

## Happy Birthday to Annie and her “pups”



On April 2, 2015, beautiful Annie gave birth to ten Pyr mix puppies...five girls and five boys (photos above). We decided to name them after television “personalities”. Gilligan’s Island was our first choice (shows our age?) - Gilligan, Skipper, Professor, Ginger, MaryAnn, Thurston Howell the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Lovey (his wife). Hmmmm...we needed three more names and chose Phil (as in Dr. Phil), Rachel (Ray) and Ellen (Degeneres). All very healthy and adorable pups with a Great Pyrenees for a mommy and unknown breed(s) for daddy. Enjoy the updates below provided by their family.



“Here’s Annie today cuddling with her favorite man, Bogie. She won’t go anywhere without him! Annie is such a happy girl and loves to roll on her back and kick her feet in the air after every meal and, when possible, in snow. She loves having her butt scratched almost as much as she likes a treat (almost - she is veeerrrrryy food-focused) and, despite her slow gait, Annie really wants to make all walks last for hours. She LIVES to guard and best of all, she can do it right from the couch. No dog or mailman can escape her mighty roar behind the glass. We love our Annie and as long as we have treats, we know she loves us too!”

“Skipper and Ginger are doing well. They each weigh in at about 100 pounds now. They like to hang around with their four kitty pals and occasionally attempt to herd them which gets very entertaining. They love to take walks and are still very playful with each other. While they are missing some of their family due to growing up and moving away, they get very excited when their people come back to visit.”



Lovey as a puppy – update not available. Bet she’s a cutie these days!



Handsome, sweet Torrin (fka The Professor) is an affable, gentle giant, with a very picky appetite. He loves to patrol his perimeter in the newly fenced in yard. A cute story from his owner about a dog park visit: "I'm standing there with a girl who has a little puppy that Torrin has chosen to play. She says "You know what my boyfriend calls your dog? Brad Pitt. There are plenty of other good looking dogs at the park, and then BRAD arrives! Not the brightest, but he sure is good looking!" I take exception to the latter- he's smart, independent and rarely in a big hurry, unless there is a bunny or squirrel in the back yard. When he and his "brother" Raider go to the vets or anywhere, everyone knows and remarks on Torrin. Memorable, with gorgeous 'eye liner'.

"Beaufort (formerly Thurston Howell the third) has weighed about 73 pounds for the four years and continues to be in great health. He is the sweetest dog ever and great with the other three dogs and even the cat. He listens fairly well in the house, but once he is in the yard, he does what ever he wants. Beaufort is seen here chilling with his pack (far right). So handsome!"



"Kona (formerly MaryAnn) has the best personality. She is the ultimate sassy girl. She likes to do things on her own accord but will hug you on command! If you pet Kona and ask her to "pet me" she will pet you back. Kona loves sleeping upside down on her back and in the funniest positions, we swear she's made out of rubbers bands. Her favorite thing in the world are squirrels! She loves basking in the sun squirrel watching all day. Kona's mom says "Kona is my world and I am so lucky to be her dog mom. She has made my life better than I could ever imagine. I love her so much!"

“Baxter (formerly known as Phil) is a huge fan of long walks around campus, making new friends and watching squirrels (of which there are plenty at UNC). He has mastered the arts of “sit,” “down,” and “roll over,” even attempting to do all three at once in what appears to be some kind of somersault. Despite his gentle and calm spirit, Baxter is still the world’s goofiest dog. Baxter always makes us laugh and continues to fill our hearts with joy every day. Baxter is seen here with the newest member of the family – his new “baby brother””.



“Nola (Rachel) is a sweet, quiet girl who looks so very pretty with her bandana. You would never know she had a total hip replacement 4 years ago, as she maintains a big smile when she goes on a run. She loves to hang with her brothers, never lets anyone nap alone, and is a great telework companion. Though she doesn’t look much like a Pyrenees, she has their intelligence, love and devotion, and one (yes, only one) double dew claw. “

Willow (formerly known as Ellen) is now a city dog, as her family has relocated to DC. They report that “she is eighty pounds and very healthy. Willow is very friendly and continues to love pretty much any dog (see photo to the right) or person she comes in contact with. There are squirrels everywhere here, and she is constantly distracted by them. We take Willow for walks several times a day and try to get her to a dog park once a week - she loves to run!”

