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PUPPY PIPELINE^{V.8 #1}

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



SCHEDULE

Please note December and January schedule changes. Watch your e-mail on day of meeting for any weather-related changes or call Carmen. Young puppies meet every Tuesday—call Lora Brady if your puppy is in Lora's class and you have questions. Call Carmen if you have questions or need to arrange for an excused absence.

Dec 11th - Holiday Dinner Party, 6:30 p.m. 3 Margaritas Restaurant, 6864 S. Clinton. Raisers and families from *Have Paws, Canine Oracles, Dogs with Vision, and Seeing is Believing* are welcome; dogs optional. Gift Exchange: bring a gift (\$7.50 or less) for dogs or people, if you want to receive one. All clubs should RSVP to Carmen by Dec 5th with the number of people who plan to attend.

Dec 18th - Training meeting at Extension Building.

Dec 25th - Stay home and play with dogs and toys.

Jan 8th - Social outing, 7:00 p.m. Park at light rail in downtown Littleton. Meet at the station house to walk through downtown streets to enjoy the holiday lights.

Jan 15th & 22nd - Training meeting at Extension Building.

February 15-18th President's Day Dog Show. Watch the Pipeline for details of this fund-raising event.

February 19th Social Outing. Bowling at an indoor fun complex. Barbara Hall will coordinate.

UN-MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Petco has cancelled our gift-wrap fund-raiser. Thanks to everyone who signed up, for your willingness to participate on behalf of HPWT. Members will be contacted if we are able to put something else in place as a holiday fund-raiser.

LEADER LEAVE OF ABSENCE

We regret to announce that Puppy Project Leader Randa MacMillian has arranged for an indefinite leave of absence, due to an illness in the family. Our thoughts are with the MacMillian family during this emotional time, and we look forward to her return to HPWT when the time is right.

DOGGIE TALES

If you and your older puppy or career change dog are interested in listening to children read, please consider volunteering for Doggies Tales! The next session is December 8th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Koelbel Library, on the corner of Orchard and Holly. Time goes very quickly; the children and the dogs love it! There will be special sessions in January and February during the week at Greenwood Elementary. If you would be available for any of these times, Berta Waldmeier would love to hear from you at (303) 770-5149.

CAREER CHANGE

LUDWIG, a male yellow lab raised by Jean & Jim Talman was career changed in November for physical reasons. He will return to his raisers as a family pet.



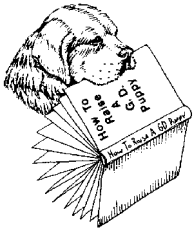
KIDS HONOR JASMINE

Students at the school where Sydney Spraggs works and socializes JASMINE earned over \$130 the night of Parent/Teacher conferences in honor of her dog. After purchasing a few goodies for JASMINE, the students plan to give Have Paws Will Travel a donation. The two kids who masterminded the effort, Nick McGrath and Adrian Graham, will be guests of honor at the December meeting, where they will present the check. Club leaders plan to ear-mark the money towards Sydney's trip to see her puppy graduate.

BLOOD DONOR BANQUET

On November 13th, *Animal E.R.* honored its doggie blood donors and their handlers at a thank-you banquet, catered by Romano's. All handlers received gift certificates to Park Meadows area stores; dogs received a collapsible water dish. There are 21 dogs in the program, including nine career change dogs from GDB, and several Greyhound Rescue dogs. If you have a young, healthy career change dog or pet dog and are interested in its eligibility as a blood donor, contact Crystal at *Animal E.R.*, at (720) 283-9348.

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 my raiser wants me to do something, he grabs me with his hands and moves my body and legs into whatever position he wants me to be in. Some of the other dogs at puppy club have noticed, and they laugh at me for not knowing my commands. After all, I'm getting close to going for harness training! I really like my raiser, but it's embarrassing that he doesn't give me a chance to obey before grabbing me.

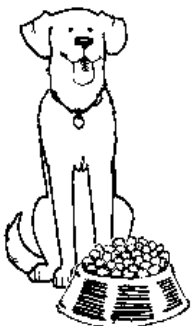
—Feeling Like Gumby

Dear Gumby:

You are absolutely right! Your raiser should give you a command, like "sit," just once, then wait for you to do it. If you don't sit quickly, then he should give you a leash correction, not handle you bodily to get you to do it. When puppies are very young, raisers do use their hands to position them, in order to teach what the commands mean. Even then, it's important for raisers to use the leash and collar whenever possible, so that their young pup can learn to respond to the leash. Once a puppy is about five months old, it's old enough to be expected to know its commands. Then the raiser switches totally to leash corrections, instead of placing the dogs in position, in order to get them to perform the commands. That way, the dog learns to respond to the collar and leash. It sounds like your raiser has never learned to use the leash, so you've not had much chance to develop a leash response. Your raiser should make every effort to use the leash exclusively, and keep his hands off your body, except to praise you. After all, to us dogs, a human's touch means love—that we're doing something right. When your raiser touches you all over trying to get you to sit or down, you could get confused and think he's praising you for not doing the command. With a little practice, I'm sure your raiser will become comfortable with the leash, and you'll become more responsive to his commands, too!

CUPBOARD BARE?

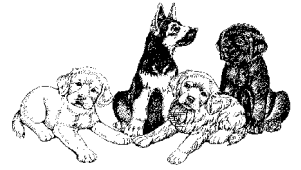
Most of our Science Diet Large Breed Growth dog food coupons expire 12/31/01, so be sure to check the ex-date on your supply and stock up on food before the end of the year. In January, you may trade your unused 2001 coupons for 2002 ones with Carmen.



FROM A PUPPY SITTER'S PERSPECTIVE

By Ellen Goldstein

While driving recently through the University of Denver area, I watched a blind student crossing the street, waving his cane. He was not aiming well, and ran into the first line of cars waiting for the light to turn. By the time he made it across to the other side, it was obvious that he was rattled and upset with this little mishap; even though a sighted person offered to help him cross the next street, this young man chose to stay on the corner by himself and try to regroup himself. My heart sank. In the back seat of my car was one of our puppies. All I could do was turn around and announce to my special passenger, "See that young man? You mustn' fail. He needs you. So do your best to be the best guide dog!" Even though we are not raising a puppy, hopefully our little contribution to helping give to those whose vision is impaired or missing a possibility to enjoy life more fully. It will help to make the holiday season a little more special for our family and most definitely has given us the opportunity to be even more grateful for what we have.



HO! HO! NOT OH NO!

With the Holiday hubbub kicking up, be mindful of your puppy's extracurricular activities. Tinsel, poinsettias, chocolate, strings of lights—even wrapping paper—pose hazards for young pups with an urge to chew. Keep your pup away from the decorations (he may mistake your tree for "indoor plumbing") and don't hesitate to keep him in the safety of the crate whenever you cannot fully supervise him.

THERAPY DOG NEEDS FOSTER FAMILY

Buddy is a one-year-old male golden retriever being trained as a social and therapy dog for a special twelve-year-old named Jason. Jason has challenges with seizures and mobility as well as autism. The family is faced with a move and needs to place Buddy in foster care immediately, for the next six months. They are looking for a family to care for Buddy with puppy raising techniques and socialization, so he will have every chance to succeed for Jason. Sharon Hart, Jason's mom, says the family will pay for Buddy's expenses, and are willing to keep in touch with the foster family after Buddy returns home. They are currently located in Boulder, so a family on the North side of town would be ideal, but anyone in the Metro Denver area willing to open their hearts and home to Buddy would be considered. If you are interested in finding out more about Buddy, contact Sharon Hart at 303-494-5822, or email harts@ecentral.com.

PUPPY KISSES



To *Publication Printers* Tour participants: Moyer & GEIGER, Brady & LANDON, Loughry & JASPER, Creasey & JORADANA. Sloppy kisses to James Creasey for setting up an outing that gave puppies exposure to the sounds, surfaces, and smells of a printing plant. Wags and kisses to our tour guide, Bob Bretall, a Sales Representative for *Publication Printers*, who came in on his night off to give us a fascinating glimpse of how everything from placemats to magazines to books come into being.

To Debra Bingham for mending puppy coats. Several coats have brand new velcro thanks to Debra's efforts.

To 4-H Foundation Wreath sale participants. We raised \$563.00 from 29 items. Sloppy kisses to Maegan Shanteau who not only helped get wreaths ready for distribution but made arrangements for HPWT members to pick them up at the meeting, and to Mary Logan, our chairperson.

To the many raisers who took time to call Carmen, to be excused from the 11/20 meeting to get the turkey ready.

To November Doggie Tales participants: Carmen Moyer and LEDGER, Andrea Loughry and ABOLINE, Dot Dill and MATTHEW, and Claire Benson and DARETTA.

To Dot Dill, Lora Brady, and Andrea Loughry, who are filling in to lead puppy training sessions during Randa MacMillian's leave of absence.

To Youth Symphony Concert participants: Moyer & GEIGER, Loughry & JASPER, Dill & MATTHEW, Benson & DARETTA. Sloppy Kisses to Claire Benson for obtaining free tickets to an event that was both wonderful socialization for the puppies and an enjoyable evening for the people!

To Mike Fox, and yellow lab blood donor HARLEY, who donated their check from Animal ER to HPWT.

To Allison Kindrachuk for taking time out from her studies at CSU and driving all the way from Fort Collins to participate in the Pet-a-Pup program at Craig Hospital.

HeartGard day
is the first of the month
even in winter!
Did you remember?

RAISER WRITINGS

The Pipeline proudly presents the final County Fair book story from our 4-H raisers, by Nick Gegen.

Hi! My name is Nick Gegen. I am 11 years old and am raising my first guide dog. My dog's name is CLANCY. I received CLANCY on Thursday, February 22, of this year.

I learn something new about how to train CLANCY just about every day. I may learn by spending time with him and learning how he learns best. Sometimes I read a book about how to teach him to do the commands. I even learn how someone else's dog learns and try their strategies. I am also learning how to take responsibility for my pets.

Sometimes CLANCY will bark or whine and even be a pain in the neck. When CLANCY was about 5 months old, we discovered he had an ear infection. The infection had to be treated by putting ointment in his ear twice a day. Other than that, I think CLANCY is a pretty normal puppy. He is obnoxious, silly, cuddly, sweet, smart, friendly and stubborn.

I feel as if CLANCY has progressed very well so far. He recently expanded his horizons by traveling 10 hours in the car with us on our way to see Grandma in Kansas City, Missouri. CLANCY goes many other places with us, including puppy meetings, social outings with other guide dog puppies, trips to the library, out to dinner and to the grocery store.

Even at the age of 6 months, CLANCY does very well with all the commands. He knows virtually all the commands that he needs to know. Now we need to work on his house manners.

I have had a great year so far with CLANCY and hope the rest goes just as well. The End.

A PUPPY'S 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the eleventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:

Eleven unwrapped presents,
Ten un-mailed Christmas cards,
My wreath in nine pieces,
Eight tiny reindeer fragments,
Seven scraps of wrapping paper,
Six yards of soggy ribbon,
Five chewed-up stockings,
Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree. . . .



On the twelfth day of Christmas, my puppy gave to me: a dozen puppy kisses, and I forgot about the other eleven days!

CRAIG CORNER

Schedule

December 4th: Becky Ward with JUSTIN, Pam Lightfoot with KARLEEN, Jeff Mosal with PEARL, Alison and Barb Kindrachuk with TYSON.

December 20th: Celeste Rangel with PANAMA, Don Lightfoot with KARLEEN, Russ Smoak with KYRIE.

January 1st: Carmen Moyer with LODGE, Claire Benson with ANGIE, Jane Smoak with MAXINE.

January 17th: Celeste Rangel with PANAMA, Russ Smoak with KYRIE.



Happy Holiday Season to everyone! I hope that Thanksgiving was festive and yummy for all of you and your families. In light of the sad current events in the world (...and the ongoing wars among people and countries for generations) I believe that we STILL have so much to be thankful for. Each and every visit to Craig also reminds me of my good fortune. Let's all wish for others in the world to be as fortunate.

The November Pet-A-Pup visits were a huge success. As all of you know from personal experience, you might, and DO encounter many different situations with each visit. The Craig staff and the families often need that unconditional love that only an animal can provide, every bit as much as the patients do. On November 15th there was a young boy visiting a family member. He came around the corner to find a couple of people and their dogs standing in the hall. He expressed fear and surprise and made a very hasty retreat. His curiosity must have gotten the best of him because he returned but kept his distance all the while asking questions of Carmen, Alison and Bill. It was with great skill and sensitivity that Alison Kindrachuck encouraged the boy to come closer and to interact with Tyson. I'll be darned . . . within 10 minutes that little boy had confronted and moved past his fear of dogs and was lying next to Tyson on the floor and cuddling with him. GREAT work Alison! All in a night's visit, right gang?

I will not be at the December 4th visit. Jane will be supervising that evening, so please go easy on her (just kidding).

Have fun everyone and be safe in your travels. Peace.

Wendy Eder
Pet-A-Pup Program Coordinator

November Pet-A-Pup Visitors:

November 6th: Pamela Lightfoot with KARLEEN, Becky Ward with JUSTIN, Barb and Alison Kindrachuk with TYSON, and Jeff Mosel with PEARL

November 15th: Lizz Landert with FURLEY, Bill Wriston with JOEL, Claire Benson, Alison and Barb Kindrachuk with TYSON and Carmen Moyer with LODGE.

TIP OF THE TAIL

Ed. note: Tip of the Tail is a new addition to Craig Corner, featuring training tips for Pet-A-Pup volunteers.

Please remember while visiting with patients that we are catching them at the end of what is often a very grueling day of therapy. As much as we would like to offer some puppy love, not everyone is up for it. Be sensitive to the patients' needs and cues. Sometimes, in an effort to ask questions and engage a patient, we can forget to watch for signs of fatigue, confusion, frustration, etc. Try to keep the patient's needs a priority and not take it personally if they choose not to visit with us or if they indicate a preference for one dog over another. Go with the flow.



GET CREDIT

If you have helped present an educational program since September, please give your name and the event you attended, to Aubry Bingham for the record. Puppies earn \$1.00 per event toward toys at the club store.

ORACLES NEWSLETTER

Canine Oracles now has their own newsletter, separate from the *Pipeline*. You may view it on the web at hpwtdogmom.org.

