



Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Fall 2011

Congratulations to NCPRP's Most Recent Graduate: Ogden!

Lisa and Ogden from the Guiding Eyes Graduate Profile

Lisa, a New York native, has been matched with Ogden, a black male Lab and her first guide dog.

Lisa is an accomplished cane user and started thinking about getting a guide dog three years ago. A serious accident in February convinced Lisa the time was now. A close friend works for PepsiCo and provides tours of the company's world famous sculpture gardens to Guiding Eyes clients; she suggested Lisa apply to the school.

Lisa has been legally blind since birth due to undeveloped retinas. Cataract surgery and a cornea transplant helped somewhat but her vision started to rapidly deteriorate in her 30's.

Lisa shares her life with her husband, son, daughter and Spanky the family Maltese. She is a Special Ed teacher and has a bachelor's degree in elementary education/special ed and a masters from Adelphi in early childhood/special ed. Her students are both physically and mentally challenged. She loves being outside, spending time with family and friends, and likes to cook and take nature walks.



Lisa and Ogden

Ogden is going to make a huge difference in her life and she adores him. Lisa is looking forward to going out with Ogden without waiting for someone to accompany her.

Ogden was raised by Julie Hayes and family. He was their 8th Guiding Eyes Puppy. His vet sponsor was Animal Care Hospital of Matthews and his food sponsor was Rosanne Bateman of Matthews.

Meet the New Puppies!

Gaffney, a black male lab, is being raised by Kelly Coney Pacious. Gaffney is her 5th GEB puppy! Gaffney's vet sponsor is Poplar Animal Hospital in Concord. Kelly is his food sponsor. Kelly provided the following introduction to Gaffney.

"I am raising Gaffney. He is my 5th dog and 3rd Black Lab. He is very unique and unlike any others I have raised. Gaffney has a mind of his own and this can lead to some interesting challenges. He has a high energy level and loves to go to new places. Due to this however careful planning is a must since he may decide he's going to make his own plans. He is definitely making me a better raiser and I have very high hopes for him.

My husband and I recently took him to Myrtle Beach where he got to experience a whole new world. Sand, water, new grass and different sounds brought out his curiosity. Once this water loving dog realized he just found the biggest pool, he was in heaven. Gaffney fell in love with playing in the water, walks (and runs) on the beach and sleeping in the sand.”



Gaffney Goes to the Beach!

Macbeth, a black male lab, is being raised by Janet Newcity and family. Macbeth is their 4th GEB puppy! Macbeth’s vet sponsor is Village Veterinary Hospital in Chapel Hill. The Newcitys are his food sponsors. When asked to describe Macbeth, Janet said the following.

“I’ve come to praise our pup, Macbeth.
No roses smell sweet as his breath.
Neither trouble nor toil,
His nature quite loyal.
Not star-crossed, we love him to death.

I’ve attached several photos. One is of Parson and Macbeth on the day they arrived in NC. Another is of my dog Lucky teaching Macbeth how to settle. The last is self-explanatory -- the very proud and very happy mom / raiser.



I would also add that Macbeth is a real charmer. Even my cranky dog Mazie loves to play with him. He’s a quick learner, too. I had just started teaching him “go place” and he was so enthusiastic that he bounded over to the dog bed and jumped on it. That sent the dog bed sliding 6 feet across the floor. But he kept his down and earned his treat!”

Nina, a black female lab, is being raised by Laura Levitt. Nina is Laura’s 3rd GEB puppy! Laura started her puppy in Maryland before moving to NC. Nina’s vet sponsor is Westbrook Animal Hospital in Burlington, and Laura is her food sponsor.

Parson, a yellow male lab, was started by Rob Hambrick. His vet sponsor is Northwoods Animal Hospital in Cary, and Rob was his food sponsor.

Pilgrim, a yellow male lab, is being raised by Danny Overcash. He is her 14th puppy. Lakewood Veterinary Hospital is his vet sponsor, and Danny and Walt Overcash are his food sponsors. Danny shared the following about Pilgrim.

“Pilgrim, our 14th Guiding Eyes puppy, arrived in Mooresville to spend his early months with us and GEB release, Denton, at the end of August. He is here with us until he is ready to move on to Jim Harmeson for finishing.



Pilgrim is lively and cute and full of fun. He has white toes and big ears and a huge personality. We are missing the steadying influence of Pawling but, while progress may be at a slower pace without him, we'll get where we need to be...eventually. In young Pilgrim, we have much for which to be thankful.”

Puppy Updates: Where are they now?

Alise, a female yellow lab, raised by Kristen Shamblin was released from training and adopted by a family via the Guiding Eyes Public Adoption Program. Alise's vet sponsor was Neuse River Veterinary Hospital in Wendell, and her food sponsor was Diversified Systems, Inc. in Knightdale.

Crystal, a female yellow lab, raised by Nancy-Kerr Jennings recently passed her in-for-training test. Crystal's vet sponsor was Hickory Tree Veterinary Clinic, and Nancy was her food sponsor.

Dandy, a male black lab, raised by Katrina Jiamachello recently passed his in-for-training test. Dandy's vet sponsor was Boulevard Animal Hospital in Raleigh. His food sponsor was Triangle Pet Supply and his equipment sponsor was Wag Pet Boutique.

Jamaica, a female yellow lab, raised by Jesika Baur, has been accepted into the Guiding Eyes for the Blind Breeding Program. Jamaica's vet sponsor was Atrium Animal Hospital in Charlotte, and Jesika was her food sponsor.

Octavian, a male black lab, raised by Kelly Coney was released from training and adopted by Kelly's family. Octavian's vet sponsor was Poplar Animal Hospital in Concord, and Kelly was his food sponsor.

Tally, a female yellow lab, raised by Chris Echols and family recently passed her in-for-training test. Tally's vet sponsor was Armadale Animal Hospital in Raleigh, and her food sponsor was the AKC in Raleigh.

Other News!

Raleigh Area Raisers participated in the AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and the Celebrity Paws for C.O.P.E. events. Many thanks to everyone who assisted with these two events.



Farber raised by Sue and Devon Scott in Raleigh, retired in July. Sue said, "through the kindness of Jennifer Foote and family he was transported back to us in Raleigh. We are really excited to have him back with us and two out of three cats somewhat agree!"



IN LOVING MEMORY

Harry
December 21, 1997 – July 16, 2011

Harry was raised by Ken and Laura Bozeman. He was released from training and adopted by the Bozemans. Harry's vet sponsor was Glenwood Animal Hospital of Raleigh. The Bozemans were his food sponsors. They wanted to share the picture below.



Harry Loves Sailing

Pawling
1998-2011

Pawling was raised and adopted by Walt and Danny Overcash. Danny shared the following about Pawling. "We are sadly missing our wonderful, beloved Pawling. He was released at 14 months old with a diagnosis of epilepsy. As a true "dog with a purpose", he spent the remainder of his life mentoring 9 generations of GEB puppies. He never made it to school for IFT, he never graduated or worked as a guide dog, but he exemplified all of the qualities that make Guiding Eyes for the Blind dogs so well-respected and loved. He is missed every day." Pawling's vet sponsor was Alpharetta Animal Hospital in Alpharetta, GA and Walt and Danny were his food sponsors.

Wilton
November 28, 1997 – September 8, 2011

Wilton was raised by Paul and Lynn Carter of Raleigh. He was a cherished guide dog, and when his health declined, he came home to live with the family that raised him for his final years. Wilton's vet sponsor was Northwoods Animal Hospital and the Carters were his food sponsors. Lynn said, "He was a daily joy. He was never happier than when he was soaking wet! Unless Amalia [the Carter's daughter] was rubbing his belly."



Wilton enjoying retirement!

Holiday Puppy Sitting!

The holidays are quickly approaching and our puppy sitters are usually in great demand. If you are planning to travel during November or December, please contact your puppy sitting coordinator as soon as possible.

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EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 3, Friday, November 4, Saturday, November 5, 2011

Thursday evaluations are at Diversified Systems, 1103 Great Falls Ct, Knightdale, NC 27545

Friday and Saturday evaluations are at Pittsboro Baptist Church,
121 West Salisbury Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312

DATE	PUPPY	RAISER
Thursday, 11/3	Diversified Systems, Knightdale	
5:00 PM	Fenwick	Flinchum
6:15 PM	Tosh	Wiles
7:30 PM	Ray	Tanner
8:45 PM	Roger	Stewart/Lyon
Friday, 11/4	Pittsboro Baptist Church, Pittsboro	
11:00 AM	Murphy	Soost
12:15 PM	Lady Bug	Carey
1:30 PM	Nina **	Levitt
2:45 PM	MacBeth	Newcity
4:00 PM	Newton	Cucurullo
5:15 PM	Ryan	Haynes
6:30 PM	Meeting for Team	
Saturday, 11/5	Pittsboro Baptist Church, Pittsboro	
8:15 AM	Parson **	Gilleland
9:30 AM	Gaffney	Pacious
10:45 AM	Jan	Vogelhut
12:00 PM	General Meeting	
1:00 PM	Pilgrim **	Overcash
2:15 PM	Jax	Lyman

** Beside Pup's name and Raiser's name indicates need for photograph 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 REMEMBER to bring your evaluation DVDs.

Raisers, please be a little early for your evaluation as we may be running ahead of schedule. Thanks!

DIRECTIONS to the EVALUATIONS

Thursday

**Diversified Systems, Inc.
1103 Great Falls Court
Knightdale, NC 27545**

Driving Directions to Diversified Systems, Inc. for the Fall Evaluation:

From Burlington/Chapel Hill/Durham

Take 1-40 East to I-540 East. Travel approximately 24 miles to US-64 Business Route East/Knightdale Blvd. via exit 24B toward Knightdale. Travel 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Bozeman Dr. Take 2nd left onto Great Falls Court. 1103 Great Falls Court is on the left.

Friday and Saturday

**Pittsboro Baptist Church
121 West Salisbury Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312**

Driving Directions to Pittsboro Baptist Church for the Fall Evaluation:

From Raleigh

Take 64 West across Jordan Lake and continue on 64 until you reach the 15/501 exit (Exit #383 – this is the exit after the 64 Business/Pittsboro exit). Turn left at the top of the exit ramp.

****** Travel about 2 miles into Pittsboro to the first traffic light.

Turn right at the light onto West Salisbury Street and go one block (note: the street sign for Salisbury street is a small white one on the far left corner. It is not easy to see but it is the first, and only, traffic light). The church is on the left at the next corner. Parking is across the street. The Fellowship Hall is on the ground floor on the far right of the church complex. The entrance is off the small parking lot to the side.

From Chapel Hill/Durham

Follow 15/501, cross over 64, and follow the ****** directions above.

From Siler City and West

Take 64 to the 15/501 exit (this is the exit after the Burlington/Spring Lake exit). Turn right at the top of the exit ramp and follow the ****** directions above.

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.guidingeyes.org)!

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2011

November 3-5, 2011

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC

Pittsboro Baptist Church

MISSION STATEMENT

Guiding Eyes for the Blind is dedicated to enriching the lives of blind and visually impaired men and women by providing them with the freedom to travel safely, thereby assuring greater independence, dignity and new horizons of opportunity.

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