

Puppy Prints



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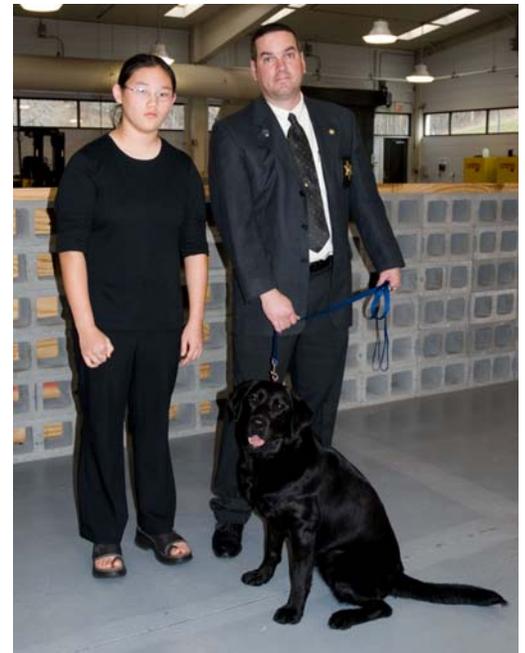
Congratulations to Lacy, NCPRP's Most Recent Graduate!

Lacy recently graduated from the Federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau in Front Royal, Virginia.

Lacy the Detective

By Donna Anderson

Angel got a certificate yesterday in Virginia at Lacy's graduation from the Federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau for raising a dog that will be used to fight terrorism. Lacy will go to Ohio, where she will go all over the state helping to determine the causes of major fires and catch the people who started them. She will be commissioned as a regular detective and will wear a badge on her collar. Her handler, who is an arson specialist, said he expects that Lacy will be responsible for multiple convictions of arsonists. He said that Lacy was the best trained dog in her class and credited Angel with all the hard work. They also said the Guiding Eyes for the Blind dogs are by far the best ones to work with because they are so well trained from the beginning. They also gave us a tour of the place, which is pretty impressive. They had police forces from all over the world training with dogs. It opened a whole new world to Angel. We took video of it, so if anyone else whose dog ends up in that program wants to see what it is like, we would be happy to share it. It's a pretty neat program, and the dogs save a lot of lives with their work.



Puppy raiser, Angel Anderson with Lacy who graduated from ATF with Brian Peterson

Lacy's vet sponsor was Apex Animal Hospital and her food sponsor was the Anderson family.

Meet NCPRP's Newest Puppy!

Ocala, a female black lab, is being raised by first-time puppy raisers Leigh and Tim Ames and family of Concord, NC. Ocala's vet sponsor is Poplar Animal Hospital of Concord, NC and her food sponsor is Bovis Lend Lease of Charlotte, NC.

Leigh provided the following on Ocala.

Ocala has stolen our hearts with her sweet disposition, her affection, and willingness to learn. She is so smart that sometimes I am convinced Jane must have sent us the smartest puppy they had. Not to mention, she is the most gorgeous little girl pup you've ever seen. Right away, people are drawn to her beautiful wave of black curls that starts at her shoulders, waves down her back and tapers at the tip of her tail. It looks like just-brushed hair after sleeping in a wet braid. She attends the kids' basketball games and has been adopted by my daughter's team, aptly named the Huskies, as the team mascot! We won't tell her until after the season is over that she is actually a Labrador. We couldn't be happier with this cute fur-face addition to our family. She has made us very proud.



Ocala kissing her puppy raiser, Leigh Aimes

Where are they now?

Jeeter, a male black lab raised by Julie Haynes of Indian Trail, NC, recently passed his in-for-training test! Jeeter's vet sponsor was Animal Care of Matthews and his food sponsor was the Haynes family.

Lava, a male black lab raised by Carrie Barnett, formerly of Raleigh, NC, recently passed his in-for-training test. Carrie currently resides in New York and is an employee of Guiding Eyes for the Blind! While in NC, Lava's vet sponsor was Veterinary Specialty Hospital of Cary, NC and his food sponsor was Carrie.



Ocala with Leigh Aimes

In Loving Memory

Angus

April 21, 1996 - October 4, 2006

Angus, a male lab raised by Mary Jane Gibbons of Waynesville, NC, recently passed away. Angus was a beloved guide dog. Angus's vet sponsor was Balsam Road Animal Hospital of Waynesville and his food sponsors were the late Ray & Jackie Goertz.

Donate to GEB When Shopping at Food Lion!

LionShop & Share is the easiest, most convenient way to raise money for your local not-for-profit organization. Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

If anyone is interested in participating, please go to the Food Lion website listed below and click the 'Select an Organization' button. In the pop up window, select NC as the State, Pittsboro the City, select Guiding Eyes for the Blind as the Organization and then follow the instructions to link your MVP card. Many thanks to Kristen Shamblin for setting this up!

<https://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopandShare/secure/RegisterMVPCards.asp>

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, February 9th and SATURDAY, February 10th, 2006
Raleigh Church of Christ, Raleigh, NC

Friday 2/9	PUPPY	RAISER
11:30 AM	Rambler	Cooke
12:15 PM	Nino	Geiner
1:00 PM	Onslo	Meek
1:45 PM	Powell	Neve
2:30 PM	Paige	Vignovic
3:15 PM	Fresca	Filkins
4:00 PM	Wilbur	Cucurullo
4:45 PM	Iota	Wiles
6:00 PM	Class for Team	
Saturday 2/10	PUPPY	RAISER
8:00 AM	New Pup *	Bierwirth
9:00 AM	Louie (with Sue)	Dickey
9:00 AM	Will	Griffith
9:45 AM	Sidney (with Sue)	Tanner
9:45 AM	JW *	Shamblin
10:15 AM	Toma	Davan
11:00 AM	Sheldon (with Sue)	Quesenberry
NOON	General Meeting	
1:00 PM	Van Gogh	Overcash
1:45 PM	Walt	Shinn
2:30 PM	Ocala	Aimes
3:15 PM	Winifred	Blackledge
4:00 PM	New Puppy *	Haynes

* Beside Pup's name and Raiser's name indicates photograph to be taken by Rick Tanner after 10:30AM on Saturday

Driving Directions to Raleigh Church of Christ for the Winter Evaluation:

From I-440:

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

ATTENTION ALL PUPPY RAISERS:

Please bring your DVD and an accurate reading of your puppy's weight to the next evaluation and don't forget to fill out a Quarterly Evaluation Report (www.guidingeyesbcweb.org)!

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2007

February 9-10, 2007

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
Raleigh Church of Christ

May 4-5, 2007

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC
Pittsboro Baptist Church

August 17-18, 2007

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
Raleigh Church of Christ

November 2-3, 2007

Evaluation, Apex, NC
Prince of Peace Episcopal 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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