



Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Fall 2013

Meet the New Puppy!

Meyer, a yellow male lab, is being raised by Meghan Lyon and Vaughn Stewart. Meyer is their 2nd Guiding Eyes puppy. Meghan introduced Meyer as follows. “Meyer is a sweet puppy who arrived last month from Rhode Island, via Ohio. He's now 14 months old and is a bundle of energy. He arrived knowing a lot of commands and we're working on perfecting them. He's also practicing his leash walking skills, people greetings, and general house manners. It's been fun getting to know him and all his quirks. He loves to chew on bones and chase squeaky balls. He tends to do a sort of somersault, head first, while chewing a new toy, which is really cute. We're looking forward to seeing how he grows and matures in the next few months.”

Meghan and Vaughn are sponsoring Meyer's food and his vet sponsor is the Cornwallis Road Animal Hospital in Durham.



Welcome Meyer



Meghan added the following. “I'm also attaching a couple of pictures of **Roger**, our first puppy that we raised for Guiding Eyes. Roger is now 3 years old. He graduated last November and was matched with Jose, a blind man who lives in Madrid, Spain. Jose sent us these pictures of him and Roger on vacation this summer in Seville. He has been very kind to stay in touch and keep us posted on their adventures in Spain.”



Puppy Updates: Where are they now?

Denton, a black male lab, raised by the Wiles family was released from training and is on his way home to join the Wiles family. Denton's vet sponsor was Neuse River Veterinary Hospital of Wendell and the Wiles were his food sponsors.

Jeremiah, a black male lab, is now being raised by Jim and Luan Harmeson. Jeremiah is their 7th GEB puppy. Jeremiah's vet sponsor is Jordan Lake Animal Hospital in Pittsboro. Jim and Luan are his food sponsors. Jeremiah was initially raised by 1st time raisers, Debra and Brian Davis. Jeremiah's vet sponsor while with the Davis family was Mayfair Animal Hospital in Cary, and the Davis' were his food sponsors.

Luster, a black female lab, raised by Kristen Shamblin was released from training and is currently in training as a detection dog for MSA Security. Luster's vet sponsor was Neuse River Veterinary Hospital in Wendell and her food sponsor was Diversified Systems, Inc. in Knightdale.

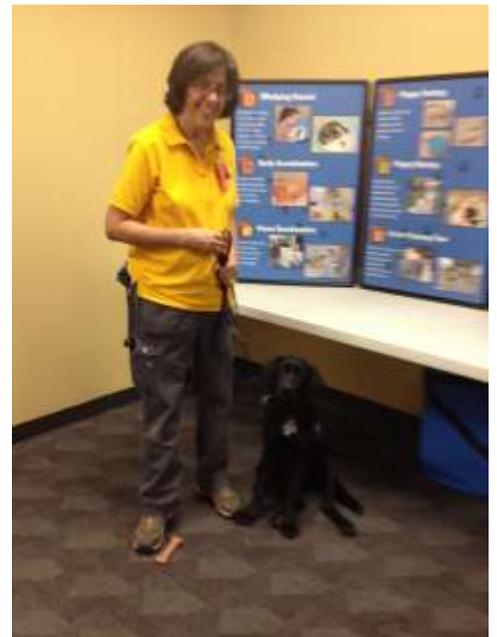
Micah, a male black lab, raised by Tamara Flinchum, and Amy Bryant and Aaron Andersen, was released from training and was adopted by Don and Sherry Dodson. Micah was donated by Reveille Dodson. Micah's vet sponsor was Northwoods Animal Hospital in Cary, and his food sponsor was Arthur Berger of New York, NY.

Neil, a male lab, raised by Jeannie and Norman Herrmann recently retired at age 13 due to health issues. He is coming home to the Herrmann family to spend his retirement with his puppy raisers who are looking forward to loving on him for the rest of his days. Neil's vet sponsor was Haywood Animal Hospital in Hendersonville and his food sponsor was the Saturn Dealership in Asheville, NC.

Public Relations Events



Quentin and Maria Cucurullo visit with
Brownie Troop 1621 in Durham



Quentin and Irene Cucurullo
participated in the Health Fair at the
Judicial Center



Brandy appears to like the box of toys and treats she received from her food sponsors. Thank you Dick and Doris Thompson!



"After you've wished once for food, you can stop using your other wishes on food."

IN LOVING MEMORY

Joe

Joe was the 3rd GEB puppy raised by Jeannie and Norman Herrmann. Joe worked as a guide dog until his retirement. He finished his life with his blind partner. Jeannie and Norman were Joe's food sponsors and his vet sponsor was Haywood Animal Hospital in Hendersonville.

Nikon

2/26/99 – 8/28/13

Nikon was the first GEB puppy raised by Jeannie and Norman Herrmann. He was released from training and Jeannie and Norman adopted him. They were Nikon's food sponsors and his vet sponsor was Haywood Animal Hospital in Hendersonville. Jeannie shared the following tribute to Nikon.

"Nikon came into our lives at 8 weeks old from Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) in Patterson, New York. He was the first puppy of four that we raised for GEB.

We attended classes for puppy raisers and prepared for his arrival. We were proud parents when he landed at Raleigh Airport on May 1, 1999. We attended quarterly evaluations to ensure Nikon was getting the socialization, vetting and handling he needed to one day guide a blind person.

It was some time before Nikon slept through the night in his crate what a racket he made! No one got much sleep for what seemed like months. We took him to places like hardware stores, schools, sporting events, grocery stores, and anywhere we could get permission to bring him with his guide dog in training vest. He needed to be exposed to all types of people, noises, flooring and so on.

At 17 months old we took him to New York to begin his testing. They shot off a gun to test his confidence; he passed. Then he started his five months of training. The tougher the tests became, the more distracted Nikon was. When it became obvious that he wasn't cut out for guide dog work, we took him back home at 22 months old.

Nikon taught the ropes to three other GEB puppies. After we had raised our last GEB pup, I became involved with Foothills Golden Retriever Rescue in Greenville, SC, and Nikon was a father figure to all the foster dogs we brought into our home between 2004 and 2013.

Nikon was born hungry! We had to put water in his food to slow him down or he would choke to death as he ate SO fast. Nikon kept us all on our toes for 14 1/2 years, and this house will never be the same. There will never be another one like him for sure. While our hearts are still mending, I know in time we will just remember the puppy like spirit Nikon had and how much he enriched our lives.

Nikon, I'm sure there was an endless food bowl waiting for you in Heaven. We miss you."



Nikon

Varsity

10/11/00 - 2013

Varsity was raised by Sara Maybouer. He was released from training and adopted by Sara. Varsity's vet sponsor was Oberlin Animal Hospital in Raleigh. Sara shared the following.

"I was a puppy raiser for Varsity (3V300) many years ago in Raleigh, North Carolina. He did not "make it" into the GEB program as a pup and I adopted him upon his release in 2001. He enjoyed many great years with me and our family; he even traveled to 26 states and lived in 5 different states with us! Unfortunately, Varsity died earlier this year. He is greatly, greatly missed - he was a really incredible dog and very loved."

Yacht

10/12/2002 – 8/16/2013

Yacht was raised by Kathie and Bill Rysanek. He was released from training and adopted by Kathie and Bill. Yacht's vet sponsor was Six Forks Animal Hospital in Raleigh, and the Rysaneks were his food sponsors. Kathie shared the following about Yacht.

"Yacht became a temporary member of the family in December 2002. An 8 week old puppy two weeks before Christmas...what was I thinking? At our second walk and talk, he became a permanent member since he did not have the "right stuff" to become a guide. Adopting him brought us so many years of happiness because he really was the perfect pet. He never destroyed anything, he never surfed the counters or the trash can, he rarely barked, he loved everyone who came in the door and he tolerated any other dog who visited. He was just so easy to be around. He hovered around 100 lbs. during his adult life and only expended his energy when it was absolutely necessary. Maybe this is the reason he was so well behaved. Getting in trouble took too much effort. He was undemanding, obedient, gentle, loving. He is missed!"

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 14, Friday, Nov. 15, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013

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

Thursday evals will be at Diversified Systems, 1103 Great Falls Court, Knightdale, NC

DATE	PUPPY	RAISER
Thursday 11/14	At Diversified	Systems, Knightdale
5:00 PM	Jewel	Sulzbach
7:30 PM	Brandy	Parrish
Friday, 11/15	At Pittsboro Baptist	Church
9:30 AM	Quentin	Cucurullo
11:00 AM	Landis **	Flinchum
1:00 PM	Chaz	Tanner
2:30 PM	SAS	Huebner
4:00 PM	Meyer **	Lyon/Stewart
6:00 PM	Harpo **	Coney-Pacious
7:30 PM	Short Team Meeting	
Saturday, 11/16	At Pittsboro Baptist	Church
8:00 AM	Jeremiah	Harmeson
10:00 AM	New Puppy **	Mulcahy
12:00 NOON	General Meeting	
1:00 PM	New Puppy **	Neal
2:30 PM	Jane leave for Airport	Flight departs 4:00 PM

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

PLEASE REMEMBER to bring your evaluation DVDs (new puppies will get their new DVDs at the eval).

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

Please bring 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)!

DIRECTIONS to the EVALUATIONS

Thursday

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

Driving Directions to Diversified Systems, Inc. for the Evaluations:

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 Evaluations:

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2013

November 14-16, 2013

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC
Pittsboro Baptist Church

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2014

February 6-8, 2014

Evaluation

May 1-3, 2014

Evaluation

July 31 - August 2, 2014

Evaluation

November 13-15, 2014

Evaluation

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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