



Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Spring 2013

Congratulations to NCPRP's Most Recent Graduate: Ryan!

Eric and Ryan (From the Profile of the February Graduating Class)



Eric participated in the ACTION program – an accelerated training with two weeks at Guiding Eyes and five days at home with an instructor. Ryan, a yellow Labrador, is his third dog.

Eric has retinitis pigmentosa and working with a guide dog makes him feel connected. He attended SUNY Albany, earning undergraduate degrees in psychology and sociology and a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling. He's certified in three states and now works as a high school guidance counselor in Vermont. Eric's training was timed perfectly around school vacation; they'll practice the new routes while the students are away. By the time classes resume, the team will be comfortable navigating the buildings.

Eric has always been interested in technology; he regularly does Beta testing for app developers and creates podcasts on how to use different technologies – particularly iPhones. He enjoys helping the blind community maximize its use of technology. He also loves woodworking; he gutted and restored his 1850's home and then built a 24 foot long porch. Eric looks forward to returning home to his girlfriend, his dogs and his African gray parrot.

Ryan was raised by Julie Haynes and family. Ryan's vet sponsor was Animal Care Hospital of Matthews, and his food sponsor was Rosanne Bateman also of Matthews.

Meet the New Puppy!

SAS, a black male lab, is being raised by Paul Huebner of Southern Pines. SAS is Paul's 3rd puppy. His vet sponsor is Pinetree Veterinary Hospital in Aberdeen and Paul is his food sponsor.

Paul shared the following about SAS's first experiences in his new home: "SAS is home with his 2 new sisters Autumn, the stray dog who became part of the family last Autumn, and Angel, SAS' feline sister; and his new, older brother Rex, another rescue who will turn 16 this April.

SAS is learning to play with Autumn and is fascinated with Angel (although Angel less so with him)! SAS has been on a long play walk to Weymouth Woods state wildlife preserve and has been downtown to get people exposure. He is very confident and pushing his boundaries as much as he can. Fortunately, at this age, he spends a lot of time napping. He loves his new fox squeaky toy. We are working on "sit" and he does a fine "settle" already."



SAS was named for SAS Institute as a gesture of appreciation for what SAS Institute has done for us in allowing Guiding Eyes use their terrific software packages for the past 9 years (and counting).



SAS – A small puppy with a big name!



Irene and Maria Cucurullo visiting The Franciscan School, Raleigh NC with Kenneth (left) and Linus (right)

**Linus and Kenneth Visit Dame Doris N. Thompson, President, Southport, NC Chapter, NSSDA
(National Society Southern Dames of America, Inc.)**



Linus (left) and Kenneth (right) posing with Dame Doris in front of the 257 year old restored Yates Mill in Raleigh.



Kenneth (left) and Linus (right) with Dame Doris experiencing their first elevator ride and restaurant visit at The State Club.



Linus (left) and Kenneth (right) presenting Dame Doris with a plaque for being their food sponsor in the parking lot at The State Club in Raleigh, NC.

Happy Spring from the Black Dog Group!

Last fall some of the Raleigh raisers started working together to provide group socialization experiences for our GEB puppies. Coincidentally, all of the puppies were black, hence the highly original name, The Black Dog Group. The group has morphed to include Mackie, a yellow dog, but since several of the black dogs are getting ready to head off to the training school, we wanted to take a group picture of the original Black Dogs. We practiced taking pictures in quieter environments in preparation for having their pictures taken by a professional photographer in a pet store where other pets were shopping. When their big day arrived, this group of puppies made their raisers very proud.



Micah, Linus, Kenneth, Luster, and Denton
At Woof Gang Bakery



Practicing
Around Town

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 2, Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4, 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 5/2	At Diversified	Systems, Knightdale
5:00 PM	Denton	Wiles
7:30 PM	New puppy **	Sulzbach
Friday, 5/3	At Pittsboro Baptist	Church
11:00 AM	Linus	Cucurullo
12:30 PM	Doris	Newcity
2:15 PM	Chaz	Tanner
4:00 PM	SAS **	Huebner
5:45 PM	Micah	Flinchum
7:00 PM	Knight	Coney-Pacious
8:00 PM	Short Team Meeting	
Saturday, 5/4	At Pittsboro Baptist	Church
8:00 AM	New puppy **	Davis
10:00 AM	Mackie	Tu/Yen
12:00 NOON	Short General Meeting	Arson Dog Demo
12:30 PM	Harrison	Haynes
2:00 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 with Janet.**

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!

There will be an Arson Dog demonstration after the General Meeting with one of our NC pups that decided she wanted another career and became a Detection Dog.

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.

Please bring your DVD and 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)!

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2013

August 1-3, 2013

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
Raleigh Church of Christ

November 17-16, 2013

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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