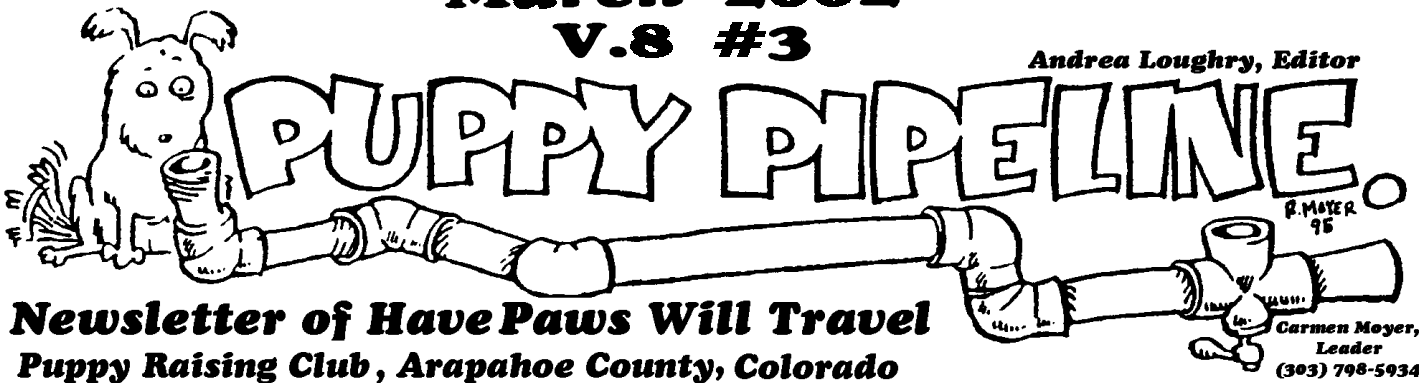


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**Newsletter of Have Paws Will Travel  
Puppy Raising Club, Arapahoe County, Colorado**

## HPWT SCHEDULE

Have Paws Will Travel club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month at the County Extension building, with a social outing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Call Carmen Moyer if you have general scheduling questions.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** St. Patrick's Day Parade. Meet at the Littleton Light Rail station at 9:00 a.m. We will ride downtown and watch the parade with the puppies.

### **Educational Programs:**

March 7<sup>th</sup>. 3:00 p.m. Ricks Center For Gifted Children, 2060 S. York. Our program is in conjunction with a group project on pets and pet ownership. Call Aubry Bingham if you can help.

March 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Our Father Children's Learning Center, 6335 S. Holly St. Call Lizz Landert if you can help for either date.

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop of Kindergartners. Our Father Lutheran Church. 6335 S. Holly St. Call Janet Ford if you can help.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Colorado Spring Puppy Raiser Workshop will be rescheduled due to conflicts with the puppy truck. Watch the phase report and this newsletter for updates. This is a GDB required event for all raisers. Make plans now to attend!

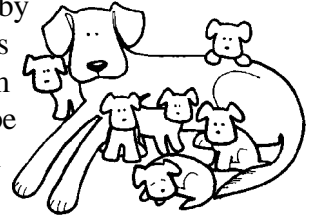
## A GRADUATION!



TWISTER, a female lab/golden cross raised by Andrea Loughry, graduated as a working guide on February 9<sup>th</sup>. TWISTER'S partner is Ansel Davis of Lauderhill, Florida.

## BREEDER DOG

LENA, a female black lab raised by Emma and James Creasey, was accepted into the breeder program in February. The Creaseys will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony and formally present LENA to the school.



## NEW CO-RAISERS

Ellen Goldstein, HPWT's "official" puppy sitter, hasn't been doing much puppy sitting lately. That's because she and her kids, Lindsay, Jerrod & Erin, have been formally added as co-raisers for JORDANA. Ellen has been taking care of JORDANA for James & Emma Creasey whenever James is out of town, ever since the pup came off the truck. Everyone liked the arrangement so much, they decided to make it permanent. Congratulations, Ellen, Lindsay, Jerrod & Erin!

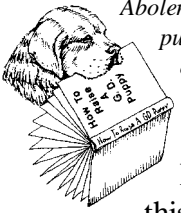
## PUPPY PAPERWORK

GDB is now asking for final dog reports to be turned in at least two months prior to the dog's recall date. Puppy trucks are currently scheduled for Colorado in April, July & August of 2002. If you want another pup when your dog returns for training, get your application in right away. Carmen has blank application forms. Just ask her for one at the next puppy meeting!

## DOG SHOW

Puppy kisses to everyone who worked the scoop brigade at the Presidents' day dog show. The show's coordinator, Earl Gebhardt, reports hearing from a dog show regular that it was the cleanest this year that she has ever seen it. Members from Have Paws were joined by *Dogs with Vision, Seeing is Believing*, the El Paso puppy raisers, and service dog club *4 Paws 4 Vision* to get the job done. Great work, everyone!

## ASK ABBIE



*Abolene is a career change golden and co-raiser of nine puppies. Puppies can address questions to Abbie c/o the editor or e-mail [abbie@hpwtdogmom.org](mailto:abbie@hpwtdogmom.org)*

Dear Abbie:

Every once in a while, my raiser takes out this scratchy thing and rubs me all over with it. She acts like she expects me to stand still for it, too! Then she squeezes my toe-nails with this metal thing—sometimes it really hurts and even bleeds! Next she pokes around in my mouth with this bristly stick. Next time I see her with those things, I'm outta here!

—Not Standing for it Anymore

Dear Standing:

Sounds like your puppy raiser is making an effort to groom you and keep you neat. Trouble is, she doesn't do it regularly enough for you to get used to it. It's very important for your raiser to keep your coat, teeth, ears, and feet in good condition. Not only is it important for you to learn to stand still for your eventual blind partner, but it is also important for you as a puppy. Wherever you go, you are making an impression for GDB. If your fur is dingy and shedding, your nails are too long, your teeth yellow and breath nasty, people will not want Guide Dogs in public places. If you are clean and neat, the next GDB puppy will be more likely to be welcomed. More than appearances, grooming offers you and your raiser important one-on-one bonding time. Your raiser will find out a lot about your general health during grooming sessions, and could even discover a serious physical problem while brushing you. So try to enjoy your grooming sessions, and encourage your raiser to brush you every day!

## DOGGIE TALES

Thanks to Carmen Moyer & LODGE, Lizz Landert & MARNIE, Dot Dill & MATTHEW, Lauren Dill & SHILOH, and Clair Benson & GROVE for taking part in Doggie Tales on February 9<sup>th</sup>. When one of the youth participants walked into the room with a book entitled *Shiloh*, Lauren noticed right away and called him over to read *Shiloh* to SHILOH! The next scheduled date is March 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Koelbel Library. If you're interested in having children practice their reading by reading books to your career change dog or older pup in training, please call Berta Waldmeier at 303-770-5149.

## WHEN YOU GONNA CALL?

Sometimes it's hard to know just when to call a leader for help. Behavior problems, training questions, illness, and emergencies can leave even experienced raisers feeling befuddled or even overwhelmed. The main thing to remember is that our leaders, Carmen and Lora, want to help. They are incredibly kind, knowledgeable, patient, and supportive. Here are some (but not all) of the situations you may encounter:

The dog always jumps up on people on social outings.

*Call or get help at a training meeting.*

You are going out of town.

*Let the leader know who will be keeping your dog, or where you will be if the dog is going along. (Remember to fill out a travel form, too).*

You suddenly realize your dog is lost.

*Look in all the reasonable places, and call a leader as soon as possible—even if the dog was found quickly.*

The dog has diarrhea for more than one day.

*Call the leader to discuss a possible vet visit.*

The dog is injured and bleeding.

*Get the dog to the vet and stabilized, then call a leader.*

A well-housebroken dog suddenly begins having accidents or marking.

*Call the leader for training tips.*

Something is troubling you about the puppy raising project, but you don't know if it's worth calling anyone.

*Call the leader. You'll feel better after you do!*

## MALADY OF THE MONTH

**Pressure sores:** gray, hairless, wrinkled pads of thickened skin overlying a bony pressure point. They are caused by lying on a hard surface, and tend to occur in heavy dogs and dogs kenneled on cement floors. The most common site is the elbow, but anywhere that the bone is close to the skin can be vulnerable. If the callus goes unchecked, the surface breaks down, forming an ulcer that can become infected and difficult to treat.

**What you can do:** Provide the dogs with a soft sleeping surface or dog bed to take the pressure off the callus. An infected ulcer over bone must be treated by a veterinarian.

Information from: *Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook*, by James M. Giffin, MD & Liisa D. Carlson, DVM. Howell Book House, NY, 2000. p. 137-138.

## BLIND PANEL AT HPWT

Have Paws members were privileged to have three graduates speak at a recent club meeting. Barb MacKenzie and golden SALISH, Leonard Decker and black lab RODEO, and Victor Smith and yellow lab BLAZE shared stories about their guides and tips for puppy raisers from a guide-user's perspective. Barb regaled us with a story of SALISH's pie-stealing escapade. Victor touched us when he described BLAZE has his life-line. Leonard treated us to a demonstration of his grooming routine with RODEO. We were all impressed with the thoroughness and dedication Leonard showed to keeping his working dog in tip-top condition. We were all inspired to try a little harder with our puppies, when we saw what they will some day mean to their partners.

To top the night off, each panel member was given a cash donation of \$80.00. James Creasey earned \$100 giving a speech at the Rotary club, and matched the check with his own funds, suggesting we use the money to help our blind friends. HPWT rounded out the sum.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me-it is crucial for my well being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have work, your friends, your entertainment. I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when you are speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You too, will grow old.
10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say "I can't bear to watch" or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there.

## PUPPY KISSES

🐾 To February Southglenn Mall walkers: GEGENS & CLANCY, Shanteaus & DIVINA; Loughry & JASPER; Moyer & GEIGER; Spraggs & JASMINE; Lora Brady.



🐾 To Dot Dill for taking the February 12<sup>th</sup> training session at the last minute when both Andrea and Lora couldn't make the class.

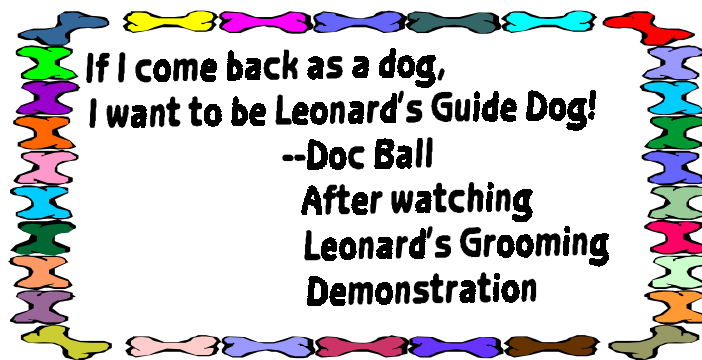
🐾 To Leonard Decker & RODEO, Victor Smith and BLAZE, and Barb MacKenzie and SALISH for doing a program with their Guides at the February 26<sup>th</sup> HPWT meeting. Sloppy kisses to James Creasey for initiating the evening and donating his time and financial resources to help our blind friends take good care of their guides!

🐾 To Doc & Lynn Ball, Carmen Moyer, and Dot Dill for making it possible for three graduates to attend our February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting by providing transportation for them.

## REMINDERS

If your puppy's coat is too small or has ineffective velcro, ask Sue Green to bring an exchange. You will be issued your new coat when you turn in the old one.

If you are leaving your puppy at anyone else's house, you must make a leader aware of the arrangements *before* you leave your puppy. Puppy sitters must have had a home visit from club leaders and know and understand Guide Dog's rules. See our roster for a list of qualified puppy sitters. Remember, we have several members waiting for a puppy who will do sitting, and their names appear in the regular member list. If you are having difficulty locating a sitter, call a leader for help.





## CRAIG CORNER

### February Pet-A-Pup Visitors

**February 5<sup>th</sup>:** Lizz Landert & MARNIE, Claire Benson & ANGIE, Alison and Barb Kindrachuk & TYSON, Jane Smoak & MAXINE, Linda Sumner & DECOY, Ed Sumner & DESERT, and Jeff Mosal & PEARL.

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Celeste Rangel & PANAMA, Bill Wriston with JOEL, Becky Ward with JUSTIN, Linda Sumner with DECOY, Ed Sumner with DESERT.

### March Pet-A-Pup Visitors

**March 5<sup>th</sup>:** Dot or Lauren Dill & SHILO or MATTHEW, Jane Smoak & MAXINE, Sue and Amy Green & DERBY, Caroline & Bill Wriston & GARSON, Carmen Moyer & GEIGER, Lizz Landert & MARNIE, Alison and Barb Kindrachuk & TYSON.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Pamela Lightfoot & KARLEEN. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE AND INTERESTED IN COMING WITH YOUR CAREER CHANGE DOG.

*Howdy all. Is everyone gearing up for Spring? Are your dogs starting to blow their winter coats like mine are? I judge how close Spring really is by the amount of dog hair on the floor. Thanks to all of you for your patience while I'm getting used to the scheduling. I appreciate it! So far so good, I hope. I am sorry that I wasn't able to make it to Craig on Thursday the 21st. As some of you know, I got a cast on my right arm that same day, and I needed to keep it elevated. Nothing too serious...I tore some tendons and ligaments in a fall. I expect to be back to "normal" sooner rather than later. To everyone who came to Craig on Thursday and carried on with Pet-A-Pup, a BIG thanks to you! Celeste Rangle was great and handled all the sign-in duties. Thanks Celeste! The patients and staff at Craig continue to give excellent feedback about Pet-A-Pup. You and your dogs are well known and much appreciated around the hospital! I hope that you take that in and feel fulfilled and proud. I sure do! You are awesome. Thanks and keep up the great work.*

See you in March.

Wendy Eder

Pet-A-Pup Program Coordinator

## TIP OF THE TAIL

I thought I'd talk a bit about brain injuries and offer some suggestions about interacting with patients with brain injuries (BI). I have seen all of you develop and expand your skills and intuition in this area. It is great to see.

However even with years of experience with BI patients, I still am sometimes at a loss for how to proceed in certain situations. Hopefully these insights might help if you find yourselves in a similar situation.

BI affects each patient differently. Some patients' speech or physical capabilities may not be as obviously affected, yet their mental and emotional capabilities may be quite hampered. This particular patient may outwardly appear mildly affected by their injury, when in reality they may not be processing information correctly. These types of patients often *seem* like they make sense and understand what is going on when they don't. When dealing with BI patients, use your experience to try and assess their general condition and adjust your interaction with them accordingly. The patients' confusion may be subtle and become apparent part way through a visit. In cases like that don't be afraid to keep the visit very short and *simple* or even end it. Ask few questions and try not to get "sucked in." If you want to cut the visit short do it in a sensitive yet firm manner. We can never be sure how a BI patient processes information and emotion. When visiting with a patient who cannot clearly communicate their needs or wishes, don't hesitate to ask a family member, an aide, a nurse at the nurses' station or myself if the person has a means of communicating such as blinking once for yes or twice for no. Try and talk to these patients in a natural tone of voice. What you are encountering and dealing with each time you visit Craig Hospital is often new and sometimes confounding. I try to approach each patient and situation on an individual basis while still drawing on my past experiences with similarities. The sensitivity with which you conduct yourselves is fantastic! If any of you would be interested in learning more about BI, Craig offers BI workshops for volunteers. The dates are noted in the Craig volunteer newsletter, or you can call the volunteer office for more information.

