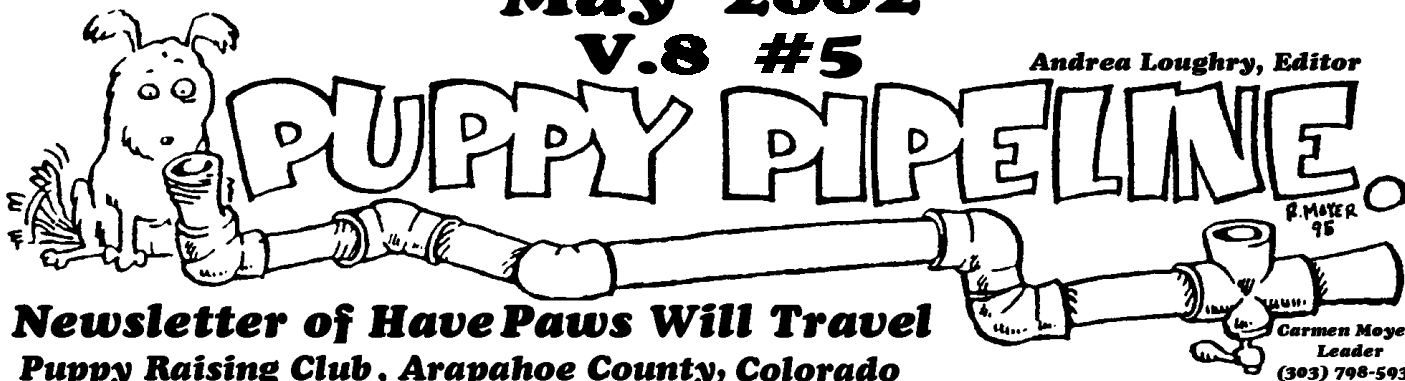


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**Newsletter of Have Paws Will Travel
Puppy Raising Club, Arapahoe County, Colorado**

HPWT SCHEDULE

Please note changes to our usual routine, due to conflicts with the building schedule.

May 21st & 28th, 7:00 p.m. at the County Extension building. Social outing on May 18th. (See below.)

June: 11th and 18th at the County Extension building. Social outing June 25th; Sue Green will coordinate.

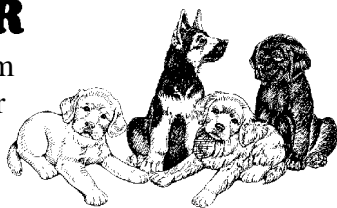
May Social Outing: GDB Spring Workshop, Saturday May 18th, 10:00-3:00, County Extension Building (our regular meeting site). This is a *required* event for all active puppy raisers, or those expecting to get a puppy this summer. Workshops are a great way to meet raisers from across Colorado, and learn new training techniques. Plus, they are just plain fun, so bring the entire clan! See attached flier, and don't forget to send in your money for lunch.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We have been invited to participate in a Pet Fair at the North Metro Animal Hospital on Saturday May 11th from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Many pet-type vendors will be on hand and they expect a crowd of about 500 people; this is a good public relations and recruitment opportunity. We need shift volunteers with puppies over the age of four months (many pets on site!) If you are interested, contact Barb Deevers.

PUPPY SITTER


Although Aubry Bingham chose not to raise another puppy right away when she bid CASHEW farewell in April, she still wants to stay involved with *Have Paws*. So, consider Aubry our new puppy sitter par excellence. Whenever you need someone to keep your pup, and give her a call!



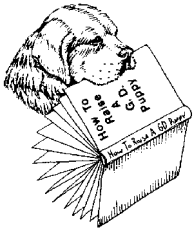
BOOSTER SHOTS, ANYONE?

Now that our puppies are staying a little longer than a year, there have been many questions regarding vaccination boosters. Puppies routinely receive their final booster and rabies at four months of age. These vaccinations are good for one year. Puppies should receive a DA2PP and rabies update one year from the date of their final puppy vaccination, which should be at 16 months of age. Just as with the first series of vaccinations, please advise the local vet *not* to use corona or lepto in this booster. Puppies entering training within two weeks of their booster should wait and GDB will update them upon arrival at the campus. Please note that puppies are not due for these boosters at 12 months of age, but 12 months from the final puppy shot.

PUPPY KISSES

- 🐾 To Barbara Witcher for puppy sitting several times. 
- 🐾 To Gagens & CLANCY, Fords & DAYTONA, and Lizz Landert & MARNIE for doing the April 9th program for a Girl Scout troop.
- 🐾 To Lizz Landert for organizing the wonderful social outing at the fire station in April.
- 🐾 To Chris Ford for sharing photos of the fire station visit with other club members.
- 🐾 Maegan Shanteau: 4th place in Consumer Choices, Senior Division at County Contest Day.
- 🐾 To County Contest day educational program participants. Debbie Schwartz & DEXIE; Bill Wriston & GARSON; Chris Ford & DAYTONA; Carmen Moyer & GEIGER.

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:

I love Kleenex! Yum, yum! The wastebaskets are a cornucopia of the delicious wads, and I jump up on just about anything to get them. But my mom has a fit whenever I eat them. I don't get the big deal. What gives?

–Tissue Hound

Dear Hound:

Many puppies find kleenex—whether used or not—irresistible. The soft paper seems yummy, and once your mom is done using it, it smells like her, which makes them even more tempting. You must try to resist the urge, however. Your mom can help by putting the trash cans in cabinets, or getting ones with lids to discourage you. She needs to be more vigilant and correct you when you begin to sniff—*before* you get the tissue in your mouth. Once you've got it, the reward of its wonderful taste may be greater than any correction your mom can give, and you won't learn to leave them alone. Your mom can even use a long line to correct you silently so you learn you must never steal any items from counters, furniture, or from the trash. Stealing kleenex may seem harmless, but it could lead you to start stealing food or other items, and that's somewhere you don't want to go!

**No animal should ever jump up
on the dining-room furniture
unless absolutely certain
that he can hold his own
in the conversation.**

-Fran Lebowitz

DOGGIE TALES

Thanks to Lizz Landert and MARNIE, and Dot Dill and SHILOH for being patient listeners at Doggie Tales on April 13th. The last session until fall will be May 11th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Koelbel Public Library. Call Berta Waldmeier at (303) 770-5149 or e-mail her at wra1968@msn.com if you can be there.

CAREER CHANGE PLAN

From Barb Deevers, Puppy Raising Advisor

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.)

Before the puppy returns to GDB for training, a raising family should consider what direction they may wish to take should the puppy not complete the program and 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 their 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 list below for this communication plan.

1. GDB announces CC of individual dog to advisor.
2. Advisor 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. For dogs in training on the San Rafael campus, contact Betsy Irving. For dogs in training on the Oregon campus, contact Debbie Hibbard.
5. Raiser should also contact their leader so that the leader knows the final status of the dog.
6. Leader should contact Advisor so that the Advisor knows the final status of the dog. If a raiser has additional questions regarding the CC summary, please contact the Advisor. 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 Advisor 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.

Don't forget the Heartgard!



CRAIG CORNER

Hello pups and people. I hope that everyone is enjoying springtime and that your puppies and dogs aren't suffering from allergies like some of us are.

I had the pleasure of seeing some of you April 24, when the Guide Dog truck rolled into town with its precious cargo. They always leave with a precious cargo also. To all of you raisers, I would like to say how much I admire the work you do with and for Guide Dogs. You actually are pulling double duty by being a participant in the Pet-A-Pup program at Craig Hospital. Just think how many lives you touch with your awesome dogs. You truly put your heart and soul into your puppy raising for Guide Dogs as well honoring the Career-Change Dogs by bringing them to Craig. Your dogs really do have a new career.

Now to a bit of business. I have heard via the grapevine that there are some raisers who would like to join Pet-A-Pup. The first step in the process is to attend Craig Hospital Volunteer Orientation. Please call the Volunteer Coordinator at Craig to inquire when the next orientation will be held. The volunteer coordinator's name is Laurie Dehring. She can be reached at 303-789-8417. Attendance at this orientation is required for all Craig volunteers. Please attend this orientation without your dog. Once you have completed this orientation, please contact me and we will go from there. For the record, all dogs and handlers must have the approval from their club leaders to participate in the Pet-A-Pup program.

Thanks to all of you for your big hearts.

*Wendy A. Eder
Pet-A-Pup Coordinator*

April 2nd 2002 visitors: Jane Smoak with SONIC, Russ Smoak with MAXINE, Pamela Lightfoot with KARLEEN, Caroline Wriston with GARSON.

April 18th 2002 visitors: Pamela Lightfoot with KARLEEN, Bill Wriston with JOEL, Celeste Rangel with PANAMA, Dot Dill with SHILOH.

Our next Pet-A-Pup nights are Tuesday, May 7th and Thursday, May 16th. Hope to see you there!!

TIP OF THE TAIL



Recently on Thursday nights we have been heading up to the 3rd floor to visit with patients. As you know, this is the spinal cord injury floor. Just about the time you get comfortable visiting with the brain injury patients on 2nd floor I throw you a curve. That is because your presence has been requested! I know that most of you have worked with both types of patients down in the Therapeutic Recreation Room. Clearly some of the manifestations of brain injury can appear to resemble a spinal cord injury, but usually not vise-versa unless the patient has what we refer to as a "combination" injury. Because with a brain injury the brain's signals are not transmitting properly to the body, the patient may appear paralyzed. This is not the same kind of paralysis that occurs when the spinal cord is injured or severed.

A spinal cord injury induced paralysis usually is permanent, some limited function may return with rehab, but the patient remains either a paraplegic or a quadriplegic. With a brain injury, as the brain heals and is retrained, the patient may regain use of their extremities.

Remember, no matter what the injury, each case is different. I welcome any questions and/or concerns you may have about visiting up on 3rd floor. If any of you prefer not to go up on 3rd floor, please don't hesitate to speak up. It is always important for you and your dogs to be comfortable when at Craig Hospital.

REMINDERS

Puppies should be getting only one meal a day by the time they are one year old. Start cutting back one meal gradually until the dog gets its entire daily portion at once. The time of day you choose to feed the dog is up to you.



Guide Dogs is always on the lookout for new raisers. If you need GDB business cards to give out to potential new puppy raisers as you are socializing your dog, please contact Carmen. And remember to write Carmen's phone number and our website address (www.hpwtldogmom.org) on the card, too!

CAREER CHANGE DOG

CHANTILLY, a female lab/golden cross raised by Claudia Frisbie, was career changed April 5th for temperament. CHANTILLY will return home to co-raise puppies with Claudia in the *Paws for Sight* puppy raising club.

Guide Dogs for the Blind Puppy Raiser Workshop

When: Saturday, May 18, 2002

Where: Arapahoe County Extention
office (directons attached)

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Registration will be from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Activities will begin promptly at 10:00 AM

Puppy photo contest

Bring up to 3 of your favorite photos
to enter in the photo contest.
Must have a GNB dog or puppy in it.

This event is being organized and sponsored
by Nick McGrath for his Eagle Scout project.
Lunch Available for \$5. Please RSVP by
sending in the form by Friday May 10th.

Directions: the Arapahoe County Extension building is located at 5814 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO,
south of Littleton Blvd., between Broadway and Santa Fe, on Datura street.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL
BARB DEEVERS AT (303) 985-0457**



Lunch

Lunch will be provided

\$5.00 per person

**Soda and water will be available free of charge
throughout the day**

**Please Return the following form to
arrive no later than May 10th with
payment to:**

**Nick McGrath
9962 South Prarie Falcon Lane
Highlands Ranch, CO 80130
(303) 791-1729**

Email : panamanick@attbi.com

Make Checks Payable to: Nick McGrath
Name _____

Number of Lunches ordered _____

Amount Enclosed _____

**Thank you for your
support**