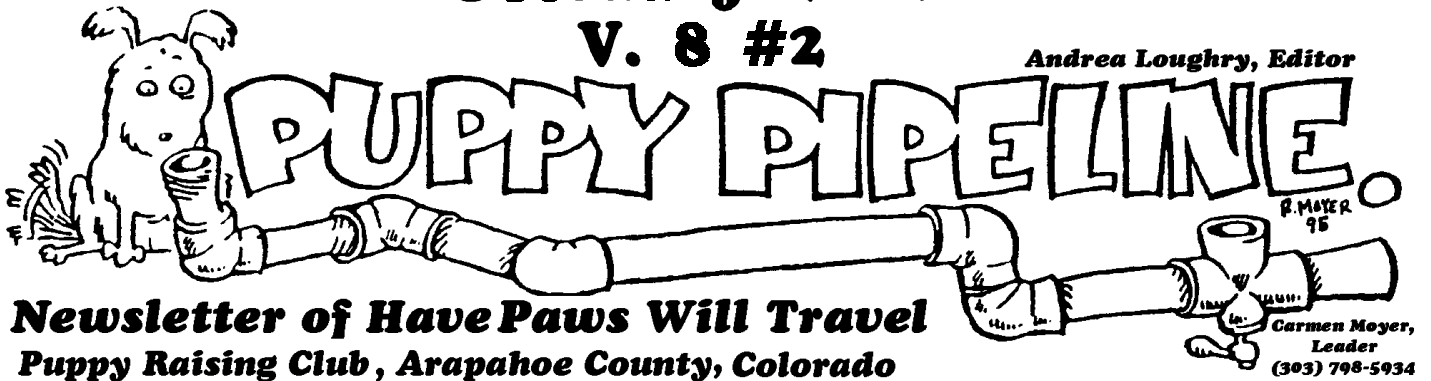


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HPWT SCHEDULE

Have Paws Will Travel club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at the County Extension building, with a social outing on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Call Carmen Moyer if you have general scheduling questions.

Social Outings:

February 19th 7:00 p.m. Meet at Southglenn mall, at the East Mall entrance, just south of Dillards. NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE OF PLANS.

March 16th St. Patrick's Day Parade. Meet at the Littleton Light Rail station at 9:00 a.m. We will ride downtown and watch the parade with the puppies.

Educational Programs:

March 11th and 14th, 10:00 a.m. Our Father Children's Learning Center, 6335 South Holly Street. Call Lizz Landert if you can help for either date.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Colorado Spring Puppy Raiser Workshop. April 13, Denver. This is a GDB required event for all raisers. Make plans now to attend!

RETURNING DOGS

In February, three dogs will return for harness training: BRAD, a male black lab raised by Alex & Barbara Hall; SOPHIA, a female golden retriever raised by Berta & Rich Waldmeier; and WENDELL, a male German Shepherd raised by Kristen & Mary Logan. Transportation will be scheduled for the week of the 18th. Congratulations to the puppy raisers on a successful year, and best wishes for a bright future to each dog!

DOG SHOW FUNDRAISER

Several front range service dog clubs will be working clean up at the Plum Creek & Colorado Kennel Club Dog shows, Presidents' Day weekend. Wear a club or Guide Dog T-shirt to identify yourself as a worker. Tools and supplies, as well as aprons will be provided. Report to the Stock Show Educational Building, first floor, by the announcer's wagon. Call Carmen with questions or problems.

SCHEDULE

Chairperson for each shift is identified with *. Number of workers from each club or family is in parenthesis.

Friday, Feb 15 8:00-5:00 p.m.
4 Paws 4 Service 4-H Club - Janet Pickett*

Sat, Feb 16 7:30-5:30 p.m.
El Paso Club - Sandi Sharp*

Sunday, Feb 17th

7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Brady*	Hall, Barbara*
Loughry	Hall, Alex
Moyer	Landert
Newberg - (3)	Moyer
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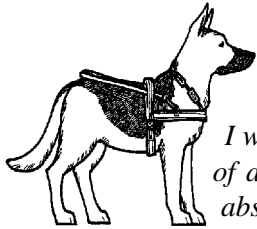
Monday, Feb 18th

7:30 am to 12:30	12:30-5:30 p.m.
Logan, Mary*	Smoak, Jane*
Logan, Kristen	4 Paws 4 Service - (4-5)
Smoak - (3)	Smoak - (2)
O' Grady	O' Grady



A GRADUATION!

BARIKA, a female German shepherd raised by Carmen Moyer, graduated as a Working Guide on December 15th. Barika now lives with her partner, Judy, in Grand Junction, Colorado. Here's what Judy had to say recently about BARIKA:



Carmen,

I want you to know that you did one heck of a terrific job in raising my little girl. I absolutely adore her, and I can see the bonding between us becoming stronger everyday. She's already quite a "Mama's Girl." My little smartie pie, pointy ears, is a dream come true.

Judy and BREE (a.k.a. BARIKA)

RECALLS REVISITED

From Barb Deevers

This coming year, dogs will be older at recall than in the past. Many dogs may not be recalled until they are well over 15 months of age. Currently, the puppy truck is scheduled to come to Colorado every other month; April, June, and August. This will affect the recalls and continue the trend of older pups at recall.

This extra time in the puppy home brings on several opportunities and some challenges. We can spend extra time perfecting house behaviors and relieving techniques: both very important and a gift to the graduate! Some people may have planned to have their current puppy return to training in time for a summer vacation. I appreciate your support and help with any conflicts or concerns that may come up.

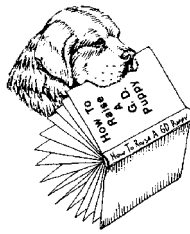
I would like to offer raisers with older pups the opportunity to bring a new puppy into their home *if* they are interested in doing so. A leader's input into selecting appropriate homes to double up will be needed in these cases. Additionally we may find a need to promote a few "finishing homes" where an older pup can complete his time in a new home should the first raiser have a time constraint.

April seems far away, but indeed it is just around the corner. Raisers who want a dog in April should fill out their applications now.

CAREER CHANGE

VENTURE, a male black lab raised by Sue & Amy Green, was career changed on January 22 for relieving in harness. Guide Dogs will place VENTURE in a loving home as a pet.

ASK ABBIE



Abolene is a career change golden and co-raiser of nine puppies. Puppies can address questions to Abbie c/o the editor or e-mail at abbie@hpwtdogmom.org.

Dear Abbie:

Whenever I jump up on the kitchen counter for a snack, my raisers holler at me. Why do they put food there for me and then act like

I'm not supposed to have it?

—Snack Sneaker

Dear Sneak:

I know dog food gets boring and the tantalizing smells coming from the kitchen are tempting, but I can guarantee you one thing: the food on the kitchen counter or table is *not* meant for you! Counter-stealing is one of the most obnoxious behaviors a puppy can do, and I urge you to break the habit now, before it becomes even more ingrained in you. I know it's hard not to sample the yummy people food, but as a Guide Dog pup, you must only eat food offered to you in your dog dish.

Your raisers can help you by always placing every meal and treat in your dish and never feeding you from their hands. They should correct you when you start sniffing at forbidden food, because if you get it in your mouth, chances are you will be even more determined to grab it next time. For you to learn not to cruise the counter, your raisers are going to have to use a drag-line. They can attach a long-line to your collar, set food on the counter, then watch you around the corner and out of sight. When you start to jump up to get the food, they must silently give you a sharp jerk on the long line. After several set-ups you should start to think twice before jumping. After a while, you will begin to know the food on the counter is off-limits, and hopefully you will become trustworthy when left alone around food. Your raisers also must correct you whenever you try to grab food that isn't meant for you, whether that's on the kitchen counter or on a restaurant floor. Someday, your blind partner will not be able to see when you are about to steal food, so teaching you proper manners around people food now is one of the best things your raiser can do for you.



CRAIG CORNER

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that 2002 will be a happy, healthy and peaceful year for you and your families ... and the world.

With a new year comes change, and our Pet-A-Pup group will be experiencing some changes of our own. Jane Smoak will "retiring" as the real coordinator, and will be turning over her organizational responsibilities to me, Wendy. Jane has generously given of herself to this program in many ways since 1998. Together Jane and I brainstormed often, exploring ways to further develop the Pet-A-Pup Program and how to improve it. I know that we all have appreciated Jane's good nature and incredible efficiency over the years. It is no small task to schedule a group of busy people like yourselves! With dogs arriving and returning to Guide Dogs continuously, Jane always knows the names and ages of the dogs and which family a dog lives with. She has always approached each situation, large or small, with the upmost sensitivity, tact and competency. I will miss Jane's help and support in a huge way, as I'm sure will all of you. Hopefully Jane, Russell and Ian will visit Craig often with KYRIE and SONIC. THANK YOU JANE.

I have some thoughts about how to carry on with the scheduling. I'll throw out some ideas, and please feel free at any time to offer suggestions and comments. I welcome and need your input. I would like to set up an E-mail calender of sorts...the details of which still need to be firmed up. I know how busy you all are and that committing to a date months ahead may prove difficult, but I think that possibly we can at least get a "skeleton" calender going. Some of your Tuesdays and Thursdays will be taken up with prior commitments. Hopefully, with enough notice and a three month calender we can all find a time that works and rotate everyone through. Also if any of you would like to set a standing schedule, for example every Thursday or every other, just let me know. Please bear with me; I have some awfully big shoes to fill. I will probably be calling and checking my e-mail for your availability until the calender is up and running. I can be reached at home 303-722-4380 or at work at 303-722-0327. My e-mail address is Adlerdogs@aol.com and my fax # is 303-722-3726. Please give me any updated information as necessary. If you have a puppy that is either going back to GDB soon or is now ready to visit please let me know so



that we can get you in. Whew...lot of information.

Thanks people (and dogs) for your patience! See you soon at Craig.

*Wendy Eder
Pet-A-Pup Program Coordinator*

PET-A-PUP PARTICIPANTS

December 2001 visitors: December 4th, Becky Ward with JUSTICE, Pamela Lightfoot with KARLEEN, Jeff Mosel with PEARL, and Alison and Barb Kindrachuk with TYSON. December 20th, Caroline and Bill Wriston with JOEL, Celeste Rangel with PANAMA, and Pamela Lightfoot with KARLEEN.

January 2002 visitors: January 1st, Bill and Caroline Wriston with GARSON, Don and Pamela Lightfoot with KARLEEN and Carmen Moyer with LODGE. January 17th, Lauren Dill with SHILO, and Celeste Rangel with PANAMA.

TIP OF THE TAIL

The Significance of Treats

Everybody loves to get treats, right?

Especially dogs. For Career Change Dogs, who are allowed to have treats while at Craig, here are a few things to think about regarding the significance of using treats during a visit.

Giving your dog a treat at Craig can serve several different purposes. The handler can treat the dog as a means to keep the dog focused while working. Maybe your dog can do a cool trick with food like PANAMA can...balancing the treat on his nose until Celeste releases him and he tosses it in the air and catches the treat. Probably one of the best uses of treats is to engage the "help" of a patient in the process of giving the treat. The feeling of empowerment for the patient in rehab plays a critical part in the healing process. This is a very important concept in the philosophy at Craig Hospital. By involving the patient in the process, you are affording them the opportunity to succeed at a win-win task. Everybody is happy and bonded by the experience...the patient, the dog and you. You can work with your dogs and train them to take treats slowly and gently, and not to take the treat until the release command has been given. Have fun with the patients but remember that not all patients will be able to actually hold or give the treat. Have fun practicing.



DOGGIE TALES

Doggie Tales is a literacy program in which children read to dogs in half hour sessions with short breaks in between. It's relaxing for you and your dog and very rewarding for the children. Some of the participating dogs breeds include a sheltie, a greyhound, and a Bouvier, so it's a wonderful opportunity to work on dog-dog interactions. Besides, where else will someone ask for your dog's "pawtograph?" It's fun! If you and your dog (Career Change or Guide Dog Puppy) would like to be a part of this program, please contact Berta at (303)770-5149 or email or wra1968@msn.com. Next session is 1:00-3:00 p.m., Saturday February 9 at Koelbel Library.

PUPPY KISSES

🐾 To Bingham & CASHEW, Hall & BRAD, Dill & MATTHEW, O'Grady & GRACIELLA, and DeKruif & GEIGER for presenting a program to a Scout meeting on 1/11/02.



🐾 To Lizz Landert for a noticeably wonderful job of keeping MARNIE in tip-top condition. MARNIE'S black fur glows, her teeth are pearly white, her nails are short, and we love her trim figure!

🐾 To Andrea Loughry for suggesting the walk through Bega park, across a busy street while traffic waited, and through the lighted holiday wonderland of downtown Littleton.

🐾 To all raisers for getting monthly reports in on time.

🐾 To our January *Doggie Tales* participants Berta & SOPHIA.

🐾 To holiday revelers. Fifty-two people enjoyed dinner and a gift exchange at Three Margaritas restaurant along with seventeen dogs. Sloppy kisses to Randa & Katie MacMillian who made the arrangements for such a great holiday party!

🐾 To Maegan Shanteau for always keeping us informed on the latest 4-H activities.

🐾 To February returning dog raisers for getting final reports finished and turned in on time.

MALADY OF THE MONTH

Cryptorchidism: Cryptorchid puppies are males which have one or both testicles undescended (in the abdomen instead of in the scrotum). Testicles usually descend into the scrotum by six to eight weeks of age, but may not descend until six months of age. Testicles can retract into the inguinal canal when a puppy is cold, excited or active. These puppies are not Cryptorchid.

What you should do: If you suspect your pup is Cryptorchid, have a leader examine him. If the puppy is cryptorchid, GDB authorized neutering should be delayed until at least six months of age. Neutering a cryptorchid dog is similar to a spay, and involves an abdominal incision.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Guide Dogs for the Blind is pleased to sponsor one \$1,000 scholarship annually to non 4-H youth raisers. The deadline for scholarship applications is May 15th, 2002. The award will be announced by July 1st. The applicant must be a senior in high school, a non-4-H puppy raiser for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and be pursuing a degree in any field of study at an accredited college, university, technical or trade school.

Guide Dogs for the Blind is also pleased to fund three \$1,000 scholarships annually to 4-H youth raisers. Youth 4-H members currently involved in raising a Guide Dog are to contact their local 4-H agent or state-office to determine eligibility requirements and applications deadline dates for 2002 scholarships. Each state office coordinates their application process and submits two finalists by June 1st. The Recognition Committee then meets to review finalists and select recipients to be announced by July 1st.

PUPS REMAIN GROUNDED

from Barb Deevers

GDB is investigating puppies in training traveling in the cabin of an aircraft by discussing the issue with several major airlines. Concerns for safety, airport security lines, flight schedule changes, etc. are all parts of the investigation. Delays and security lines change daily and present new challenges to travelers. While this investigation continues, ***no change in the flight restriction for puppies has been made at this time.*** Many raisers travel frequently and it is understandable that restrictions are an inconvenience. We appreciate your patience and the support of our local puppy sitters. We hope to have another update soon.

NO MORE HIP X-RAYS

Approximately seven years ago, Guide Dogs for the Blind initiated a procedure of X-raying puppies between the ages of seven and nine months for hip abnormalities. While this was originally intended as a trial, the practice has continued until the present. The number of puppies that have been career changed because of the early X-rays has never been significant and, in fact, has declined over the past several years. Out of a population which averaged close to 900 puppies each year in the last three years, an average of only 23 puppies were career changed annually as a result of early hip X-rays. GDB has determined that the number of puppies identified by early hip x-rays is so low as to not justify continuing the practice of X-raying all puppies. Starting immediately, GDB puppies should no longer be routinely X-rayed for any orthopedic condition. Information on any puppies that display outward signs of potential orthopedic concerns—discomfort, pain, limping, awkward gait, and so on—should be referred to our GDB veterinarians for individualized follow-up.

HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH YOUR PUPPY

1. Remove film from box and load camera.
2. Remove film box from puppy's mouth. Throw in trash.
3. Remove puppy from trash, and brush coffee grounds from muzzle.
4. Choose a suitable background for photo.
5. Find puppy and take dirty sock from mouth.
6. Place puppy in pre-focused spot.
7. Forget about spot. Crawl after puppy on knees.
8. Focus with one hand while fending off puppy with other hand.
9. Get tissue and clean nose print from lens.
10. Put cat outside and put peroxide on scratch on puppy's nose.
11. Try to get puppy's attention by squeaking toy over your head.
12. Replace your glasses and check camera for damage.
13. Jump up in time to grab puppy by scruff of neck and say "NO! NO! OUTSIDE!!!!"
14. Put camera away.
15. Sit back in chair, put your feet up, and resolve to teach puppy to "sit" & "stay" the first thing in the morning!

REMINDERS

If you are sitting a puppy, don't be shy about asking for instructions and particulars, such as where the puppy's raisers can be reached and when they will be back. Check that they have given you a completed puppy sitter form, and if they haven't, ask them to fill one out before they leave the dog. Puppy raisers, be considerate and supply the sitter all the information they will need to make your pup's visit a safe and happy one! Remember, you can download and print our puppy sitting form at www.hpwtodogmom.org.



The vet department at Guide Dogs is strongly against the use of corona, leptospirosis and lyme vaccinations. Some vets give the corona vaccine with the parvo shot automatically, and a few Guide Dog pups have received corona against GDB's wishes. Please be sure your vet reads the packet that GDB provides and remind him not to give your puppy corona, *before* the vet gets ready to give the shot.

Check the rivets on the underside of your puppy's collar identification plate. If they have become bent and sharp, pound them down with a hammer. You can also slightly bend the plate with pliers to curve with the puppy's neck, to help eliminate this problem.

If you change your address, phone, or email, let Carmen know so she can update the roster and inform GDB. Contact Carmen if you need a copy of the current roster. A new edition of the roster will be ready soon.

