



Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Fall 2016

Puppy Updates: Where are they now?

Amie, a yellow female lab, initially raised by Brian Davis is now being raised by Gail and David Parrish. Amie is their 4th Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy. Amie's vet sponsor while with Brian was Mayfair Animal Hospital, and the Davis family was her food sponsor. Amie's current vet sponsor is Falls Village Veterinary Hospital and Gail and David are her food sponsors. Additional sponsors of Amie include Mosquito Authority and Trinity United Methodist Church in Raleigh.

Gator, a male German shepherd, raised by Paul Huebner recently passed his in-for-training test. Gator's vet sponsor was Pinetree Veterinary Hospital in Aberdeen, NC, and Paul was his food sponsor.

Henry, a male yellow lab, raised by Rachel Murrane was released from training and was adopted by Rachel. His vet sponsor was Pet Sound Animal Hospital in Cary and his food sponsor was the Murrane family.

Hilda, a female black lab, raised by Tommy Walker and family recently passed her in-for-training test. Hilda's vet sponsor was Coats Veterinary Hospital in Rocky Mount NC, and the Walkers were her food sponsors.



Amie's first day at work with Gail.

Landis

Provided by Tamara Flinchum, Puppy Raiser

Tamara Flinchum, puppy raiser, and Michelle Hudson, puppy sitter, visited Landis, Tamara's 5th Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy, and his handler and family in Taunton, MA in late August. After Landis' release in September 2015 from Guiding Eyes, he graduated from the Connecticut State Police's Canine Training in accelerant detection on December 4, 2015. His handler is Michael Fagan who is a state trooper with the Massachusetts State Police. Landis is Mike's second detection K9. Landis lives with Mike and his wife, Mia, their three children, Kayli, Colton and Rylie, and retired K9, Damian. Mike and Landis are available to assist in the investigation of any fire or explosion incident around the state as well as working venues such as Gillette Stadium, New England Patriots games or the Boston Marathon. Tamara and Michelle report that Landis is extremely happy in his chosen career and with his family.

In addition to visiting with Landis and his new family, Mike, whose duties also include assisting in the training of detection canines, took Tamara and Michelle to observe a day-in-the-life of three explosive detection canines in training. All three dogs are released dogs from Guiding Eyes. Sergeant Paul Horgan, K9 handler-trainer with the Massachusetts State Police, and Mike graciously shared their time and experience to explain how the dogs are trained. All of the dogs and their handlers graduated October 28, 2016, and are actively working in MA with various law enforcement agencies: Timothy Getchell and K9 Buddy (Methuen Police Department), Brian Lavallee and K9 Bella (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), and Edward Nofle and K9 Perky (Chelsea Police Department).



Mike Fagan and Landis ready to "get to work!"



Landis with his new family, Kayli, Rylie and Colton.



Timothy Getchell and K9 Buddy (Methuen Police Department), Brian Lavallee and K9 Bella (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), Edward Noftle and K9 Perky (Chelsea Police Department), Mike Fagan and K9 Landis (Massachusetts State Police) and Sergeant Paul Horgan.



Eddie and K9 Perky (front) and Brian and K9 Bella (back) while Mike and Michelle observe. Both dogs are alerting at the same time.



Landis taking a break

Wynett

Provided by Jo Anne Wiles, Puppy Raiser

For those who may remember when we were raising Wynett, she retired yesterday from a successful career as an accelerant detection dog. She's 9 years old now and looking forward to a life of leisure on the couch.



Her handler, Mitch Cady, wrote this yesterday on what was her last day of work.

“So today marks a very bittersweet day for me as it is this girl’s last official shift as a member of the Manchester Fire Dept. After 7 years and 1 month of service to the citizens of Manchester and the State of NH, the time has come for Wynett to retire.

Having been at my side countless times to witness both the best and more frequently, the worst humanity has to offer, I couldn't have asked ...for a better four-legged partner to hold the dumb end of the leash for.

Faced with what seemed like insurmountable tasks at times, she never wavered, never complained and even though sometimes obviously clearly annoyed, always pushed on.

Thank you Wynett for leaving the job better than you found it and you have no idea the lives that you've touched in the course of your short but meaningful career.

You have big paw prints to fill but now it's time to relax and let a new dog take the reins.

Enjoy the couch dog!”



Wynett at a ceremony in October honoring her retirement

Amie Out and About!



Amie making new friends at Costco



Amie at the Blessing of the Animals

Public Relations

Irene Curcurullo and Jack Visit St. Francis Preschool



Guiding Eyes for the Blind and Talbots Fundraising Event

Talbots at Cameron Village invited the North Carolina Puppy Raising Program to a fundraising event in their store on September 25th. A percentage of proceeds from sales during the event were donated to Guiding Eyes for the Blind. They also gave us a \$100 gift card to auction off at our General Meeting on November 19th.

Many thanks to Talbots, and to the puppy raisers and dogs who helped make this event a success!





EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Friday, November 18, 2016 and Saturday, November 19, 2016
Pittsboro Baptist Church

DATE	PUPPY	RAISER
Friday, 11/18/16		
3:30 PM	Jack	Irene Cucurullo
5:00 PM	Polo **	Paul Huebner
7:30 PM	Team Meeting	For Region Team
Saturday, 11/19/16		
8:30 AM	Wendy	Caroline Costello
10:30 AM	Amie	Gail Parrish
12:30 PM	General Meeting	Talbots Raffle
2:00 PM	Winnie	Laura Daniels
4:00 PM	New Puppy **	Jim Harmeson

** Beside Pup's name and Raiser's name indicates possible need for photograph Saturday morning or with someone on Thursday or Friday.

Driving Directions to Pittsboro Baptist Church for the Evaluations:

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: 2016

November 17-19, 2016

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC
Pittsboro Baptist Church

MISSION STATEMENT

"Guiding Eyes for the Blind is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides guide dogs to people with vision loss. We are passionate about connecting exceptional dogs with individuals for greater independence."

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