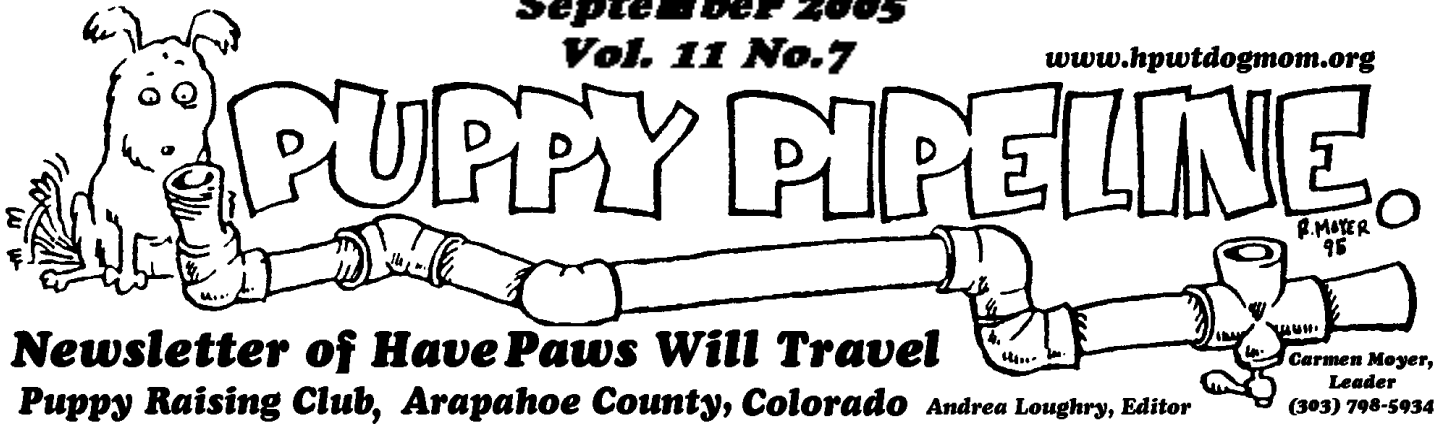


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## SCHEDULE

**September 6th** - Dinner in the Dark at the County Extension building. See the August Pipeline for details. Please attend in lieu of our 2nd Tuesday meeting

**September 13th** - No Meeting.

**September 20th** - HPWT Club Picnic, Riverside Picnic area in Chatfield State Park. We will have a cook-out and take the pups for a walk on the docks. Families may camp overnight if desired. Admittance to the park is \$5.00 per car. RSVP to Janet Ford if you plan to attend. Details will be posted on the *Schedule and Events* page of our website.

**September 27th** - 7:00 p.m. Training and business meeting at the County Extension building.

**October 11th** - 7:00 p.m. Training meeting at the County Extension building.

**October 18th** - 7:00 p.m. Training and business meeting at the County Extension building.

**October 25th** - 6:00 p.m. Halloween Party & Costume Contest at the County Extension building.

## NEW RAISERS

Phoenix puppy raisers Debbie Horgan and her daughter, Casey recently moved to the Denver area, and have chosen HPWT as their puppy club. They are currently raising a female black lab puppy named HARBOR. Their first Guide Dog puppy, CUPID, is currently in harness training, so they are keeping their fingers crossed for a fall trip for graduation. Welcome to Have Paws!

## FALL RECALL UPDATE

*Ed. Note: There have been some changes to the recall schedule. Here is the most current information we have on the fall puppy recalls:*

**September 11th:** ALEXI & DALTON to San Rafael

**October 2nd:** NANA to Oregon

**October 28th:** CLINT, NEO, PAXTON & SHERWOOD to San Rafael

## NEW FALL PUPPIES

**September 11th:** Jeanne Bruns:

Male black lab, letter W

Kate & Daniel Trujillo: Male black lab, letter V - Mother is LENA\*

**October 2nd:** James Creasey: Black Lab Female, letter M - Mother is KIMMY\*

Wendy Kalkus: Black Lab Male, letter B - Father is FERRARI\*

\*HPWT Alumni

**October 28th:** Annette Bossert, Lizz Landert and Andrea Loughry are on the list for puppies. Puppy assignments to come.



## YOU'RE INVITED!

**What:** Good-bye Party for ALEXI

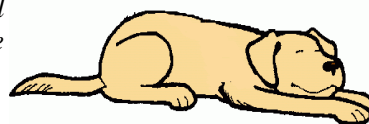
**Where:** Family Crisis Center

**When:** September 9th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Bring your puppy and prepare to meet lots of enthusiastic folks interested in Guide Puppies! Answer questions about puppy-raising, show off your puppy, and enjoy the festivities.

**Directions:** The Crisis Center is on 10th and Federal. To get there from I-25, take 6th Avenue west to Federal. Go north on Federal to 10th. Take a right on 10th, pass the 7-11 and then go left into the parking lot. Tell the receptionist that you are there for ALEXI's party. RSVP to Kate Trujillo. Let's Send ALEXI Off In Style!

## CAREER CHANGE DOG



ELTON, a male yellow lab raised by Rhonda Sutton was career changed for temperament on July 28th. The Suttons have chosen to place

ELTON through GDB's placement department. They plan to raise another puppy next spring.

## DOGGIE TALES BEGINS



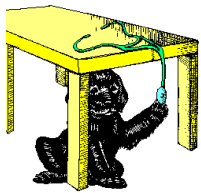
*Doggie Tales* is a library program that introduces children in grades 1-5 to a four-legged friend...and then the magic begins. Each child selects a fun book to read to his or her new doggie pal. Tails wag as tales are told and each child practices his or her reading skills with a new friend who loves a good story and won't interrupt or criticize. Doggie Tales helps to build self-esteem and reading skills.

Have Paws Will Travel provides the puppies that the kids read to! It's great socialization for your dog, especially if you don't have much opportunity for exposure to children in your life. Plus, it's rewarding to see the effect our puppies have on the kids. Please consider volunteering if your puppy is six months old or older and able to lie still for a period of time or if you have a career change dog. If you want to participate and don't have a qualified dog, we will find one for you! Sessions are 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sept 10th at Koelbel Library, and October 2nd at the Smoky Hill Library. If either you or your dog can come, or you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Rea.

More information is on the HPWT website at <http://hpwtogmom.org/club/info/doggietales.html>.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

Pam Kalkus has volunteered to chair the Halloween Party and Costume Contest for her 3rd year in a row, so we know the party will be a howlin' success! But no one can put on an extravaganza single-handedly. If you are willing to be on Pam's team, contact her right away!



## GDB INTERNSHIP

Wendy Kalkus spent two weeks in August as an intern in the San Rafael Veterinary Department. Wendy got to watch surgeries, do physical therapy with dogs, clean instruments, and take care of puppies coming out of anesthesia. She did relieving, feeding, tattooing of baby puppies and vaccinations. Wendy has been invited back next year, and can't wait to go. She says the experience was fantastic!

## RETIRED GUIDE

HEPBURN, a female yellow lab raised by Amy Green was retired after working for six years due to her slowing pace. She will live with her partner's mother as a pet to enjoy her retirement. View photos of HEPBURN and other HPWT retired guides at [http://hpwtogmom.org/club/info/retiring\\_guides.html](http://hpwtogmom.org/club/info/retiring_guides.html). If you know of a HPWT alumnus that has retired, please let us know, so we can honor her on the web, too!



## ASK ABBIE

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

Dear Abbie~

My mom used to kept me on leash all the time, and I'd have to behave. It was so boring! Coming when called, sitting or lying down whenever she said so. But now she lets me off the leash, and I've discovered so many new games! It's the most fun to run the other direction when my mom says "come." It makes her do the funniest things! Sometimes she runs away from me making cutesy puppy noises, and other times she yells and chases me around. It's hilarious to run away when I have something in my mouth. That really gets mom going!

—Off Leash & Lovin' It

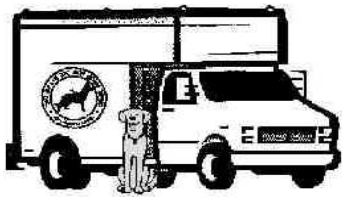
Dear Off~

Sounds like you're developing "can't catch me" and "keep away" behaviors because your mom's given you too much freedom too soon. She thought you knew your commands, but really, you still need her support. Your mom can help you stop both habits by working on the *come* command. First, practice a lot of formal comes with your leash & long line in various situations: the back yard, in the house, on walks. This will help cement in your mind what the word *come* means. You won't like it, but she will also have to start using a drag line or long line again. She shouldn't call you with *come* unless she can back it up and make sure you do! When your mom praises you to the skies whenever you get to her, or offers a toy for a game of tug, you'll see that coming is even more fun than "can't catch me." Pretty soon you'll be saying, "When Mom says come, I stop what I'm doing and get over to her."

As you mentioned, puppies think it's a great game when their raisers yell and chase them around, especially when they have a trophy in their mouth. Since you'll be wearing your drag line, your mom can stop the keep away behavior by simply stepping on the leash. If you don't have a drag line, she should walk slowly toward you, talking soothingly. Eventually she should be able to get close enough to touch you, have you sit, and give lots of physical praise. She shouldn't take your prize away right away. She can keep praising, petting your face, and gently remove it without making a big deal about it. Then you get more praise for giving the thing to your mom. You're a good dog for giving the item back, not a bad dog for picking it up. Of course, what you really need to learn is NOT to pick things up in the first place. Your mom can teach that with the drag line by correcting you for sniffing and praising you when you chose your toy instead.

It's important that you come when called, and never play keep away from your blind partner. With lots of patience and cooperation, you will be on your way to making someone a wonderful companion and guide!

## PUPPY TRUCK TIME



*HPWT has lots of first time raisers returning puppies this fall, so here are a few tips to help you prepare.*

About two months before your puppy returns to Guide Dogs, his project book will be due. This is the booklet you received with your puppy that has his shot schedule and family information on it. There are several pages of questions followed by pages for a narrative story. It's important to be honest and complete in this report. Everyone at GDB *knows* you love your puppy! They need to know the health issues, behavioral issues, and training issues that might affect his future as a guide. Reviewing your monthly reports will greatly help in this process. Hopefully, you wrote lots of detail each month to help jog your memory! This document should be mailed to Barb Deevers directly, or can be handed in to Carmen.

At the puppy truck, you need to turn in the "Fun Things about Your Puppy" form. This will be read to your graduate, or given to your puppy's future family if he career changes. It's nice to include a few photos with this form. Just staple an envelope containing the prints. You will also need to hand the truck driver a copy of your puppy's rabies certificate. Since the truck crosses state lines, they need legal documentation of the vaccinations.

When your puppy boards the truck, he should be wearing his official collar with the brass plate. Leave the rabies tag fastened, but the brass fob that was on his puppy collar, your personal ID tag, the leather tag bag, and anything else you may have attached to the collar should be removed. These are keepsakes or items to be used for the next puppy. Do not send a leash, food or toys. Any food that would be different from Eukanuba Adult Maintenance and current medication should be included, along with instructions, when your puppy boards the truck. The food should be only enough to last 3-4 days.

The puppy coat, head collar or other training equipment, and leftover Heartgard or flea preventive should be returned to the club. Extra crates should also be returned, unless you are raising another puppy right away. If you plan to stay active and puppy-sit, it is fine to keep one crate for puppy sitting.

Finally, delivering your puppy to the truck with a positive attitude is important. If all his people are in tears, it will upset the puppy. Try to save your tears until he's safely on the truck and ready for a new adventure!

For more tips about returning dogs, check out our web page at <http://hpwtdogmom.org/club/info/forms.html> and scroll down to the *Returning Dogs, Graduations, and Career Changes* section.

## CAREER CHANGE PLAN

*From Barb Deevers, Puppy Raising Adviser*

When a puppy returns to GDB for training, the dog is on a continued path towards its final career status. This status may include becoming a guide or breeder or may ultimately include a career change (CC.) Whether dogs graduate as breeders or guides or are CC'd, the raiser may expect to incur expenses if they chose to present the dog at graduation or bring their CC dog home. All reasonable efforts are made to provide the least expensive transportation possible for CC dogs, however many times the only available option is to ship the dog via air and this can cost as much as \$300. Begin to plan for graduation or CC the day you receive the puppy. If you are unable to travel at the time the dog graduates or choose not to adopt your CC dog, you can roll the funds over for future use. However, having a fund available may help open doors and make last-minute expenses less burdensome.

Before the puppy returns to GDB for training, a raising family should consider what direction they may wish to take should the puppy be career changed. While a final decision does not need to be made until that time comes, it is helpful to have a general idea in mind should it come to pass. At times, the reason for a career change can affect the final decision, but more often than not the dog has the same general personality it did as a puppy.

In the case of career change dogs GDB asks that a raiser makes the decision in a timely fashion so that the appropriate arrangements can be made, whether it is transportation home to a raiser or placing the dog through the GDB career change department. Good communication is helpful in this process. All questions regarding a career change dog should be directed to the appropriate staff. Please refer to the typical sequence of events below.

1. GDB announces CC of individual dog to adviser.
2. Adviser contacts leader and forwards the training summary.
3. Leader contacts raiser.
4. Raiser should contact GDB regarding adoption or placement of dog within three days. Call the Puppy Raising Department of the campus where your dog was in training.
5. Raiser should also contact their leader so that the leader knows the final status of the dog.
6. Leader should contact Adviser so that the Adviser knows the final status of the dog.

If a raiser has additional questions regarding the CC summary, please contact the Adviser. Individual calls to instructors or other staff may not result in obtaining the additional information being requested and delays the placement of a dog. For individual cases, the Adviser may ask a raiser to contact other staff for particular information (veterinary, etc.). Your help in following this general guideline is appreciated. We strive to have our CC process be as effective as possible for the raisers, the dogs and GDB.

## PUPPY KISSES

🐾 To Lynda Harris for designing and creating graduation cards to sell at fun day, and to everyone who helped get this project off the ground: Barb Witcher, who knocked herself out and single-handedly got bunches of cards to Lizz in time for her Fun Day trip. Amanda Hartzell who jumped in and got a bunch of cards ready for Carmen to take to Fun Day. Jenny Truax and Ray Churgovich who are trying to get donated or discounted printing on our next run. To Mary Jo Mueller who volunteered her help on the project. And to Andrea & Joe Loughry for technical help with the graphics for future editions of the cards.



🐾 To Fun Day participants: Pam & Wendy Kalkus and Lizz Landert for manning the HPWT Club booth in San Rafael and to Carmen Moyer for handling the booth in Oregon. These ladies made a huge effort to coordinate and transport all the goods and supplies needed for successful sales at both events! We nearly sold out of Career Change scarves, and the quilt raffle did well, too. Sloppy kisses, ladies!

🐾 To the Kalkus family for donation of a weekend at their vacation home in Catalina, which was raffled off at Fun Day. Bidding was brisk, and the winner was a GDB employee. Proceeds accounted for nearly half of our profits from the San Rafael Fun Day booth!

🐾 To Downtown outing participants: Andrea Loughry & SHERWOOD, Shelia, Kelsey & Gina Rae & QUAZAR, Tonya Santaus & DALTON, LeKathryn Champine & GILLA, Mary Jo Mueller & NANA, Amanda Hartzel & ICON and Debbie & Cassie Horgan & HARBOR, and Susan O'Grady & KODAK. Sloppy kisses to Lisa Okazaki and FRESCO for showing us the high life downtown!

## TALE WAGGERS

*From MaryJo Mueller*

Saturday night we went to church and afterwards the lady sitting behind us thanked us. She said it must have been meant to be that they were sitting behind us as her son is in a wheelchair and will be starting college next week. She said when NANA turned around and looked at them with her big brown eyes, she felt NANA gave her the answer that she had been seeking all these years. They have questioned whether a service dog may be helpful for their son and after seeing NANA they felt that they could go forward in getting those questions answered and things would be all right. These wonderful creatures sure do make an impression when they are out in public!

## COUNTY FAIR STORY

*by Michelle Mueller*

During this project, the main thing I learned was patience. It takes a lot of work to raise and train a puppy and the key element you must have is patience. In addition, I learned that if you really want to train a puppy, you really need to work hard at it and cannot slack off. Every day, you have to be consistent on teaching the puppy the commands and have to work hard with him or her. In the end, having a loving and trained dog makes life all the easier and more enjoyable. One part of this project I enjoyed the most was being able to take the puppy wherever we went. Since this is my first project, I have never been able to take a dog in public wherever I go. Even though she was in training it was comforting having her there at all times. Doing this project has helped me look into the intern project in California a little more. Since I plan to study veterinary medicine in the near future, the intern project may help me or give me a better understanding of the field that I am looking into.

The puppy I am training, NANA, has progressed a lot during this time. To begin, she has learned all the commands pretty well and because of this, she is a well-behaved dog. She does not get into things and destroy things around the house or out in public. When we received her, a little puppy, she was sometimes difficult to handle just because she was not trained well enough and was a bowl of energy; now she is easy to handle and is still the loving and caring dog that she was when we first received her, just because her having the ability to be trained. Along with learning her commands, one other thing I am proud of her for is being more comfortable with people cutting her nails. She has learned that it is okay and not to run away and hide when someone gets out the nail clippers. She has improved in almost every aspect and has become an even more wonderful dog. Having her know all of the commands have made life a little bit easier for her part and mine. I do not have to worry about her not behaving around the house, other places we go, and at someone else's home where she stays while we are on vacation. All and all, training a guide dog this year and being involved in the 4-H has made my life more exciting and taught me several things about dogs, about myself, and some key elements I had to obtain in life in order to teach a puppy.

