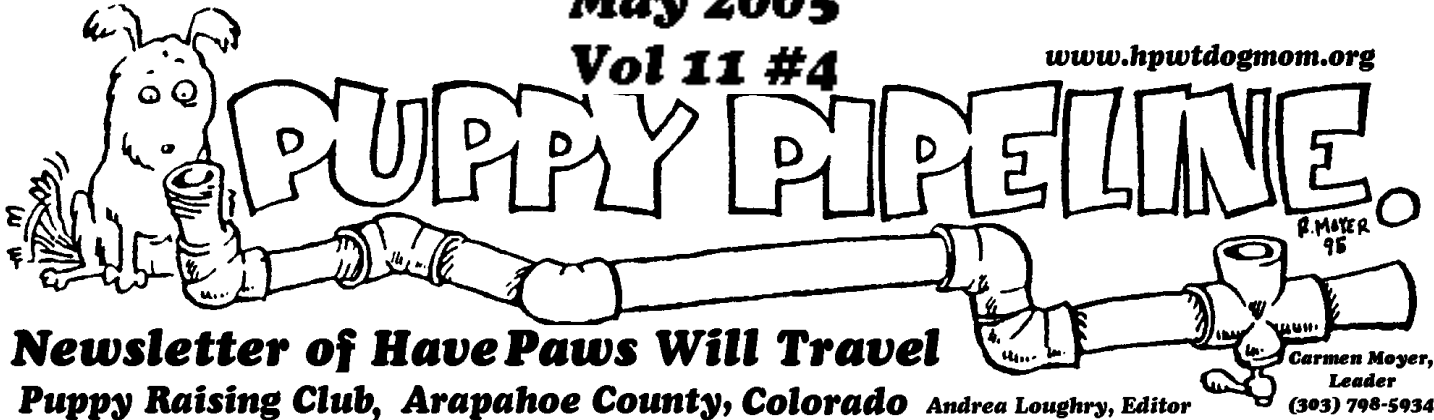


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**Newsletter of Have Paws Will Travel  
Puppy Raising Club, Arapahoe County, Colorado**

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## SCHEDULE

**May 10th** - 7:00 p.m. Training meeting at the County Extension building.

### **May 17th - Older Puppy Social Outing**

Dinner at *Souper Salad* 7939 E. Arapahoe Rd. 7:00 p.m. RSVP To Lizz Landert if you plan to attend. Directions: From I-25, take Arapahoe Road west to Syracuse (3rd stoplight, between Diamond Shamrock and USBank). Turn right (north) on Syracuse. *Souper Salad* is straight ahead at the west end of the building.

**Young Puppy Social Outing**, 7:00 p.m. Food court at Southglenn Mall at University and Arapahoe. Jane Smoak will be leader for the evening.

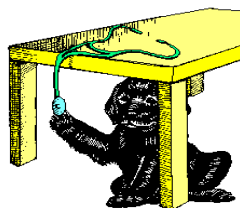
**May 24th** - 7:00 p.m. Training and Business meeting at the County Extension building.

## GUIDE DOG USERS RETREAT

The Rocky Mountain Guide Dogs Users retreat is planned for October 14th with a walk-a-thon on the 15th, here in the Denver metro area. The organizers are planning a Puppy Raising Panel on the 14th. Five to six volunteers needed. Puppy raisers can also participate in the walk-a-thon. If you are interested in either of these events, contact Laura Carpenter at raising\_gdb\_pups@hotmail.com

## GDB INTERNSHIP

Congratulations to Wendy Kalkus for being chosen for an internship at Guide Dogs for the Blind's San Rafael campus this summer! Wendy will be working in the veterinary clinic in August.



## NEW PUPPIES!

Four new puppies arrived on the April 17th truck. LeKathryn and Dennis Champine received GILLA, a female black lab, and their second puppy to raise. Carmen and Tom Moyer received LABELLE, their seventeenth puppy. First time raisers Amanda Hartzell and Jenny Truax received yellow lab brothers ICON and ITALY.



## QUILT FUND RAISER



HPWT's fund raiser this year is a drawing for hand-made a quilt. We kicked off the sale of tickets at the April Puppy Raiser Workshop. We will display the quilt and sell tickets at both GDB Fun Days. The drawing will take place at the close of the Oregon Fun Day on August 13th. In the meantime, raisers are invited to display the quilt and make tickets available at local events such as

community garage sales, in the lobby at work, at church and company picnics, your vet's office or anywhere else that might be appropriate. Proceeds will go to help all HPWT raisers, so we all need to promote the quilt! Tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. The official description and printable tickets can be found on our website at [www.hpwt dogmom.org](http://www.hpwt dogmom.org). Sloppy kisses to Carmen's daughter, Chris Buening, for her beautiful hand-piecing of the golden retriever block and quilt. Contact Carmen to arrange to display the quilt.

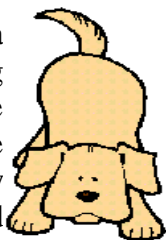
## NEW PUPPY RAISERS



**Amanda Hartzell** has had an interest in animals as long as she can remember, which was fostered as she grew up helping her father in his veterinarian clinic in Kansas. Since moving to Colorado two years ago she has gained enthusiasm for snowshoeing, as well as hiking. Other hobbies include attending church activities, reading, and making quilted wall hangings. Amanda works at Adoption Alliance, a non-profit adoption agency in Denver, so adopting children is a cause close to her heart.

A little over a year ago, "out of the blue," Amanda became interested in raising a service dog. She began researching different clubs and programs in the area, and was drawn to Have Paws Will Travel because of the amount of community support and camaraderie it exuded. At the time her roommate had a new puppy, so Amanda put puppy raising on hold for a while. This spring, everything came together and Amanda received ICON from the April puppy truck. So far the program has been a joy, and she says she is proud to be a part of such a wonderful group!

**Jenny Truax** has always been a dog lover. Once, she was having dinner in a restaurant when a Guide Dog and his partner sat at the table across from her. She was touched by the bond that they displayed and recognized what a difference the dog had made for his partner's life. After that, Jenny became interested in the idea of raising a Guide Dog, but didn't know how to go about it until she met Sheila Rea and WONDER. Jenny works as a recruiter for Littleton Hospital and Sheila brought WONDER into her office to get I.D. badges made in order to be volunteers at the hospital (WONDER's career change job is as a Therapy Dog for patients).



Jenny's most recent hobby is new puppy ITALY and HPWT, but she also enjoys running, biking, hiking fourteeners, and traveling. Prior to getting ITALY, she spent a lot of time pet sitting for other people. So far, HPWT has enabled Jenny to meet some really neat people while getting her "dog fix." Jenny enjoys knowing that what we do can really help change someone's life for the better and she looks forward to proudly watching the puppies' progress!



## ASK ABBIE

*Abolene is a career change golden and co-raiser of twelve puppies. Address questions to Abbie at [abbie@hpwtdogmom.org](mailto:abbie@hpwtdogmom.org)*

Dear Abby~

My new mom keeps me in this crate. I really hate it, so I scream and cry. She talks all sweet to me, but I won't stop. She thinks she'll fool me by putting a long-line on me, then hiding. When I bark, she jerks me. But I'm no dummy! If there's a line on my collar, I don't bark. But when she takes the thing off me, I really go ballistic! Sometimes she tries to trick me by putting me in there and fussing around the house for an hour before she leaves, but I just bark and bark. Sometimes she just leaves, even though I'm barking. You can bet I'm still barking when she gets home! It's only been two weeks since I got off the puppy truck, and my mom seems mostly nice, but this crate stuff has got to stop!

—Tantrum Tyrant

Dear Tyrant~

Sounds like you're a smart young puppy just bursting with energy. When you're in your crate, you get bored, so you bark. It's important that you don't bark so much that you form a habit of pitching a fit every time you are placed in a crate! I hope your mom never opens the crate when you're barking, because that will teach you that barking works. She should wait until you're quiet and then praise you and open the door. She can increase the length of time she asks you to be quiet before you are released. That way, you will start to learn that being quiet works better for getting attention than barking.

Your mom knows that being comfortable in a kennel is one of the best skills a Guide pup can have, and she's tried a lot of things to help you. It sounds to me like you don't get much time to play. It will be a lot easier staying calm in your crate if you are tired when you get there.

Do you have a place you can stretch your legs and run around? If you are young enough not to be fully vaccinated, your mom is limited as to the places she can take you. If there are too many places to hide in the yard, or too much stuff to get into in the house for you to play, your mom can set up an exercise pen. That will give you more space than a crate, and you can have a little romp without getting into trouble; your mom can still get something done around the house without having to supervise you every minute. She should let you play there long enough to fall asleep, so you don't get the notion that the *only* place you can be still is in your kennel.

Your mom can also get a tug ring or a rope toy and play lots interactive games with you, in addition to your regular training. It's fun for both of you, it's good exercise and you'll be building a bond for the future!

Pretty soon you'll be old enough to go everywhere with your mom, and you won't have to deal with so much crate time. Things will be better, I promise!

## FROM BARB DEEVERS

Thank you to everyone for all your help at the April puppy workshop and puppy truck. It was a surprisingly large crowd and everyone pitched into make the day run smoothly. At every turn, people jumped in to help with set up, the lunch, clean up and the puppy truck. Mick and Jonathon commented on the gathering and how wonderful everyone was.

You all amaze me on a daily basis with your dedication to Guide Dogs and our mission. We truly appreciate the time and commitment you bring to the program. It is a pleasure to work with each and every one of you!

Thanks, Barb

## PUPPY PAPERWORK

From the GDB Puppy Raising Department

Every recall, a few dogs come in without complete veterinary records. Of particular concern are the dogs that arrive on campus without up-to-date vaccination records and/or spay/neuter certificates. As you know, the absence of such records creates a delay in on-campus vet care for these dogs while our staff gathers the missing documentation. This additional work takes time away from their regular duties and creates delays in other areas. More importantly, this lack of up-to-date records can result in delay of important medical care for a dog.

A puppy's best health safeguard is complete vet records for our vets to consult. Raisers, please mail in or fax a copy of your puppies' vaccination records and spay/neuter certificates to the Puppy Raising Department: 415-472-0128.

## LEPTO VACCINE REVISITED

Randa MacMillian, D.V.M., HPWT's veterinary consultant, reports that Colorado vets have seen a dramatic rise in the number of leptospirosis cases recently. She strongly recommends the leptospirosis vaccine for our puppies, and Barb Deevers confirms this advice. We therefore will have a "club policy" to have our new pups vaccinated against Lepto, even though the general GDB policy is optional. Please ask your vet about Lepto when you make the appointment for your puppy's shots, and if they don't stock the vaccine, please call Carmen for a recommendation of a veterinarian that does.



## URBAN WILDLIFE

In Colorado, we live with wildlife all around us. As suburban sprawl encroaches on wild areas, clashes between wild animals, people, and our pets become more frequent. Raccoons and foxes are nocturnal, and may not be seen, but they serve as a reservoir of diseases such as rabies, distemper, and leptospirosis. Another threat to our puppies comes from coyotes, and less commonly mountain lions. Compared to chasing down a deer or rabbit, a fat, wobbly three-month-old puppy may look like a tempting midnight snack to an urban carnivore. It is not unknown for a coyote or fox to lie in wait and snatch a puppy during a late-night potty session—even with a person standing on the porch watching, and an adult dog in the yard!



There are several simple steps one can take to safeguard our puppies from attack—especially when they are small and haven't been fully inoculated. Keep the puppy on a leash at all times. Never allow the puppy loose in the yard until you have thoroughly checked that the gate is closed and everything is secure. Stay and watch the puppy; don't leave a young puppy unattended in a yard, even for a few minutes, especially at night.

Don't leave pet food outside for wild creatures to snack on. Light your yard with flood lights or motion detector lights. Keep garbage in tightly sealed containers, and keep the containers clean so they don't smell and attract wildlife.

If you meet a coyote or fox when you're out for a walk, keep your distance and do not approach it. Keep your dog on its leash. If the animal approaches you, throw rocks or sticks to and use a loud authoritative voice to frighten it away. If you see a coyote or fox in your yard and your pup is inside the house, crate your puppy so he cannot escape accidentally. Then turn on the lights and run outside yelling and swinging a broom to scare the animal away. If your puppy is in the yard, do whatever you can to frighten the coyote and get your puppy back into the house. Wild animals are usually shy and will run when confronted by people. If the animal seems friendly or bold, this may be a sign that it is sick. Leave it alone and call the Division of Wildlife to report the incident.

There is more information about living with wildlife on the CSU Extension Website. Go to HPWT's links page and click on "wildlife" at the bottom of the page.

## **PUPPY KISSES**



🐾 To April *Doggie Tales* participants:  
🐾 Tom Moyer & BAYLA, Kelsey Rea & GIDGET, Lisa Okazaki & KYRIE, Jim Talman & KODAK, Shelia Rea & WONDER, and Marty Dickerson & GYPSY.

🐾 To Randa MacMillian, D.V.M., for displaying our quilt in her clinic.

🐾 To Rhonda Sutton for setting up duffels for new raisers, and keeping the toy store well stocked.

🐾 To Rhonda Sutton and Annette Bossert for going above and beyond the usual call of puppy raising to meet with Barb Deevers to learn and use various elaborate protocols with their pups. Both ELTON and BECKER had some teen-age issues, but both pups responded well, thanks to their raisers' investment of time, training and love. HPWT puppy raisers are the *best!*

🐾 To so many folks who helped make the April puppy workshop a success, including distributing ProPlan, setting up inside, selling things, coordinating the food, and clean up. Sloppy Kisses to Jane Smoak, Daniel & Kate Trujillo, Amanda Hartzell, Lizz Landert, Rhonda & Allen Sutton, Janet Ford, Pam Kalkus, and Tom & Carmen Moyer. Wildly wagging tails to our new sitter Suzanne Hinds, who was among the first to arrive and the last to leave, pitching in to help without being asked, especially with clean-up.

🐾 To Lynda Harris for donating a crate to HPWT in honor of DEPOT, a guide dog pup she raised in Jefferson County in 1990.

🐾 To Wendy & Pam Kalkus and Tonya Santaus for their creative and fun games during the first meeting in April. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and freed up Andrea for a certificate photo shoot with the older dogs.

🐾 To Lizz Landert for taking over the puppy training class when Andrea Loughry was down with a cold on puppy meeting night.

🐾 To Andrea Loughry for photo certificates, baby puppy portraits, and an ever up-to-date website and roster. We appreciate you!

## **P.R.A. TERRITORY CHANGE**

Guide Dogs has re-assigned its Puppy Raising Advisers to better meet the needs of all its puppy raising regions. Our Adviser, Barb Deevers, will still be in charge of Colorado, but will now be responsible for Utah instead of Arizona. Luckily for us, there will be no change in our contacts at GDB.

## **PUPPY-SICK, SO SOON?**

Lynda Harris did not receive another puppy when she loaded AKIRA on the truck. She tells us she is dying to puppy sit to fill the "void" in her life. So if you need a sitter, keep Lynda in mind! Your dog will get great care and a wonderful puppy sitter experience.

## **PUT PEN TO PAPER**

If you received ProPlan food in April, please take a minute to send ProPlan a note of thanks, and perhaps a photo or two of your puppy enjoying his free food:

Louis Thomas, Plant Manager

Purina

4555 York Street

Denver, CO 80216



## **HPWT ALUMNUS HONORED**

Amy Green started raising puppies in HPWT when she was a teenager, and raised five dogs before starting college. Amy was recently initiated into the Mortar Board Honor Society at DU. The society recognizes students with distinguished records of scholarship, leadership and service to the University and the community. This is a prestigious award! We're proud of you, Amy!

## **FERRARI'S FATHERINGS**

FERRARI's first litter of puppies are: SUNNY, SPRITE, SABLE and STACEY...all off the list of names from HPWT raisers. Three of these pups were on the April truck and will be raised in Colorado. FERRARI's second "wife" SHERI is sister to NEO's mom SWOOZEY. That means that FERRARI is NEO's uncle and these puppies are cousins.

**DOGS MAKE US HUMAN**  
**-ABORIGINE SAYING**