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US Airways Attendants Bring New PWP Puppies Home

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On Thursday August 13, 2009 PWP received two Golden Retriever puppies from Paradise Golden Kennels in Tampa, Florida. The puppies were escorted by two flight attendants from US Airways "Puppies in Flight Program." This program allows members of Assistance Dogs International to partner with US Airways to transport assistance dogs in training free of charge. Sharon Johnston and Michelle Gibson of US Airways volunteered their time and their air miles to bring new puppies Tanner and Tina to Louisville. The puppies were held on their laps from the Tampa airport to the Charlotte airport and then to Louisville! Once inside the terminal they were greeted by PWP volunteers carrying

welcome signs. We even had a cameraman from WHAS 11 taking video for the 6 and 11 pm news. After a thorough check up by Dr. Greene at Seneca Clinic, Tina and Tanner were taken to the Kentucky Correctional Institution to meet their new inmate handlers. The puppies' weekend trainers will be Sheilah Abramson Miles and Cathy Gerrish.

Tina and Tanner were donated by the Stoler family in memory of their parents, in honor of Christina Stoler's Bat Mitzvah and in honor of Sheilah Abramson Miles, our PWP President. Christina will be helping Sheilah with Training Tina as a community service project for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah.

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US Airways Attendants Escort New PWP Puppies Home

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A big "Paws Up" to the Stoler family, Sharon and Michelle from US Airways, Sue Wettle, PWP Vice President who spent a good part of her vacation in Florida picking out the puppies and making the flight arrangements and of course Sheilah & Cathy who will be training the puppies. It truly was a group effort. Stay posted for updates on their progress!!

Behind The Scenes

Every non-profit organization has special behind-the-scenes workers who perform many small miracles to "get the job done." Paws with Purpose honors two of our trusted, and very special miracle workers, Helen Draper and Amy Bordogna Price. Thank you Helen and Amy for your loyalty and determination and for making the wheels of PWP spin smoothly and efficiently.

Helen Draper – Administrative Assistant

Helen has been with us for close to two years now and from the beginning, she endeared herself to everyone in our organization. Her personality is a perfect fit for our mission of helping those with special needs because she is such a giving person herself. We are blessed that she is here to solve whatever dilemma we are confronting at the moment. When you contact PWP by phone, it is Helen who will answer the call and direct you. When we need last minute problem-solving, data retrieval, a myriad of small favors, we ask Helen. She works through many, many old files trying to make sense of the different entries from years past, giving special effort to updating everything so that it is more easily accessible. Those of us who have approached her often for help can attest to the fact that she responds with a smile on her face, and always without complaint or criticism. Thank you, Helen!

Amy Bordogna Price – 2006 Graduate with PWP Service Dog Bell

Amy gives one the feeling that a day is really 48 hours long. Her schedule is chock full of tasks that would have an Olympic athlete panting for air. Her time is freely offered for many tedious responsibilities that she knows Paws with Purpose may never accomplish unless she pitches in to get them done. Amy is a calm and efficient teacher and has led us in the right direction regarding all things electronic. For her numerous good deeds, we are grateful and we appreciate the unending love and attention that she gives to her beautiful PWP Service Dog, Bell. Thank you, Amy (Read about Bell, Amy, & PWP in the Nov issue of Louisville based Today's Woman magazine, available at several locations throughout town)

Leslie Marlin - Volunteer

Paws with Purpose would like to send special thanks to Leslie Marlin for her support and loyalty.

Leslie has volunteered her help with puppy raising, teaching, evaluating, networking, hours of planning training classes and arranging materials for recipient training, plus a myriad of small everyday chores and words of encouragement to the service dog recipients and the volunteer trainers during clicker classes.

We miss you already, Leslie. Thank you for your many contributions.



New PWP Puppies Tina & Tanner Enjoy An Afternoon Game of Soccer In The Kentucky Sunshine.

Book Review

By Dr. Chris Albert

"THE THINKING DOG" by Gail Tamales Fisher

When dog trainers first learned lure-reward training to replace compulsion-reward training it was thrilling. Punishment was much reduced, the bond between trainer and trained became much enhanced. Then clicker training became more well-known and dog trainers were invited to change philosophy again. Gail Fisher was such a trainer. She had 20+ years experience, (including authoring books) with first compulsion-reward, then lure-reward training. Her journey in "crossing over" to being a clicker trainer is clear and inspirational. Throughout the book she compares and contrasts clicker training with the other systems of training, but not in a negative or judgmental way. Highlighting the differences make the crossover easier. She has fully embraced clicker training because of what it accomplishes—a truly thinking dog, a deeper bond, enhanced communication.

For service dogs this truly seems to be a wonderful training method. Whether we like it or not, these dogs have more choices than the average pet. They go more places, have more distractions and have handlers that often don't have the strength or dexterity to physically move their service dog. With a clicker savvy dog, they can ensure dogs make the right choices.

TATTLE TAILS & TINY TIDBITS

A dog's ear is very sensitive, full of sensory nerves that help to preserve hearing. *Never* blow into a dog's ear; even gently can hurt a dog. It's not the actual act of wind, but the frequency at which you blow. It's like running your fingers on a blackboard, amplified hundreds of times.

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If your dog frequently runs on hardwood or tile floors, slipping and sliding into furniture, cabinets and walls, place several no-slip mats around the area, the kind you buy for the bathtub will work fine. It may help prevent broken doggie bones or may lessen the pain of sore muscles and arthritic knees. Sure, it's devastating for the decor but you can pick them up and hide them under the couch real quick if you see surprise guests at the door. It will make the rooms much safer for running dogs.

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Is your dog a K9 Genius? Here is a Dog IQ Test found online. In case your time is not already filled to capacity, have a go at this:

http://www.abc.net.au/animals/dog_test/

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The canine nose works one million times more efficiently than the human nose.

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Puppies have 28 temporary teeth that erupt at about three to four weeks of age. The average adult dog has 42 permanent teeth that begin to emerge at about four months of age.

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According to tests made at the Institute for the Study of Animal Problems in Washington D.C., dogs and cats, like people, are either right-handed or left-handed; that is, they favor either their right or left paws.

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Face licking can be bad if you have an open wound but dogs lick faces all the time with nary a problem, healthwise. Now a dog's bad breath during the licking process may be troublesome but that's an entirely different story with a different solution.



Trainer Amanda Haverkamp (middle) from this issue's "Trainer Spotlight" pg 4. Jennifer Taylor (left) & Barbara Howard (right)



Taking A Break - Relaxing After A Weekend Training Session



Happy to pose for the camera, a PWP Service Dog in Training (distinctive in his blue training vest with PWP patch). (left)



Posing for the camera is 2006 PWP Graduate "Bell" (bottom right)

Know Your Puppy Trainers

Spotlight on Amanda Haverkamp –

Amanda's talents have been a blessing for Paws with Purpose. She puts to music creative videos of each PWP dog which show snapshots of their lives from puppyhood to maturity. She sets up all of our audio needs for public events and, being an experienced trainer, has taught many of our volunteer puppy raisers how to train service dogs.

She and Jennifer Taylor have raised and trained many dogs for PWP. Their concept of an annual Trivia Night fundraiser has made our cold, cheerless Januarys come alive and has brought profitable results to our fundraising needs.

Recently, Amanda completed partnership training with new recipient, Mickie, and her PWP service dog partner, Isaiah. Those who have gone through partnership training know that it involves hours of hard work and personal time. Great job, Amanda! Congratulations, Mickie and Isaiah!

Who are your household members, Amanda? Jennifer, Ilyssa, Abby, Reggie, Jake, Alex and Morris

How long have you been associated with PWP and why did you become involved? Six years. I have always wanted to train a dog to be a service dog.

What drew you to PWP? Since I have always been a dog trainer, I wanted to give back to the community. Jennifer actually met Kelly Cheek in Petsmart and Kelly had a young puppy Beau dressed in his PWP Assistance-Dog-in-Training vest. Jennifer asked about PWP and we got a flyer from her. I called and they sent me some information and an application for puppy. Beau eventually graduated as a service dog with Jim W.

What is your occupation? I am an engineering manager.

Do you have an especially fond PWP memory? One of my proudest moments was when I attending an Assistance Dog International conference (ADI) where we had taken two of our puppies in training. One of them was Hope, a young puppy I had trained for only a few months. During the meeting, a fellow walked by our table and inadvertently knocked an entire pitcher of water on the dogs, neither of which moved as they had been placed in a Down Stay. I was sooo proud and many of the other organizations present were completely impressed with our puppies.

Do you have a funny or embarrassing PWP moment? Yes, we had Hope, our puppy-in-training, at a Tex Mex restaurant and we made the mistake of each thinking that the other had the leash, but neither of us had it. After about ten minutes, our waitress came and asked us if we were missing someone. Hope was three booths down cleaning the floor. OOPS! Needless to say, we ate quickly and did not go back for a while because of our mistake.



Oliver's Story

Have you ever wondered what we mean by "Release Dog?" Many requirements are necessary to become a Service Dog and the reasons for removing a dog from the SD program are varied. Only 30%-40% of our dogs graduate from the program. It could be medical issues or it could be temperament. In Oliver's case, it was temperament. This is Oliver's story.

Hi Everyone, Oliver here, For those of you who do not know me, I am a four year old Golden Retriever. I live with my human Mom and Dad, Elaine and Ron Weisberg. They became my trainers when I was five months old.

In October 2007, Mom signed my release papers from Paws with Purpose and she agreed to adopt me. What a relief it was when she returned my service vest to Paws with Purpose. I never liked to see it because it meant we were going out in public and that always made me nervous. There were so many rules I was supposed to remember, such as not to sniff things in the grocery and not to get all excited when people talked to me. I never could get a handle on doing an "exchange," which was holding something in my mouth and jumping up on the counter to hand the item to whoever was behind the counter. It was all just too much to remember. To make matters worse, I was not supposed to want to run after a squirrel or bird when Mom and I went for a walk. Come on now, isn't that what being a dog is all about?

What do you think happened after Mom gave back the vest? I heard her talking to Amanda Haverkamp, a PWP trainer, about a therapy bandana and all of a sudden I was in another room and Amanda was putting her hands all over me...that was nice. Then I heard some loud noises with chairs and other things...no big deal. After that, Mom gave me some commands. They were the easy ones that I like to do, such as Sit, Down and Stay. Then Amanda gave Mom a bandana, which looked like a scarf to me, and Mom put it on my neck and cried. I heard her say I was a Paws with Purpose Therapy Dog and that she was going to give back by having me visit people. She said I would be able to wag my tail and go right up to people. Hey, I always liked doing that. So guess what, now not only do I get to go to Frazier Rehab to do pet therapy with my PWP buddies, I am also going to Kosair Children's Hospital, Cardinal Rehab Facility and I get to go to school and children read to me. I have had lots of adventures as a therapy dog, so I will share one with you now.

At Kosair Children's Hospital, everyone I see is young and most of them get really excited when they see me. Even the nurses and doctors stop and talk to me and let me stay in the room **CONTINUED ON PAGE 5...**

while they talk to the patients' parents. That makes me feel pretty important. Mom says I am getting requests to come back more frequently. I even made a special visit last Christmas Day. Before we left, Mom told me we would be visiting with teenagers and they were in the hospital not because they had surgery but because they were sad. She said we would be visiting everyone together in one big room. When we got there, some of the children said they were afraid of dogs or so they left. I didn't know I was scary! Mom let me go up to each person who stayed. I got to put my head in their laps. None of these patients had tubes and wires hanging around so I did not have to worry about bothering that stuff. They all petted me and said I was so soft. One of them wanted to know what else I could do. Mom let me take off her socks and jacket and she let me shake hands. I also closed and opened doors and drawers and did pretty routine stuff that I was willing to do (as long as Mom gave me good treats).

Then, Mom did something she has never done before when we have been out in public. She took off my gentle leader and leash. Wow, I got pretty excited about that. She let everyone take turns either throwing my toy or hiding my toy. I could not believe I was allowed to run around all over that big room to retrieve my toys. Everybody was laughing and did not seem sad at all. In fact, the people who said they were afraid of dogs came back in when they heard all the laughing and they played with me, too. Finally, Mom said I needed to rest so I got to sit right in the lap of some boy and we ended the visit after he stroked my fur and told me all about his dog at home. Mom was crying on the way to the car as she told me what a good boy I had been.

So I guess what I learned is that you don't have to be a Service Dog to serve. I will tell you what though – it is a good thing I have a thick, fluffy coat because whenever we go to do therapy, Mom does what she calls her happy cry right into my neck and I don't get the least bit damp.

FUNNY BONE

“Bathroom Humor”

We have collected several instances of bathroom humor that may put a little laughter in your day.

Leslie Marlin submitted this example of a bathroom incident with her dog in training: “Patterson was in the stall with me behaving particularly well. I kept repeating “Good dog!” and other nice words of encouragement. When I came out, someone asked me if my dog was using the toilet.”



Another person recalled: “The dog's cold, wet nose touched the sandaled foot of the lady in the next stall. The scream that resulted rocked the restroom and areas beyond.”



This service dog was chided by his partner for putting his head into the next stall. She offered apologies to the stall's occupant and got a touching response. “Please don't fuss at him. It brings back wonderful memories of my sweet dog that, for all of his 16 years, followed me everywhere, and he especially loved to share the bathroom with me.”



The dog washed his own mouth out with soap by standing under the liquid soap device, happily catching the drips as they landed in his mouth.



This dog dove under a stall and stole a lady's socks while she was changing her clothes. Another service dog in training that she raised would sometimes walk around the locker room while she was changing into her swim suit. Once he had her car keys in his mouth but came back without the keys and with someone's sock instead.



Another time this same little character broke his down-stay while she was in the shower and poked his head through the curtain of the shower next door. You haven't heard a scream until you hear the scream of a naked woman being greeted by a surprise kiss on the leg by a furry, wiggly 65 lb. Golden Retriever.

Watch for more “FUNNY BONE” in the next issue...



Bell, 2006 Graduate & Active Assistance Dog checking out Derby hats for POTD 2009. Do you have yours? RSVP today!

Looking for small ways to help BIG?

Help bring PWP funds with little effort from many of the websites you visit daily or through purchases at local stores, including:

www.goodsearch.com – This is the search engine donates one cent per click to your favorite charity...no fair cheating though... it has to be a legitimate search. In the space that says “I'm supporting” you must type “Paws with Purpose, Louisville, KY” then click “Verify”. (Go ahead and list under your Favorites so it is always available).

Kroger Gift Cards - For \$10 you can buy a reusable gift card that is good at all Kroger grocery locations, pharmacy, and gas centers. Add up to \$100 on your card at the Kroger check-out counter before the clerk checks out your purchases. Call the PWP Office to order.

iGive.com – Provides cash to PWP for online purchases made at many of the retail stores that you shop from daily. Go to iGive.com to register and list Paws with Purpose as your favorite charity. Every time you log into the iGive site and make a purchase at one of your favorite shops a percentage comes back quarterly to PWP. (Great to remember for upcoming holiday purchases!)

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Thank you for your generous support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 20, 2009

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

PWP Volunteers will be answering the phones for the public radio membership drive.

October 29, 2009

12:50 pm

WHAS News: PWP will be on to talk about "Puttin' On The Dog"

November 4, 2009

9:45 am

WAVE News: PWP will be on to talk about "Puttin' On The Dog"

November 7, 2009

7 pm

Puttin' On The Dog

Help us meet the needs of those with disabilities in our community & shorten our waiting for highly-skilled assistance dogs!

There are many ways to give & help PWP serve our community:

- **Auction Items** for our Annual Fundraiser are greatly appreciated & very timely with Puttin' On the Dog right around the corner (Nov 7, 2009). Looking for ideas? - gift certificates, retail items, services, & more. Volunteers can pick up your donation.
- **In-Kind & Financial Contributions** help PWP purchase, train, & care for "to-be" assistance dogs. PWP is a volunteer run organization & needs YOUR support. Wish List items also include pet supplies such as Kong Toys, Nylabone large (chewing-not edible), Med/Lg Gentle Leader head collars, gift cards to local pet stores (no rawhide or pig ears, please). Call the office for more details. Donations are accepted online via credit card.
- **Volunteer Services** - Consider being a puppy trainer! Or help out with booths, festivals, or assist with many other volunteer positions. It is a fulfilling experience & a wonderful gift, and there are many ways to participate. Call the office or speak with one of our volunteers to learn more.

CALL THE PWP OFFICE FOR MORE INFO: (502) 689-0804



New PWP puppy Tina beginning training - already a super-star!

Many Thanks To Our Veterinarians

Thank you to our veterinarians who have devoted time and resources to our organization. Vets listed below sponsor or pay routine expenses incurred by our dogs in training, as well as some graduate dogs. Some have given other valuable professional help. Listed are vets who have helped us in the past, as well as those who are presently tending our dogs. Your support and encouragement are very much appreciated.

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But accidents do happen:**

Call (1-800-222-1222)- 24 Hour Poison Control Hotline for dog related Issues. There is no charge for this service.

Call (1-888-426-4435) - ASPCA Toxicology Hotline. There is a \$60 fee if you solicit and receive advice from ASPCA.

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