

NEW PUPS AND PUPPY RAISERS

2008 has brought tremendous growth to our program. This year we have started 8 new pups in training, with new and veteran puppy raiser volunteers.



Flint came to us from Michigan in April, and is living with Karen and George Laufer in Williamsburg, VA. The Laufers are semi-retired and faithfully drive from Williamsburg every week to attend their puppy class.

Kalamazoo, Flint's sister also came to us in April, and is living with Mary Barrick.



Entie (not pictured) is the third of the Michigan gang, and is currently living on a horse farm with his family and working with a local trainer. He will be returning to us in December so that we can give him some more urban experiences.



Nelson and **Keswick** were next to join us, and they are enjoying life with Nancy Avery and the Simpson family. Nelson is the third pup Nancy has raised for us! Keswick spent most of his summer at the Crozet pool where the Simpson girls train for the swim team.

Gemma, a German Shepherd (picture missing - camera shy???) joined the program in September. She is being co-raised by 3 second year UVA medical students, Peter, Laura and Christie. Gemma will be trained as a hearing dog, our very first.



Obie, a Great Dane, joined us in August at 10 months of age. He is practicing to be a balance assist dog. He has been nicknamed our "baby dinosaur" since he towers over all of the Labradors, and sometimes forgets he is so large - especially when he snuggles up to sit in your lap.



Jasper, our newest guy, came along in October. He is living with the Walker family, Mac, Joann, and Jan. Jan is a sophomore at Monticello High who was granted permission (because she is persistent, thorough and smart) to train a service dog puppy as an independent study project. He will be accompanying Jan to school as soon as he is old enough.

