



Puppy Prints



North Carolina Puppy Raising Program Newsletter

Winter 2016

Congratulations to NCPRP's Most Recent Graduates: Coal and Omaha!

Detrick and Coal (From the profile of the October graduating class)

Detrick traveled from Colorado for her fifth guide dog, a male black Labrador named Coal.

Detrick was born with congenital blindness. She is retired from the airport where she worked in customer service. She plans to go back to work now that she has Coal to help her. Detrick describes herself as a poor cane traveler because "the cane gives you so much information... Cole is different; he makes all the decisions and I just follow him." Detrick likes the new training techniques, particularly using treats to reinforce what Coal has done. She's looking forward to returning home where her top priority is her guide dog; Detrick has a daily grooming routine and massage regimen that is stress-relieving for both of them.

Coal was raised by Irene and Maria Cucurullo. His food sponsors were Doris and Dick Thompson of Leland, NC. His vet sponsor was Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital of Raleigh, NC. Irene shared that his partner wrote the following in an email on Thanksgiving, "I am very proud of Coal and he works beautifully for me. I receive a lot of compliments on his behavior. I am a very proud partner."

Irene feels that "It is so comforting to know Coal and Detrick bonded so quickly and are a perfect match!! Thank you Guiding Eyes!!!"



Richard and Omaha (Provided by Glynis Tanner)

GEB Guide Omaha graduated in November with Richard Bedsaul. Richard lost his vision as an adult due to retinitis pigmentosa, and has no useable sight. He works for Industries for the Blind making specialty harnesses for the U.S. Military. His wife Darlene works in healthcare and they commute to work together from their home in Dobson, N.C., to their jobs in Winston-Salem.

Richard loves fishing and hunting. With Omaha, Richard is looking forward to companionship and safe travel. He also enjoys bringing his guide dog to the church and school where children can interact. Omaha is Richard's second dog from GEB so when Omaha is off-duty he gets to play with retired GEB Guide Metro.

The Bedsauls visited the Tanners who had been out of the country during his graduation and had missed the ceremony. Omaha enjoyed a reunion with homeboy Scout, kitty Duppy, and some old girlfriends in the neighborhood. He and his new pal Metro went home tired puppies! Omaha was the 10th dog raised by the Tanners. Omaha's vet sponsor was VCA Legion Road Animal Hospital, and the Tanners were his food sponsors.



**Omaha's Reunion:
Humans R-L Glynis, Richard & Darlene Bedsaul;
Canines R-L Skyler, Finn, Scout (foreground), and Omaha (on bench)**



Meet the New Puppy!

Jack, a male yellow lab, is being raised by Irene and Maria Cucurullo. Jack is their 13th Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy. His vet sponsor is Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital of Raleigh and his food sponsor is Mrs. Doris Thompson of Leland.



Oleta whispering to Jack about all the fun and exciting adventures he will experience the next 15 months with the Cucurullo's.



Jack, Irene and Maria Cucurullo

Puppy Updates: Where are they now?

Jude, a black mail lab raised by Glynis and Rick Tanner, was released from training to the great disappointment of the Tanners. Glynis says, "Jude was a highly intelligent, willing, and lovable pup and is very much missed." He was the 11th dog raised by the Tanners. His vet sponsor was VCA Legion Road Animal Hospital and his food sponsors were the Tanners.



Jude napping with Duppy

Phoenix, a yellow male lab raised by Jim and Luan Harmeson, was recently release from training. His vet sponsor was Jordan Lake Animal Hospital in Pittsboro. Jim and Luan were his food sponsors.

Russeen, a female German Shepherd, raised by Rebecca Bierhoff and released from training, was recently adopted. Rebecca shared the following. "I wanted to let you know that I heard from GEB and from Russeen's new family, that she has been adopted. She was adopted on Thursday and is settling in beautifully. She was adopted by a family with three young kids and two dogs. This family also fosters a GEB brood! It is a perfect fit for her. She is particularly in love with her new 9 year old boy "owner". I'm thrilled that they want to stay in touch."

In Memory

Glacier
8/30/2003 – 11/10/2015

Glacier, GEB retired guide dog, raised by Kay and Glenn Jackson passed away in November. Her food sponsor was Art Lockwood and her vet sponsor was Swift Creek Animal Hospital in Raleigh.

General Meeting
Saturday, February 13, 2016 at Noon
Raleigh Church of Christ

Please plan to attend the General Meeting. Kate Schroer-Shepard, Regional Manager and former Trainer, will be sharing her thoughts on what she has found to be helpful in the Puppy Raising Program that prepares puppies for Guide Dog Training.

Public Relations

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool, Raleigh, NC
Irene and Maria Cucurullo with Oleta and Quentin (GEB released)



Brentwood Boys and Girls Club
Irene and Maria Cucurullo with Oleta and Jack



Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

On Wednesday, November 11, 2015, Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences held their annual service learning fair. First year pharmacy students were assigned to pick an organization where they could learn about volunteer opportunities that would impact someone's life. Sierra Timmons, Jessica Binion, and Mary Gwen Miller chose Guiding Eyes for the Blind. They are very passionate about this dog school and were eager to learn more about how we worked and how they could get involved. At the service learning fair, Oleta and Micah (GEB released) both got to brighten the days of not only many pharmacy students and professors, but also JJ, a 3 year old boy with autism. It was amazing to see the dogs and JJ interact. Because of this fair, many people have become aware about Guiding Eyes for the Blind and want to get involved!



Many thanks to Sierra Timmons, Jessica Binion, and Mary Gwen Miller for choosing to learn about and raise awareness of Guiding Eyes for the Blind!

Eta Kappa Delta Gamma

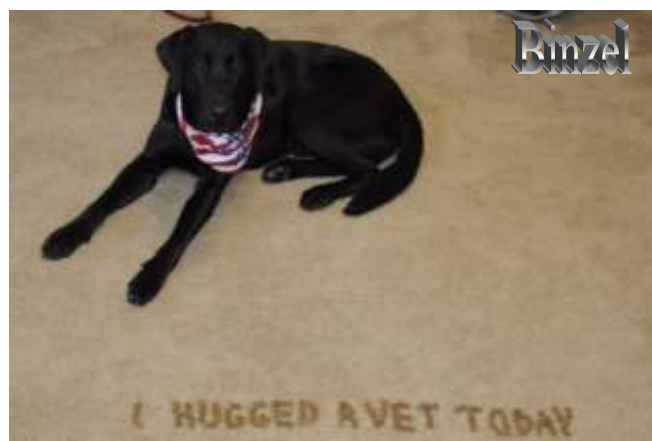
The Delta Gamma Sorority at NCSU made many, many toys for our pups on program. The toys are fleece tugs, rope toys and some tennis balls.



Shelby Snedecor brought the wonderful toys, and presented them to Irene Cucurullo and Jack.

Thank you Delta Gamma for all of your hard work. Our puppies will love the toys!

Puppies Having Fun!





Floral's Christmas company!



Oleta, Jack and Quentin (GEB released)



Dublin attends a wrestling match!



Binzel in Annapolis

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 11, Friday, February 12, Saturday, February 13, 2016
Raleigh Church of Christ, 911 Barringer Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606

DATE	PUPPY	RAISER
Thursday 2/11/16		
4:00 PM	Floral	Gail Parrish
5:45 PM	Hilda	Tommy Walker
7:00 PM	Wendy **	Diane Sugarman
Friday, 2/12/16		
2:00 PM	Jack	Irene Cucurullo
3:15 PM	Gator	Paul Huebner
4:30 PM	Henry	Rachel Murrane
6:00 PM	Winka **	Carol Morehead
7:45 PM	TEAM MEETING	For Region Team
Saturday, 2/13/16		
9:00 AM	Dublin	Stacey Hansen
10:30 AM	Winnie**	Laura Daniels
12:00 NOON	General Meeting/Lunch	Program by Kate
1:30 PM	Jody	Kelly Coney Pacious
2:45 PM	Aria	Hannah Matthews
4:150 PM	Oleta	Irene Cucurullo

**** 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

February 11-13, 2016

Evaluation, Raleigh, NC
Raleigh Church of Christ

May 19-21, 2016

Evaluation, Pittsboro, NC
Pittsboro Baptist Church

August 4-6, 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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