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"One by One Until There are None."

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Thank you to all of you for your contributions! Some of the donation checks are sent to our kennel address in Pacolet. PLEASE make sure to mail them to our business office (10901 Reidville Rd, Greer, SC 29651).

House Training Instructions

by Caroline Hair of Central Carolina Poodle Rescue

Dogs can be house trained because they are born with an instinct not to soil where they live and sleep. Most puppies begin learning to leave their bed area to relieve themselves when they are very small and this is continued when they are weaned and go to new homes. Unfortunately, when a dog is kept in unclean surroundings, with no opportunity to go to another place to relieve itself, that instinct becomes repressed. When that

Welcome!

Welcome to the October newsletter for Carolina Poodle Rescue. In the past, we've sent them out as often as volunteer hours allowed, but never often enough to keep you informed of the fun happenings and activities at Dreamweaver Farms. Starting this month, Stephanie Mitchell is taking over the role of newsletter editor and she's committed to bringing exciting articles and stories to you and keeping you informed with our vital statistics every single month. Donna Ezzell, director of Dreamweaver Farms will also be in touch with you at least twice a month with our dairy entries, uplifting and funny stories and updates on our poodle farm, our activities and our plans all designed to lift your spirits in a challenging world.

While getting to know the animals that your support allows CPR to help, we want to show you that your donations are much appreciated and are being put to good use. Your donations, support and backing are critical to the success of CPR. Thank you!

From the Farm: Arnold and Babette

by Donna Ezzell of Carolina Poodle Rescue



October 7, 2010

In April of last year, I was asked to take in two very special needs standard poodle puppies. Babette and Arnold were born February 8, 2010 to a breeder in Virginia. She is one of those who cares mightily for her dogs and breeds one litter every two years.

happens, before the dog can be house trained, it is necessary to reteach this instinct. Step one of these instructions is for dogs who have been kept in such small and/or dirty surroundings that the instinct to be clean has been repressed to the point that the dog wets or soils a crate. Dogs that are already clean for at least four hours or overnight in a crate may begin with step two. Your newly adopted poodle, _____ should begin on step _____.

STEP ONE

First the dog is taught to be clean in a crate. This is done by being sure the dog is taken outdoors every hour, and praised and rewarded for relieving itself. No bedding is kept in the crate, so that if he soils it, he will be very uncomfortable. If this happens, he is bathed, the crate washed, and he gets another chance to learn that it is possible to "hold it", and that clean is better than dirty. This is repeated as long and as often as necessary. As the dog learns to control bowel and bladder functions, the time between 'potty trips' is gradually lengthened, and the dog is introduced to the house.

STEP TWO

When an unhousetrained dog first is allowed in the house, it is essential that he NEVER be placed in a position in which he could make a mistake. Prevention is the key to successful house training, and that is YOUR job. To do this, he is kept at all times on a six foot leash for a large dog and a four foot leash for a small one, and the leash fastened to a person. A large safety pin can be used to fasten the leash to the person's clothing. In this manner, the person will always be aware of what the dog is doing and can quickly take him outside when necessary. Set a timer to remind you to take the dog outside, first every thirty minutes, then every hour, so that the dog gets ample opportunity to "do the right thing" and be praised and rewarded for it. Every time he relieves himself outside, he should be praised and given a treat. If you are unable to keep the dog on leash with you, he should be crated to prevent accidents. After several weeks of this, the dog can be allowed off the leash inside.

STEP THREE

When first taken off leash inside, the dog must be kept within sight of a responsible person (not a child) at ALL times. He still doesn't know the difference between another room and outdoors, and if allowed to wander off, he will make a mistake, and set the training back. Start by allowing the dog to be loose in the room with you only after he has just relieved himself outside. Use closed doors and/or baby gates to keep the dog in the same room with you, and watch him constantly. If you are too busy to watch him, he should be put in his crate. Again,

Puppies are hand raised in her home. In the past the puppies have been very healthy. This time, something went wrong.

Being a retired nurse, this breeder has many skills that the rest of us do not possess. She knows how to use her own breathe to give life to a lifeless body. She knows how to tube feed a helpless newborn who cannot suckle himself. She had to use all those skills this time, for two of the puppies were stillborn and even when resuscitated, could not eat. As a nurse, she is committed to saving lives, not losing them. The vets told her the puppies would not make it. She decided to try anyway and got to work. At 5 weeks the pups were still being hand fed but could eat on their own. Neither could yet stand but they were getting stronger and bigger every day.

That is when she reached out for help. Disabled herself, the fast growing puppies were too much for her. She found Carolina Poodle Rescue.

On April 8, I was returning from a business trip to Philadelphia and was passing close to her Virginia home. I picked up the two puppies. It is one thing to hear about dogs who are disabled, who cannot walk, who cannot eat without help. It is entirely another to hold them in your hands. I was smitten with them immediately. They needed people more than most dogs. They could do nothing on their own. Without caretakers, they would die in days.

Not only did I get the puppies, the breeder filled the back of my car with supplies. Blankets and bowls, towels and baby wipes, smocks for me and cases of food for them. A thickening agent to help them be able to eat the gruel she made for them. Bottles and bottles of water so they would not get an upset tummy from the switch. She cared. It showed. They had more luggage than I did.

The first thing was a trip to our vet. He shook his head much as I imagined the Virginia vets had. Arnold had been given one dapp shot. Dr. Bryant didn't want to do another just yet. Babette was too weak for anything. I took them back home, set up a kiddie pool in my kitchen and set up a schedule.

Puppies eat a lot. I do believe disabled puppies eat more. 3 times per day, I commandeered whoever was around volunteering or working. We put on the smocks and sat down to hold hungry puppies in our laps. They could not stand up but they sure could eat. ½ can of food mixed well with water every four hours. ½ cup of water every two hours. Life suddenly became centered on feeding the puppies and cleaning the puppies, narrowed to only taking care of the puppies. I now know what a mother of newborn twins feels like. It was a tremendous amount of hard work but it was fascinating beyond belief to watch them grow and change and improve. That happened daily. Sitting cross legged on the kitchen floor, feeding one puppy at a time, changing pee pads and then starting all over again was the new routine. It sounds challenging. It was heaven as anyone who was here and helped knows. Denise Nabors and her two teenage daughters were in for a week of volunteering. We rotated feeding and had a ball.

As the puppies grew, Arnold kept getting stronger. He started tottering and then could stand. He could spin on one foot. He grew.

Babette was never able to stand, feed herself, or drink by herself and she grew very slowly. Her heart was very weak. It was just shortly after I got her that our vet put her on lasix to pull the fluid building up in her lungs and enacard to strengthen the heart but it didn't work. There just wasn't anything to strengthen. Babette

set a timer first for thirty minutes, then an hour, gradually lengthening the time between outside visits. Only after the dog has been reliable in your sight for several weeks, should he be allowed more freedom. If there is a relapse in training, go back a step and try again.

If at any time the dog soils the floor, take him outside, then clean the spot so that no odor is left there. White vinegar, Odo-Ban, or OxyClean are all good for this, as well as products designed to remove pet odors. Do not scold the dog; instead, fold a newspaper, and hit yourself over the head with it three times, while chanting "I will watch the dog more closely." 😊

Remember that prevention of mistakes is essential. If you allow the dog to have free run of the house too soon, he will go into another room to relieve himself. Every such accident will set the training back, causing it to take much longer. Follow each step in the training carefully, and within a couple of months, you should have a house trained dog. Even after the dog is dependable in the house, it is still a good idea to crate him when you must be away from home, in order to prevent any mistakes if you are delayed in returning, as well as to keep the dog from getting into things that could be damaged or could harm him.



Sophie Bosco

Please meet Taco and Honey!



Taco and Honey are a bonded pair and need to go to a home together. They are housetrained and crate trained and actually sleep cuddled up in a crate together. Their owner, suffering from depression, has lost her job and her home and can no longer care for her pets. She loves them and wants the best. She has checked in regularly with us to make sure that they are

passed peacefully in her sleep on 6/18/2010. I had been expecting it for weeks. I was prepared and had already said goodbye in my heart. I wasn't expecting Arnold to do the same thing.

He had been up on his feet for months. He could eat without assistance now. He could drink – well he played in the water as much as he drank – without assistance. He walked like a drunken sailor, head swinging from side to side, but he got where he wanted to go. He bounced/spun more than he walked and seemed to enjoy it. In fact, he loved spinning just for the fun of spinning. He loved playing with the big stuffed animal I would put in his bed at night. He was mostly deaf and mostly blind but he could respond to high pitched noises and had gotten to where I could call him from anywhere in the yard and he would come over to find me – okay he lurched over to me and I loved that lurch. He stumbled and struggled but he could walk on his own and get where he wanted to go. He had gotten up to be a whopping 18 lbs (this was a 7 month old standard, he should have been 30 lbs) but I was pleased with it. He ate 3 cups of kibble a day and was solid. He was about 14". He had a very long, thin face and when it was poodle shaved close it showed a beautiful head. He had recently discovered the joy of eating poop. I was trying to convince him that it was not a habit he wanted to keep.

He was not "normal" in so many ways, but in others he was. He was Arnold, my boy, my dude and I thought I would have him a long, long time. Saturday's are busy here. I was in the kennel, getting ready for adoptions and getting a team on the road to an event. Wayne came down to our house to check on the dogs before starting his day. Arnold had fallen asleep in his favorite spot in the yard Saturday morning – and he never woke up. Sometime before 9 am, he simply left us with no warning. He had a heart murmur just like his sister did but he fooled me. I thought he was growing out of it. He was due for a checkup in the next week or so. I might have had some warning if we had a chance to go but sometimes, you have to take things as they come.

At the Rainbow Bridge, two puppies now play. I am betting they're driving the adults a little crazy with their shenanigans. They can finally get in the trash and chew shoes just like puppies do. Brother and sister, they were close in their short life and I am sure they are close again. I am betting Babette was very glad to see him but she is going to have her hands full keeping him straight. Arnold was a rounder, and I think he could have been trouble if he had been healthy. Babette is an absolute angel.

The kids were born Feb 8 2010. I got them April 8 2010, their 2 month birthday. Babette passed 6/18/2010. Arnold passed 09/25/2010.

Should we have euthanized them early on? After all, they tied up time and resources. When I think on that question, I ask myself why would I do that? Time and resources for the dogs is what we are supposed to offer. Babette and Arnold were only here a short time, but in that short time they had good lives. They lived and ate and played. What more does a dog need? I do not expect a normal household to be able to handle dogs with the disabilities that these two had. But you should expect us to have the resources to do so and to offer a safe haven for them no matter how long or short their time is. Why else support an animal rescue group?

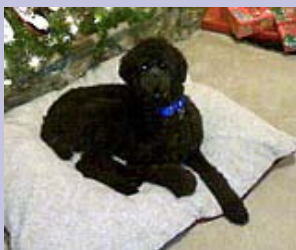
Carolina Poodle Rescue is an animal rescue organization. Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and when appropriate rehome needy poodles and poodle mixes. If we can't rehabilitate and rehome them, we offer them safe sanctuary. In these days and

happy and well cared for.

We would love to be able to tell her soon that her babies are in a home. If you're interested in a great pair of dogs, please visit our web page at www.carolinapoodlerescue.org.



Janie Mills



River Wallace

Poodle Club of America Research

We just got a wonderful new canine genetics research laboratory here at OrangeCoat in Greenville. A canine genetics expert, Dr. Alison Starr, and I wrote a grant to the Poodle Club of America to try to find the genes that cause LCP (Legg Calve Perthes) and PL (patellar luxation). We got funded! The club has already provided us "normal" DNA for many poodles, but we need DNA samples from mini or toy poodles that have either of these diseases. We would like to get a sample from Hannah (sounds like she has PL?), but we prefer dogs that are known to be full poodle. To participate in the study, we need a confirmation of diagnosis from a vet and a purple top tube of blood (and radiographs if available!). Most vets will take blood for free for research purposes.

If any of the owners are too far away for us to do a pick up, we can pay for shipping. If this research is successful, we may be able to develop a genetic test for PL and/or LCP in poodles. Breeders would be able to test all of their parents to find out if any of them are at risk for passing on these genes and make sure fewer puppies are born with these painful conditions. If you see any dogs that might fit this criteria, could you let me know?

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Meg Staton -- Margaret E. Staton, PhD
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times, we're doing more sanctuary than we are rehoming and with your help, we can keep doing that. Without your help, we cannot.

There are many Babette and Arnold's out there. Some have more problems than others. I am happy we can take care of them but if things don't improve soon, we won't be able to. Please take a look at our special needs page and adoptable but needs an angel listings and see if one touches your heart. If so, and you can offer to sponsor that one, it would be much appreciated. If you would like to help us overall, please consider becoming a patron. Our patrons are keeping us alive right now. Without them, we can't succeed. New patrons are gratefully needed so that these dogs needs can continue to be met, no matter how short or long their lives are.

Thanks ...

Donna

The Rainbow Bridge



Dedicated to those who have passed over

"Libby"

Carol Turpin, Lawrenceville, GA

"Angel"

Chuck and Mandy Lancaster, Williamston, SC

"Annie"

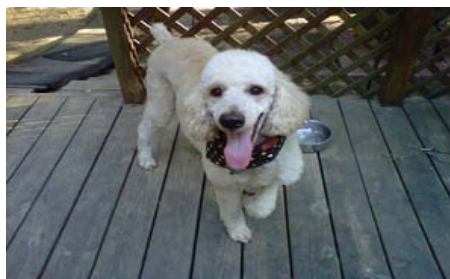
Bud and Jane Wofford, Boiling Springs, SC

"Arnold"

Dreamweaver Farms, Pacolet, SC

Drifter's New Home

CPR Pet of the Month Update



Meet Fiona



Sweet Fiona was given up by her owners to a shelter in North Carolina. Unfortunately, they could no longer care for her. They did take care of her for a long time though, as she's a sweetheart and very loving.

Fiona is approximately 13 years old. She needs to be spayed and have her teeth cleaned. She also has some small mammary tumors that need to be removed. Spaying will help keep the tumors under control, but for a senior like Fiona, that's a bit different. We need to do bloodwork first to check her kidney and liver functions, and there are special monitors used during surgery because of her age. These additional measures increase the cost of the surgery. We have an estimate of around \$300. Can you help us help Fiona feel better?

Please go to our website at <http://carolinapoodlerescue.org/donation.shtml> **please reference Fiona in the special instructions section**, or you can mail your donations to our business office at: (10901 Reidville Rd, Greer, SC 29651).

Thank you! Fiona will feel so much better after her surgery.

Can you give us some information?

Dear supporters and volunteers,

We need two things from you this month. Your input is so vital in keeping this newsletter informative and fun.

As soon as you have time, drop Donna a quick line at donna@carolinapoodlerescue.org with where you live and how long it takes you to get to CPR from your hometown. For example, just a simple "I drive from Atlanta, Ga and it took me 4 hours to get to the farm." is all we need. This information will be so helpful to future newcomers. Thank you for your help.

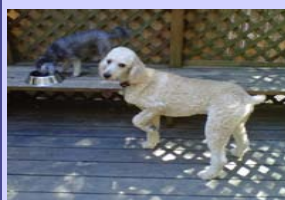
Oh yeah! One more thing-- If you would like for your adopted family member to be featured in our newsletter, please drop us a line with photos to: cpr@carolinapoodlerescue.org

I adopted Drifter, my sweet apricot standard poodle, from Carolina Poodle Rescue at the end of July this year. My understanding is that prior to arriving at CPR, he was hit by a car resulting in the loss of use of his front left leg. Amputation of that leg has been discussed at great lengths with his vet. Though it is still a high possibility that he will have surgery to remove it, my instinct has said wait, and I have listened. He has grown so strong since arriving home! He runs and plays just like his buddies and does not seem to be slowed down by his leg. I am sure I will know when the time is right; it will be the same instinct that led me to him in the first place.

A typical day in the life of Drifter goes something like this: Every morning my daughter, Drifter, and I load into the car. He loves to ride and is such a good sport about our daily travels; he loves leaving in the mornings and is just as excited in the afternoons to get back home. He always seems to know when we are about to leave and will start spinning circles to express his excitement. This always makes me smile.

We first drop my daughter off at school; Drifter and I then make the twenty minute commute to Oxford. I take him to what we affectionately refer to as "Doggy Day Camp" while I work. Doggy Day Camp is at the home of a good friend; where he spends his days playing with his buddies: Jack (a miniature poodle), Scruffy (a terrier mix) and Leon (a Chihuahua.) They are so much fun to watch! It is especially entertaining when little Leon and Drifter play their favorite game which involves Leon running up behind Drifter, nipping his leg, & Drifter then chasing Leon. Later they will cuddle and it will melt your heart! He sleeps in the bed with me every night and often will let me know when it is time to go to bed. He is a great snuggle buddy! I really love it when he puts his head on the pillow next to mine and stretches out beside me! We have done some training sessions where he has learned some basic commands such as sit, lay down, off, stay, and leave it. We are still working on stay and off, but I take full responsibility for this. I really love his hugs which consist of him jumping up on me, placing his good front leg on my shoulder and resting his head on mine. Auntie Kelly, his trainer, would not be so happy with me!

Drifter also had his first day in the spa recently. He looked so handsome after his grooming! The decision to adopt Drifter was made very quickly, but has turned out to be one of the best decisions I have ever made. I had never been so immediately drawn to an animal before. And I can proudly say that he is as attached to me as much as I am to him. It has truly been a blessing to find such a perfect companion for my daughter and me. We love him unconditionally! I cannot thank CPR enough for taking such good care of him and making it possible for people like me to find pets (family) like Drifter!



Sharing his breakfast with his buddy, Jack



Don't I look handsome with my new haircut?

What's Happening with Adoptions

We keep saying that we are running near, at, or over capacity here at the farm. Some days we have more poodles than we have beds. We would like to show you how we get to such high numbers by sharing some statistics with you. We hope this will help you understand why we are always grateful for your assistance through monetary donations, volunteering and supplies donations.

We could not help these wonderful creatures without you. Look soon for a separate list of dogs available for you to help directly by contributing to their medical needs. Beth plans to have that available by the middle of next week on our web page:

| | Sep-10 | Sep-09 | YTD for 2010 | YTD for 2009 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| Intakes | 38 | 32 | 275 | 276 |
| Adoptions | 22 | 3.4 | 274 | 303 |



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More Pictures



Serene Baker



Phoebe Yeager



River Wallace



Princess Buxton-Tetteh

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Our Mission:

To rescue, rehabilitate, offer permanent sanctuary and, when appropriate, rehome needy poodles and small dogs.

To encourage the human-animal bond by promoting activities that serve to bring animals and their people closer together

To support the efforts of those in the animal rescue community seeking to end euthanasia as a means of population control.

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