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Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Fall 2005

Meet NCPRP's Newest Puppies!

Karo, a male yellow lab, is being raised by Chris Echols and family of Raleigh, NC. Karo is the Echols' 3rd GEB Puppy! His vet sponsor is Armadale Animal Hospital of Raleigh and his food sponsor is the Echols family.

Jeeter, a male black lab, is being raised by Julie Haynes of Indian Trail, NC. Jeeter is her 6th GEB puppy! His vet sponsor is Animal Care of Matthews and the Haynes family is his food sponsor.

Jewel, a female black lab, is being raised by Belvie Gilleland of Lexington, NC. Jewel is her 4th GEB puppy! Her vet sponsor is Jordan Veterinary Clinic and her food sponsors are Grace Episcopal Church and Lee-Anne & Bill Distler.

Lacy, a female black lab, is being raised by Angel Anderson and her family, Donna, Forrest & Enoch of Apex, NC. Lacy is the Anderson's 2nd GEB puppy! Her vet sponsor is Apex Animal Hospital and the Anderson's are her food sponsor.



GEB Lava



Belvie with GEB Jewel

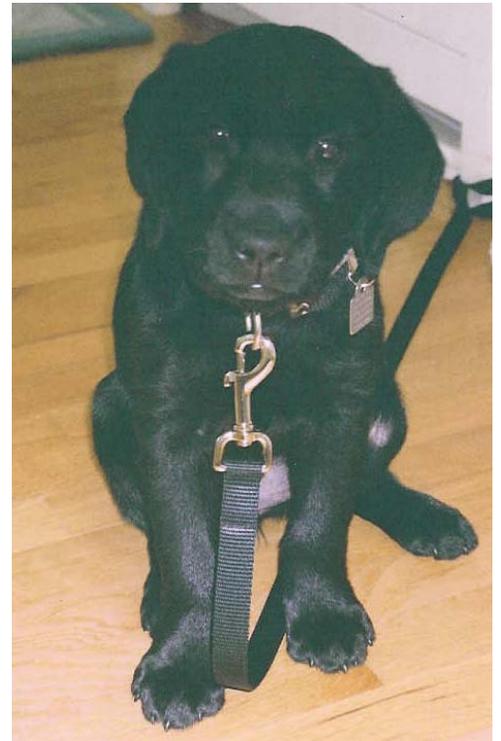
Lava, a male black lab, is being raised by Carrie Barnett of Apex, NC with the help of her roommate, Abby Champagne. Lava is their 2nd GEB Puppy! Lava's vet sponsor is Veterinary Specialty Hospital of Cary, NC and her food sponsor is Carrie.

London, a male black lab, is being raised by first-time raiser Lindsay Smith of Durham, NC. Lindsay is London's food sponsor and his vet sponsor is Colony Park Animal Hospital of Durham, NC.



GEB London

Velvet, a female black lab, is being raised by Reba & Bill Burkett of Advance, NC. Velvet is their 9th GEB puppy! The Burkett's have raised their previous puppies in the Virginia area. Velvet's vet sponsor is Animal Hospital of Clemmons and the Children's Ministries of Clemmons United Methodist Church is her food sponsor. Reba & Velvet have a mission to reach out to the public about GEB. So far they have been to schools, churches and civic groups - Velvet has a very busy schedule. Reba says Velvet is a frisky, energetic charmer. She has a lot of curiosity and is very willing. She's a joy to have and she keeps me on my toes!



GEB Velvet

Where are they now?

Cora, a black female lab, has recently joined the home of Donovan Leonard, a graduate student at NCSU. Cora was initially raised by Nancy Inger of Oriental, NC. Before joining Donovan, Cora was with Robin Stern of Cary, NC for a few months. While in Oriental, Cora's vet sponsor was Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital and Cora's food sponsor was The Bean of Oriental, NC. Cora's vet sponsor is Cary is Northwoods Animal.

Debbie, a female yellow lab, raised by Jackie and Bob Schmidt of Merrit, NC, has been released from training and Guiding Eyes for the Blind and will be graduating soon from the Susquehenna Service Dogs in Pennsylvania. Debbie's vet sponsor was Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital and her food sponsor was the Schmidt's. Susquehenna Service Dogs provided the following about Debbie:

Debbie's new partner. He is a school psychologist and Debbie not only will be his service dog, but will also help him to counsel the kids he works with. Debbie spent 4 days with one of our volunteers who is a counselor in a school for kids with special needs. Debbie was incredible! You know how sweet and loving she is, well she just poured that attention all over these kids who felt very special and loved. This volunteer has taken many dogs with her to school to test them for therapy work and she felt that Debbie was the best dog she has evaluated.

Lenny, a male black lab raised by Carrie Barnett with the help of her roommate Abby Champagne, recently passed his In-For-Training test with flying colors! Lenny's vet sponsor was Falls Animal Hospital and Carrie was his food sponsor. Carrie provided the following about Lenny:

I remember when Lenny arrived in August 2004. Even then, we could tell that he was a very bold dog with a silly personality. He made friends with everyone he met and loved any attention he could get! Even when walking through a store and someone would pass and us and say, "What a handsome dog," Lenny would walk just that much taller. I could tell that he enjoyed working and could adapt easily to new situations and people. That's why I knew he would love being in-for-training at GEB. I was lucky to be able to take him to New York, myself. After taking his IFT, the trainers let me say a final goodbye. Lenny was ecstatic to see me, but he also kept looking down the hall towards the kennels, as if to tell me he had more important things to do now that he had made it past the IFT test. While I held back my tears and gave him a hug, his next adventure. Our new pup, Lava, arrived just days ago. Lava is only 9-weeks-old, playful and cuddly personality. I find myself wondering if Lenny showed the same traits when we got him. Will Lava be completely different? Or will he often remind us of our big boy in training? Only time will tell!



Carrie & GEB Lenny saying good bye after his IFT

Newton, a male German Shepherd raised by Sharon & Andy Cooke of Cary has recently started training with the Connecticut State Police! Newton's graduation date is set for December 29, 2005 and he has fit right in with his new family. Newton's vet sponsor was Western Wake Veterinary Hospital of Apex and his food sponsors were Al & Norma Burgeron of Burlington, NC.

Rocky, a male yellow lab raised by Margot Bennett and family of Cary, NC, recently passed his in-for-training test with flying colors! Rocky's vet sponsor was Gentle Care Animal Hospital of Cary and his food sponsors were Roy Roth and the Bennett family.

Roxy, a female black lab raised by Susan Piron & Joe Brown of Lake Gaston, NC, recently passed her in-for-training test with flying colors! Roxy's vet sponsor was Pine Hollow Animal Hospital of Warrenton, NC and her food sponsor was CAPP (Citizens for Animal Protection of Warren County) of Macon, NC.

Sherman, a male black lab raised by Julie Haynes of Indian Train, NC, recently passed his in-for-training test with flying colors! Sherman's vet sponsor was Animal Care Hospital of Matthews, NC and his food sponsors were Diana Brown, Gina Barlett & Rick Gutierrez in memory of their friend and coworker Larry Pannell.

In Loving Memory

Dodson

May 2, 1997 - October 3, 2005

Dodson, a male black lab raised by Pat and Bob Van Buren, recently passed away. Dodson was the beloved guide of a graduate who previously had Abby, the first puppy Don & Sherry Dodson raised. Dodson's vet sponsor was Oberlin Animal Hospital.

Massey

February 12, 1995 - October 5, 2005

Massey, a black male lab raised by Drs. Mike & Mary Hitchcock of Yadkinville NC, recently passed away. Massey was donated to GEB by Morgan Dodson. He was released from GEB due to medical problems and was adopted by Mike & Mary.

NCPRP has a NEW ADDRESS!!!

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Raisers and Past Raisers Needed to staff a booth at the MC Benton, Jr Convention Center in Winston-Salem, NC - May 25-27, 2006. Hours are Thursday 5/25 1 pm - 8 pm; Fri 5/26 8:30 am - 8 pm; Sat 5/27 8:30 am - 4 pm. Set up time is on Thurs anytime after 7 am. Before GEB sends the registration money, we would like to know if we can get folks to cover the booth during this time. This is one of the bigger shows for home schooling on the eastern coast. Last year we were not able to attend because we could not register in time. Please contact Sherry Dodson if you are able to volunteer at the booth.

ATTENTION ALL PUPPY RAISERS:

Please bring your DVD and an accurate reading of your puppy's weight to the next evaluation and don't forget to fill out a Quarterly Evaluation Report (www.guidingeyesbcweb.org)!

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, November 11th and SATURDAY, November 12th, 2005
 Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, 1200 N. Salem Street, Apex, NC 27502

| Friday 11/11 | PUPPY | RAISER |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 9:15 AM | Elaine | Vignovic |
| 10:00 AM | Pancho | Cucurullo |
| 10:45 AM | Dominique | Shambline |
| 11:15 AM | Lucas | Neve |
| NOON | Dustin | Spain |
| 12:45 PM | Maya | McNamara |
| 1:45 PM | Karo* | Echols |
| 2:30 PM | BREAK | |
| 2:45 PM | Jeeter* | Haynes |
| 3:30 PM | Jewel* | Gilleland |
| 4:15 PM | Ogden | Schmidt |
| 5:15 PM | Lava* | Barnett |
| 5:45 PM | Lacy* | Anderson |
| Saturday 11/12 | PUPPY | RAISER |
| 8:00 AM | London* | Smith |
| 8:45 AM | Oreo | Tanner |
| 9:30 AM | Cora* | Leonard |
| 10:15 AM | Velvet* | Burkett |
| 11:15 AM | O'Shea | Quesenberry |
| NOON | LUNCH & GENERAL MEETING | |
| 12:30 PM | Urlika | Wiltse |
| 1:15 pm | Ralph | Overcash |

* Beside Pup's name and Raiser's name indicates need for photograph by Rick Tanner

Driving Directions to Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Apex for the Fall Evaluation:

For those going West on 64, continue past the exit for MacGregor Village, go through the light at Lake Pine, and through the light at Laura Duncan Road (that is where you turn right to go to Apex Park). **Take the next exit**, which is marked Downtown Apex and turn left and the bottom of the exit ramp (Stock Builders will be right in front of you) onto Old Apex Road. Go to the stoplight and turn left onto Salem Street (Davis Drive will come in on the right), you will go under 64 and the church will be on the left about 2/10 mile.

For those going East on 64, take the exit after the NC 55 (Apex, Durham) exit -and exit at the Downtown Apex exit. Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp onto Salem Street and the church is 2/10 mile on the left.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2005 - 2006

November 11-12, 2005

Evaluation, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church,
Apex, NC

February 10-11, 2006

Evaluation, Raleigh Church of Christ

May 5-6, 2006

Evaluation, Location TBA

August 11-12, 2006

Evaluation, Location TBA

November 3-4, 2005

Evaluation, Location TBA

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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