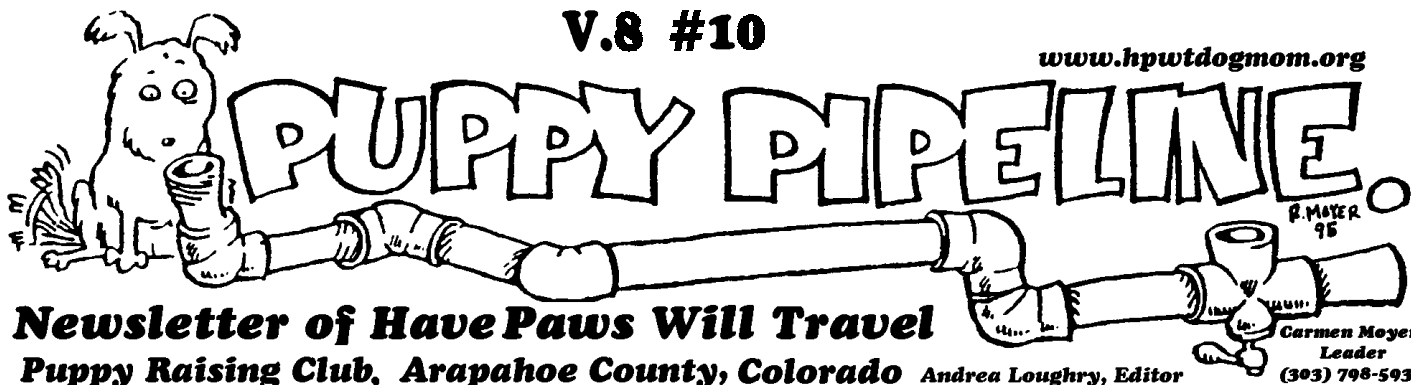


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Newsletter of Have Paws Will Travel

Puppy Raising Club, Arapahoe County, Colorado Andrea Loughry, Editor

HPWT SCHEDULE

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

Social Outing: Halloween Party and costume contest. October 22nd, 6:00 p.m. See flier for details.

Educational Programs:

Blessing of the Animals, October 6th at 3:30 p.m. Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 8545 E. Dry Creek Rd. Come to participate in a short Guide Dog program after the service, or just to have your puppy blessed!

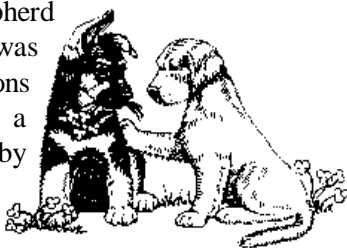
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

All puppies in training, working guides, and career change dogs (and their people) are welcome to HPWT's Ninth Annual Halloween Party and Costume Contest, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Arapahoe County Extension Building. There will be food & fun for all. Check our website at www.hpwtogmom.org under "events" for the flier, or to get a map to the building. RSVP to Lizz Landert by October 13th at 303-220-7626 or elandert@juno.com. We hope to see you there!



CAREER CHANGE DOGS

DERBY, a male German shepherd raised by Sue and Amy Green was career changed for physical reasons on September 9th. DAYTONA, a female German shepherd raised by Chris and Janet Ford was career changed for elbow dysplasia on September 26th. CLANCY, a male yellow lab raised by Nick and Greg Gegen was career changed for temperament on September 19th. All three will be coming home to their raiser families. Lucky dogs!



NEW PUPPY

Lizz Landert received TERESA, a female black lab, from the puppy truck on September 21st. TERESA is Lizz's ninth puppy to raise for Guide Dogs



WEBSITE HAS NEW LOOK

Like photos? Want information? Wondering if Ask Abbie is for real? You can find out at the newly revamped HPWT website! Just go online to www.hpwtogmom.org and check out all the improvements. You can get the scoop on our latest party, read back issues of the newsletter, get the puppy visiting form, a club biography, and even see pictures of all our 2002 puppies right on your computer screen! The goal of webmistress Andrea Loughry is to keep the website up-to-date and as useful as possible to all our members, so go take a peek. If you have suggestions for improvements or think of anything that would be useful to have access to on-line, email us, and watch the website get even better. See you in cyberspace!

THANK YOU

Dear HPWT,

Thank you for the monetary gift. Without it, we could not have attended the graduation. It was wonderful to see Divina again and to meet her new family. It was such an honor to be able to present Divina as a breeder.

Thank you,

The Shanteau Family

REMINDERS

Our puppies' flat collars and head collars are machine washable. So if your pup has a bad odor, check if his collar needs a bath, before you wash the entire dog!

By 16 weeks old, a puppy should be on twice-daily feedings. Slowly increase the amount of morning and evening meals while decreasing the amount of the noon meal over a week's time until he is getting his entire portion in two feedings a day.

HPWT LEADERS


Have Paws leadership has undergone a few changes in lately, so we'd like to update you on our current leadership and give you an idea of who to call when as various needs arise. Of course if you cannot reach the appropriate leader, please call another for help, especially in an emergency.

Club Leader: Carmen Moyer. Carmen leads the younger puppy class, but think of her mostly as our paperwork person. Call Carmen if you need an excused absence from a club meeting, or if your puppy will be visiting someone else or traveling with you overnight. Carmen is our main contact with Guide Dogs and with Barb Deevers, our Puppy Raising Advisor. New puppy applications and returning dog paperwork are her responsibility. It is Carmen who calls when a dog has gone to class or has been career changed. She has our supply of food coupons, Heartgard, and flea & tick medications. Carmen is also our main contact with the 4-H office. In most cases, Carmen is the first person you should call with questions about your puppy raising project.


Project Leader: Andrea Loughry. Andrea teaches the older puppy class. She has our supply of head collars and training aids. Andrea also edits the club newsletter, maintains the website, is club photographer, and assists Carmen in whatever capacity is needed. Contact Andrea about behavior or training concerns.


Project Leader: Randa MacMillian. As a veterinarian, Randa is our chief contact for our puppies' physical well being. Randa reads the monthly reports we write about our pup and assists and advises Andrea and Carmen with puppy training and behavior. Call Randa if your puppy seems sick and you need to discuss taking it to the vet.


PUPPY KISSES

 To Joe Loughry for proofing, printing, folding, stamping and mailing the September newsletter when the editor was suddenly taken ill.



 To Tom Moyer for his patience and support of the parade of puppies Carmen has kept for other raisers lately.

 To fall workshop attendees: Lizz Landert & TERESA, Andrea Loughry & TEXAN, Sheila and Kelsey Rea, Randa MacMillian, and Barb Witcher & FADA.

 To Randa MacMillian and Andrea Loughry for manning the club booth at the fall workshop. Once again the toys and leashes we sell were a big hit.

GOODBYE, GOOD FRIEND

It is with sadness that we share the news that long time Guide Dog leader Linda Sumner passed away September 22nd after a long and difficult illness. Many of us have known Linda for a long time, as she has been involved with the program for close to 20 years. Her love for the program, puppies and people will continue to show in years to come as so many raisers have learned and grown up in the program with her. Linda is survived by her husband Ed, their adult children and her service dog Decoy. Her memorial service on September 27th was attended by her many two- and four-legged friends and family members.

Cards may be sent to:
Ed Sumner
4448 S Xavier St
Denver, CO 80236

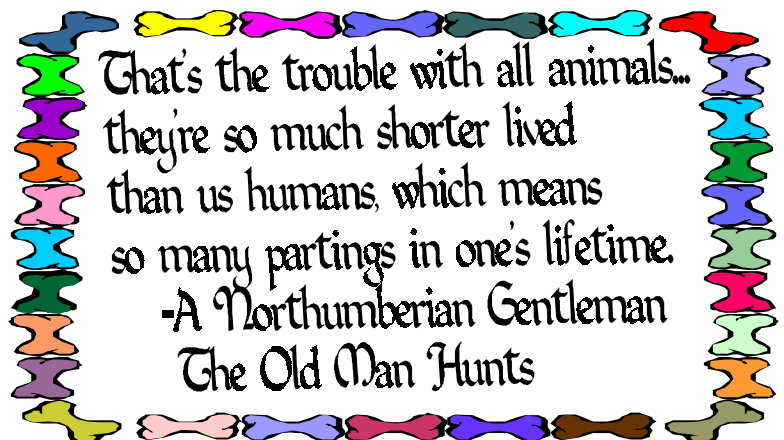


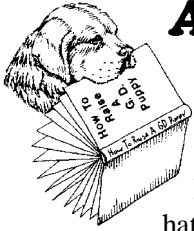
Donations may be sent to:
Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation
5804 S. Datura Street
Littleton, CO 80120

Make checks payable to Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation, and note on the check that it is in memory of Linda Sumner. (All donations are tax-deductible.) Requests for allocation of funds will be overseen by the foundation and Ed Sumner. Basic criteria will be funding for graduation attendance, care for career change dogs and help for our working guides and their partners.

DOG DAYS MAGAZINE

Dog Days of Denver is a locally produced magazine that covers the Colorado canine scene. The September 2002 issue has a wonderful article about Guide Dogs and pictures of some of our friends! If anyone is interested in a subscription to *Dog Days*, publisher Kim Jackson will donate 1/3 of the \$18.95/yr price back to the puppy club. Lizz will have a sign-up sheet at the October 8th club meeting and can answer questions. Dot Dill has extra copies of the current issue if you would like one.





ASK ABBIE

Abolene is a career change golden and co-raiser of ten puppies. Puppies can address questions to Abbie c/o the editor or e-mail at abbie@hpwtdogmom.org

Dear Abbie:

My mom keeps making me wear this goofy hat and some pants. She says it's for Halloween.

I don't really like it, but she says everyone will wear costumes for the party, and that I'll get used to it and even get to like it. Can't I just wear my puppy coat instead?

– Baffled Britches

Dear Baffled:

Humans celebrate Halloween by dressing up and pretending to be someone else. Your raiser is nice to get you used to wearing your costume before the big party. Wearing costumes can be upsetting; you'll be glad she took the time to get you used to it before the big day. Another way your raiser can help is by making sure you are securely crated on Halloween night when kids go trick-or-treating. Some of their costumes can be quite scary to a dog. Plus, with the doorbell ringing and the door constantly opening, it would be easy for you to escape and be lost or injured. Some people think it's fun to play mean tricks on animals at Halloween, so the safest place for you and all the household pets is in a kennel or in a closed room instead of at large in the house or yard. Some Halloween decorations—like candles—are dangerous, plus there's lots of tempting candy, so the last way your raiser can help you is to be extra careful to supervise what you are doing with your mouth until the holiday decorations and treats are past.

CANINE MEDICINE CABINET

As we get prescriptions for our puppies, we may accumulate leftover medications that are tempting to use again. Sometimes "recycling" medications is okay, but usually it's not a great idea—even if you keep good records about when and for what ailment the medication was originally prescribed. For example, ear wash and ointments such as Panalog may be okay to use again, but eyewash is almost always contaminated during treatment and should never be retained or re-used after the original problem has cleared up—not even for the same animal. Antibiotics should be used up completely and there should never be any left over, so if you have antibiotics in your arsenal, it means you did something wrong in treating your animal. Out-of-date drugs can lose their potency or become dangerous with age. Even experienced dog owners can mistake one disease for another, and it's dangerous to use leftover medications without a professional diagnosis. It is imperative to check with your vet or Randa before re-using any medications. It's safer to discard medications than to retain them for possible reuse, but if you do decide to keep them, store them in a safe place away from children & pets.

MALADY OF THE MONTH

Excerpted from the handout from Randa MacMillian's CPR workshop.

DOGS WITH NO HEARTBEAT OR BREATHING

In the case of certain traumas or diseases, a dog may lose heartbeat and respiration. Causes may include heart disease, seizure, trauma, lung disease, heat stroke, shock, poisoning, any other circumstance that cause the heart to stop. In these causes, the dog may be revived if CPR can be performed immediately. CPR is a technique of last resort when the dog shows no signs of life. If there is any evidence that the dog is breathing, *do not perform this technique.*

CANINE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

A. Place the dog on its side and keep it on its side throughout the procedure.

B. Check for breathing by watching for the dog's chest to rise and fall.

C. If the dog is breathing, proceed no further. Do not use CPR.



D. If the dog is not breathing:

1. Establish an airway by removing any debris from the dog's mouth or by moving the tongue from the back of the throat. Check for breathing by watching the dog's chest rise and fall. If the dog is breathing, stop and do not use CPR.

2. Check for a pulse by placing a hand over the dog's chest just behind the shoulder blade to feel the heartbeat or by placing a hand in the groin area to feel the femoral pulse.

E. If the dog is still not breathing:

1. Cup your hand(s) over the dog's nose and mouth to form a seal. Deliver one breath into the animal every two seconds. If the seal is proper, you should observe the dog's chest rise and fall.

2. If, after you have delivered five breaths, the dog does not show signs of breathing on its own or signs of consciousness and there is no heartbeat, then have a helper place a hand just behind the dog's shoulder blades and apply gentle but firm compressions downward (compressing one-half to one inch for a small dog up to as much as two inches for a large dog) at the rate of one compression every two seconds. If a helper is not available, alternate delivering two breaths and then ten compressions. Do not do any compression if there is a pulse, no matter how faint.

3. Check for a pulse and breathing every two minutes. If there is no pulse and breathing, continue for up to ten minutes before stopping the resuscitation effort.

IT'S THE GIVING, NOT THE GIVING UP

by Dot Dill



The secret to this whole puppy raising thing for me is to focus on the giving and not the giving up. When I find just the perfect birthday or Christmas gift for a very special friend I'm always excited to give it to them. I can't wait to see what they will think, and even though I shopped

really hard and put a lot of thought into the selection, I never have regrets about giving my gift up. That's the way it is with sending a pup back for training. I can't wait for the opportunity to give my baby as the perfect gift to someone who really needs and will appreciate him. I love this whole process of sending my pup off to school (it feels very much like sending a child to college; you love them dearly and your heart is sad to see them go but you are excited about their future and the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead. You are also proud of the job you did in teaching and nurturing this young person.) I love falling in love with a new puppy, coming to appreciate the unique parts of its character and personality, discovering its strengths and weaknesses and the challenge of working the entire year to make it the very best guide dog puppy possible. I like being able to have a dog with me wherever I go; I like the smiles we get from the public as they encounter our darling little pups in their green jackets. I don't mind explaining *again* how it is that we can give them up; I love the other raisers in my club who have a similar need to make a difference in our community. I love the friendships I have with graduates who are the working dogs that I raised. It is sad to put them on the truck and I shed many tears, part of them for the puppy. We are always strongly bonded and I am saddest because the dog just can't understand why he is being sent away from the only home he has ever known. I worry about their adjustment to the kennel and whether anyone knows that special spot that he loves having scratched. My puppy is my gift, one carefully selected and trained and nurtured and loved. It is a gift I am pleased and proud to give.

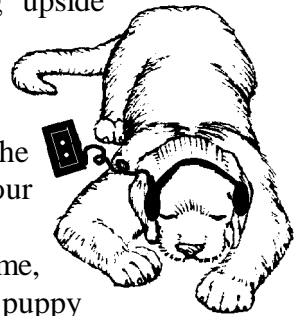
A GIFT FOR THE GRADUATE

by Nancy Smith, a GDB puppy raiser in California

We all fill out the "Fun Things about My Puppy" form when our pup is recalled for harness training. What we write is shared with our dog's new partner when they are matched. But if that form seems a little too short to cover all the wonderful things about your puppy, consider making an audio tape for your dog's blind partner as well. Few graduates receive this precious gift from their raisers, so if you choose to make one, your dog's partner will be the envy of the class! If you don't make a tape to accompany the "Fun Things" form, consider making one to present at graduation.

Before you begin, make a list of things you want to talk about on the tape. Sometimes your mind can go blank when you press the record button. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- ♥ Don't put anything negative on the tape. Funny stories are fine, but not if they tell about the dog doing something that the new partner would be horrified at! You don't want that person to wonder if the dog will do that again with them. The bond can be fragile in a new pairing.
- ♥ List your pup's unique qualities: how wonderful he is and how the person who is matched to him must be very special indeed.
- ♥ Tell funny little quirks like doing "frog sits" in the grocery line, or always sleeping upside down with all four legs in the air.
- ♥ Include a lot about your home in general. What type of yard you have, the ages of your children, the kind of vehicle you own and your basic routine.
- ♥ Describe the other pets in the home, and what their relationship to your puppy was like.
- ♥ Tell where he slept, and if he snored, and describe his bed.
- ♥ Talk about special trips you made with your puppy, how everyone was amazed at how wonderful your dog was, and any special distractions that the dog just breezed through.
- ♥ Include a list of your dog's favorite type of toys. The new partner will be clueless on this, and it might save them a lot of money.
- ♥ Physically describe the dog. Talk about his color, regal bearing, expressive eyes, white teeth, beautiful, flowing coat, etc. If the person can not see at all, they will truly appreciate this.



NEW PUPPY COATS FOR 2002

You have just received a Guide Dogs for the Blind 2002 puppy coat. This redesigned coat features the new Guide Dogs for the Blind logo, and an easy to use adjustable buckle around the puppy's underside instead of the Velcro straps.

- The new 100% cotton puppy coats should provide more comfort in comparison to the poly-cotton blend used on the previous coats. Pure cotton is naturally absorbent and breathes better in various types of weather conditions.
- Cotton is a higher quality material that will last longer when cared for properly.
- Regularly wash your puppy coat to keep it clean. Have a clean and well-groomed puppy. If your coat becomes tattered, contact your leader for a replacement.
- Please do not write names or use permanent patches on the coats (ie. stitching, markers, etc). Any additional decorations put on the coat should be completely removable, without affecting its appearance. Coats need to be easily transferred between raisers.

Thank you for following our public etiquette and caring guidelines. You and your puppy are representatives of your local club, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and people who use our dogs as guides. We hope that you will enjoy the new design.

*Best Regards,
Puppy Raising and Dog Placement Dept.
Guide Dogs for the Blind*



Guidelines for relieving your puppy when he is wearing his puppy coat

- Remember to take his coat off before you give the "Do your business!" command.
- If he starts to relieve while wearing his coat, do not make a big deal about it. The coat will wash. The next time, however, watch more closely so you can take it off before he gets to the stage where he can't wait any longer.
- Do not attempt to remove the coat or otherwise interrupt the puppy while he is relieving. Graduates often touch their dogs to verify that their dog is actually relieving. The Training Department will work on this procedure when your puppy is in formal training.
- Your responsibility is to teach the puppy to relieve comfortably on command on all surfaces.

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9th Annual Have Paws Will Travel

HALLOWEEN

Costume Contest & Chili Dinner

Tuesday, Oct 22nd, 2002

4-H Building, 5814 S. Datura Street, Littleton

Food: 6:00 p.m.

Doggie Dressing & Costume Preview: 7:15 p.m.

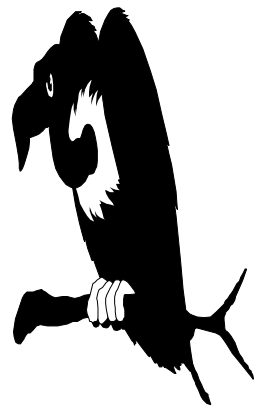
Costume Judging: 7:30 p.m.



Costume contest is open to all Guide Dog puppies in training, guides, and career change dogs. Prizes will be awarded in several fun categories. Register for your category when you come in, but don't disguise your dog until Doggie Dressing time.

All Metro Clubs Are Invited

Club Leaders: RSVP to Lizz Landert by Oct 13th at (303) 220-7626 or elandert@juno.com. Have Paws Will Travel members will provide chili. Other club leaders will be contacted for approximate head count and assigned either salad or dessert at that time.



Join us for a Monstrously Fun Time!