opportunity to empty out and your raiser should put you in your kennel for about thirty minutes before giving you another relieving opportunity. Eventually, you'll be so bursting that you'll relieve *before* you snark and then your raiser can praise you to the sky. After a few days of this routine, you should catch on that the best thing to do when your raiser takes you out is to get busy right away so you can spend more time with her and less time in your kennel!

Dear Abby,

I loved your advice on shedding, and I am following your directions. But why would a labbie be shedding in the winter?
—Off Season Shedder

Dear Off:

Dogs that live inside can shed at any time of year. It depends more on your internal clock than the weather. For instance, puppies will blow their "baby coat" and get an adolescent coat, and then blow that coat when it's time to get their adult coat. I guess it's just part of growing up!

BLOOD DONOR DOG

Since returning from harness training, JET, a male black lab raised by Kristi Anderson, has found a new career as a blood donor dog. JET has already given his first blood donation. Kristi says everything went well! It only took about five minutes for the actual donation and his recovery was very quick. In fact, other than his neck being shaved, it was hard to tell that he had anything done. If you are interested in getting your career change dog involved in blood donation, you can find out more at http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/blood_donar.html.

SPRING PUPPY TRUCK

From Barb Deevers

The next puppy truck for Colorado is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 3rd. Although the returning dog list is not yet finalized, HPWT dogs old enough to be scheduled for this truck include: AKIRA, BAYLA, BECKER, BOMBAY, COUGAR, and ELTON.



SPRING FUND RAISER

HPWT is considering a "Parking Lot Sale" fund raiser for May or June, to take place in the parking lot of Carmen's office building on South Broadway. We cordially invite all interested puppy clubs to contact Carmen if they would like to participate. If we can find a sale chairperson, we will go ahead with the event. Meanwhile, set aside saleable items, just in case! If you love garage sales and would be willing to coordinate this fund raiser, please contact Carmen.

BENEFITS OF FUND RAISING

by Kristi Anderson

As most of you know, JET was career changed at the end of December. The next step for JET was getting him home to Colorado from the Oregon campus. Not wanting to make the drive and having no one coming this way, our only option was to fly JET out as air cargo. Fortunately during the months of raising JET, our family had participated in one "Kong Day" and a few hours of wrapping Christmas gifts at Barnes & Noble. Both days were quite fun for the family and excellent outings for JET. In just two days of volunteering, our family earned enough money to fly JET home (over \$250). We can't say enough about the opportunities to earn money and have it set aside in a HPWT account for a situations such as this. *Ed. Note: Your fund raising efforts not only benefit your future trip to graduation or career change dog's travel, but also help the club subsidize toys, kennels and other supplies that benefit all HPWT raisers.*

LEASH OR TIE-DOWN?



One puppy's travel report read like this: *The only issue during the trip was that while we were sleeping our pup ingested his brand new leather leash. He did not seem to be in any discomfort so we checked routinely to see if he passed pieces of it, but he did not. Much to our surprise several days passed and he vomited the pieces up.* These raisers were lucky--they were only out the \$15.00 for the new leash. The dog could have had serious and expensive digestive problems from his chewing misadventure. Moral of the story: do not use a leather leash as a tie-down. Use the metal tie-down Guide Dog provides in your puppy packet, or the longer metal tie-down HPWT provides. Also, when traveling with your puppy, take along a vet form, just in case you have an emergency that requires veterinary attention.

VISITING A RESIDENT DOG

On vacation, raisers may find themselves and their puppy visiting a home with a dog in residence. While your puppy is not allowed to have a "play date" with a dog that the leaders have not approved for such interaction (such as a pet in a raiser home), it is impossible for leaders to approve Aunt Lulu's Labrador in Lancaster, or Grandma's terrier in Trenton. Your puppy can still go along on your trip to visit friends and relatives, though, if you follow some common-sense rules.

Make sure the other dogs aren't aggressive before you let the puppy have any interaction with them. Keep the Guide puppy on a leash, and make sure he stays calm around other dogs• just like we expect at puppy club. Once he is calm, he can interact• as long as he *stays* calm. As far as doggy play, remember we have had both a broken leg and a dislocated shoulder in two different puppies that were playing too roughly! To avoid broken bones, sprains or dislocations, keep the puppy on a leash at all times when other dogs are present. If he lunges towards other dogs, have him do calming sits and downs, or remove him from the situation all together until he can be calm. If the dogs seem calm enough to be off leash together, supervise closely and be ready to clip on leash if things get out of control• either too physical or too growly.

Whether or not the home you're visiting has resident dogs, make double sure the gate is latched & the fence is secure before your turn your dog loose in a strange yard, and stay outside with the dogs at all times to supervise! Lastly, always pack a vet form when you travel with your pup, in case of emergencies. For more information, check out the info on dog-to-dog interactions in the puppy raising manual, in Section 6 "Training Techniques", p. 7.



REMINDERS

Be sure to check puppy sitter reports carefully to be sure dates and name of sitter is included. Many times it does not, and we need to know who to contact if we have questions.

If you are planning to use RTD buses or light rail, remember to print out the memo stating that a person handling a puppy in training is allowed a free fare. As far as we know, this policy is still in force, but not all drivers know about it and may challenge you. Having the memo, which includes the manager's name, can reduce confusion and pave the way for a pleasant free ride. Print out a copy of the memo from our website at http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/rtd_policy.html.

SPRING CLEANING

Our club supplies are running low. It is all-too-easy to store something away and even forget you have it, where it is, or even whose it is! Please go through your puppy equipment and return anything that you aren't currently using. This includes unused crates, exercise pens, halt collars, small puppy collars, baby gates, and any other club or GDB property. Equipment can be brought to any meeting and Carmen or Lizz will take it to Sue Green's for storage. Training equipment can be given to Andrea for recycling or return to Guide Dogs.

A THANK YOU AND A PLEA

By Melanie Harrell of Dogs with Vision Club

I would like to give a big thank-you to James Creasey for acquiring a large amount of dog food that was donated to the Colorado Humane Society and to Carmen Moyer for forwarding the e-mail and bringing it to our attention. The Humane Society was very grateful. I have had the opportunity to volunteer at the Colorado Humane Society, walking and working with the dogs to make them more presentable for adoption. They have a great need for many essential pet items. If club members could search their basements and garages for any pet items that aren't being used, and collect them as a club, I would be more than happy to deliver them to the Humane Society. They will take any brand and flavor of dog/puppy food and cat/kitten food, preferably wet. They need leashes, collars (for all size cats and dogs), food and water bowls, brushes, blankets and toys. They're also looking for cleaning supplies such as bleach and paper towels. For a complete wish list visit www.coloradohumane.org. If a club has any items they wish to donate to the Humane Society, leaders can drop me an e-mail at tryChrist@juno.com to make further arrangements.

TALE WAGGERS

Dear Have Paws Will Travel Members:

My name is SarahRuth. I am the lucky lady who graduated with ARLIN (a black lab raised by HPWT members Bob and Shirley Davis) in 2000. I love this dog so much, I want to thank Shirley and everyone else who helped raise him for their hard work and unfailing love and dedication. What an amazing and awesome dog he is! And it is all thanks to your love and dedication.

Some of the highlights of our time together in the past four years include: traveling around the country on music tours; performing in Carnegie Hall together; Swimming in the oceans of Mexico; and meeting the champion horses at Churchill Downs in Kentucky, just to scratch the surface!

ARLIN shares my attentions with two kitties, both of whom he loves dearly, and plays with regularly. He loves his toys, his wrestling matches, and his long mountain hikes. He loves to grumble and growl to himself. He is so sweet and lovable, but he is a regular old, grumpy man. His comfort is foremost, and if you move him when he is snoozing in the sun, or if you disturb his mound of pillows or whatever else he purloins from the bedrooms, he throws a spectacular temper tantrum. He is a snuggler, and cannot stand being left out of your lap if you are relaxing.

Our days are packed and busy, divided between two college campuses and two jobs. I attend ASU in the mornings, finishing up a degree in music, and Arlin is the favorite among all the professors and students. In the afternoons I work as an instructor at a local community college. Our evenings are spent in recording studios, or in jazz clubs, performing. ARLIN is famed around Phoenix as the greatest jazz musician around. All he has to do is blink those big sweet eyes and the crowd goes crazy. He was born to perform, which is a blessing to me.

ARLIN's guide work is fantastic, and he is one of the most well-behaved, loving and intelligent dogs I know. In our spare time, we work with the local puppy raising clubs, doing demonstrations of guide work, giving talks about blindness, and encouraging the raisers on puppy-truck days. I love meeting the puppies, and talking with the raisers, sharing with them how grateful I am for their work and their love.

ARLIN has been my saving grace, my best friend, and my greatest guardian angel over the past years. I look forward to many more years of happy travels and memories with him. Everyone I meet comments on what a gorgeous, healthy, happy dog I have. He has the world wrapped around his big lion paw! I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful dog you gave to me.

• SarahRuth Outwater

PUPPY KISSES

To December *Doggie Tales* participants: Tom Moyer with BAYLA, Mary Jo Mueller with LODGE, Kelsey Rea with MARTY, Sheila Rea with WONDER, Andrea Loughry with JASPER, and Jane Ritter with MULDER.



To the Rea family for making a generous holiday donation to Have Paws Will Travel. We were able to replenish our supply of braided service dog replacement leashes for raisers to purchase with the money.

To *Fat City* participants: Bossert, Champine, Creasey, Payne, Jonas, Kalkus, Loughry, Moyer, Peet, Rea, and Trujillo. Sloppy kisses to Sheila Rea for setting up this outing.

To former puppy raiser Barbara Hall for donation of a large sized crate.

To all of you for dealing with the 4-H wreath sales. As you know, this is a fund raiser for the 4-H Foundation, but they share the proceeds with 4-Hers who have made sales, as well as with the club.

To Barnes & Noble fund raiser participants: Sutton, Rea, Bossert, Jonas, and Harris. They worked eighteen hours and totaled nearly \$350 in donations. Sloppy kisses to Lizz Landert for coordinating this effort.

To seven-year-old Kevin Kalkus, whose portrait of Neo is on display at Red Rocks College and has been advanced to the regional competition for the PTA Reflections art program. Their topic was "a different kind of hero" this year. It's very cute and may win a medal and advance to compete in the Colorado division.

To everyone who brought a "surface" to the January 11th meeting. We were able to offer our pups a wonderful variety of experiences and all the pups handled it beautifully!

To *Ski for Light* volunteers: Creasey, Landert, Trujillo and Goldstein. GDB provides volunteers to walk working guides during the day while their blind masters enjoy a weekend of skiing. With over thirty dogs participating, the volunteers were kept busy!

**My Guide Dog is my freedom,
my happiness, my link to independence,
and my light and joy.**

-Sarah Outwater

