



Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Summer 2016

Congratulations to NCPRP's Most Recent Graduate: Nettles!

(from the profile of the July graduating class)

Hillary and Nettles

Hillary remembers struggling to read in high school. By the time she finished college, she had figured out something was seriously wrong with her vision. A diagnosis of Stargardt disease, a form of inherited juvenile macular degeneration, meant she would lose her central vision and perhaps her ability to make out details, shapes, and color.

Undeterred, Hillary attended the prestigious Culinary Institute of America, moved to North Carolina, and with her then husband started a catering company and two restaurants. Eventually she went back to school for non-profit management and grant writing.

Nettles, a yellow female Lab, is her first Guiding Eyes guide dog. "She's incredibly mellow, which is great because we can't both be type As," says Hillary. "But we both are fast walkers." Her children are grown, but several people who are very close to her have medical challenges, and they are leaning on her for support. "I need Nettles," she says. "I think of her as four extra feet to freedom." She pauses. "I want to see the world—Sicily, Tuscany, New York. I'm not sure how much worse my vision will get." As she looks over at Nettles, she ponders the question: "How do you define love?"

Nettles was raised by Brian and Debra Davis, and Laura and Ron Daniels. The Davis and the Daniels families were her food sponsors. Mayfair Animal Hospital in Cary, Kittrell Animal Hospital in Kittrell and Brigadoon Animal Hospital in Cedar Point were her vet sponsors.



Hillary and Nettles

Congratulations to Nettles' puppy raisers: Brian, Debra, Ron and Laura!



Puppy Updates: Where are they now?

Floral, a yellow female lab, raised by Brian and Debra Davis, and Gail and David Parrish was released from training and is being considered by NEADS. While with the Davis family they were Floral's food sponsors and Mayfair Animal Hospital in Cary was her vet sponsor. While with the Parrish family, Doris Thompson of Leland, NC was her food sponsor and her vet sponsor was Falls Village Veterinary Hospital in Raleigh, NC.

Jody, a male black lab raised by Kelly Coney Pacious, recently passed his in for training test and is being considered for breeding. Jody's vet sponsor was Poplar Animal Hospital in Concord, NC and the Pacious family was his food sponsor.

Wendy, a black female lab started by first time raiser Diane Sugarman, is currently being raised by first time raiser Caroline Costello. Wendy's vet sponsor while with Diane was Magnolia Animal Hospital and Diane was her food sponsor. Wendy's current vet sponsor is Northwoods Animal Hospital and Caroline is her food sponsor.

Verna, a female lab raised by Kay Jackson, has retired from guide work and is staying with her graduate. Verna's vet sponsor was Swift Creek Animal Hospital and her food sponsors were Art and Mary Lockwood.

NC Service Dog Law

Are puppies in training allowed to visit public facilities in North Caroling for training purposes?

Yes they are!

§ 168-4.2. May be accompanied by service animal

(a) Every person with a disability has the right to be accompanied by a service animal trained to assist the person with his or her specific disability in any of the places listed in G.S. 168-3, and has the right to keep the service animal on any premises the person leases, rents, or uses. The person qualifies for these rights upon the showing of a tag, issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, under G.S. 168-4.3, stamped "NORTH CAROLINA SERVICE ANIMAL PERMANENT REGISTRATION" and stamped with a registration number, or upon a showing that the animal is being trained or has been trained as a service animal. The service animal may accompany a person in any of the places listed in G.S. 168-3.

(b) An **animal in training to become a service animal may be taken into any of the places listed in G.S. 168-3 for the purpose of training when the animal is accompanied by a person who is training the service animal and the animal wears a collar and leash, harness, or cape that identifies the animal as a service animal in training.** The trainer shall be liable for any damage caused by the animal while using a public conveyance or on the premises of a public facility or other place listed in G.S. 168-3.

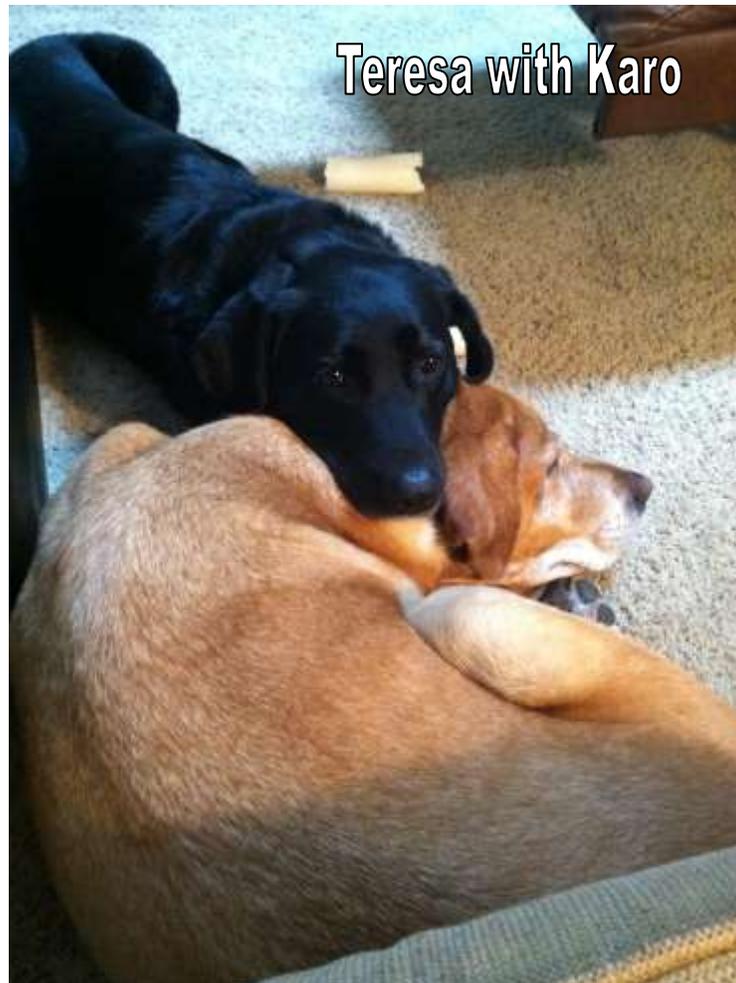
For more information, please go to <https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/serviceanimals/>.

In Memory

Adonis

Adonis who graduated as a guide dog in September 2009 recently passed away. Adonis was started by Brenda Quesenberry of Virginia Beach, VA and raised by Christopher Waddell and family of Southern Pines, NC. Adonis' vet sponsor while with the Quesenberrys was Southampton Veterinary Clinic of Franklin, VA and the Quesenberrys were his food sponsors. Adonis' vet sponsor while with the Wadells was Sandhills Veterinary Hospital, Southern Pines, NC and the Wadells were his food sponsors.

Teresa May 2007 – May 2016



Teresa, raised by Chris Echols and family, graduated as a guide in 2009. She returned to the Echols family upon retirement and welcomed many to the Guiding Eyes family through her participation In Home Visits, Orientations, and Pre-placement classes. Chris shared, "Teresa will forever be missed by everyone at the Echols household. Without words Karo tells me every day that he misses her. She was always the happiest girl in the room and made everyone smile!" Teresa's vet sponsor was Armadale Animal Hospital and the Echols family was her food sponsor.

Public Relations

Day Spring Home Educators, Cary



Jack fascinated with a baby doll during session two presentation for Day Spring Home Educators, Cary



Jack settled in and listening to Irene Cucurullo talk to the children about Guiding Eyes for the Blind

Justice Fair 2016

Irene and Maria Cucurullo with Jack, Oleta and Quentin at Justice Fair 2016



Jack 8 1/2 months with Oleta and Quentin (released from GEB) doing presentations for the Justice Fair 2016 at the Franciscan School, Raleigh



Jack greeting students

“Joy Group”

Wake Crossroads Baptist Church, Raleigh



Irene Cucurullo and Jack with the Joy Group



Jack relaxing near Jamie Wakefield after luncheon

Jeffries Grove Elementary School

Gail Parrish and Floral visited Jeffries Grove Elementary School kindergarten. Gail's church, Benson Memorial UMC, sponsors a tutoring program at Jeffrey's Grove Elementary School. Gail's visit combined two classes. Per Gail, they were "such sweet kids and SO many questions. 'How does the blind person know how to put the harness on?' My favorite: 'What are those dots on her belly?'"



Floral was so well behaved on her visit to a class of 35 kindergarten students, but her favorite part was when Gail took her vest off and let her practice saying hi to the kids.



Animal Blessing to be Held in Raleigh

In recognition of the special role that companion animals play in many of our lives, Millbrook Baptist Church will hold its 5th Annual Blessing of the Animals and fundraiser for Second Chance Pet Adoptions, on Sunday, September 18th at 4:30 p.m. (A rain date is set for Sunday, September 25th also at 4:30 p.m.) The service is open to the public and their animal companions. Following a brief service, animals in attendance will be offered an individual blessing. Animals of all types are welcome provided they are on a leash/lead or otherwise restrained, have current vaccinations as required by law, and have no communicable diseases. Those who have lost a pet may bring a collar, toy, photo, or other reminder for a blessing of memories. The service will be held on the grassy area in back of the church located at 1519 E. Millbrook Road in Raleigh. Please consider bringing a donation of money, cat and dog food, toys, cleaning supplies, paper towels and bedding for Second Chance Pet Adoptions (located at 6003 Chapel Hill Road, Raleigh -- <https://www.secondchancenc.org>).

Millbrook Baptist Church thanks the volunteers of Guiding Eyes for the Blind for the important work that you are doing and extends a special invitation to this event to you and your guide dogs in training.

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Friday, August 5, Saturday, August 6, 2016

Raleigh Church of Christ, 911 Barringer Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606

	DATE	PUPPY	RAISER
	Friday, 8/05/16		
	10:00 AM	Winnie	Laura Daniels
	12:00 PM	Hilda	Tommy Walker
	2:00 PM	Break/lunch	
	2:45 PM	Jack	Irene Cucurullo
	4:30 PM	Gator	Paul Huebner
5 PM	6:15 PM	Team Meeting	For Region Team
	Saturday, 2/13/16		
	9:00 AM	Amie	Gail Parrish
	10:45 AM	Wendy **	Caroline Costello
	12:15 PM	General Meeting	Training - Dog Play
	1:30 PM	Henry	Rachel Murrane

** 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.

DIRECTIONS to the EVALUATIONS

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2016

August 5-6, 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 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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