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North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

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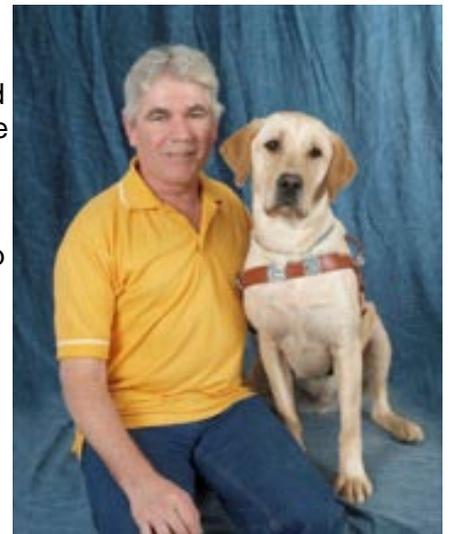
Congratulations NCPRP's Most Recent Graduates: Adonis, Justice, Oslo, Roz, and Wynett

Miguel Gonzales and Adonis (from the profile of the September 2009 graduating class)

Miguel lives in Connecticut and returned here for Adonis, his second Guiding Eyes dog. Unable to work, he keeps himself busy at home - cooking, listening to music, and visiting with friends. At one time, Miguel had high blood pressure. Once he started working with a guide dog, his pressure became normal.

Miguel was accompanied by a Spanish translator during his Guiding Eyes training. But it isn't necessary to understand Spanish to grasp Miguel's deep appreciation for his guide dog instruction, and for the companionship extended by the entire Guiding Eyes staff.

Adonis was started by Brenda and Jerry Quesenberry, and raised by Christopher Waddell and family. Adonis' vet sponsor while with the Quesenberrys was Southampton Veterinary Clinic of Franklin, VA, and the Quesenberrys were his food sponsors. His vet sponsor while with the Waddells was Sandhills Veterinary Hospital in Southern Pines, and the Waddells were his food sponsors.

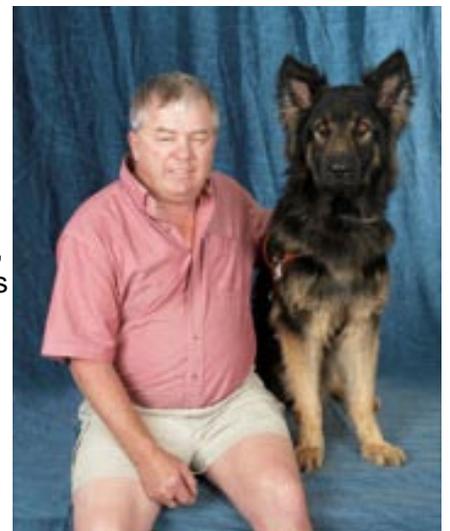


Miguel Gonzales and Adonis

Michael Grondin and Justice (from the profile of the September 2009 graduating class)

Diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy nineteen years ago, 53 year-old Mike Grondin came here from coastal Maine for his first guide dog, Justice. Mike is the father of two children and enjoys many sports: fishing, hunting, snowshoeing and white water rafting. He is happy to now be able to abandon his cane and truly enjoys Justice's leadership qualities. In addition, Mike feels that Justice is able to read his mind and has concluded that "he is absolutely perfect."

Justice was raised by the Geiner family and helped tremendously with socialization by Laura Livingstone and husband, Anthony. Justice's vet sponsor was Swift Creek Animal Hospital, and the Geiners were his food sponsors. Colony Park Animal Hospital helped with Justice's care when he was with Laura and Anthony.



Michael Grondin and Justice

Darrell Bowles and Oslo (from the profile of the July 2009 graduating class)

Darrell Bowles traveled from a small town in Tennessee to receive Oslo, his first guide dog. Darrell studies music and his goal is to do free lance work as a vocal (baritone) instructor. He is also an avid computer user and keeps current on information regarding what's new in the "world of the blind." Gifted with a bubbly sense of humor, Darrell loves to make others laugh. Darrell is hugely thankful for Oslo, a lovable and obedient lab; he knows that this new relationship will change his life completely. "The staff here is excellent; I feel totally supported 'one little piece at a time.'

Oslo was raised by Irene and Maria Cucurullo. His vet sponsor was Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital of Raleigh, and the Cucurullo family provided his food. Irene and Maria were not able to attend Oslo's graduation, but they had a wonderful phone conversation with Darrell. Irene said he couldn't thank them enough for being puppy raisers and opening up a whole new world for him.



Darrell Bowles and Oslo

Linda Olson and Roz (from the profile of the September 2009 graduating class)

Linda Olson, 54, has been married for 32 years and is the mother of a 17 year-old high school senior. Her progressive sight loss is caused by retinitis pigmentosa.

Linda works as the YWCA's Director of Facilities and Volunteer Services in Genesee County, New York. In this position she recruits, trains and supervises volunteers to perform functions that will serve the community. When not working, Linda enjoys cooking, reading, swimming and riding tandem on the family bicycle. She looks forward to now being able to go when and where she wants without human assistance, and she is confident in Roz's ability to safely lead her through her almost always congested and confusing daily schedule. "There is no other word to describe my experience here at Guiding Eyes. It all adds up to excellence."

Roz was raised by Kristen Shamblin. Her vet sponsor was Neuse River Veterinary Hospital in Wendell, and her food sponsor was Diversified Systems, Inc. in Raleigh. Kristen was grateful to be able to attend Roz' graduation, and meet Linda. Kristen said, "I was so excited to finally attend a graduation! Roz slept soundly during the ceremony, but my family and I were very touched by the comments of the staff and graduates. Without fail, every graduate seemed deeply grateful to have received their new Guiding Eyes dog. After the ceremony, we had a chance to meet Linda and her family, and to see Roz. Roz was beside herself with excitement, proving once again that puppies have good memories and do not forget their raisers. Roz is one very lucky girl! Linda said she loved her from the first moment she met her when Roz came in the room and gave her a kiss on the cheek."

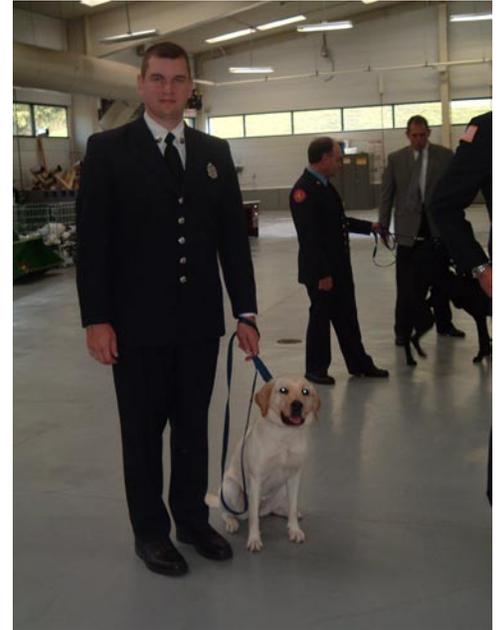


Linda Olson and Roz

Wynett – ATF Accelerant Detection (provided by Jo Anne Wiles, Puppy Raiser)

Wynett graduated from the ATF Training Center in Front Royal, Virginia, on September 18, 2009, as an accelerant detection canine. She and her partner, Fire Inspector Mitchell Cady, CFEI, were one of eight teams to graduate. Wynett will be living and working with her partner, Mitch, his wife, and their personal dog in Manchester, New Hampshire. She was the only yellow lab to graduate that day, the rest of the dogs were black labs. Evidently the rest of the handlers kept telling Mitch that his dog was dirty. He pointed out to them that their dogs were dirty too, you just couldn't see the dirt as easy on them.

Wynett had the most people in attendance to watch her graduation. Not only did Brian and I [Jo Anne Wiles] attend, but the couple who kept her for the five weeks before she came to live with us were also there. Mitch's wife plans to create a website for Wynett so everyone will be able to keep track of her life and career. They were already making plans to take her hiking and swimming in their off time. Also, they were looking forward to her re-certification next June in Myrtle Beach, SC, as an opportunity to leave the snow and cold weather of New Hampshire behind for a few days. It was obvious that Wynett already shares a deep bond with Mitch that will only be strengthened over time. Wynett was raised by Laura Wiles and her family. Her vet sponsor was Neuse River Hospital in Wendell, and the Wiles were her food sponsors.



Mitchell Cady and Wynett

Meet the New Puppies!



Irena, a female yellow lab, started in NYC has recently moved to NC and is being raised by the Wiles family. Irena is their 3rd GEB puppy! Jo Anne shared the following about Irena. "Irena came to live with us in August, shortly before turning one-year-old in early September. She traded city life for the country and seems to enjoy the change. She loves attention and is quick to put her head on your lap. She loves to run with our dog, Mocha. The two of them will play together for hours. Irena hasn't figured out how to get the horses on the other side of the fence to play yet; they don't respond to her play bow invitations. She will chase a ball as long as you will throw it. Although full of energy, Irena has a very sweet temperament and wants to please." Irena's vet sponsor is Neuse River Veterinary Hospital in Wendell, and the Wiles are her food sponsors.



Irena enjoying country life!

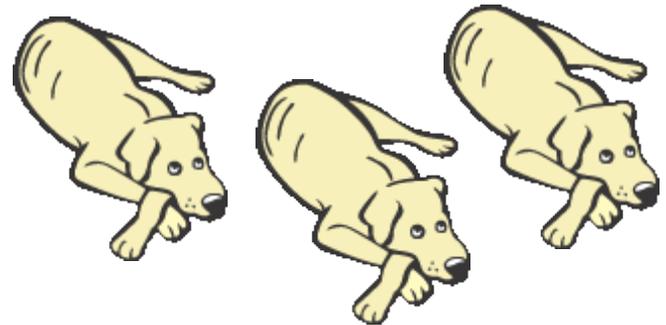
Kayla, a female black lab, is being raised by Tamara Flinchum. Kayla is Tamara's 2nd GEB puppy! Tamara said, "Kayla was born June 15th. She likes playing chase with Shelby, her adopted big sister. At first, Shelby wasn't sure about this little black thing, but has decided that she likes Kayla and that we should keep her. Miss Kayla is quite fearless and loves exploring new things." Kayla's vet sponsor is Northwoods Animal Hospital, and Tamara is her food sponsor.



Kayla
"Look me in the eye and try to say no!"



Shelby with little sister, Kayla!



Kirstie, a female black lab, is being raised by Karen and Gordon Carey. Kirstie is their 2nd GEB puppy! Kirstie is also Kayla's littermate. Kirstie's vet sponsor is Ard Vista Animal Hospital in Winston Salem. The Carey's are her food sponsors.

Timmy, a male yellow lab, is being raised by Christopher Meyer. Timmy is Chris' 2nd GEB puppy! Timmy's vet sponsor is Academy East Veterinary Hospital in Fuquay Varina, and Chris is his food sponsor. Chris shared the following about Timmy, "Timmy joined our family in August. He started his journey up north with my mother and sister who gave him an excellent start! He is a very laid back pup who loves to just hang out and sleep all day. He also loves to play with our Basset Hound, Lucy! They could play for hours and never get tired! Timmy absolutely LOVES water: Playing in it, drinking it, whatever. If it concerns water, he's all for it! We have a kiddie pool in the backyard he enjoys playing in on the weekends. Being a lab he is very smart. When you talk to him he will turn his head back and forth while he listens. Sometimes I expect him to start talking to me! When his belly is rubbed he makes grunting noises and my fiance loves to call him her instrument. He is a great pup and will make an excellent guide some day."



Timmy with Lucy – Best friends!

Puppy Updates: Where are they now?

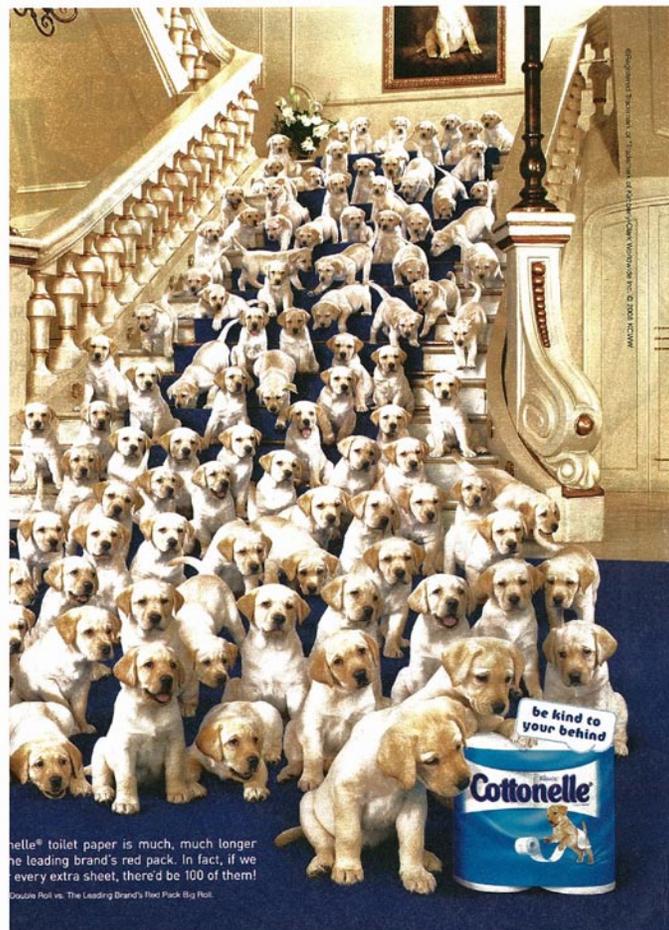
Glen, a male yellow lab started by Karissa and Kiley Davan, and later raised by Irene and Maria Cucurullo, recently passed his in-for-training test and has been selected for the Guiding Eyes breeding program. Glen's vet sponsor was Swift Creek Animal Hospital in Raleigh while living with the Davan's, and his vet sponsor while with the Cucurullo's was Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital in Raleigh. The Davan's were Glen's food sponsors.

Sahara, a female Golden Retriever raised by Karen and Gordon Carey, recently passed her in-for-training test. Sahara's vet sponsor was Ard-Vista Animal Hospital in Winston Salem.

Sandy, a female Golden Retriever raised by Tamara Flinchum, recently passed her in-for-training test. Sandy's vet sponsor was Northwood Animal Hospital in Cary, and Tamara was her food sponsor.

Vance, a male yellow lab started by Susan Piron, and later raised by Jo Anne Farr recently passed his in-for-training test. Vance's vet sponsor while with Susan was Pine Hollow Animal Hospital of Warrenton, and his food sponsor was Citizens for Animal Protection (CAPS) of Warren County. Six Forks Animal Hospital was Vance's vet sponsor when he moved to Raleigh with Jo Anne, and Jo Anne was his food sponsor.

Did you know our very own Glen was a Cottonelle puppy?



Where's Glen?

Your guess is as good as anyone's!

Astro Makes a Difference!

Provided by Leigh Ames, Puppy Raiser

I want to share an extraordinary visit that took place yesterday with Astro and a sweet little girl named Lauren. Lauren is an 8 yr old girl who attends our local elementary school. She is finally home after spending nearly 3 weeks in the hospital recovering from a tragic accident where the corner of her face and head were run over by a car. Obviously this has been a very traumatic experience. Painful bandage changes and difficult physical therapy were almost too much for her to deal with.

Lauren's turning point occurred after therapy dogs began making regular rounds to see her in the hospital. It was the highlight of each day. After returning home this week, Lauren didn't miss much about being in the hospital, except for her daily visits with the dogs. The dogs are all she talks about and is certainly the subject that brings a smile to her face.

I am a regular sub at Lauren's school and Astro goes with me each week when I volunteer in my daughter's class. Astro is a dog celebrity who all the kids look forward to seeing. Being such a calm pup and already accustomed to being around children, it seemed sensible to try taking Astro to see Lauren at home and fill the puppy void. Her parents understood that Astro is not a therapy dog, but they didn't care one bit. We all felt that whatever Astro could offer would certainly be therapeutic for Lauren.

I was prepared to stay a short time, watching Astro's body language carefully for any uncertainty, apprehension, or stress. But he couldn't have been more comfortable! After a successful visit, the two curled up on the floor together. Astro fell asleep as Lauren laid her head on his side and snuggled up with him in sheer bliss. It was the most moving and touching experience to have been a part of. She forgot all about her pain, her struggles, and the difficult days ahead.

I am so proud of Astro. He was a blessing for Lauren and her parents. He had Lauren smiling all the way to her insides. The joy on her parents' faces, seeing their daughter light up, was priceless.



**Astro brings a beautiful smile
to Lauren's face!**

Wynette is in the news!

New Hampshire Union Leader
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009

MANCHESTER - The fire department's new star is a real dog.

Meet Wynett, a 2-year-old yellow Labrador with a unique professional pedigree for New Hampshire: She is the first accelerant-detection canine for a municipal fire department in the state, said Manchester Fire Inspector Mitchell Cady, her handler.

Cady welcomed Wynett to the investigations' team last month after her 12 weeks of training at a center run by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Virginia. Wynett has already worked a half-dozen fire scenes, including a recent case in Hooksett.

"She's just a very reliable tool in our tool box," Cady said. "It may take a group of investigators hours to comb through a scene, when it may take the dog a matter of minutes."

Wynett is trained to detect more than 20 different accelerants that may be used to set a blaze or may be present at a scene. She also helps investigators rule out the presence of accelerants. If an ignitable liquid or presence is detected, an evidence sample is collected and sent to the lab for tests and confirmation. The presence of an ignitable liquid does not necessarily mean a fire was arson. Investigators explore and consider all of the evidence and circumstances.

Daily drills

Wynett is one of about 70 ATF-certified accelerant-detection canines that have been placed nationwide to help local, state and federal investigators, said Cady, who conducted a training exercise outside Central Station this week to demonstrate his dog's expertise.

The drill is a never-ending one. Cady places a piece of insulation, with a couple of drops of gas or another accelerant on it, into a tin that is placed into a can. Other tins with just plain insulation or candy are put into other cans. He then directs the dog to sniff out the correct source.

Cady asks, "Can you show me?"

Wynett circles the cans, sniffing each, and sits next to the correct one and looks up at her handler.

"Good girl," Cady says, giving her a piece of dog food. "She's highly motivated by food. She works for her food."

Cady repeats this training series 60 or 70 times a day. Wynett smells the correct odor, she gets fed. It is the only way Wynett eats.

"She will never eat out of a bowl until she retires," Cady said.

ATF guidelines call for its accelerant-detection canines to retire when they are 7 to 9 years old, so Wynett will be working in Manchester for at least six or seven years.

Trained in accelerant detection by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Wynett joined the Manchester Fire Department last month. (THOMAS ROY) She is on the Manchester force through an ATF

grant, which covers the canine purchase, training for the dog and her handler, and recertification for the working life of the dog.

Other costs, such as food and veterinary care, are supplemented by donations. Granite State Credit Union has made a generous donation to the program, Cady said.

Cady thanks the Manchester Police Department's canine unit and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department for help in landing the grant and Wynett.

Wynett has been an immediate hit with children and adults alike, helping the Manchester Fire Department promote its fire safety message. She walked in the city's most recent parade. And Cady has already fielded requests for his and Wynett's presence in a couple of city schools to talk about fire prevention.

Wynett reports to work with Cady, lounges or walks around the office. She goes home with him, sharing quarters with Cady's other dog. Outside of work, she's a regular dog who likes to play, swim and hike.

She's just a lovable, yellow Lab -- with a badge.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Indigo
12/29/97 – 8/31/09

Indigo, raised by Marylynn and Dickie Harvey, died of cancer at age 11 years.
Indigo's vet sponsor was Casey Animal Hospital in Portsmouth, VA and the Harvey's were her food sponsors.

Journey
1995 – 7/31/09

Journey, raised by Marie and Gary O'Neil, died of old age.
His vet sponsor was Swift Creek Animal Hospital. The O'Neil's were his food sponsors.

Donate to GEB When Shopping at Food Lion! **It's time to re-register your MVP card.**

LionShop & Share is the easiest, most convenient way to raise money for your local not-for-profit organization. Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

If anyone is interested in participating, please go to the Food Lion website listed below and click the 'Select an Organization' button. In the pop up window, select NC as the State, Pittsboro the City, select Guiding Eyes for the Blind as the Organization and then follow the instructions to link your MVP card.

<https://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopandShare/secure/RegisterMVPCards.asp>

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, November 6 and SATURDAY, November 7, 2009

Triangle Drive Warehouse, 5909 Triangle Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617

Please remember to bring your Eval DVD if you have one.

Friday 11/6	PUPPY	RAISER
1: 45 PM	Simba **	Cucurullo
2:45 PM	Crockett	Newcity
3:30 PM	Hexa	Cooke
4:15 PM	Briana	Gilleland
5:00 PM	Abigail **	Foote
6:00 PM	Irena **	Wiles
7:00 PM	Meeting	For Team
Saturday, 11/7		
8:45 AM	Kayla **	Flinchum
9:45 AM	Tyson	Coney
10:30 AM	Kirstie **	Carey
11:15 PM	Pablo	Tanner
12 Noon	General Meeting	
1:00 PM	Denton	Overcash
1:45 PM	Astro	Ames
2:30 PM	Lilac	Baur
3:15 PM	Barb **	Bennett
4:15 PM	Timmy **	Meyer
5:15 PM	Bangle **	Alsmeyer

**** Beside Pup's name and Raiser's name indicates need for photograph by Rick Tanner Saturday morning or with someone on Friday. Please let Sherry know if you can't make it on Saturday if you need a photo.**

Please be a little early to eval - the previous one may not take as long so we may be running early!

DIRECTIONS to the EVALUATION

**Warehouse (For Sale – Southern Commercial Properties)
5905 Triangle Drive
Raleigh, NC 27617**

Driving Directions to Triangle Drive Warehouse for the Evaluation:

From I-540:

- Take the US-70 East exit toward Raleigh. (0.7 mi)
- Stay straight to go onto Glenwood Ave/US 70 East. (1.0 mi)
- Turn left onto Triangle Drive. (0.6 mi)
- The Bike Chain is on the corner of Glenwood Avenue and Triangle Drive.
- End at 5905 Triangle Drive.

From I-85:

- Take US-70 East exit, Exit 178, toward RDU Airport/Raleigh. (0.3 mi)
- Merge onto US-70 BYP East. (2.2 mi)
- US-70 BYP East becomes US-70 East. (8.7 mi)
- Turn left onto Triangle Drive. (0.6 mi)
- The Bike Chain is on the corner of Glenwood Avenue and Triangle Drive.
- End at 5905 Triangle Drive.

From I-440:

- Merge onto Glenwood Ave/US-70 West toward Crabtree Valley/Durham. (6.3 mi)
- Turn right onto Triangle Drive. (0.6 mi)
- End at 5905 Triangle Drive.
- Please bring your DVD and an accurate reading of your puppy's weight to the next Evaluation (if you did not have it for the Quarterly Raiser Report) and don't forget to submit the Quarterly Raiser Report (www.guidingeyesbcweb.org)!

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2009

November 6-7, 2009

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
Triangle Drive Warehouse

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2010

February 5-6, 2010

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
Raleigh Church of Christ

April 30-May1, 2010

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC
Pittsboro Baptist Church

August 6-7, 2010

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
Raleigh Church of Christ

November 5-6, 2010

Evaluation (Location to be confirmed)

MISSION STATEMENT

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