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

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## 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.

### **Social Outing:**

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Douglas County South Metro Fire Station at Centennial Airport, 12080 E. Briarwood Ave. Check your e-mail in the late afternoon on the 16<sup>th</sup> for possible last-minute changes, or call Lizz Landert if you have questions. Directions: Arapahoe Road east of I-25 to Peoria. Turn south on Peoria, then right on Briarwood Ave. The station is at the intersection of Peoria & Briarwood. Please park in the parking lot, *not* on the street or in the driveways to the engine bays.

### **Educational Program:**

April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Our Father Lutheran Church with the Girl Scouts. Contact Janet Ford if you would like to participate with your puppy. You will still be able to make the HPWT meeting afterward.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*Colorado Spring Puppy Raiser Workshop.* May 18<sup>th</sup>, Arapahoe County Extension Office 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. HPWT members agreed to help with set-up, clean-up and dessert for Raiser Workshop, so be ready to help if you're needed (we'll let you know). Guide Dogs requires attendance at this fun and informative event. Make plans now to spend the day there!

## CONDOLENCES

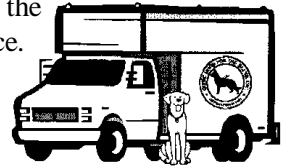
Our heartfelt condolences go to leader-on-leave Randa MacMillian and her family on the recent death of her mother. HPWT will make a memorial donation, and raisers may also send their own memorials in memory of Opal Grisham-Williams to:

Sangre de Cristo Hospice  
704 Elmhurst Place  
Pueblo, CO 81004

## APRIL PUPPY TRUCK

The puppy truck will arrive in Denver on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. at the Arapahoe County Extension Office.

DIVINA, a female black lab raised by Maegan and Allison Shanteau; CLANCY, a male yellow lab raised by Nick & Greg Gegen; and CASHEW, a female yellow lab raised by Aubry Bingham, will be returned to Guide Dogs for harness training on this truck.



## PUPPY KISSES

To Lizz Landert and MARNIE who brought an Easter basket with surprise eggs for each puppy to the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.



To Chris Ford for leading the exercises on the *come* command and walking over different surfaces at the March 26<sup>th</sup> puppy meeting.

To puppy traders. Nearly all of our dogs spent time in another raiser's home in February! Keep up the good work, everyone!

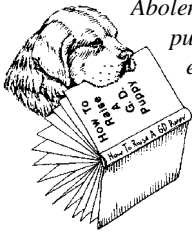
Aubry Bingham & Chris Ford for doing a program at the Ricks Center For Gifted Children in March.

## DOGGIE TALES

Thanks to Dot Dill and MATTHEW, Andrea Loughry and JASPER and Lora Brady and GEIGER for being great listeners at Doggie Tales in March. Next Doggie Tales is April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Koelbel Public Library. Please call Berta Waldmeier at (303) 770-5149 if you can attend.



## 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 at [abbie@hpwtdogmom.org](mailto:abbie@hpwtdogmom.org)

Dear Abbie:

My raiser and I try really hard to do what's right, but sometimes we get confused. At puppy club, we see others doing things so differently! For instance, my raiser pushes on my shoulders to get me to lie down, but other raisers point to the ground or pull their dog down with the leash. My raiser will never drop the leash, even to practice stays, but other raisers walk across the entire room with their dogs on a stay and no leash. Different leaders teach things different ways, too. How can we know what's right when everyone seems to do their own thing? – Trying Hard to Please

Dear Trying:

I appreciate your efforts to do things “right” and I can see how you might be confused. The fact is, that while each raiser receives a Guide Dog puppy manual which gives very specific training methods, different people do things differently, depending on what works for them and their dog (or in the case of leaders, for them and their club members!) Some puppies respond well to praise alone, others need a firmer hand and more corrections. Training techniques will depend on how advanced a puppy is in his understanding of the commands. One puppy may be able to handle a long stay with the raiser farther away while another needs constant supervision. The best your raiser can do is to read the manual, listen to the leader, and do what works for both of you. And if you have questions, be sure to ask your own club leader for clarification!

## IT'S A GIRL THING

GDB requires all intact females to get a nasal Bordatella vaccine (not injectable Bordatella) before they come into season and need to be boarded. This should be done at the same time as the rabies shot is given, and must be repeated in six months. Not every vet carries the nasal vaccine, so be sure to check with your vet when you make the appointment. Proof of rabies and Bordatella are needed before a dog will be accepted by the kennel, so whenever your mature female is kept by another raiser, be sure to attach a photocopy of those records to her puppy visiting form. Carmen has the names of vets with the nasal vaccine if you need them.

## APPROVED KENNELS UPDATE

The only approved kennel for boarding Guide Dog puppies in season is now Academy Acres. Please strike the other kennel from your roster.

## FLYING HIGH

Guide Dogs thanks you for supporting the temporary policy of not flying with puppies. After a six-month period of change and uncertainty, the airline industry seems to have stabilized. Guide Dogs is pleased to announce that leaders and raisers may once again transport program dogs in-cabin, by freight, or excess baggage. As before, advisors must be consulted before any puppy flies, and have full and final authority to grant, limit or deny a puppy's flying. A full list of guidelines regarding transportation from the Leader Manual can be found in the recent *E-Bark News* which announced this policy. Here are a few highlights you may find useful (Call Carmen if you need the full list):

➤ All puppies transported within an airline cabin must be individually pre-approved by the supervising GDB puppy raising advisor.

➤ Career change dogs may never wear a Guide Dog harness or puppy coat to gain access to a means of transportation.

➤ A Guide Dog puppy causing a disturbance on public transportation must exit that transportation provider at the first available opportunity.

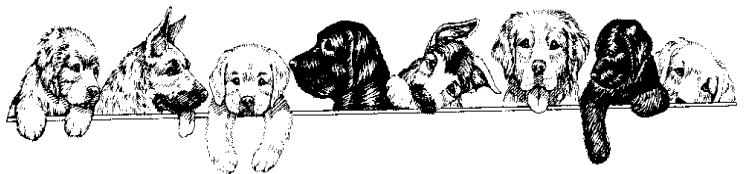
➤ Raisers transporting a puppy out-of-state or on a trip longer than one week must receive approval from their puppy raising advisor.

➤ Guide Dogs will only pay for any freight charges, excessive baggage charges or health certificates for flights that are requested by GDB. Any transportation of a puppy by a raiser as part of a business or pleasure trip is the complete financial responsibility of the raiser.

➤ GDB puppies may only have access to public or private places where they are granted willing admittance or inclusion by the proprietor, manager or staff of the business, facility or service. Raisers and leaders may not demand, coerce, lobby, argue, litigate or otherwise attempt to force issues of access for GDB puppies.

## LEASHES AVAILABLE

Have Paws has obtained some service-dog style leashes for club members needing a replacement leash. Cost is \$15.00. Call Carmen if you are interested.



## SPRING CLEANING

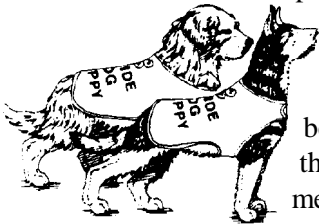
Like many of us, Guide Dogs is doing some belt-tightening in these tougher economic times. We can help by scouring the cupboards for extra puppy coats, Heartgard, flea preventative and other unused issued equipment issued by Guide Dogs. Turn these items in to your leader so they can be recycled and help put GDB's resources to the best use!

## COUNTERFEIT SERVICE DOGS

Since the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, there has been a proliferation of service dogs gaining access to public places. Most are trained by reputable schools like Guide Dogs for the Blind and have ID cards and equipment that make them easily identifiable to the public. Some are personally trained by handicapped persons and can be more difficult to identify, but still have a legitimate place in society. Then there are the "counterfeit service dogs"—pet dogs that are being passed off as service dogs in order to gain illegal access to public places. These dogs can be ill mannered and can even pose a hazard to public health and safety. Needless to say, when an incident happens, access for all service dog users is at risk.

Our puppies are privileged to accompany us in public because of their status as service dogs in training. The green puppy coats make our dogs easily identifiable and welcomed. But puppy coats come with responsibility. The coats must only be worn by dogs that are active in the puppy raising program. This means the minute that your puppy is career-changed, it loses the right to wear a green puppy coat. The coat issued for a Guide Dog puppy should *never* be placed on a pet dog, even for a moment, or for any reason.

Puppy raisers must be vigilant about control of our puppy coats. A coat lost at a soccer match might opportunistically be picked up and used to pass off someone's pet as a dog in training. Extra coats are tempting to just "throw on" a career change dog when it participates in an event alongside the guide puppies. Resist the temptation! Using a puppy coat for anything but the identification of a pup in training is an abuse of the privilege with which we are entrusted as puppy raisers. If you have any extra puppy coats around the house, turn them in to a leader. That way they can be re-issued to a pup-in-training that needs them, and you won't have to worry about the coat being misused, even accidentally.



## HEAD COLLAR BASICS

Head collars offer a gentle training alternative and help equalize the odds when a pup is stronger than his raiser. The head collar works in several distinct ways. Dogs naturally pull against pressure. The head collar puts pressure on the neck and nose in such a way that the dog pulls toward the raiser instead of lunging forward.



Dogs also instinctively respond to pressure on the scruff of the neck, or when the pack leader encircles the nose and lower jaw of a young dog. The nose loop helps the dog respect its handler, who can more naturally discipline and control its behavior. Finally, head collars allow the raiser leadership and power steering—where the nose goes, the dog goes. A head collar can make a huge, positive difference in the relationship between you & your pup!

**Q:** Is it ever okay to remove a head collar when socializing or training?

**A:** *If your leader or advisor fits the puppy with a head collar, it should be used any time the lead is attached to the dog. We want the dog to manage his behavior—not his equipment.*

**Q:** Is it okay to switch back and forth from head collar to flat collar when socializing or training?

**A:** *No. Once a head collar is fitted it should be used every time the lead is attached to the dog, for the entire time the lead is attached. Removing the collar or placing the lead on the flat collar once the dog is on "good behavior" only teaches him that the collar is uncomfortable; he will begin to think of the collar as a punishment, and it can actually make the behavior worse in the long run. It is not a punishment, just another training tool.*

**Q:** Should the dog wear the head collar 24 hours a day?

**A:** *The head collar is only worn with a leash or in the introduction phase. When getting the dog used to it, the head collar can be worn during feeding and play to keep the pup's mind off of it.*

**Q:** Should the head collar be left on when the dog is relaxing at home or riding in the car, basically unsupervised?

**A:** *Head collars should be removed if the dog is unsupervised at home or while riding in the car if driver is alone with the pup or it is dark. At best the head collar may be chewed up, at worst it can become entangled and cause injury.*

**Q:** Is it safe to leave the head collar on the dog when the dog is left alone in its kennel for a period of time?

**A:** *No. The head collar should be removed when the dog is in its kennel, again, for safety reasons.*

## CRAIG CORNER



*Hello Everyone.*

*I hope that you are all doing well. This month's Craig Corner will be very short and sweet as the movers will be arriving any minute to move me to my new home in Golden ... that includes my office as well. My E-mail will be down for a bit so if you need to reach me please call me at 303-722-4380 and leave a message or try the new house at 720-497-1123.*

*It is so wonderful to have a seasoned group of Pet-A Pup people and dogs! YOU ARE AWESOME. I hope that Craig is still fun and rewarding for you. Thanks for your dedication to Pet-A-Pup and Craig.*

*See you in April.*

*Wendy Eder*

*Pet-A-Pup Program Coordinator*

### **March 5 Visitors**

March 5, Lizz & MARNIE, Sue Green & DERBY, and Carmen Moyer & LODGE (Please forgive omissions, I have misplaced the sign in sheet and I am working from memory). Thanks to all of you ! It is a great group of puppies.

### **March 21 Visitors**

Bill and Caroline Wriston with JOEL, Becky Ward and JUSTIN, Carmen Moyer with LODGE, Don and Pamela Lightfoot with KARLEEN, Celeste Rangel with PANAMA, and Lauren Dill with SHILO. What a successful evening.

Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> are the next Pet-A-Pup nights.

## REMINDERS



When you trade your puppy or leave him with sitters, be sure to attach the caretaker's diary to your monthly report. Trading is an important part of your puppy's experience and our leaders do pay attention to whether or not a puppy has been traded. So do your paperwork and get the credit you deserve when you've made a trade!

Heartgard is due the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Did you remember?

## CAREER CHANGE DOGS ON-LINE

Dog Placement Program information is now available at [www.guidedogs.com](http://www.guidedogs.com). This information is for people interested in adopting career change dogs and retired guides. From the Guide Dogs home page, click on *Career Change/Dog Placement Program*. You will find information on the adoption criteria and application process. A complete section on frequently asked questions should answer many of the questions people may ask about career change dogs. Because raisers are in the public eye, and are asked questions on a continual basis, please feel free to submit other frequently asked questions if they are not listed. Your feedback is important. Guide Dogs would like to educate the public on career change dogs and retired guides. Any ideas should be submitted to [cpaddack@guidedogs.com](mailto:cpaddack@guidedogs.com).

## TALE WAGGERS

Words for a puppy raiser's front door:

If you don't want to be greeted with paws and wagging tails, don't come inside—because dogs live here...

If loose hair that doesn't match your clothing or furniture bother you, don't come inside—because dogs live here...

If you don't like the feel of a cold nose or a wet tongue, don't come inside—because dogs live here...



If you don't want to step over many scattered toys, don't come inside—because dogs live here...

But if you don't mind all of this...you will be instantly loved when you come inside—because dogs live here.

