



# Puppy Prints



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North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Winter 2013

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## Meet Our Most Recent Graduate: Roger!

### Jose and Roger (from the profile of the November graduating class)

International student Jose was matched with his first guide dog – black Labrador Roger. He was born premature and has always had vision problems; his right eye was replaced by a prosthetic in 2008. Jose has a large family with four brothers, one sister and many nieces and nephews. He turns 50 in November and was fortunate to retire young from the computer industry. Jose enjoys bird watching, listening to music and reading.

Jose will ultimately lose his remaining vision and knows he will be able to do much more with Roger by his side. He is glad he came to Guiding Eyes and compares it to a second home.



**Meghan, Jose, Vaughn and Roger**

*Congratulations to Vaughn Stewart & Meghan Lyon of the North Carolina region.*

Meghan shared the following about their experience. “We were very excited to go see Roger graduate with his new handler, Jose, but Hurricane Sandy forced GEB to cancel graduation for November 2012. Fortunately, the staff and volunteers at GEB are wonderful people -- they helped us make an alternative plan. We flew up the weekend after the storm and were warmly welcomed with a place to stay, a car to borrow, and a specially-arranged meeting between us, Jose, and Jose’s translator. Jose lives in Madrid, and we were so grateful to meet him before he and Roger made the long trip back to Spain. When we walked into GEB, Roger recognized us right away, but he settled down really quickly, almost as soon as we sat down. Anyone who had puppy class with Roger will remember that he was always far from relaxed -- so it was amazing to see how much he had grown and matured in the months of training with GEB. After giving us hello kisses and wags, he was ready for a nap.

Jose emailed us over Christmas to report that Roger is doing great work in Spain and has made lots of friends at the dog park. We are so happy with our whole puppy-raising experience -- it was very hard but very rewarding, just like they promised. Thanks to everyone in NC for helping us raise Roger, who's off doing great things abroad, which is pretty darn cool.” Roger’s vet sponsor was the Cornwallis Road Animal Hospital in Durham, and Vaughn and Meghan were his food sponsors.

## Meet the New Puppy!

**Chaz**, a black male lab, is being raised by Rick and Glynis Tanner. Glynis provided the following introduction for Chaz. “Rick and Glynis Tanner received a special delivery at the beginning of December, GEB Chaz, who traveled down from the Breeding Center with Janet Newcity and her husband Chris. Chaz is a very clever fellow who has already trained the elder dogs in the home to play with him all the time. He is feisty when playing, and yet can settle very quickly and turns into a sweet little bundle of fur when cuddling in your lap or in his kennel. So far he exhibits confidence and curiosity with new stimuli and surroundings and likes to sit and watch activity while figuring out how to engage. Not once has he tried to chew shoes or slippers, though he likes to grab the towel used to clean off his feet – we are working on his body sensitivity. He has grown so fast that he can now reach the counters, but has learned that he is not welcome to put his paws up there. He is a busy little fellow with a zest for walks and loves to run – nonetheless – he has learned that he must tune in when walking since he can’t get very far pulling. He has been up to the Roanoke River headwaters to Lake Kerr, and particularly liked the shells on the beach. Chaz is the Tanners 9<sup>th</sup> puppy; they are his food sponsors, and Legion Road/Timberlyne Animal Clinic his veterinary sponsors.”



**Chaz**



**Scout, Chaz, Shadow, Sidney**

Glynis also shared that: “GEB Sidney is visiting with the Tanners once again as his partner Mario Bonds [is recovering from an injury so] he cannot walk with Sidney for a few months. Timing is everything as Sidney arrived just before GEB Chaz. Sidney has been a great teacher for Chaz, who tortures him mercilessly and simply adores him. Forever dog Scout is just beginning to suffer puppy Chaz since he can almost keep up with him and is starting to steal the ball with great finesse.”

## Puppy Updates: Where are they now?

**Hugo**, a black male lab, raised by first time raisers Bridget Mehl and family, was recently released from training and placed in the Guiding Eyes Adoption Program. Hugo’s vet sponsor was Piedmont Veterinary Clinic of Hillsborough and his food sponsor was the Southport Chapter of the Southern Dames of America.

**Jan**, a female yellow lab raised by Rhea and Mark Vogelhut, was released from training and was adopted by the Vogelhuts. Jan’s food sponsor was 4 Paws Holistic in Charlotte and her vet sponsor was Mixed Pet Veterinary Hospital also in Charlotte.

**Jax**, a male black lab raised by Gordon Lyman, was released from training and is currently in training with ATF. Gordon was Jax' food sponsor and Lakewood Veterinary Hospital of Mooresville was his vet sponsor.

**Kenneth**, a black male lab, initially raised by Katie Soost and family, and Valerie Metros and Matthew Bonds, is now being raised by Irene and Maria Cucurullo. He is their 9<sup>th</sup> puppy. His new vet sponsor is Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital and his new food sponsor is Dick and Doris Thompson of Leland, NC. While with Katie, Kenneth's vet sponsor was Carpenter Animal Hospital in Cary. His vet sponsor while with Valerie and Matthew was Four Paws Animal Clinic in Chapel Hill. Kenneth's food sponsor while with Valerie and Matthew was Kathie Rysanek of Raleigh.

**Macbeth**, a black male lab, raised by Janet Newcity and family recently passed his in for training test. Macbeth's vet sponsor was Village Veterinary Hospital in Chapel Hill. His food sponsors were the Newcitys.

**Mackie**, a yellow male lab, initially raised by Lisa and Rudy Bukovnik is now being raised by Ting Hu and Luke Yen. Mackie is their 1<sup>st</sup> GEB puppy! Mackie's new vet sponsor is Six Forks Animal Hospital. His vet sponsor while with the Bukovnik family was Legion Road Animal Clinic of Chapel Hill. Mackie's food sponsor is the Southport Chapter of the Southern Dames of America.

**Newton**, a male yellow lab raised by Irene Cucurullo and family, was recently released from training and was placed in the Guiding Eyes for the Blind Adoption Program. Newton's vet sponsor was Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital and his food sponsors were the Cucurillos.

**Nina**, a female black lab, raised by Laura Levitt and Irene Cucurullo, has recently joined the Guiding Eyes for the Blind Breeding Colony. Nina's vet sponsor while with Laura was Westbrook Animal Hospital in Burlington, and Laura was her food sponsor. Nina's vet sponsor while with Irene was Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dick Thompson of Leland, NC were her food sponsors.

**Parson**, a yellow male lab, raised by Rob Hambrick and Paul Huebner recently passed his in for training test. While with Rob, his vet sponsor was Northwoods Animal Hospital in Cary, and Rob was his food sponsor. While with Paul, his vet sponsor was Pinetree Veterinary Hospital in Aberdeen, and Paul was his food sponsor.

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

**Tosh**, a male yellow lab, raised by Jo Anne and Brian Wiles, was released from training and adopted by Jo Anne and Brian. Tosh's vet sponsor was Neuse River Veterinary Hospital, and the Wiles were his food sponsors.

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## IN LOVING MEMORY

**Eben**

**January 13, 1999 – October 13, 2013**

**Eben was raised by Elizabeth Oliverio of Virginia Beach, Va.  
He was a guide, and returned to spend his retirement with Elizabeth.**

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## Holiday Fun!



Linus, Luster, Micah, Kenneth, and Denton visit Santa at Woof Gang Bakery!



Doris and Macbeth visit Santa during "Pet Night" at the mall!

## Wynett



Wynett was the second puppy raised by the Wiles family. She is certified by the ATF as an accelerant detection dog. She is with the Manchester, New Hampshire Fire Department.

## EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Friday, February 1 & Saturday, February 2, 2013  
Raleigh Church of Christ, 911 Barringer Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606

DATE	PUPPY	RAISER
<b>Friday, 2/1/13</b>		
11:00 AM	Linus	Cucurullo
12:15 PM	Doris	Newcity
1:45 PM	Kenneth	Cucurullo
3:00 PM	Micah	Flinchum
BREAK		
5:00 PM	Harrison	Haynes
6:30 PM	Luster	Shamblin
7:45 PM	Dinner and Short	Meeting for Team
<b>Saturday, 2/2/13</b>		
8:00 AM	Mackie **	Hu and Yen
10:00 AM	Denton	Wiles
12:00 NOON	General Meeting	
1:00 PM	Chaz **	Tanner
2:30 PM	Knight	Coney-Pacious
4:40 PM	Leave for Airport	Flight departs 5:55 PM

\*\* Beside Pup's name and Raiser's name indicates need for photograph Saturday morning or with someone on or Friday. Please let Sherry know if you can't make it on Saturday if you need a photo.

We will need individual photos of each raiser at this eval so it is important that you all have your photo taken (without your pup) at your eval. Please remind us!

**Raisers, please be a little early for your evaluation as we may be running ahead of schedule. Thanks!**

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.guidingeyes.org](http://www.guidingeyes.org))! New puppies will be given DVDs at the Evaluation.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: 2013

### May 2-4, 2013

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC  
Pittsboro Baptist Church

### August 1-3, 2013

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC  
Raleigh Church of Christ

### November 17-16, 2013

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC  
Pittsboro Baptist Church

## MISSION STATEMENT

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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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