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Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Winter 2009

Meet NCPRP's Newest Puppies!

Crockett, a male yellow lab, is being raised by first time raiser, Janet Newcity and her family. Janet shared the following about Crockett. "It's so hard to summarize Crockett. But here's what we came up with:

Crockett's Limerick

We now have a puppy named Crockett
who races around like a rocket.
He's impish and playful.
He eats 'til he's way full.
He stole our hearts like a pickpocket.

Every time we take him out, someone says he looks like Marley so I was trying to get him to pose in front of the Marley & Me poster. Instead, he seemed to channel Marley."

Crockett's vet sponsor is Village Veterinary Hospital in Chapel Hill, and his food sponsor is The American Kennel Club of Raleigh.



Crockett
Do you see a resemblance?



Hexa, a female German Shepherd, is being raised by Sharon and Andy Cooke. Hexa is their 10th GEB puppy. Sharon shared the following about Hexa. "In her young 5 months, Hexa has been quite the traveler. Born in Colorado, she flew to GEB, and after several stops along the way, Hexa finally made it to NC in the Echols' van. She has an aunt, Gisa, who is a working guide dog.

If we could use only one word to describe Hexa it would be "sweet". In fact, don't be surprised if one day you look in Wikipedia and find that a "hexa" is a unit used to measure degrees of sweetness with our Hexa a perfect 10.

Hexa is very thankful to her friends at the American Kennel Club who graciously provide her food. They even gave her a bag full of Christmas presents which she continues to enjoy. She is also happy to call veterinarian Dr. Johnson Russell her friend, since he takes such good care of her."

Hexa
So sweet, she's irresistible!

Pablo, a male black lab, is being raised by Glynis and Rick Tanner. About Pablo, Glynis said the following. "Pablo, our 7th GEB puppy, arrived the Sunday before Thanksgiving to meet his niece Erin, our 6th GEB puppy, who was born exactly one year to the day before him! He is the son of our 4th GEB puppy, Oreo, and has her beautiful brown eyes; lovely black fur; a white flash on his chest after her white paws; and her gentle, loving disposition.

Thanks to the extraordinary work being done by the team that socializes puppies for GEB, Pablo arrived with some excellent house manners: he sits to enter and exit any door, and he sits for his meals, he knows the "down" command and the all important "get busy", and he gently touches your fingers for treats. Having these basics in place when an eight-week old bubbly bundle of fur arrives at your doorstep makes the fun part of raising - puppy kisses - so much easier!

Pablo had a rough first night which we thought was due to his missing his litter mates, but turned out to be a UTI. After his antibiotics kicked in, life began its happy romp for this joyful little fellow. He is gentle with his toys and with your fingers and yet loves to pounce upon those leaf piles! So far he has proved pretty fearless and likes to jump onto low walls, overturned recycling bins, and big rocks. His favorite thing of all is to visit the construction site across the street where he has fallen in love with Bob, the contractor. Our walks are just not the same unless he's been able to walk up to all the hammering and yelling, and Bob comes out to greet him with open arms and the smell of other dogs on him. Then, all is right with the world."

Pablo's vet sponsor is Timberline-Legion Road Animal Clinic in Chapel Hill, and the Tanner's are his food sponsors.



Pablo
Look me in the eyes and try to deny me anything!



Tyson and Kelly
Welcome to NC!

Tyson, a Golden Retriever, is being raised by Kelly Coney of Charlotte. Kelly, who recently joined our region introduced Tyson and herself. "Tyson is my 3rd GEB pup. His father is the stud from Holland, Lee. Tyson is a special name puppy. His name was initially Thor but was changed to Tyson at someone's request. Tyson and I are joining the NC region from the Monroe Region in Rochester NY, but I have also spent time in the Fingerlakes region, the CDC region and the NC region briefly last fall. Tyson is 6 months old, and a little small for his age since he was really sick with puppy strangles when he was 3 months old. Despite his size, Tyson is a ball of energy who loves to go new places and see many new things. He is a remarkable boy who loves life and people."

Where are they now?

Oz, a male black lab raised by Wendy and Jim Bierwirth, was released from guide dog training and accepted into the Guiding Eyes Healing Autism training program. Oz' vet sponsor was Pet House Calls of Raleigh, and his food sponsors were the Bierwirths.

Phoenix (formerly **Paloma**), a female yellow lab raised by Kay and Glenn Jackson of Raleigh, NC, recently graduated as an arson detection dog in North Carolina. Phoenix' vet sponsor was Swift Creek Animal Hospital, and her food sponsors were Art and Mary Lockwood of Raleigh.

Ruffles, a female black lab started by Barbara Cuddy of Calabash, NC, and finished by a raiser in New York, passed her in for training test. While with Barbara, her vet sponsor was Seaside Animal Care of Calabash, NC and her food sponsors were Barbara's son-in-law and daughter, Mack and Eileen Price of Kennesaw, GA.

Teresa, a female black lab raised by Chris and Rick Echols, and their children Emily and Ryan; recently passed her in for training test. Teresa's vet sponsor was Armadale Animal Hospital of Raleigh, and her food sponsors were the Echols family.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Cheddar
Buhrstone Denmont's Cheddar, CGC (AKC Name)
6/24/99 – 10/31/08

Cheddar was owned and adored by Don and Sherry Dodson. She was not a Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy, but she helped in our pre-placement and raiser classes for many years. Cheddar came from a long line of dogs bred for GEB, and was the mother of Will and Trudy Pendergraft's GEB puppy, Dan. Cheddar was also a Therapy Dog, brightening the days of all the people she touched.
Thanks to Don and Sherry for sharing her with us.

River
3/22/94 – 11/17/08

River was raised by Vaundeen and Kevin Bachus, then of Durham, currently of Fort Collins, Colorado. Her vet sponsor was Cornwallis Animal Hospital in Durham. Her food sponsors were Vaundeen and Kevin. While being raised, River paved the way at Burroughs Wellcome (now Glaxo Smith Kline) for puppies in pre-training to be allowed in the workplace. Thank you, River. She was released from Guiding Eyes, and spent her life as a beloved companion and ambassador for the program in Colorado.

Quincy
9/14/96 – 11/3/08

Quincy, raised by Brenda and Jerry Quesenberry, was released from Guiding Eyes for the Blind and spent a distinguished career as a bomb detection dog in the Pacific Northwest. See the article on page 4 for details about Quincy's career. Quincy's vet sponsor was Southampton Veterinary Clinic in Franklin, VA. The Quesenberry's were his food sponsors.

Quincy

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King Sheriff's Office bids farewell to "bomb dog"

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By Sonia Krishnan

KING CNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Quincy, the first official "bomb dog" with the Sheriff's Office, died Monday at age 12.

For years, Quincy stood by the deputy's side, unwavering in the face of danger.

The scrappy black Labrador would enter crime scenes, snout to the ground, searching for firearms, shell casings and traces of gunpowder. He could detect dozens of different explosives with just one sniff, authorities said.

This week, the King County Sheriff's Office bid farewell to its first official "bomb dog." Quincy, 12, who spent six years on the force, died Monday of natural causes, said Sgt. John Urquhart.

Quincy went to the most rigorous school to become specialized in finding explosives, Urquhart said. He was certified nearly a decade ago by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and came to the Sheriff's Office in 1999 as the only ATF-trained explosives dog in the Pacific Northwest.

At the time, he was one of only 18 canines nationwide who had earned such a distinction, Urquhart said. Dogs must be recertified every year to remain on the job, and as part of the test, they have to detect various explosives. Miss one, and the dog is out. Quincy passed every time.

He belonged to now-retired Deputy John Decker. In 1999, Decker spent 10 weeks at Front Royal, Va., training alongside Quincy.

When Decker drove back to Seattle with his new four-legged partner, Urquhart set up a news conference.

It was Jan. 12, 2000. Urquhart remembered Quincy as "a typical black Lab. When he wasn't working, he was just bouncing off the walls."

Being trained by the ATF meant his first obligation was security work for the federal government. Oftentimes, Quincy and Decker were deployed by federal law-enforcement agencies. They went to the Rose Bowl and Rose Parade.

In 2002, Quincy's bomb-sniffing talents got him a trip to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. He also provided protection for Presidents

Carter, Clinton and George W. Bush, among other dignitaries.

In addition to hunting down explosives, Quincy was equally enthusiastic in his search for food, Urquhart said.

To reinforce his training, Quincy received food when he found an explosive - but no explosive, no food. This encouraged him to get clever.

Whenever Quincy came to visit Urquhart, for instance, the dog would nudge Urquhart's gun holster and look up with big eyes to Decker for a treat. The trick never failed. "He was working the system," Urquhart said. "It was really cute."

In 2006, age caught up with him. Quincy was slowing down, and it was time for him to retire.

He spent the last two years with Decker and his wife, Kathy. Soon, another dog took over Quincy's job.

But no one forgot him.

"Rest in peace, Quincy," Urquhart wrote in a news release. "You will be missed."

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Working Dogs? Well ... sometimes!

Pablo, Gwenyth, Tyson, Roz, JW, Dan, and Withers



ATTENTION ALL PUPPY RAISERS:

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.guidingeyesbcweb.org)!

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, February 6 and SATURDAY, February 7
Warehouse, 5905 Triangle Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617

Friday 2/6	PUPPY	RAISER
1:45 PM	Crockett	Newcity
2:30 PM	Hexa	Cooke
3:15 PM	Dreamer	Vignovic
4:00 PM	Justice **	Livingstone
4:45 PM	Sanka	Neve
5:30 PM	Erin	
6:30 PM	Vera	Gilleland
7:15 PM	Keegan	Haynes
Saturday 2/7	PUPPY	RAISER
8:00 AM	Vance	Farr
8:45 AM	Oberon **	Harmeson
9:30 AM	Sandy	Flinchum
10:15 AM	Pablo **	Gore/Tanner
11:15 AM	Sahara	Carey
12:00 PM	GENERAL MEETING	
1:00 PM	Jody	Jewell
1:30 PM	Astro	Ames
2:15 PM	Lilac **	Bauer
3:15 PM	Tyson **	Coney
4:00 PM	Adonis	Waddell
4:45 PM	Gwenyth	Meyer
5:30 PM	Hampton	Austin
6:15 PM	Glen	Davan

** Beside Pup's name indicates photo needs to be taken around the General Meeting time.
Please tell Sherry if you cannot have your picture taken at that time.

DIRECTIONS to the EVALUATION

Warehouse (For Sale – Southern Commercial Properties)

**5905 Triangle Drive
Raleigh, NC 27617**

Driving Directions to Triangle Drive Warehouse for the Evaluation:

From I-540:

- Take the US-70 East exit toward Raleigh. (0.7 mi)
- Stay straight to go onto Glenwood Ave/US 70 East. (1.0 mi)
- Turn left onto Triangle Drive. (0.6 mi)
- The Bike Chain is on the corner of Glenwood Avenue and Triangle Drive.
- End at 5905 Triangle Drive.

From I-85:

- Take US-70 East exit, Exit 178, toward RDU Airport/Raleigh. (0.3 mi)
- Merge onto US-70 BYP East. (2.2 mi)
- US-70 BYP East becomes US-70 East. (8.7 mi)
- Turn left onto Triangle Drive. (0.6 mi)
- The Bike Chain is on the corner of Glenwood Avenue and Triangle Drive.
- End at 5905 Triangle Drive.

From I-440:

- Merge onto Glenwood Ave/US-70 West toward Crabtree Valley/Durham. (6.3 mi)
- Turn right onto Triangle Drive. (0.6 mi)
- End at 5905 Triangle Drive.

Donate to GEB When Shopping at Food Lion!

It's time to re-register your cards for 2009!

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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS: 2009

February 6-7, 2009

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
5905 Triangle Drive

May 1-2, 2009

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC
Pittsboro Baptist Church

August 7-8, 2009

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
Raleigh Church of Christ

November 6-7, 2009

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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