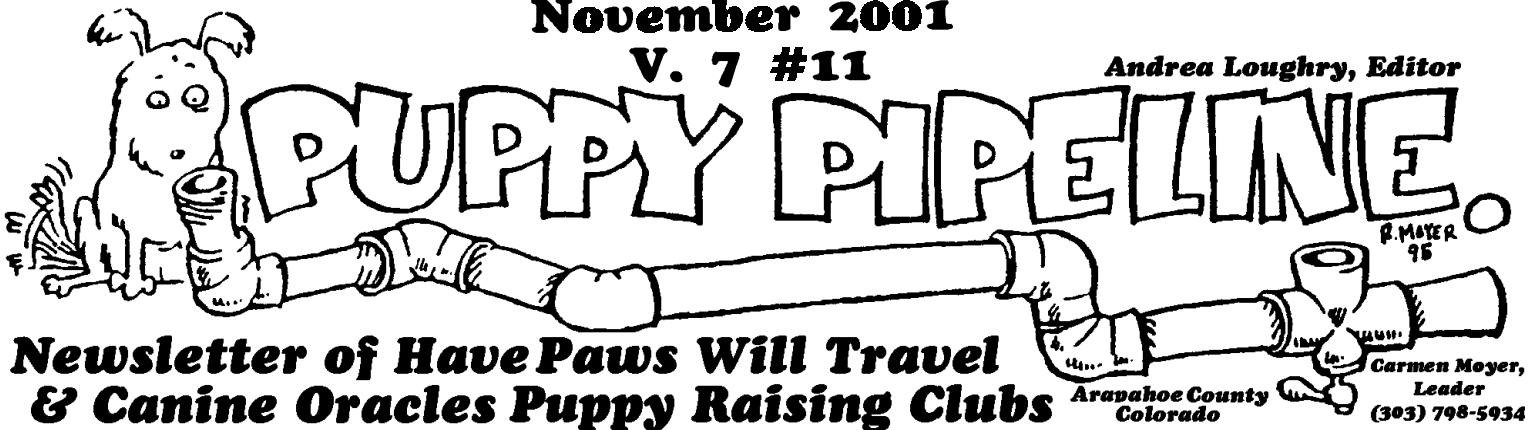


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**Newsletter of Have Paws Will Travel & Canine Oracles Puppy Raising Clubs**

Arapahoe County Colorado

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**HPWT SCHEDULE**

Have Paws Will Travel club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month at the County Extension building, with a social outing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Call Carmen Moyer if you have general scheduling questions. Young puppies meet every Tuesday—call Lora Brady if your puppy is in Lora’s class and you have questions.

**Social Outing: November 20<sup>th</sup>** Tour of Publication Printers, 7:00 p.m. 2001 S. Platte River Drive. Two blocks west of Santa Fe at Evans. From Santa Fe, turn north on Evans to S. Platte River Drive. Go two blocks; the building is on the left. Meet outside front entrance at visitor parking. Call James Creasey with questions.

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** Holiday Party. Details to follow. Katie MacMillian will coordinate.

**Canine Oracles Schedule**

The Canine Oracles club meets every Monday evening at 4:30 p.m. in the County Extension Building. Call Caroline Wriston if you have questions about the schedule.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**HPWT Gift Wrap Fund Raiser**

PetCo in Park Meadows, Thanksgiving through Christmas. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays, and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sundays. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts for donations during two 2½-hour shifts each weekend. Part of the proceeds will be earmarked for each raiser’s graduation/career change account. Call Ellen Goldstein to reserve a time slot.



**4-H Conversation** November 5th, 6:30 p.m., Arapahoe County Extension Office Multi-purpose Building. See article for details.

**NEW HPWT PUPPIES!**

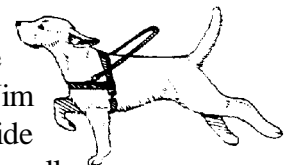
On October 6<sup>th</sup>, James and Emma Creasey received a female yellow lab named JORDANA. Long-time puppy sitter Sydney Spraggs has received JASMINE, a female yellow lab transfer dog. JASMINE accompanies Sydney to her job as a school administrator.

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS**

Jean and Jim Talman are the newest members of Have Paws Will Travel puppy club. The Talmans were raising their first dog, LUDWIG, with the Lucent Paws Squad Club when it disbanded, so they needed a new puppy raising home. We’re glad they’ve chosen to join us and look forward to getting to know them better as they continue their puppy raising project!

**LUDWIG, WE HARDLY KNEW YE!**

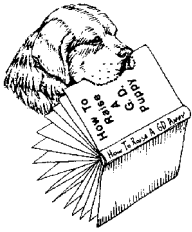
LUDWIG, a 13-month-old male yellow lab raised by Jean and Jim Talman, has been recalled to Guide Dogs for medical evaluation. If all is well, he will go directly into harness training. We hope his physical condition can be resolved and he can have his chance to be a Guide Dog. We’re only sorry we didn’t get to know him better before he had to leave us!



**PUPPY APPLICATIONS**

While the schedule hasn’t yet been finalized for winter returning dogs, now is the time for raisers to be planning for future puppies. If your puppy is over one year old and you’d like to raise another one when it is recalled for harness training, e-mail or call Carmen right away, so she can get the application process rolling and everything can be in place for you to receive a new puppy when the time is right.

## 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](mailto:abbie@hpwtdogmom.org)

Dear Abbie:

When I was little, my raiser always held me on her lap on the sofa. It was so wonderful to be that close to her! But now I'm bigger, and she won't let me on her lap anymore, and says I can't even get on the sofa next to her. I don't think I did anything wrong, except growing up. What gives?

—Exiled from Paradise

Dear Exile:

You didn't do anything wrong, but I understand why you're feeling cheated. When you were little, you were probably pretty cuddly. Your raiser didn't realize that by holding you on her lap on the sofa, she was giving you the impression that the furniture was an okay place for you. Now she's figured out that the sofa is not an acceptable place for a Guide Dog puppy, but you still expect the situation you had before you got big. You'll have to learn the new rules, and it's going to be really hard for you. When your raiser gets her next puppy, perhaps she'll remember what happened with you, and not make the same mistake. She can cuddle the puppy all she wants to—as long as she sits on the floor to do it. That way, the puppy will never become a lap-baby, and staying on the floor will be the most natural thing in the world. The old words of wisdom apply: it's much easier to teach good habits from the start, than to re-train bad habits later! Good luck getting used to your new, furniture-less lifestyle.

## NEW CLUB STORE CONTACT

Mary Logan will be taking over the toy sales/inventory for Have Paws. Call Mary directly at 303-789-2415 or e-mail at [mikel2498@aol.com](mailto:mikel2498@aol.com) if you would like her to bring toy orders to club meetings. Mary will also keep a limited supply of toys in her car to sell and will have toys available at major events.

## CAREER CHANGE

LAVIN, a male black lab raised by Randa & Katie MacMillian, was career changed for elbow dysplasia. LAVIN will be returning home as a family pet.

## DOG SHOW

HPWT is working cleanup at the AKC Agility Meet for about 300 dogs at the National Western Complex, horse arena building, on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. The first two hours of each day would be at the Renaissance Hotel at I-70 and Quebec (grassy area where clean up tools will be in place), then on to the arena. Second shift reports directly to the arena building. Please wear a HPWT club or Guide Dogs shirt so you can be identified as part of the crew. Our contact person is Earl from AKC. Our dogs, of course, stay home.

Schedule:

Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00-12:00: Hall, Gegen

12:00-3:30 Ford, MacMillan

Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00-12:00 Landert, Myer

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Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>

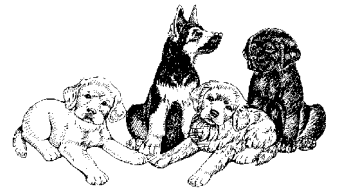
9:00-12:00 Creasey, Moyer

12:00-3:30 Spraggs, Bingham

## FROM A PUPPY SITTER'S PERSPECTIVE

by Ellen Goldstein

I have never in my past had so much time with so many different dogs. I am finding it fascinating to realize that each one truly has its own heart and soul . . . and most definitely, its own personality. All my years with dogs were with my pets, just one at a time mostly for 12 years! All our pups have touched me deeply . . . some, like people, have personalities that are easier to connect with and certainly those puppies that have spent more time with me have affected me more! I really thought that as a puppy sitter I would save myself from the pain attached with returning recalled pups, but much to my dismay, with the last puppy truck I learned that I am not immune! Even though there is pain involved that I didn't think I was "signing up for"—the joys involved with helping guide these special little pups through their puppyhood as they prepare to guide is so worth the headache attached to their departure.



## CRAIG CORNER

*Hello everyone. Happy Halloween! You and your dogs sure know how to throw a fun party. The costumes get more creative and entertaining each year. I was still laughing as I went to sleep. It was great to see old friends and to make new ones. . .both people and dogs alike. On a personal note, thanks to all of you for making my friends Kevin and his Mom, Jane, feel so welcome at the party. They had a blast!*



*Thanks also to Alison Kindrachuk, Claire Benson and Lynn Ball for attending the Craig orientation on October 10. WELCOME to the Craig Pet-a-Pup program. Jane and I hope to see you at Craig soon.*

*Jane and I would like all of you to know that we are very pleased with your handling skills. You are getting very accomplished at handling your dogs in what is always a challenging environment, both physically and emotionally. The dog handling makes up one half of a successful patient/dog visit. Your interaction with a patient is the other half. We would like you to know that we have observed and appreciate your sensitivity and compassion when interacting with the patients! The hospital feedback about Pet-A-Pup is excellent. Let's keep it up. Have a safe and fun Halloween.*

*Wendy Eder  
Pet-A-Pup Program Coordinator*

### **October Attendees:**

October 2nd: Pamela Lightfoot & KARLEEN, Wendy Eder & MANDY, Jane Smoak & SONIC.

October 18th: Lizz Landert & FURLEY, Pamela Lightfoot & KARLEEN, Celeste Rangel & PANAMA, and Lynn Ball.

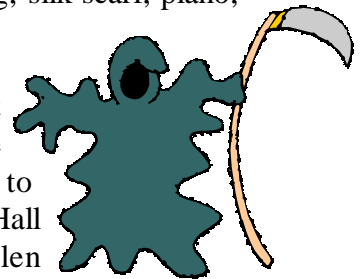
### **November Schedule:**

Tuesday, November 6th: Jeff Mosal & PEARL, Pamela Lightfoot & KARLEEN, Becky Ward & JUSTIN, Jane Smoak & SONIC.

Thursday, November 15th: Lizz Landert & FURLEY, Carmen Moyer & LODGE, Alison and Barb Kindrachuk & TYSON, Bill Wriston & JOEL, Celeste Rangel & PANAMA, and Claire Benson.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

Forty-one dogs and over eighty people from five local clubs enjoyed the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual HPWT Halloween Costume Contest and Chili Dinner on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were three Guides present, and many career change dogs, as well as our puppies in training. The costumes were creative, elaborate, and spook-tacular! We had several princesses (one even brought her own frog!), a few devils, a hippie, a fairy dog-mother, a unicorn, Black Beauty, the Three Musketeers, a streetwalker, a prom queen, Superdog, and a chocolate moose in attendance. We even had a visit from the Yankee Doodle Labrador, dressed up as Uncle Sam. A favorite category is always the "costume most closely resembling the dog's name." This year, DERBY was a Jockey, GRACIELA came as Miss Congeniality, and JASPER the friendly ghost made an appearance. BRAD did a cool celebrity impression of Brad Pitt, and RODEO sported a cowboy hat and vest as a Wild-West sheriff. Our favorite name-costume, and the grand-prize winner of the night, was LUDWIG, who came as the composer Beethoven—complete with wig, silk scarf, piano, and sheet music!



Such a great party takes a lot of work to put on, and we extend a hearty thank-you to party coordinator Barbara Hall and her co-planner, Ellen Goldstein. Special thanks to Stephanie Morsch, the County Agent who served as our costume judge, and handled the difficult job of choosing between all those costumes with great spirit! Stephanie also got a crew to set up the tables in a nice horseshoe shape, and even put tablecloths out for us. Janet Ford, Mary Logan, Laura Brady, Alex Hall, Sue Green and Barbra Hall put up the decorations. Caroline Wriston coordinated the costume contest. Ellen Goldstein and John Conrardy carved the pumpkins, which were supplied by Cherry Creek Tree Farm. Alex and Barb Hall made puppy treat bags. Our photographers, Debbie and Harvey Schwartz, did a great job capturing portraits of the dogs' costumes on a professional set, with proceeds to benefit GDB. We received contributions for the party from Albertson's, Party City, PetSmart, and Paper Warehouse. Thanks to everyone who brought the wonderful chili, salads, and desserts. Special thanks to those who stayed on after the festivities, and left the building spotless after a howlin' good time!



## 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

HPWT Club members took a starring roll in the 2001 Arapahoe County 4-H Achievement Program, *4-H in the Wild Wild West*, which took place on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Our own Maegan Shanteau was at-ease and capable behind the microphone as Master of Ceremonies, and also helped out on the Slide Show Committee, and did the program cover design. Here are the award highlights: **Tools of the Project** (Champions and Reserve Champions) - Maegan Shanteau, Nick Gegen and Greg Gegen.

**County Fair Silver Trophy Winner** (Grand Champion) - Aubry Bingham.

**GDB Pin** award for outstanding records, (one junior and one senior) - Nick Gegen and Aubry Bingham.

**Learn by Doing Award** - Nick Gegen.

**Club Citizenship Recognition** - HPWT.

**First Year Leader Award** - Susan DeKruif.

**Third Year Leader Awards** - Lora Brady, Lizz Landert.

**25 Year Leader Award** - Carmen Moyer.

## TALE WAGGERS

A guide dog user recently stopped at a small store at a resort to buy some pop. The merchant behind the counter said loudly, "NO DOGS ALLOWED." The blind woman calmly told her that the dog was her guide dog. The merchant said, "Oh, the dog is in training?" And the blind woman said, "No, she's my guide dog. I'm blind." The merchant then replied, "Sorry, we only allow dogs in training." The blind woman reported the incident to the resort manager who was very apologetic and promised to educate his employee!

## DOGS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We've all been touched by the heroism of the two dog guides who led their partners to safety from the World Trade Center towers in New York. There is an article about one of them, which you can read online at <http://dogsinthenews.com/issues/0109/articles/010914a.htm>. The site includes links to the stories of many search and rescue dogs as well. Puppy Kisses to Alison Kindrachuk for sending in the website!

## 4-H CONVERSATION

*Arapahoe County Conversation*

Monday, November 5th, 2001, 6:30 p.m.

At the Arapahoe County Extension Office Multi-purpose Building.



It is the Centennial year of 4-H. In order to give even more back to the community than it already does, 4-H is organizing a series of *conversations*. The topic is youth development. These conversations will be held at the county, state, and nationwide level. From Arapahoe County, three delegates will be chosen to attend the state conversation. From Colorado, eight delegates will be chosen to attend the national conversation. The President and Senate of the United States will hear the national conversation. Participants do not have to be a member of 4-H to join in the conversation. Both adults and youth are welcome. We are asked to bring parents, teachers, principals, and anyone else who has a point of view about youth development to our local conversation. The topics that will be discussed are anything dealing with youth development in the next five years. The main guidelines are: ways to get youth more involved in the community, ways to get youth to be considered more equally in the community, programs and techniques you think would work with youth in your community, etc. If you are unable to attend the conversation but would like to make your voice heard, send any ideas you may have to Maegan Shanteau. She will act as the representative for anyone in our club that cannot attend. Her email address is churchgoer3@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

## PUPPY KISSES

❦ To October *Doggie Tales* participants: Lizz Landert and CHUCK and Berta Waldmeier and SOPHIA.



❦ To all of the Wreath Sale Participants: those who sold items, and those who bought them.

❦ To Mary Logan for taking over HPWT club toy sales. Mary agreed to do the job when Berta Waldmeier was forced to give it up for health reasons.

❦ To Maegan Shanteau for scheduling workers for the dog show.





## REMINDERS

Keep your puppy coat neat and clean, and in good repair. Use safety pins (not straight pins) to shorten straps and tailor the fit as best you can. Keep in mind that your puppy may be the first and only time someone encounters a Guide Dog, and we need to make a great impression. Debra Bingham has offered to make minor puppy coat repairs. Sue Green has a supply of small, medium, and large size coats, so if your puppy needs a bigger coat, give her a call!

Make sure you always have a clean-up kit with you, and pick up after your puppy—even if you happen to be in a field or wilderness area. It is especially important to clean up around the County Extension Building where puppy club meets. There is a dumpster located on the north side of the building. Please do not put clean-up kits in the wastebaskets inside the building, where they tend to be very smelly and require an extra effort to be disposed of by the leaders before they can go home from the meeting.

Science Diet and all other premium brands of dog food can be returned to the place of purchase for a full refund, even if the bag has been opened. So if you accidentally buy the wrong formula, you don't have to waste it...simply return it to the store!

Heaven forbid one of our puppies should become lost! Safeguard your pup by having current tags with your local address on his collar, as well as the GDB and rabies tag. Make sure his collar is adjusted properly, so he can't slip it, and check your fence and gate regularly, to make sure they are always secure. Teach your dog not to bolt through doors to the house or car, and work especially hard on teaching your dog to come on command. It could someday save his life.

Make an extra effort to relieve your pups on different surfaces. The best time to start is with that very young puppy and first thing in the morning. Many sightless people work in cities, and live in apartments where there is nothing but concrete and asphalt for their Guide to relieve on. Your dog's comfort "doing business" on these surfaces will make a big difference in her eventual partner's quality of life!

## RAISER WRITINGS

The *Puppy Pipeline* proudly presents the third in our series of County Fair book stories, by Greg Gegen.



Hi! My name is Greg Gegen. I'm 12 years old. I have spent the past few months raising a Guide Dog puppy. This is the first time I've tried this project. Through this time my puppy, CLANCY, and I have done many things. Some of my favorite times with CLANCY have been when we have taken road trips together. CLANCY thoroughly enjoys riding in the car and visiting new places. So far we have gone to Kansas City and are soon going to Nevada, Oregon and Washington. From the start CLANCY has been a great puppy and seems to have a nice personality. Sometimes it takes patience to teach CLANCY new things. If I consistently work on new things with him he gets it. He is smart.

CLANCY goes to a puppy meeting twice a month and a club outing once month. At the puppy meetings we learn new commands and practice old ones through games and drills. On the outings we go to different places that a guide dog might need to experience. Once the club went to a fire station to see if the puppies could handle the sirens and scary looking men. These club outings teach the puppies skills that they will need to know for their future jobs.

Our club and the clubs in this area get together for games and lectures. At these events we meet new dogs and play games. The very beneficial part of these gatherings is the lectures. All kinds of people from veterinarians to actual blind people come and talk to us about different subjects.

I have had a great time with CLANCY so far this year. I have seen a lot of improvement in the way he acts. He will go to get further training after he spends a year in our home. I hope he is able to help a blind person some day.

