



# Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Summer 2010

## Congratulations NCPRP's Most Recent Graduates: Sanka and Withers!

**Sanka**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> male Golden Retriever raised by Patricia Neve and her family, has been in the Home Training Program and is being matched with a woman named Cheryl who lives in the NY area. Patricia says, "Although Sanka will not be in a graduating class, Cheryl has invited us to visit them at her home." Sanka's food sponsors were Rick and Sue Copland and his vet sponsor was North Paw Animal Hospital.



**Sanka's last day with Patricia**



**Withers at the Training School**

**Withers**, a male yellow lab raised by Sandy Meek and family is graduating from the Special Needs program. He is going into Home Training with a gentleman from near Albany, NY. Withers was the Meek's 2<sup>nd</sup> GEB puppy. Withers' vet sponsor was Rim Road Animal Hospital of Fayetteville, and the Meek's were his food sponsors

## Meet the New Puppies!

**Alise**, a female yellow lab, is being raised by Kristen Shamblin. Alise is Kristen's 6<sup>th</sup> GEB puppy! Kristen says, "I finally got a real Labrador Retriever! Alise would rather retrieve balls than do just about anything else. It was a wonderful way to teach her the "out" command which she immediately mastered. She actually loves just about everything. She is always happy, and wears a smile on her face." Alise's vet sponsor is Neuse River Veterinary Hospital in Wendell, and her food sponsor is Diversified Systems, Inc. in Knightdale.

## Alise celebrates Independence Day at the State Capitol.



**Harper**, a male yellow lab, is being raised by Susan Piron. Harper is her 6<sup>th</sup> GEB puppy! Harper's vet sponsor is Dr. Norman Manning of Wake Forest. His food sponsor is Citizens of Animal Protection of Warren County. Susan shared the following about Harper's arrival.

"After Vance's graduation from Geb in March of this year, I thought it would be a good idea to take off a year before raising again, then Harper arrived in April. OK, so I wasn't so good at sticking to the plan.

Since I live in the woods with little activity, people, traffic or shops around and I really have to work hard to get the exposure the pups need daily, I really thought starting a pup and handing over to another raiser to finish was a good idea. Since JoAnne Farr, who finished up Vance was taking a raising break (and she was sticking to her plan), I knew that Jim Harmeson prefers to raise a puppy after it gets its jacket so it can go to work with him daily and my thoughts turned to the possibility that Jim might be interested. Jim's pup, Denton, recently went up for training and so after talking with Jim and catching his excitement that he would be ready for a puppy by the time I got a puppy in jacket, I thought it time to jump back to puppy raising.

After contacting Jane & Sherry on Wednesday and expressing my interest in raising again, Jane said they had a puppy that would be perfect for me and would love to come and live at Lake Gaston and he could be here the next Tuesday. Tuesday??? Yikes, less than a week. The Newcity family was at Guiding Eyes watching their puppy pass his IFT and would be happy to bring Harper back to NC. I spent that week getting ready, washing the toys, beds & blankets and priming my dogs that there was another puppy on his way.

We met the Newcitys off I85 and I think I fell in love with Harper as Janet handed him to me and before his feet hit the ground. Harper fell in love with my dog, Lake, before Lake knew what was happening and they spent the evening curled up together after his long trip south. My other dog Baldwin won't even talk to any new puppy until they are about 5 months old and have the basic manners down. Harper fit right into our household like he had been here always and we started training from day 1, and as he learned quickly, I searched for ways to challenge him. Harper is very smart, has a very pleasant energy level, loves to cuddle and is always ready for a hug which I am always happy to give."



Harper curled up with Lake

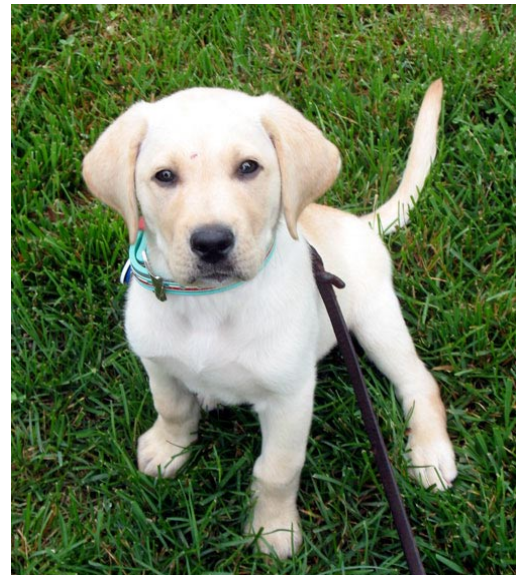


Harper's first boat ride -  
Enjoying the wind in his ears!

**Saxon**, a male yellow lab, is being raised by Janet Newcity and her family. Saxon is their 2<sup>nd</sup> GEB puppy! Saxon's vet sponsor is Village Veterinary Hospital in Chapel Hill. The Newcity's are his food sponsors. Janet sent the following introduction to Saxon.

"We now have a puppy named Saxon.  
His coat is a beautiful flaxen.  
Sweet, playful and quiet,  
Ask once and he'll try it.  
When it comes to manners, he lacks none.

Saxon is a starter puppy. The current plan is for him, at 6 months old, to move to another region to be finished. He is very smart, sweet and calm. At this point, he has only one flaw -- he won't move if the temperature is over 85 degrees. Welcome to North Carolina, Saxon!"



Saxon in his beautiful flaxen coat!

**We have four additional new puppies that have just arrived.**

**Crystal**, a yellow female lab, is being raised by first time raiser, Nancy-Kerr Jennings of Winston Salem.

**Dandy**, a black male lab, is being raised by first time raiser, Katrina Jiamachello of Raleigh.

**Tally**, a yellow female lab, is being raised by Chris Echols and Family of Raleigh. Tally is their 6<sup>th</sup> GEB puppy.

**Tripp**, a black male lab, is being raised by first time raiser Paul Huebner of Southern Pines.

More about these puppies in our next Puppy Prints!

## **Puppy Updates: Where are they now?**

**Briana**, a female black lab raised by Belvie and Bill Gilleland recently passed her in-for-training test. Briana's vet sponsor was Jordan Veterinary Associates of Lexington, and her food sponsor was Carolyn Uhlin of High Point.

**Denton**, a male black lab, started by Danny and Walt Overcash, and raised by Jim and Luan Harmeson recently passed his in-for-training test. Denton's vet sponsor while with the Overcash's was Lakewood Veterinary Hospital in Mooresville, and Danny and Walt were his food sponsors. Denton's vet sponsor while with the Harmesons was Jordan Lake Animal Hospital of Pittsboro and his food sponsors were the Harmesons.

**Hampton**, raised by Mary Austin and family has been released from training. Hampton is being trained in NC to be an arson detection dog. Hampton's vet sponsor was Sharon Lakes Animal Care Hospital of Charlotte, and his food sponsors were the Austins.

**Kayla**, a female black lab started by Tamara Flinchum is now being raised by Jo Anne and Brian Wiles. Kayla is their 4<sup>th</sup> GEB puppy. While with Tamara, Kayla's vet sponsor was Northwoods Animal Hospital, and Tamara was her food sponsor. Kayla's new vet sponsor is Neuse River Veterinary Hospital in Wendell, and the Wiles are her food sponsors.

**Sandy**, a female Golden Retriever raised by Tamara Flinchum, has been released from training, and is coming home to Tamara. Sandy's vet sponsor was Northwood Animal Hospital in Cary, and Tamara was her food sponsor.

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## **IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Buddy**  
**4/3/99 – 3/3/10**

Buddy graduated as a Special Needs dog, and was adopted at his retirement by a loving family. He was raised by Sara Rose Roman of Durham. His veterinary sponsors were Park Veterinary Hospital of Durham and Triangle Veterinary Hospital of Durham.

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## **Eben**

*By Elizabeth Oliverio, Puppy Raiser*

Kandi Hutchins and I wrote a January 2009 cruise reunion article for the 2009 spring edition of Puppy Prints. I'd now like to update the story:

Eben retired in July 2009, at age 10, after providing Kandi with 7 1/2 years of loyal service.

He has now returned "home" to Virginia Beach where he will share his retirement days with me.

My retirement goals for him are pretty much those which I have created for myself---lots of variety to keep the brain active, a little part time work [he's become the official Morale Officer for the students at Eastern Virginia Medical School, a little volunteer work [as "reading specialist" in our local library's

"Pawsitive Reading Program"----see attached photo], and, most importantly [at least for him], lots of car rides, ice cubes, and fun!!!

As you can see in the photos, he looks GREAT!!!



**Even in retirement, Eben is making a "pawsitive" difference!**

### **Sponsoring a Graduation Ceremony**

Each month Guiding Eyes for the Blind holds a graduation ceremony to honor the current class of visually impaired graduates' successful completion of training with their new Guiding Eyes dogs. It is truly a time of celebration for the graduates' families and friends; puppy raisers; friends of the organization; volunteers; and staff. Following the ceremony tours of the campus are available and refreshments are served.

#### **As a sponsor:**

- Your name and brief message will appear in the graduation program.
- An announcement of your sponsorship will be made during the ceremony.
- You will receive biographies and photos of the graduating class with their guide dogs.
- In addition, you will receive a DVD slide show featuring candid photos of the visually impaired students and their guide dogs taken during class.

Sponsorship of a graduation ceremony is available with a \$500 contribution. Only two sponsorship opportunities are available per graduation ceremony. To learn more, or to arrange for sponsorship, please contact:

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## EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 29, 30, 31, 2010  
Raleigh Church of Christ, 911 Barringer Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606

<b>Thursday, 7/29</b>	<b>PUPPY</b>	<b>RAISER</b>
6:30 PM	Tally **	Echols
7:30 PM	Alise **	Shamblin
8:15 PM	Kayla **	Wiles
<b>Friday, 7/30</b>		
12:00 noon	Saxon **	Newcity
1:00 PM	Simba	Cucurullo
2:00 PM	Abigail	Footte
3:00 PM	Harper	Piron
4:00 PM	Ogden	Haynes
5:30 PM	New Puppy **	Carey
6:30 PM	New Puppy **	Flinchum
7:30 PM	Tripp **	Huebner
8:30 PM	Nigel	Waddell/ w Huebner
<b>Saturday, 7/31</b>	<b>Short General Meeting</b>	<b>AT NOON</b>
8:00 AM	Dandy **	Jiamachello
9:00 AM	Timmy	Meyer
10:00 AM	Crystal **	Jennings
11:00 PM*	Octavian	Coney
1:00 PM	Amigo	Overcash
2:00 PM	Barb	Austin
3:00 PM	Jamaica	Baur
4:00 PM	Bangle	Alsmeyer

**\*\* Beside Pup's name and Raiser's name indicates need for photograph Saturday morning around the General Meeting time or with someone on Thursday or Friday. Please let one of the team know if you can't make it at the General Meeting time on Saturday if you need a photo.**

**Raisers, please be a little early for your evaluation as we may be running ahead of schedule. The ~ beside the time means that we will probably be earlier, depending on arrival flight time. Thanks!**

## **DIRECTIONS to the Evaluation**

**Raleigh Church of Christ  
911 Barringer Dr.  
Raleigh, NC 27606**

### **Driving Directions to Raleigh Church of Christ for the Evaluation:**

#### From I-440:

- Take exit 1C, Jones Franklin Rd and drive North approximately 0.35 miles.
- Turn Left onto Barringer Dr and the church building will be on the Right about 0.11 miles.



**NCPRP wishes Lee Nordin,  
Puppy Program Director,  
a speedy recovery!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS: 2010

### 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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