



Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Spring 2011

Congratulations to NCPRP's Most Recent Graduate: Timmy!



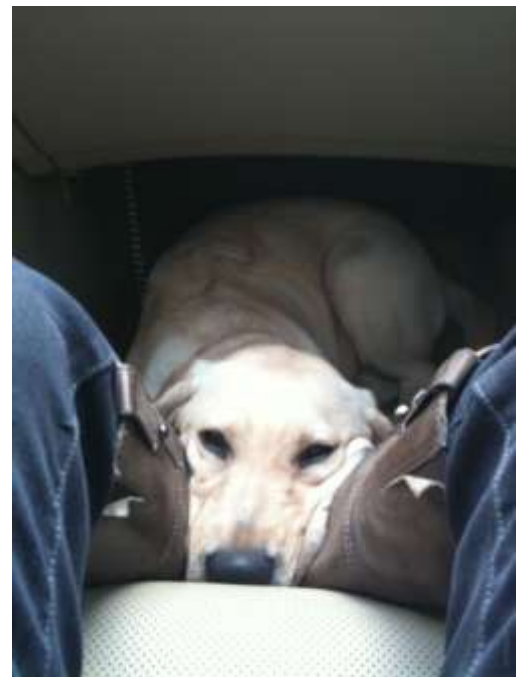
Timmy, a male yellow lab raised by Christopher Meyer graduated in March! Chris shared the following about Timmy, "Timmy is going to be a world traveler. He is going to live in Brazil with his new partner! From there they have plans to head to Germany and back to the US for visits! He was a great puppy to raise and he is going great places!" Timmy's vet sponsor was Academy East Veterinary Hospital in Fuquay Varina, and Chris was his food sponsor.



Timmy relaxing in his hammock - His slow and easy days may be a thing of the past!

Meet the New Puppies!

Jan, a yellow female lab, is being raised by first time raisers, Rhea and Mark Vogelhut. Jan's food sponsor is 4 Paws Holistic in Charlotte and her vet sponsor is Mixed Pet Veterinary Hospital also in Charlotte. Rhea provided the following introduction to Jan. "Here is Jan riding shotgun with me on the way to the mountains for the weekend. She came to live with [my husband Mark, me and our] goldendoodle, Dakota, as a New Years treat. Right from her second night in her new home she has slept through the night for at least 12 hours! I guess that is why she is so beautiful."



Jan on her way to a weekend getaway in the mountains

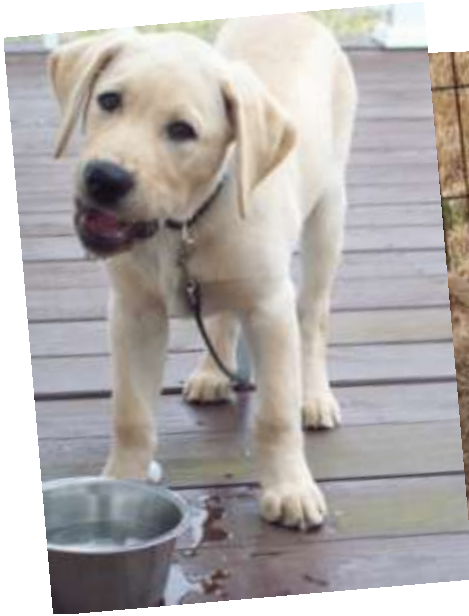
Jax, a black male lab, is being raised by Gordon Lymon. Jax is Gordon's first GEB puppy! Gordon is Jax' food sponsor and Lakewood Veterinary Hospital of Mooresville is his vet sponsor. Gordon says, "We had an exciting start to the New Year when Jax (and his sister Jan) arrived in North Carolina very late on the 4th of January 2011. Jax quickly demonstrated a high level of intelligence that might not be unusual for GEB pups but to this first time raiser certainly seemed to be exceptional. Jax learned commands like "kennel" and "go place" in no time. Jax is also a talented magician with a snout faster than the eye and can make things disappear in a flash. Unfortunately as a result of his sleight of snout Jax suffered an intestinal blockage from something he ate and had to undergo surgery on his four month birthday. Jax always showed complete confidence with the different people who did multiple tests and procedures at two different hospitals (even after his recovery). This is quite a testament to the early socialization that Guiding Eyes does with their puppies. And although Jax could not possible know it, there were many North Carolina puppy raisers who were offering their support for Jax's care as well as a staff of experienced experts from Guiding Eyes who put his health and best interest above all. The reputation Guiding Eyes has for the excellent care of their dogs for their entire lifetimes is a large reason I volunteered and this reputation was borne out to a degree even greater than I expected. With everyone's support Jax has a very bright future regardless of where life takes him."



Jax – Clever and cute!



Newton, a yellow male lab, is being raised by Irene Cucurullo and family. Newton's vet sponsor is Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital and the Cucurullo family is his food sponsor. Irene shared the following about Newton. "We are very excited to have the opportunity to raise Newton because he is the son of one of our other GEB puppies named Glen. Due to a family emergency and unexpected trip out of town Sharon Cooke stepped up and puppy sat while we were away. She did a wonderful job keeping up with Newton's puppy skills and socialization. Newton loves to play tug of war, chase balls, chill out with his dog friends and take car rides to new and exciting places. He is our 6th GEB puppy."



The Life of Newton!

Puppy Updates: Where are they now?

Abigail, a female yellow lab, raised by Jennifer Foote and her family passed her in-for-training test. Abigail is currently in training at the Canadian Guide Dog School due to a medical release from GEB. Abigail's vet sponsor was Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital in Raleigh and the Foote's were her food sponsors.

Briana, a female black lab, raised by Belvie and Bill Gilleland was recently released from training and adopted by a loving family. Briana's vet sponsor was Jordan Veterinary Associates of Lexington, and her food sponsor was Carolyn Uhlin of High Point.

Nigel, a male GLAB (Golden Retriever/Labrador Retriever), raised by Alexander Waddell passed his in-for-training test. Nigel was raised as part of Alexander's Eagle Scout project. Nigel's vet sponsor was Sandhills Veterinary Hospital in Southern Pines, and the Waddell's were his food sponsors.

Octavian, a male black lab raised by Kelly Coney passed his in-for-training test. Kelly was Octavian's food sponsor and his vet sponsor was Poplar Animal Hospital in Concord.

Ogden, a male black lab raised by Julie Haynes and her family passed his in-for-training test. Ogden's food sponsor was Roseanne Bateman and his vet sponsor was Animal Care Hospital of Matthews.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Gae Boyette

By Sherry Dodson

The NCPRP lost a beloved enthusiast when Gae Boyette passed away recently. Gae, along with her devoted husband, Ernest, helped us in so many ways as our program was gaining momentum and we will always be exceedingly grateful for all their efforts. Gae and Ernest were responsible for our program's first database coordination.

Gae and Ernest were also some of our most dependable puppy sitters and we never had a worry about safety when a puppy was in their care. They would take dogs when a need arose suddenly and Gae, who never thought that any of the dogs were anything but wonderful, would very merrily tell us that any mischievous occurrences were merely because the puppy had "such a happy spirit." I will never forget the way she would say it, with a chuckle, her eyes dancing, and a happy, slightly wry smile on her face! She would get down on the floor and take them in her arms and they were all "darlings" to her. Gae never worried about the proper greetings!

Gae's house was the "go to" house for some of our out of town raisers during evaluations. I always thought that would be a great place to be and we were regaled the next morning with antics of those present. You were never a stranger in her midst.

Though unable to help us in recent years, Gae was always interested and would attend evaluations when she and Ernest were able. I feel badly that many of the current new team members didn't get to know her as well as we "old timers" did. You really missed someone special. We will miss her and are exceedingly blessed for her involvement with our program. Our condolences are extended to her entire family, one of whom is her son-in-law, Dr. Russell.

Oregon

April 8, 1997 – March 22, 2011

Oregon was the first GEB puppy raised by Kay and Glenn Jackson. Her vet sponsor was Swift Creek Animal Hospital. Kay shared the following about Oregon. "Oregon graduated as a Special Needs dog and was paired with Ron Davidson, a first-time guide dog user from Hamilton, Ontario. Ron said that she made a tremendous difference in his life. She retired approximately 3 years ago and continued to live with Ron and his new guide dog, also from GEB. Ron stated that Oregon crossed to the Rainbow Bridge peacefully in her sleep, following some recent health problems, on March 22, just short of her 14th birthday."

Sawyer

June 30, 1997 – January 31, 2011

Sawyer, a male yellow lab, was raised Nicole LaMotte and her family (GEB released). His veterinary sponsor was Oberlin Road Animal Hospital and his food sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. LaMotte of Bedford, NY. Sawyer worked in the Wake County Public Schools, especially Underwood Elementary and Daniels Middle School with special needs classrooms. Nicole says, "He also helped raise – along with Kearney (GEB released) my three adopted kids and five foster kids. Both Kearney and Sawyer were such sweethearts. All the kids – even the foster kids have been posting loving things on Facebook. They both really made an impact on all our lives."



Sawyer Enjoying Retirement

Will
March 15, 2006 – January 2011

Will was raised by Forest Griffith and family of La Grange. Forest raised Will as part of his Eagle Scout project. Will's vet sponsor was Riverbank Animal Hospital in Kinston and the Griffith's were his food sponsors. Will was working with ATF in Indonesia when he passed away.

**U.S. Department of Justice
Americans with Disabilities Act**

**Service Dog Law Changes
Effective March 15, 2011**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issued regulations in 1991 to permit the use of service animals in public. This required modifications in policies in such places as restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, theaters and concert halls. In short, this meant that service animals accompanying persons with disabilities had to be admitted in places that otherwise had policies excluding pets or other animals.



At that time, 20 years ago, most service animals were "seeing eye" dogs that assisted visually impaired individuals. For the most part, guide dogs for the blind were highly-trained, unlikely to create a nuisance or a sanitary problem and to sighted individuals, were obviously providing service to their visually impaired handler. Over time, not only did the function of service animals expand to include assistance for a variety of both visible and invisible disabilities, so too did the number of species being used by people in the name of service. These included pigs, cats, horses, monkeys, snakes, lizards, birds and rodents.

As more and more people were using more and more animals in the context of service work, it became apparent that some changes were necessary. The proliferation of service animals in public settings, some whose poor manners posed obvious problems in public in terms of safety, sanitation and disturbance of others, was becoming a hot button issue for proprietors of retail businesses.

Until now, however, retailers were largely powerless to bar these types of animals from their establishments.



[The U.S. Justice Department has issued new regulations effective March 15, 2011.](#) Not only will these new regulations substantially limit the types of animals that will qualify as service animals under the ADA to dogs (and miniature horses in some cases), but they help clarify the different definitions and legal entitlements between service dogs and emotional support dogs.

Service dogs' tasks include the following examples:

- * assisting sight-impaired persons with navigation or other tasks;
- * alerting hearing-impaired persons to the presence of people or sounds;
- * providing non-violent protection or rescue work;
- * pulling a wheelchair;
- * assisting an individual during a seizure;
- * alerting an individual to the presence of allergens;
- * retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone;
- * providing physical support /assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility impairments; and
- * helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors.

Emotional Support Dogs (ESD) are dogs who provide emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship. Wonderful qualities, for sure, but they **do not** constitute task specific functions and so, under these new definitions, are **NOT** service dogs. In short, animals that provide only comfort or emotional support for their owners will no longer qualify as service animals.

For a dog to qualify as a psychiatric service dog (PSD) for an owner with a psychiatric disability under the new regulations, the dog must be trained to perform specific work or tasks. Examples include reminding the handler to take medicine, providing safety checks or room searches for persons with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), interrupting self-mutilation, and removing disoriented individuals from dangerous situations. If a dog is used to "ground" a person with a psychiatric disorder, this qualifies as a service animal if the dog has been trained 1) to recognize that a person is about to have a psychiatric episode, and 2) to respond by nudging, barking or removing the person to a safe location until the episode subsides. Note that dogs trained to provide aggressive protection (i.e., attack dogs) will **NOT** qualify as a service dog.

Other important highlights of the new law:

Dog must be under control of handler and show appropriate manners (housebroken, in control and unless prohibitive to function, on a harness, leash or other tether).

If an individual with a disability is asked to remove a service animal from the premises if the animal is neither housebroken or in control, the person with a disability must still be permitted to access the establishment's goods, services or accommodations without the animal being present.

Public accommodation is not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal.

As to the nature or extent of a person's disability, the public may make 2 inquiries to determine whether the animal qualifies as a service animal (but expected not to if by observation it is obvious the dog is providing function):

- 1) it may ask if the animal is required because of a disability, and
- 2) what work or task the animal has been trained to perform.

The public may **NOT** require documentation, such as proof that the animal has been certified, trained or licensed as a service animal. Nor may a public accommodation require a person with a disability to pay a surcharge for a service animal, even if it applies such a surcharge for pets.

Note that these Federal Laws do **NOT** apply to landlords or airlines. These entities are governed by the Fair Housing Act and the Air Carrier Access Act, respectively.

In sum, these new regulations give long-needed clarity to hotels, restaurants, retailers and other public accommodations regarding which animals must be allowed as service animals, and under what circumstances.

This important information should be on hand for anyone interested in keeping current on Federal regulations as they pertain to service dogs.

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 28, 29, 30, 2011

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

Thursday evals will be at Diversified Systems, Knightdale, NC

Thursday, 4/28	PUPPY	RAISER
5:00 PM	Ladybug	Carey
6:00 PM	Tosh	Wiles
7:00 PM	Roger	Stewart/Lyon
8:00 PM	Alise	Shamblin
Friday, 4/29		
1:00 PM	Newton	Cucurullo
2:00 PM	Tally	Echols/Cooke -sitter
3:00 PM	BREAK	
3:30 PM	Fenwick	Flinchum
4:30 PM	Murphy	Soost
5:30 PM	Tripp	Huebner
6:30 PM	TEAM MEETING	
Saturday, 4/30		
9:00 AM	Harper	Harmeson
10:00 AM	Jamaica	Baur
11:00 AM	Jan **	Vogelhut
12:00 NOON	Short General Meeting	
1:00 PM	Amigo	Overcash
2:00 PM	Jax	Lyman
3:00 PM	Crystal	Jennings
4:00 PM	Ray	Tanner
5:00 PM	Dandy	Jiamachello

**** Beside Pup's name and Raiser's name indicates need for photograph Saturday morning around the General Meeting time or with the team on Thursday or Friday. Please let Sherry know if you can't make it at the General Meeting time on Saturday and we will get your photo.**

DIRECTIONS to the EVALUATION

**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: 2010

April 30-May 1, 2010

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC
Pittsboro Baptist Church

July 30-31, 2010

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
Raleigh Church of Christ

November 5-6, 2010

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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