



Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Spring 2016

Congratulations to NCPRP's Most Recent Graduates: Brandy and Noel!



**Heeling Autism Graduating Class with Puppy Raisers
April 2016**

Guiding Eyes for the Blind's Heeling Autism Program provides trained service dogs, free of charge, to families with children with autism. Heeling Autism dogs offer safety, companionship and opportunities for independence. The program boasts a 100% success rate, with the largest statistical improvements in the areas of traveling, eating and sleeping behaviors.

Brandy

Brandy, raised by Gail and David Parrish, graduated from the Heeling Autism program. She has joined the Hansen family. Gail attended the graduation and said, “It was an unbelievable day.”

Brandy’s vet sponsor was Dr. Chessie Green of Falls Village Veterinarian Clinic. Her food sponsors were Doris Thompson and the late Dick Thompson. Mosquito Authority was also a sponsor who helped keep her yard mosquito free.



Emily and Darryl Hansen,
Gail Parrish and Brandy



Emily and Darryl looking at
the photo book Gail made
for them



Brandy in a bike box with her new partner,
Oscar, beside her and Oscar’s brothers,
Cash and Otis, in the back seat.

(Provided with permission of Emily Hansen)

Noel

Noel, raised by Daniel Mulcahy and family, graduated from the Heeling Autism program. Teresa Mulcahy shared, “I wasn’t sure what to expect and everyone thought we were crazy flying to NY for a day – actually 2 hours to see Noel, but it was totally worth it. I can’t express how amazing the graduation was. There was an instant connection between Jennifer and our family. I have a feeling that we will be friends for life.” The Mulcahy family was Noel’s food sponsor and East Lincoln Animal Hospital was her vet sponsor.



Noel – A happy girl!



Noel surrounded by family



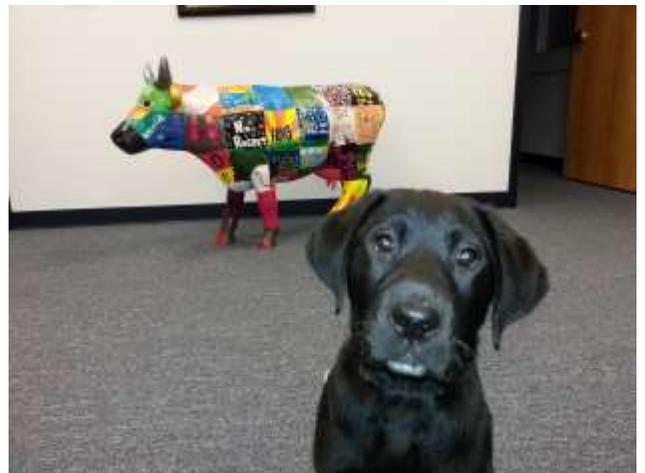
Noel with the Mulcahy family

Meet the New Puppies!

Amie, a yellow female lab, is being raised by Brian Davis. Amie is Brian’s 4th Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy. Amie’s vet sponsor is Mayfair Animal Hospital, and the Davis family is her food sponsor.

Wendy, a black female lab, is being raised by first time raiser Diane Sugarman. Wendy’s vet sponsor is Magnolia Animal Hospital and Diane is her food sponsor.

Winnie, a yellow female lab, is being raised by Laura Daniels. Winnie is Laura’s 2nd Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy. Winnie’s vet sponsor is Brigadoon Animal Hospital of Cedar Point, NC, and the Daniels family is her food sponsor.



Adorable Wendy

Puppy Updates: Where are they now?

Aria, a black female lab raised by Hannah Matthews, recently passed her in-for-training test. Aria was Hannah's first Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy. Aria's vet sponsor was Care First Animal Hospital in Raleigh, and her food sponsors were C. Rich and Sheila Crabtree of Raleigh.

Binzel, a black male lab raised by 1st time raiser, Dennis Evangelista, recently passed his in-for-training test. Binzel's vet sponsor was Hope Crossing Animal Hospital in Pittsboro, and his food and equipment sponsor was Daniella Evangelista of Freehold, NJ.

Dublin, a yellow male lab raised by Stacey Hansen and family, recently passed his in-for-training test. Dublin's food sponsor was the Hansen Family and his vet sponsor was Mayfair Animal Hospital in Cary. Dublin was the Hansen Family's first Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy.



Congratulations to Dublin and the Hansen family!

Jude, a male black lab raised by Glynis and Rick Tanner has been accepted into the North Carolina Bureau of Investigations as an arson sniffing dog. He is being trained by Jerry Webster. Jude's vet sponsor was VCA Legion Road Animal Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC, and his food sponsors were the Tanners.

Oleta, a female German Shepherd raised by Irene and Maria Cucurullo was released from training and adopted by the Cucurullo family. Irene's family surprised her by adopting Oleta as a birthday gift for her. Oleta's food sponsor was Doris Thompson of Leland and her vet sponsor was Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital in Raleigh.

Winka, a female black lab started by Carol Morehead is currently undergoing a medical evaluation in NY. Winka's vet sponsor was Swift Creek Animal Hospital and Dave and Carol Morehead were her food sponsors.



In Loving Memory

Cheyenne
5/6/03 – 5/4/16

Cheyenne was the first puppy raised by Kristen Shamblin. She was released from training and adopted by Kristen. Cheyenne helped raise six Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppies, participated in public relations events, in home visits and Pre-Placement classes. She also volunteered as a therapy dog at WakeMed.

Mostly, she was devoted to her family. She was a faithful companion and protector, loyal to the end. Her vet sponsor was Neuse River Veterinary Hospital. Her food sponsor was Diversified Systems, Inc.



Cheyenne

Farber
4/27/2002 - 3/2/2016

Farber, Guiding Eyes for the Blind retired guide dog, raised by Devon, Sue and Rick Scott left to find more places to sniff and explore on March 2, 2016. His food sponsor was the Scott's and his vet sponsor was Bowman Animal Hospital. In his retirement he lived with grace and humor enriching the lives of Sue and Rick.

Dr. Deriesinski was his vet and friend from his arrival until the moment of his departure.

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Roxy
6/1/2006 – 4/6/2016

Roxy, raised by Susan Piron, was released from Guiding Eyes from the Blind and found her calling working with Jerry Webster, Senior Fire Analyst, NEFCO Fire Investigations, Inc. Jerry provided the following, "Yesterday we said goodbye to Roxy. She had developed an inoperable growth in her chest which obstructed her esophagus and eventually obstructed her airway. She lived a long, happy and very productive life, saving taxpayers and insurance policyholders millions of dollars. She kept the Webster household bright and happy, and actually acted as a "mother figure" to the many pups that have passed through on their way to their careers with the SBI and other agencies. She is at peace." Susan shared that, "I really wasn't going to raise again but GEB bred Buzz & Garbo and I thought it would be a stellar litter, and of course it was. Garbo was raised by Kay Jackson (NCPRP) and she was such a love. Roxy's brother, Rocky, was raised by Margo Bennett (NCPRP). Dr. Sherry Wilson at Pine Hollow Animal Hospital was her vet sponsor & CAPS Warren County (Citizens for Animal Protection of Warren County) was her food sponsor.

Other News

Future Guiding Eyes for the Blind Puppy Raiser has arrived! By Kelly Coney

Just wanted to let you know that we have a new member to our family.

Our baby girl, Madeline Grace, arrived on 2/26 after being medically induced due to sudden pre-eclampsia. We are both doing great now after a long (and touch and go labor /delivery at times) and were happy to avoid an emergency c section. I am just being monitored for continued slightly elevated blood pressure and Madeline is just great.

Luckily I have had great support from our amazing puppy sitters during this time and look forward to introducing Madeline to Jody this weekend.

Madeline Grace 6lbs 10oz 20 inches



Public Relations



Irene Cucurullo and Jack visited Ms. Faison’s Animal Science II, Small Animal Classes at Heritage High School



Irene Cucurullo, Oleta and Jack visited Junior Girl Scout Troup 908, Raleigh

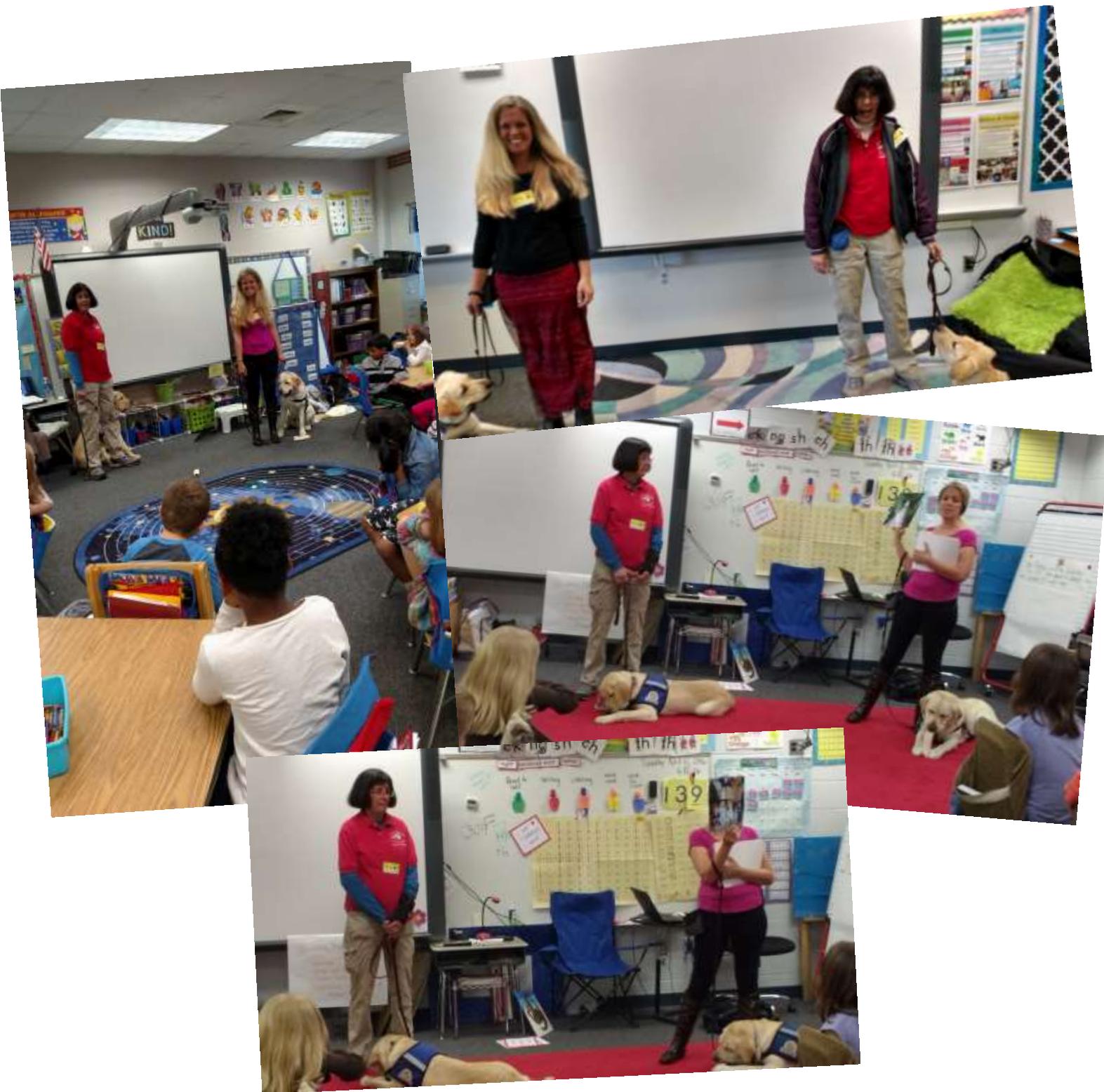


Irene Cucurullo and Jack visited Wake Forest High School, and Jack practiced "Get Dressed" in a Wake Forest High School shirt!



Irene Cucurollo, Jack and Oleta visited Sola Gratia Classical Academy

Davis Drive Elementary School



Stacey Hansen, Irene Cucurullo, Dublin and Jack visited Davis Drive Elementary School before Dublin went in for training.

Dublin had walked his "kids" to school daily, and this was his farewell visit to school.

DaySpring Home Educators

Around twenty children and parents from DaySpring Home Educators learned about Guiding Eyes for the Blind and service dog training in Cary on April 13th. Irene Cucurullo and Jack demonstrated canine obedience skills and explained the Puppy Raising Program that helps support the mission of Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Special thanks to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church for providing meeting space. An additional presentation is planned for late May.



Kelley and Caroline McLaughlin pose with Jack after the session with DaySpring

Hillburn Academy



EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Total Laser Care, 2210 Page Road #105, Durham, NC 27703

Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 2016 at
Pittsboro Baptist Church, 121 West Salisbury Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312

DATE	PUPPY	RAISER
Thursday 5/19/16	Total Laser Care	Durham
5:00 PM	Floral	Gail Parrish
6:45 PM	Hilda	Tommy Walker
Friday, 5/20/16		
12:15 PM	Jack	Irene Cucurullo
2:00 PM	Jody	Kelly Coney Pacious
3:45 PM	Gator	Paul Huebner
5:30 PM	Henry	Rachel Murrane
7:15 PM	TEAM MEETING	For Region Team
Saturday, 5/21/16		
9:00 AM	Amie **	Debra/Brian Davis
10:45 AM	Wendy **	Diane Sugarman
12:15 PM	General Meeting/Lunch	
1:15 PM	Winnie **	Laura Daniels

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

PLEASE let Sherry know if you have not had your photo taken with your puppy.

PLEASE REMEMBER to bring your "empty" flash drive (8GB).
Please download your eval video onto your computer if you want to keep it.

**Total Laser Care
2210 Page Road #105
Durham, NC 27703**

Driving Directions to Pittsboro Baptist Church for the Evaluations:

From the East/Raleigh

- Take 40 to 540
- Take 540 to the exit for highway 70 towards Durham
- Pass Briar Creek Shopping Center continue to Kemp's Seafood and turn Left onto Page Road
- Go .3 miles and drive past Boats Unlimited's new building then bear left and turn Right into Brassfield
- The office is the right set of buildings #105

From the West/Chapel Hill

- Take 40 to the Durham Freeway (147) headed North towards downtown Durham.
- Take the Alexander Road exit off of the Durham Freeway. Turn Right at the top of the exit ramp
- Travel about 5 miles on Alexander Rd.
- Turn Left onto Page Rd (there is a stop light).
- Travel about 1/2 mile and look for the Brassfield sign on your left. Turn left into the set of office buildings before the Brassfield sign
- The office is the right set of buildings #105

**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

May 19-21, 2016

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC
Pittsboro Baptist Church

August 4-6, 2016

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
Raleigh Church of Christ

November 17-19, 2016

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC
Pittsboro Baptist Church

MISSION STATEMENT

"Guiding Eyes for the Blind provides guide dogs to people with vision loss, as well as service dogs for children with autism.

We are passionate about connecting exceptional dogs with individuals and families for greater independence."

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