

Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Spring 2008

Meet NCPRP's Newest Puppies!



Christopher Waddell and Adonis

Adonis, a male yellow lab, is being raised by first time raiser, Christopher Waddell, and his family. Christopher's stepfather, John Struck, shared the following information. The raising of Adonis is part of Christopher's Eagle Scout project. The idea is that he will act as an advocate for the Guiding Eyes puppy program with other troops and the council. These young men and their families are a great potential source of volunteers. In addition, Christopher is building a trail for the sight impaired at Weymouth Woods, a North Carolina State Park in Southern Pines. As part of the project, there will be several audio stations where visitors can listen to recordings of birds typically sighted in the park. Adonis' vet sponsor is Sandhills Veterinary Hospital in Southern Pines, NC, and his food sponsors are the Waddells. Adonis was started by Brenda and Jerry Quesenberry. He was their 12th GEB puppy! While with the Quesenberry's, Adonis' vet sponsor was Southampton Veterinary Clinic of Franklin, VA and the Quesenberry's were his food sponsors.

Erin, a six month old female yellow lab, is a home change dog being raised by Rick and Glynis Tanner of Chapel Hill. Erin is their 6th GEB puppy. Erin just arrived in NC, so stay tuned for future updates on our newest addition to the NC region.

Oberon, a male yellow lab, is being raised by Danny and Walt Overcash. Danny says the following about Oberon. Oberon (11-17-07) joined the menagerie on Old Post Road in January. He is puppy number eleven for us and a bundle of energy and personality such as we have never seen before. He is smart and sweet and a real handful. He chomps the heads off of pansies and drags bathroom rugs into the backyard when not terrorizing the cats for fun and profit. Even heavy ceramic water bowls are picked up and carried to parts unknown (it's a mystery how he lifts them!). His sense of mischief should have earned him the name "Loki" (God of Mayhem). Literary Oberon, as King of the Faeries in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, is a character of magic and special abilities. That's pretty much a description of my Oberon...with a touch of mayhem for good measure. Oberon's vet sponsor is David DeQuick at Lakewood Veterinary Hospital in Mooresville, NC. His food sponsors are Walt and Danny Overcash.



Oberon
"King of the Faeries"



Sahara and her family watching Ocala's evaluation CD. No wonder she was such a good girl at her own evaluation!

Sahara, a female Golden Retriever, is being raised by first time GEB raisers Karen and Gordon Carey of Winston Salem, NC. Karen shared the following anecdote about Sahara. Sahara came to us on Saturday, February 9, when she was 8 weeks old. The following Saturday, February 16, was her first quarterly evaluation! Leigh Ames, raiser of Ocala, had given me a DVD of her first eval with Ocala. Before we went to the eval we watched the DVD --- as you can see, Sahara was watching very intently so she would know how to behave when she got there! Our other dogs (except the one sleeping on the couch), were also very interested in learning what an eval is all about. Sahara's vet sponsor is Ard-Vista Animal Hospital in Winston-Salem, NC and the Carey's are her food sponsors.

Sandy, a female Golden Retriever, is being raised by first time GEB raiser Tamara Flinchum. Tamara provided the following story about Sandy. Sandy is about 3 1/2 months old now and is a lot of fun. Sandy goes to work at the Judicial Center and has developed quite the fan club already. The office mail carrier comes by to see Sandy on her twice daily visits to deliver mail. Sandy likes going into the office because she can catch up on her sleep! Sandy's big sister, Shelby, is doing a great job teaching her to play nicely with other dogs. However, the jury is still out whether Shelby really likes this little fur ball running circles around her. Sandy's vet sponsor is Northwoods Animal Hospital in Cary, and they have been terrific! Sandy loves them! Her food sponsor is the Flinchum family.



Everybody needs a friend, right Sandy?



Sanka is a cutie, isn't he?

Sanka, a male Golden Retriever, is being raised by Patricia Neve and her family. Sanka is Patricia's 3rd GEB puppy. Patricia provided the following information about Sanka. Sanka is a 3 1/2 month old male Golden Retriever puppy. When we went to NY in February to pick him up, we got to see him with his nine littermates. They were all very different in colors and features. Unlike our other puppies, Sanka is very light colored and lanky. Although Sanka is decaf coffee, our Sanka is anything but decaffeinated. He has lots of energy and loves to tangle himself up in every configuration going over, under, through, and around the bar stools and kitchen table. He is a very active investigator, needing to see, taste, and smell his surroundings. He loves to snuggle and is a real cutie. Sanka's vet sponsor is North Paw Animal Hospital in Durham, and her food sponsors are Richard and Susan Copeland of Hillsborough. Susan Copeland recently completed pre-puppy class, so she can also puppy sit for Sanka. Welcome to Sanka, and to Sue!

Vance, a male yellow lab, is being raised by Susan Piron of Macon, NC and Jo Anne Farr of Raleigh, NC. Vance's vet sponsor while in Macon is Pine Hollow Animal Hospital of Warrenton, NC and his food sponsor is Citizens for Animal Protection (CAPS) of Warren County. When he moves to Raleigh, his vet sponsor will be Six Forks Animal Hospital, and Jo Anne will be his food sponsor. Jo Anne provided the following about Vance. **Early reports on Vance are that he is a very sweet boy and incredibly smart, already showing off his abilities to sit, down, and sit at the door. He loves to play touch! Vance is an affectionate, bright pup who loves his big brother, GEB released Baldwin, and his big sisters, Lake and Petunia. Vance is Susan's 5th GEB pup and Jo Anne's second.**



**Vance looks pretty comfy on his new bed.
"I think I just might like this place!"**



Wynett – Now that's a pretty face!

Wynett, an 8 month old female yellow lab, is a home change dog being raised by high school senior, Laura Wiles, and her family. Wynett is Laura's 2nd GEB puppy. Laura provided the following about Wynett. **Wynett is a very sweet puppy who loves getting attention and spending time with people. She also loves going on walks, playing, and laying on her blanket as she is doing in the photo.** Wynett's vet sponsor is Neuse River Veterinary Hospital in Wendell, and the Wiles are her food sponsors.

Where are they now?

JW, a male yellow lab started by Kristen Shamblin of Knightdale, and raised by Will and Trudy Pendergraft of Chapel Hill, recently passed his in-for-training test. JW made the journey to NY via planes, trains, and automobiles with stop-overs in Philadelphia and NYC. He did an amazing job in both big cities, and went on to do a very nice job on his IFT. JW's vet sponsor was Jordan Lake Animal Hospital of Pittsboro, and his food sponsors were the Pendergrafts.

Parker, a male black lab raised by Julie Haynes and family of Indian Trail, was released from training for medical reasons. The Haynes family has adopted Parker and is planning to have him do therapy work. His vet sponsor was Animal Care Hospital of Matthews, and his food sponsor was Rose Bateman of Monroe, NC.

Velvet, a female black lab raised by Reba Burkett of Advance, NC was released from training and adopted by the Burkett family. The Burkett's recently lost their long time pet, GEB released Ensign, so they were delighted to have Velvet come home. Velvet's vet sponsor was Animal Hospital of Clemmons, NC; and her food sponsor was Children's Ministries of Clemmons United Methodist Church.

The life of a puppy!

Fresca



Sandy



Vance



Adonis



JW

NCPRP Dogs in the News!

Lacy, raised by Angel Anderson and family...

FATAL FIRE: Dispute over cell phone was motive, sources say.

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YOUNGSTOWN, OH — The motive for a pre-dawn arson that killed two women and four children was a dispute over a stolen cell phone, a source close to the investigation told The Vindicator.

CHARGED: Michael Davis, 18, of 817 Bennington Ave., is charged with six counts of aggravated murder and 11 counts of aggravated arson in the Wednesday morning fire at 1645 Stewart Ave. that killed two women and four children. He was arraigned today in municipal court. Good leads swiftly brought about Davis' arrest.

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Michael Davis, 18, of 817 Bennington Ave., is charged with six counts of aggravated murder and 11 counts of aggravated arson. He was expected to be arraigned today in municipal court.

The five extra arson charges apply to the five people who escaped the blaze at 1645 Stewart Ave. Wednesday morning.

City Prosecutor Jay Macejko said Davis and three juvenile boys from the neighborhood were questioned about the crime. The boys were released and not charged, he said.

On Wednesday afternoon, police and fire officials declined to discuss motive. The multiple death toll is the city's highest for one homicide scene as far back as detectives can remember.

Investigators said an accelerant was poured on the front porch and ignited sometime after 5 a.m. — when the temperature was 12 degrees. Within minutes, flames engulfed the five-room, 1 3/4-story, yellow wooden-frame house built in 1925. Throughout the day, smoke continued to billow out of an upstairs dormer window as arson investigators searched the structure, its interior gutted by fire.

How fire spread

Investigators with the Ohio State Fire Marshals Office were called to the scene, including Brian Peterman and his dog **Lacy**, a black Labrador trained to detect accelerants. The dog sat down each time she alerted on an accelerant on the porch.

See link for the rest of the story...

<http://www.vindy.com/news/2008/jan/23/dispute-over-cell-phone-was-motive-sources-say/>

Newton, raised by Sharon and Andy Cooke...

I [Sharon Cooke] just received this update from Trooper Dan. Amazing that you never stop being a proud "mama" isn't it?

"Newton has been doing well. His health is great. He has had a few good "finds" lately. Last Saturday (1/13/08), we caught two 14 yr olds who stole a car and crashed it. They ran out of the car and we found them about 1.5 miles away. Two nights ago, a man rammed his truck into a Bristol police officer's cruiser, then attempted to run over a few other officers. It turned out to be a pursuit. They used stop sticks to stop the truck. The guy ran into the woods. We arrived about 20 mins later. Newton found the guy about 500 yds away in the bushes. Back in December we did a controlled motor vehicle stop and Newton was able to locate about an ounce of crack cocaine in the car, he even looked over the fresh McDonalds burgers!!!!!!!!!"

Roxy, raised by Susan Piron...

I [Jerry Webster, CFI] was approached by the Arson Program Coordinator for the State Bureau of Investigation and asked if I would work **Roxy** in SBI fire scenes if needed. At this time the SBI is short on their number of accelerant K-9s due to retirements & reassignments. Of course, Roxy said, "yes".

Roxy was then given a proficiency test administered by the NC State Bureau of Investigation crime laboratory, and she passed easily. So our kid is now a part-time SBI K-9. She is getting the big head attitude too.

Jerry and Roxy are planning to attend our May Walk and Talk, and will be doing a demonstration during the General Meeting.

Old Friends, New Friends!

Rocky, raised by Margot Bennett and family...

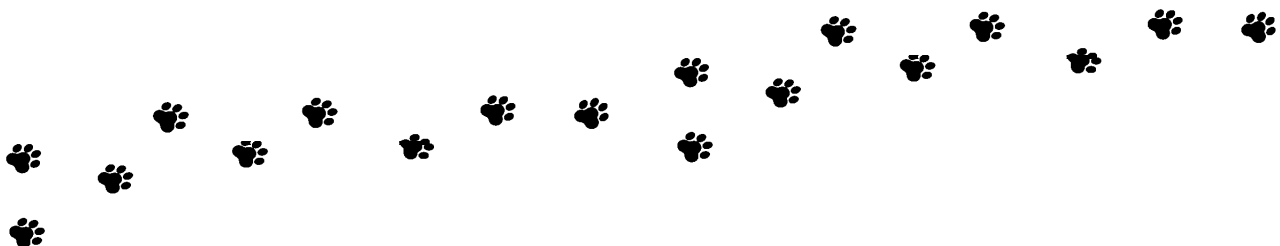
We never met **Rocky's** partner because she went through home training. Her daughter, who lives in Mebane, called me last week to invite our family as a surprise to her mom to a get together they were having last weekend. It was awesome- we were welcomed as part of the family and there were pictures of Rocky EVERYWHERE in her daughter's house. He's been taken to Hawaii, has his own bedroom in NY complete with picture window, and he's very loved. When we came in, he was as low key as ever but did recognize us and give lots of kisses. Funny, he completely ignored Schaefer (new baby) - probably since he never knew him! He spent the whole time keeping an eye on everyone. Gibson (son) brought a pet rock he'd made into a dog that he had named Rocky 2, and Connie was able to feel it. Her husband, daughter, and various nieces and nephews were there. It was very emotional for both of us.

The most amazing thing though was after meeting them I felt compelled to invite them to Cary to visit Rocky's old stomping grounds. She was really interested in knowing where he'd "grown up". She insisted her daughter drive her to our church so she could visit, and give Rocky an opportunity to see and be seen by the ones who saw him in his pre-training days. I was so in awe of her generosity and thoughtfulness.

I am looking forward to keeping in contact with her and am so grateful we were a part of his upbringing. Seeing her, I was also able to ask questions about how he helps her, what she does to maintain his guiding skills and so on. Not every person would have been open to that but she so obviously loved him and wanted to show him off!!



Rocky enjoys a day with both of his families!



ATTENTION ALL PUPPY RAISERS:

Please bring your DVD and an accurate reading of your puppy's weight to the next Walk and Talk (if you did not have it for the Quarterly Raiser Report) and don't forget to submit the Quarterly Raiser Report (www.guidingeyesbcweb.org)!

WALK AND TALK SCHEDULE FRIDAY, May 2 and SATURDAY, May 3 Pittsboro Baptist Church, Pittsboro, NC

Friday 5/2	PUPPY	RAISER
3:00 PM	Justice	Geiner
3:45 PM	Vance **	Piron
4:45 PM	Withers	Meek
5:30 PM	Roz	Shamblin
6:15 PM	Teresa	Echols
7:00 PM	Sanka	Neve
7:45 PM	Paloma	Jackson
Saturday 5/3	PUPPY	RAISER
8:00 AM	Glenn **	Davan
9:00 AM	Adonis	Waddell
9:45 AM	Oz	Bierwirth
10:30 AM	Jody	Jewell
11:15 AM	Wynett	Wiles
12:00 PM	GENERAL MEETING AND ARSON DOG DEMO	
1:30 PM	Erin **	Tanner
2:30 PM	Oberon	Overcash
3:15 PM	Sahara	Carey
4:00 PM	Sandy	Flinchum
4:45 PM	Oslo	Cucurullo
5:30 PM	Visa	Harmeson

** Beside Pup's name indicates photo needs to be taken by Rick Tanner before or after the General Meeting.

DIRECTIONS to the SPRING WALK AND TALK

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

Driving Directions to Pittsboro Baptist Church for the Spring 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2008

May 2-3, 2008

Walk and Talk, Pittsboro, NC
Pittsboro Baptist Church

August 8-9, 2008

Walk and Talk, Raleigh, NC
Raleigh Church of Christ

November 7-8, 2008

Walk and Talk, Apex, NC
Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

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