



Client & Dog Team Graduation

Saturday, March 26th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
David Price Farmers' Market Pavilion
Hillsborough, NC

GRADUATE TEAMS

**Josh Blair
& Kemp**
Mobility Service
Dog Team



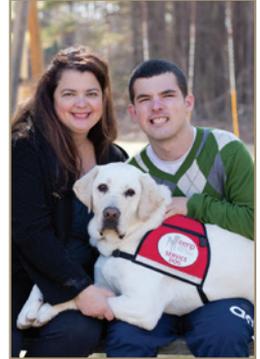
**Jasper Fogel,
Molly Fogel
& Rustin**
Diabetic Alert
Dog Team



**Ghost Mason-Ormond
& Byerley**
Mobility Service Dog
Team



**Alex Phillips,
Melissa Phillips
& Mooch**
Mobility Service Dog
Team



**Ian Rhoades,
Gina Rhoades
& Milo**
Dual Service Dog Team

**Les Vann
& Dale**
Mobility Service
Dog Team



**Asher Waldrop,
Kaea Waldrop
& Gatsby**
Dual Service Dog
Team



GRADUATION PROGRAM

We ask guests to please wear masks during the ceremony. We have clients who are not able to be vaccinated or masked and you can help keep them safe! There are restrooms available in the closest building across the parking lot and there are tissues available as you enter the pavilion.

Welcome

Heidi Cook, Board Chair

Organization Update

Maria Ikenberry, Executive Director

Appreciation

Maria Ikenberry

Deb Cunningham, Program Director

Leash Ceremony

Hanna Baum, Client Services Specialist

Graduating Client Speakers

Molly Fogel with Rustin

Les Vann with Dale

Closing Remarks

Maria Ikenberry and Heidi Cook

We invite you to stay and mingle with our board, clients, and staff after the ceremony if you wish.

GRADUATING DOGS

Kemp was born in the home of Bob & Kim Christopher. Kemp's Young Puppy Trainer was Hannah Tuckman. Kemp was trained by the ABEL trainers at Caswell Correctional Center and Warren Correctional Institute and his furlough trainers were Heidi Cook, Deb Cunningham, Molly Fogel, Adelaide Gordon, Jen Gravrok, Madeline Gress, Logan Hartley, Mary Jackson, Waka Kadoma, Audra Kosh, Lilly Massimo, Claudette Nitard, Nuwan Rathnayaka, and Irene Zellonis. Kemp was named in honor of Team USA World Cup winner and NC Courage player Abby Dahlkemper.

Rustin was born in the home of Emily Fuller. Rustin's Young Puppy Trainer was Frances Crisler. Rustin was trained by the ABEL trainers at Caswell Correctional Center and Warren Correctional Institute and his furlough trainers were Emily Atkins, Heidi Cook, Deb Cunningham, Ann Farmer, Molly Fogel, Adelaide Gordon, Jen Gravrok, Audra Kosh, Lilly Massimo, Allison McGuire, Claudette Nitard, and Nuwan Rathnayaka. Rustin was named in honor of American civil rights leader Bayard Rustin on the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots.

Byerley was born in the home of Bob & Kim Christopher. Byerley's Young Puppy Trainers were Bob & Kim Christopher. Byerley was trained by the ABEL trainers at Caswell Correctional Center and Warren Correctional Institute and her furlough trainers were Ann Farmer, Waka Kadoma, Audra Kosh, Allison McGuire, and Elizabeth O'Melia. Byerley was named in honor of Dr. Julie Byerley in gratitude for her leadership at UNC during the pandemic.

Mooch's Young Puppy Trainers were Rosette Barker and Emmy Cross. Mooch was trained by the ABEL trainers at Caswell Correctional Center and Warren Correctional Institute and his furlough trainers were Elizabeth O'Melia, Allison McGuire, Dylan Pflugst, Kristen Turner, and Ann Farmer. Mooch was named by donors Bill and Rene Fritsch.

Milo was born in the home of Emily Fuller. Milo's Young Puppy Trainer was Lana Camille. Milo was trained by the ABEL trainers at Warren Correctional Institute and his furlough trainers were Emily Atkins, Heidi Cook, Deb Cunningham, Ann Farmer, Molly Fogel, Adelaide Gordon, Jen Gravrok, Logan Hartley, Audra Kosh, Lilly Massimo, Claudette Nitard, Elizabeth O'Melia, and Nuwan Rathnayaka.

Dale's Young Puppy Trainer was Alison Marquis. Dale was trained by the ABEL trainers at Caswell Correctional Center and Warren Correctional Institute and his furlough trainers were Emily Atkins, Hanna Baum, Tori Bobrowski, Deb Cunningham, Molly Fogel, Adelaide Gordon, Logan Hartley, Waka Kadoma, Lilly Massimo, Allison McGuire, Claudette Nitard, Dylan Pflugst, Mugdha Polimera, and Kristen Turner. Dale was named in gratitude for Armadale Animal Hospital's support of EENP.

Gatsby was born in the home of Annchen Knodt. Gatsby's Young Puppy Trainer was Tori Bobrowski. Gatsby was trained by the ABEL trainers at Caswell Correctional Center and Warren Correctional Institute and his furlough trainers were Heidi Cook, Molly Fogel, Adelaide Gordon, Jen Gravrok, Logan Hartley, Audra Kosh, Lilly Massimo, Grace McDaniel, Allison McGuire, Claudette Nitard, and Irene Zellonis.

AT BOTH ENDS OF THE LEASH

We believe learning and service can happen *at both ends of the leash*, so we started a partnership with the correctional system where we teach inmates to train our assistance dogs. The dogs receive full-time attention, training, and love, and the inmate-trainers are able to develop interpersonal, leadership, and job skills while giving back to the community despite their incarceration.

Inmates joining the At Both Ends of the Leash (ABEL) program make an initial commitment of 18 months. The dogs live in prison and are with their handlers 24 hours a day. ABEL trainers are not only taught how to train their dogs but are also coached in interpersonal and job skills including communication, planning, and leadership skills.

In September 2016, we increased the impact of our ABEL program by hiring our first work release trainer. The ABEL work release program is a critical link for preparing inmates in our program for reentry into our community once they complete their prison sentences. They are hired as EENP employees and are able to save their wages for living expenses when they are released from prison.

ABEL trainers qualify for work release by excelling as instructors while working in the ABEL program inside prison and meeting all the criteria required by the prison administration. Once hired, ABEL work release trainers are allowed to leave prison to work at the EENP office during the business day. They train EENP pups in public settings to prepare them for placement and lead classes with our volunteers and clients.

Special Thanks to...

Our ABEL partners: The NC Dept. of Public Safety, Caswell Correctional Center, and Warren Correctional Institute, with special appreciation for their help in establishing and supporting the ABEL program.



ABOUT EENP

Eyes Ears Nose and Paws partners people with dogs to improve lives.

We are a Chapel Hill nonprofit that trains and places assistance dogs with people with disabilities. Our Service Dog program trains and partners dogs with individuals with mobility impairments. These dogs are trained to assist with a wide variety of daily tasks, including retrieving dropped items, opening doors, and helping prevent and recover from falls.

The Medical Alert Dog program provides dogs which are trained to detect and alert their human companions to changes in medical condition, to retrieve medical kits, and to seek outside assistance if necessary, including using a specially designed phone to call for help. Most of the dogs trained in this program are Diabetic Alert Dogs.

Many of our puppies start their journey in the homes of our breeder caretakers, where a volunteer team nurtures our pups through their first eight weeks.

From there, our puppies move into the care of Young Puppy Trainers, community volunteers who raise them until they are 6-8 months old. Young Puppy Trainers give EENP pups a strong foundation for their training as assistance dogs.

When pups are 6-8 months old, they move into prison where they are trained by the ABEL inmate-trainers, who do the bulk of the training of EENP's assistance dogs. The dogs rotate out of prison on furlough for one week a month for socialization and training in public and home settings.

When the dogs are ready for placement, our clients go through an intense two-week Client Training Seminar where they are matched with their assistance dogs. Graduation celebrates these new partnerships. Thank you for joining us today to celebrate them!

We expect to return to our usual schedule of three graduations a year and invite you to put our next two dates on your calendar now! Ceremony time will be determined closer to the date based on whether we are indoors or outdoors.

Friday, July 22, 2022

Saturday, November 5, 2022

EENP's New Home

Our permanent home will be at 2401 Old NC 86 in Hillsborough.

- Less than one mile from I-40 and I-85 exits, allowing for easy access for clients travelling from around the state
- Less than ¼ mile from Orange Correctional Center, where work release trainers are housed

We've completed a lot of the work to renovate our home already!

- ✓ Welcome area for arriving clients and visitors
- ✓ Conference room
- Fully wheelchair accessible main floor
- Full kitchen for training assistance dog skills, with break area for staff
- ✓ Multi-purpose training room for dogs, clients, and volunteers
- ✓ Open working area for staff
- ✓ Shared working space for senior directors
- Parking for staff and clients
- ✓ New HVAC system and electrical wiring
- Fenced-in exercise and training area for dogs with a covered gathering space for clients
- ✓ Outbuildings for additional training and storage space

In our new home we will be able to base client-dog team training seminars at our office, with offsite trips for training in public. **But there's still more work to do.** The pandemic and labor shortages have delayed work on our home and caused a significant increase in the projected cost. **We need to raise \$100,000 to complete our home in time for our next training camp in July!**

Visit eenp.org/capitalcampaign or use the QR code to learn more, donate, or sign up to volunteer on the project!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Armada Animal Hospital • Dr. Clare Bonifant • Union Grove United Methodist Church

Graduation and Client Team Training Volunteers

Thank you for your help in making this a great event!

Pat Adams • Diane Anderson • Charron Andrews • Emily Atkins • Gretchen Aylsworth • Michael Babbitt • Tracy Bersley • Catherine Blake-Harris • Jane Bruer • Caroline Christopher • Heidi Cook • Perry Dowd • Laura Dunne • Cindi Ebert • Tawny Erikson • Margarita Escaler • Deborah Gibbs • Deborah Gibson • Hannah Heidenreich • Tanya Horning • Carolyn Ikenberry • Mary Jackson • Liz Jones • Patrick Kelly • Karman Kent • Audra Kosh • Dan Kuntzman • Madeleine Leeds • Grace Mattson • Grace McDaniel • Allison McGuire • Vicky Olive • Katie Otto • Lizzie Piehl • Shiela Proudfoot • Gina Rhoades • Brenda Rosen • Sheryl Scrimsher • Patty Seery • Diane Shull • Tom Smith • Lee Snyder • Linda Song-Bradford • Suzy Strayhorn • Rachel Suh • Kim Talikoff • Lucie Talikoff • Carrie Wang • Sophia Werner • JoAnne Woodruff • Irene Zellonis

Thanks to the people who keep EENP moving forward every day...

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EENP's Young Puppy Trainers: Tawny Erikson • Deborah Gibbs • Dan Kurtz • Laura Quinn • Kate Santiago • Tom Smith • Samir Soneji

EENP's Furlough Trainers: Emily Atkins • Hanna Baum • Hannah Blake-Harris • Heidi Cook • Deb Cunningham • Ann Farmer • Molly Fogel • Adelaide Gordon • Madeline Gress • Logan Hartley • Waka Kadoma • Audra Kosh • Xueyang Li • Lilly Massimo • Allison McGuire • Claudette Nitard • Elizabeth O'Melia • Dylan Pflugst • Nuvan Rathnayaka • Kristen Turner

EENP's Breeder Caretakers: Bob Christopher • Kim Christopher • Stephanie Sacks O'Brien • Annchen Knodt

And **the ABEL trainers**, who are full-time professional volunteers. Without their exceptional hard work, leadership, and dedication we would not have been able to continue training and placing dogs through the pandemic.