

Merry Christmas to everyone!

Here at Legacy are very busy here with holiday activities and puppies. Everyone continues to quickly grow and mature. I am amazed at the changes that happen to each puppy from week to week. This last week I actually started on potty training. How do you potty train a 3 week old puppy? Great question! I am teaching them a potty command and taking them out at the same time every day. At this point it is generally once or twice a day. Every morning, I put them into a basket, and say "go potty" and put them in their potty area outside. I learned quickly to put them into the basket first. Once they hear the words "go potty" first thing in the morning, they run to their pee pad and pee. By putting them into the basket first,, they learn to potty out side. It is still in its infancy, but with consistency and dedication, the puppies learn to potty on command.

I know everyone is excited to know which puppy is going where. Usually I wait a few more weeks, but they way they are developing, I was able to decide which puppy would be a good fit with which family.

Red Tail- Legacy's Hard Candy Christmas (Dolly) is going to the Merrell family in Texas. Dolly is quickly growing to be the same size as her other sister white tail. She is still little, but the size disparity is minimal. Dolly is coming out of her shell. She isn't quite as outgoing as her 2 sisters, but she is no wall flower. She has found her voice and will use it to get my attention.

White Tail-Legacy's Bon Soleil Pali (Good Sun, Pali) (Pali) is going to the Moyers in California. Pali is very outgoing. When I open the gate in the morning, she is the first one to come and say hi. She loves people and other dogs. Pali is always looking for action. She loves to be held and wherever we are at the moment. Her tail never stops wagging.

Green Tail-Legacy's Cacao Glacé (Icy Coco) (Coco) is going to the Arbuszewskis in South Carolina. Coco continues to be my largest girl. She too is very adventurous. She watches what Pali does, and then mimics it. Both Pali and Coco are best of friends. They snuggle together and find trouble together. Today Coco went outside and pottied on command in the morning. It may have been a complete coincidence, but I believe she is that smart. As soon as she goes potty, she is put back into the warm basket. Puppies learn quickly.

Blue Tail-Legacy's Boule de Neige (snowball) Snow is going to the Roches in Virginia. He over a pound of pure love and snuggles. Everyone is a friend or a potential friend. As soon as you pick him up he snuggles right down into your arms. Last week he was a bit more timid, this week he wants to know what is going on and how he can be a part of of it. While his siblings are barking and growling at each other, he is calmly sitting under the heat lamp or wanting to be held in my arms. He is the spitting image of his daddy Shelby. Shelby still loves to be held. I'm attaching a picture of his daddy being held my my husband Brian.

Orange Tail-Legacy's Etoile Polaire (North Star) Star is going to Boston. He is my smallest and feistiest puppy. He will probably mature around 10-11 pounds total, but he will be 25 pounds in attitude. He believes in telling everyone where to go. He enjoys antagonizing his siblings. He will go up and just bark at them. It is not unusual to see him attacking a toy or a sibling. He does have

an off switch. He will play and then find his large brother, Snow and use him as a pillow. He will make an excellent running partner.

Last week I introduced the crate. I have a crate in the puppy area. Sometimes puppies climb in and sleep sometimes they just play. They are learning that crate is not a scary place. Next week I will introduce them to food. Mom is starting to wean them, and the pups are hungry. They are very interested in Mom's food, and will stick their noses into the empty dish to have a taste. They are also getting their teeth. The staining in their eyes is a sign that their teeth are coming. The staining is not permanent, but it does show up during hormone changes or ph changes in the water. Neither one of their parents have eye staining.