

## **Puppy Update ("Monthly Report")**

**Please email monthly to AC Kim Winnington at [KWinnington@seeingeeye.org](mailto:KWinnington@seeingeeye.org).**

The **first time** you send your pup's report, please include:

- Vet's name/office name and phone number

You may send the update in: **short paragraph format OR list format**

(Example of list format - listing the information in the following categories)

New Activities

10/7 – Attended 4-H Open House –at first pup was excited with the crowd, but settled in a few minutes

Strengths

- Eliminates on leash using "park time", had one accident in the house

Concerns

- Some improvement with paper chewing, but still tries to steal items from the counter

### **Information to Include:**

- Any problems with elimination? (Housebreaking, walking/moving while having a bowel movement; eliminating while on a walk or immediately after starting on an outing, marking, eating stools, etc.) Does your pup eliminate on leash, using the word "park time" and being touched occasionally while eliminating? What kinds of surfaces do they routinely eliminate on?
- How is your pup doing with leash work? (slight pull, very strong pull, lags behind, pulls to one side, balks, etc.) How is your pup doing with commands? Sit, down, rest, come.
- How is your pup's house behavior? Counter/table surfing? Begging? Destructive? Resource guarding or food possessive? Nipping? Jumping on visitors?
- How is your pup doing while traveling in the car? Any carsickness, drooling? Lays nicely on the floor?
- How is your pup with stairs? Types of and frequency? Do they rush? Bunny hop? Have they ever slipped going up or down? Do they do them on leash or off leash? Have they shown any fear of stairs?
- Has your pup exhibited any anxiety or fear and what was the situation? How have they been with traffic, in new situations, with people, with sounds – lawn mowers, thunder....? (Confident, anxious/fearful, hesitates then moves on, etc.)
- Does your pup have strong natural instincts like barking or chasing? Would like to chase another animal? How are they around dogs/cats/squirrels? How often are they exposed to cats and other animals? Have they ever encountered an aggressive dog and if so, how did they react?
- What outings and new experiences has your pup had this month? What kind of surfaces have they walked on (tile, gravel, linoleum, hardwood, etc)?
- Are you having any medical problems? (loose stools, urinating frequently) If female when did she come into season? Has your pup needed surgery?
- What else are you working on? What do you have concerns about or problems with? Anything else you would like to share or discuss?
- What are some positive attributes about your puppy? Most importantly... are you enjoying your puppy?

Much thanks and appreciation for taking such good care of your puppy!