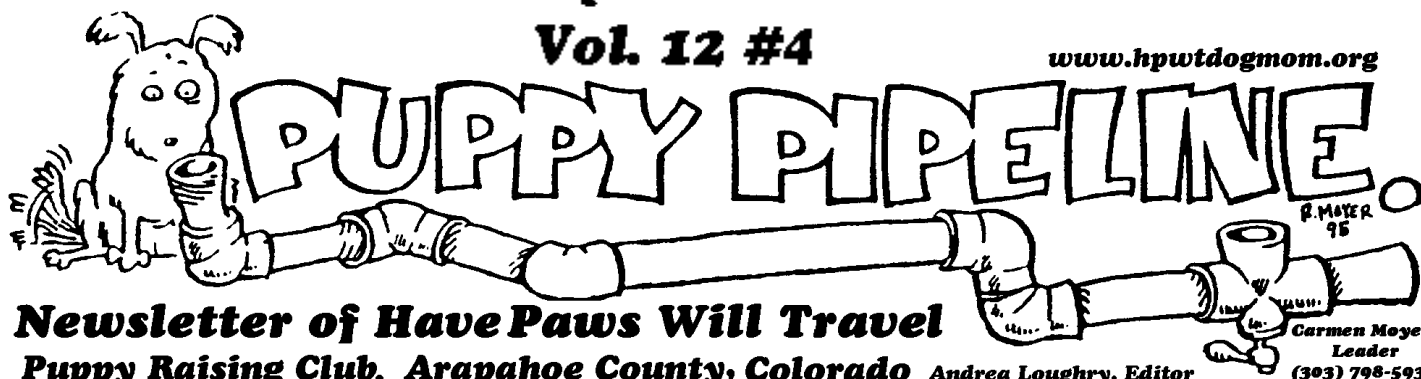


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SCHEDULE

April 8th - Social Outing. 10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for children with visual impairments at the Qwest Building, 700 West Mineral in Littleton. The kids hunt for beeping eggs as part of the party. If you have RSVP'd to Carmen, be sure to attend!

April 8th - Doggie Tales, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Smoky Hill Library. Contact Kelsey Rea if you can help.

April 11 - 7:00 p.m. Training meeting at the County Extension building.

April 18th - 7:00 p.m., County Extension building. First Aid seminar with Randa MacMillian, DVM. Dr. Randa owns a vet clinic and has raised one guide puppy. She will cover basic First Aid for cuts, ingestion of foreign objects, broken bones, and much more! Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

April 25th - No meeting for older puppies. Younger puppies meet at Extension building. Please attend the puppy raiser workshop in lieu of this meeting. Turn in your monthly puppy report at the workshop, or mail it to Carmen by the 25th.

PUPPY RAISER WORKSHOP

The Spring *Colorado Puppy Raiser Workshop* will be held at the Arapahoe County Extension office in conjunction with the arrival of the puppy truck. The afternoon session will include an introduction to the food-induced recall for the newly arriving puppies. Everyone planning to receive a new puppy in 2006 is encouraged to attend!

Schedule:

9:00 a.m.- noon All raisers and pups.

Noon-1:00 p.m. Potluck lunch. (Bring a dish to share).

1:00 pm-2:00 p.m. New puppy delivery and puppy recall.

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. New puppies' first training session; all raisers and spectators are encouraged to attend!

RETURNING DOG

FRANNIE, a female golden retriever raised by Janet Ford, was recalled for harness training for the first of April. Janet personally returned FRANNIE to the San Rafael Guide Dogs campus on March 31. We know that FRANNIE will make her raiser proud!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May Social Outing: Ice Show

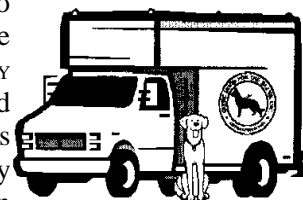
Spiff up your puppy and come see HPWT members Gina and Tim Rea take the ice in a skating extravaganza! May 7 at 1:30 p.m. Ritchie Center (I-25 and University). Adults \$12; Children, Senior and DU students \$8. Tickets at the door. Discount tickets available if we have a large enough group. RSVP to Carmen if you are interested.

Educational Program

Saturday, May 20, 2006. 11:00 a.m. to noon. Help give a program about our puppies to over 50 Girl Scouts, ages 11-17. Youth raisers are especially encouraged to participate. This is a fun way to get experience speaking, and it looks great in a 4-H Fair Book, too! We supply props, scripts and moral support. Contact Debbie Horgan if you can help. Driving directions can be found on the HPWT events page on the web.

APRIL PUPPY TRUCK

HPWT is sending five dogs to harness training on April 22: male yellow lab brothers ICON and ITALY raised by Amanda Hartzell and Jenny Truax; female black labs GILLA and LABELLE raised by LeKathryn Champine and Carmen Moyer; and male yellow lab CHAMPION, raised by Barb Witcher. Arriving are "C" litter lab/golden crosses: Amanda Hartzell will receive a male, and Janet Ford will receive a female. See workshop schedule for times.





ASK ABBIE

Ask Abbie is written by Jasper, a retired guide who has co-raised four puppies. Puppies may address their questions to abbie@hpwtdogmom.org. Jasper will answer in future editions of the Pipeline.

Dear Abbie~

I get off on smells. They're nirvana, man! Carpet in the house? Mmm-mmm-good! Freaks my old lady out—like I'm gonna to make uh-ohs on the rug or grab some chewin' stuff. Not this pup, man. All I wanna do is get high on them smells! I'm cool when I'm workin', keep my head up and stand proud, but when I'm relaxin', it's all olfactory, baby. Tell everyone to chill, would ya? A dog's gotta smell what a dog's gotta smell.

—Sultan of Sniff

Dear Sniff:

As long as you're keeping your head up on outings and walks, and not snatching things from the floor when you are sniffing, I don't see a problem with it. But I'll be jake with you man, your mom's cool to monitor you closely. If you start grabbing stuff from the floor to chew or play keep-away with, you're mom will have to play the fuzz and bust you for your sniffing habit!

MALADY OF THE MONTH

Dry skin: In Colorado, many of our puppies have dry skin, just as their human partners do. This can show up in the form of itchy skin and dandruff with no other symptoms of disease.

What you can do: Daily brushing with a stiff bristle brush stimulates the dog's natural oil and helps distribute it over the hair follicles, and may alleviate dry skin. If the problem persists, you can supplement your pup's diet with Omega fatty acids such as safflower oil or fish oil. Use caplets, which can be purchased in the health aisle—not liquid. Oil supplements can bring on diarrhea, so use the lowest possible dose that helps. Be sure to note the problem on your monthly report. If your puppy's symptoms include red skin, a rash, welts, or open sores, it is more serious than dry skin. Contact your leader immediately to discuss a vet visit.



REMINDERS



Wash your puppy coat regularly. It's as easy as throwing it in along with a regular load and hanging it up to dry!

Give your puppy its Heartgard medication on the 1st of the month without fail.

A GOOD RELIEVING DOG

by Andrea Loughry

When two Guide Puppy raisers are together, sooner or later the conversation turns to relieving issues. With all the theories, protocols and articles, I thought it might be useful to describe what a good relieving dog "looks like."

CLEMENS is a good relieving dog. A puppy sitter described him as "manufacturing some" whenever he was asked to do business. And that's exactly what CLEMENS does: he drains of a thimbleful of urine every single time I ask him to—no matter where we are. If I ask him for his other business, he will either defecate, or sit with his back to me• his signal that he doesn't need to go right now.

CLEMENS gives clear signals when he needs to relieve—that tell-tale waddle is a dead giveaway. He will hold it until his eyes turn yellow in order to make it outside. He has universalized his training so that he knows to stay clean whenever he is inside and only relieve when he is outside. Now that he's older, CLEMENS will toddle out to the backyard relieving area and take care of his duty off leash, on voice command. He will hold on for an extra hour in the morning while I get ready for work if I ask him to. A great relieving dog is a joy to socialize and to live with.

How did I produce this wonder of intestinal and urinary fortitude? I kept him on leash, attached to me for the first two months we were together and relieved him on leash every single time he needed to go—on various surfaces and with increasing levels of distraction. I adhered religiously to the protocol of relieving before we went into a public place and having him wait until we got home to take care of things. I keep up his training by relieving on leash first thing every morning and last thing every night.

If it sounds like I'm taking credit for CLEMENS' spectacular relieving habits, I'm not. I haven't done anything with this dog that I haven't done with every other dog I've raised. Each dog has its own constitution and abilities in the area of relieving. One of my pups would break down unexpectedly, even though he had just been relieved a few minutes before. He needed to go out in the middle of the night—right up until the day he left for harness training. Another had accidents every twenty minutes in the house until he was nine months old. Yet another resisted relieving on surfaces so long that she gave herself a bladder infection. So I don't claim any kind of magic training regime—talented business dogs are more born than made.

Like everything we do with our puppies, our goal is to give each dog its own best change to graduate. If you've been dealt a great relieving dog, enjoy it! If you haven't, try not to get discouraged and keep working the protocol, keeping relieving diaries, and doing your best. Consistency of training *can* improve the relieving habits of any dog. That's all any puppy raiser can do.

WEBSITE EXCITEMENT



Here are some of the great things you can find on our very own website, www.hpwt dogmom.org:

- ◆ Pictures of every dog raised in HPWT, and most of their raisers. (That's 180 dogs!)
- ◆ Tips for attending your first pup's graduation.
- ◆ Practical information on interacting with a person who is blind.
- ◆ Hints on writing your dog's final project book, including a sample of an excellent narrative written by MaryJo Mueller.
- ◆ Helpful hints for new puppy raisers.
- ◆ Memories of past outings and programs.
- ◆ Cool T-shirts from the Club Store.
- ◆ Pictures of all fourteen Halloween parties.
- ◆ Past club photos. (Were Carmen and Andrea ever that young or that thin?)
- ◆ Lists of books about Guide Dogs and more!
- ◆ The Puppy Raiser's Bill of Rights.
- ◆ Every form you could ever want to print out.
- ◆ Jobs for career-change dogs, including a photo gallery of our blood donor dogs, the Doggie Tales program, and Village Visits.
- ◆ A list with pictures of GDB approved toys.
- ◆ A retrospective of puppy coat styles.
- ◆ Access laws for Colorado.
- ◆ RTD Bus policy. (Did you know Guide puppy handlers can ride for free?)
- ◆ Archives of *Ask Abbie* and *Malady of the Month*.
- ◆ Links to lots of other Puppy Club websites.
- ◆ Head collar hints.
- ◆ Tons of other cool stuff just waiting for you to discover with a click of your mouse!

PUPPY KISSES

🐾 To March Village Visit participants: Jeanne with WARNER; Jenny with ITALY, Casey with HARBOR, Sue and Bob Green with TYRO and DERBY; The Peets with CLINT; the Andersons with JET.



🐾 To Casa Bonita attendees: Amanda with ICON, Andrea with CLEMENS, Annette with BEN, Carmen with LABELLE, Casey with HARBOR, Jeanne with WARNER, Janet with FRANNIE, Jenny with ITALY, Rhonda with FRAMPTON, and Staci from *Denver Eye PAWS*. Sloppy kisses to Debbie Horgan for arranging a most enjoyable evening.

🐾 To Kate and Daniel for being willing to transport a career change dog for the Boulder club when they went to ALEXI'S graduation. After much preparation, the weather prevented the dog's travel, but that doesn't change the fact that the Trujillo's took the time and trouble to help a fellow puppy raiser!

🐾 To Debbie Horgan and our youth raisers for organizing fun games that taught our puppies food avoidance at the March 28th meeting.

