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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Sheila,

Bill Brockett came by today and I made copies of these clippings from Oregon.

I've had a call from Sports Illustrated wanting to know how they got along & when we'll know if it "took." Bill tells me they got along fine & will probably know about mid-Sept. He also said he would do any interviews you thought advisable, although didn't want to play it up.

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IBERTY ARRIVES - President Ford's dog Liberty by Jay and Valerie Walker, Medford. Liberty, a 17-

iberty will be mated with Misty Songold Ladd, owned



By EVA HAMILTON Mail Tribune Staff Writer Raising and training golden retrievers and black labradors is just a hobby with Jay and Valerie Walker. But few professionals, if any, can compete with the fame won



Saturday July 12, 1975



The President's dog arrives for her meeting with a Lad

By CHARLEY BLAINE **Tidings Staff Writer**

Liberty, President Ford's female golden retriever, arrived at Medfordackson County airport Friday afernoon, with lots of television

about Liberty, the Fords, and the White House.

The decision to breed Liberty was made by the President, Brockett said. "The Fords' veterinarian and I had talked Susan out of breeding Liberty.

with a couple of bottles of beer to talk added he didn't think the President would halt a National Security Council meeting just to attend to the pups' delivery.

One of Liberty's pups, a female³ will go to the President's physician.¹ Dr. William Lukash, while another will go and as and the state of the second second



LIBERTŸ

Name: Honor's Fox Fire Liberty Hume (as registered w/American Kennel Club) Birthday: February 8, 1974 (?)

Liberty is a gold retriever purchased by Susan Ford and David Kennerly from Minneapolis. Liberty's father is Honors Let 'Em Have It (owner Robert Lund of Hopkins, Minn.)

Avis Friberg was Liberty's trainer for one month. She is from Alexandria, Va.

Bill Brockett, (age 26--Dec. 14, 49) Army Staff Sergeant, with the WHCA worked w/ Liberty on his free time. Bill accompanied Liberty July 11, 75, to Oregon to be bred with Misty Sungold Ladd, a champion golden retriever from Medford, Oregon, and owned by Jay and Valerie Walker. The President paid for Brockett's expenses on trip; he was on leave at the time. Bill has trained and owned golden retrievers since high school. He has been recently transferred to Colorado (an Air Force Base).

PUPPIES

Born: September 14, 1975 (12:30PM--12:50--1:05--1:18--1:30--2:25--2:52--7:30--8:17PM) Four Females and Five Males

GIVEN TO:

Leader Dog School for the Blind, Rochester, Mich. Mrs. Ford--Misty (F) Dr. Bill Lukash--Little Love (F) Mr. Jim Brown--Treemonton, Utah Sgt. William Brockett--Oregon Rogue (M) Jack Ford--traded for Chesapeake Bay Retriever which he named Riva. Gregg McDaniel, El Cajon, California, who is a friend of Brockett's, owned Riva and also is an amatuer dog trainer.

PAID FOR: (\$300.00)

Robert Collier, D.C. lawyer & old friend of Pres.

Ted Kindel, Vail, Colorado (old friend)

David Kennerly gave his to a friend, Mike Viner, after deciding he didn't have time to care for the puppy



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WASHINGTON (UPI)-President the dog trainer, and other friends, in-Ford is selling three of Liberty's pup- cluding a family in Vail, Colo., site of pies for \$300 each to pay breeding the First Family's vacation home. costs, White House sources said

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⁻White House Photos by David Kennerly

Liberty and Brood Get Plenty of Attention

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LONG DISTANCE LOVE AFFAIR #Even as Madison Ave. shops broke out their "We love" New York banners and windows some West Coast stores were a lap ahead of them: They were fired up by Norma Kamali, who phoned her Beverly Hills boutique manager, Janine Novel, to get Camden Drive shops to participate. Betty Dorso was among the first, with copies of the N.Y. Times "and a great wrap challis skirt by Pat Baron" in her windows. Jim Reva's manager described his effort as "the slogan, what looks like Broadway lights, and some New York coats in; fuzzypeach angora:" Headded: "We feel that city needs all the encouragement it can get to keep it together.'

SHAGGY STORY: Deborah Raffin, who inherited one of the litter recently born to President Ford's golden retriever, and named the PARIS STOPOFF: A lively SA contingent passed through Paris last week. Clovis Ruffin flew in from Florence in a heavy rain with nothing but a fur-lined loden coat and crampacked shoulder bag. He went directly to Club Sept for a late, light dinner of salade composee and champagne. "I'm dying to get back and start on my next collection," he said, adding that he sold 20,000 knit skivview from the fall line.

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Coat and turtle plns lunched at Maxim's with. Yvon Dine. Her shopping list included doilles,



Clovis Ruffin; Pauline Trigere

napkins, flower bulbs, a facial, and a session with Mile. Meurice, Dihe's astrologer. "Elghteen months is too long to have been away from Paris, but I must say I'm a little thred of defending New York to every Parisian I talk to," said Trigere.

Back at the Ritz, knitwear designer Sandy



BETTY AND JERRY — While appearing before Avondale High School students in suburban Auburn Heights, First Lady Betty Ford stops to greet Jerry, -News Photos by David Kryszak

presented Jerry to the Leader Dogs for the Blind School in nearby Rochester. Leader Dog officials brought the pup to Mrs. Ford's campaign appears It was very disturbing to hear of the elaborate plans for the mating of "Liberty," President Ford's retriever. America is a nation of animal lovers, but the very sad fact remains that of the 33 million puppies and kittens born each year in the United States, permanent homes exist for only 8 million. The rest, some 25 million, face abandonment and starvation, or, at best, destruction in our nation's animal shelters. It is not just the "mutt" that is unwanted; many purebred animals are also dumped at shelters and on roadsides.

President Ford certainly cannot contribute personally to every humane organization, but he certainly could have done his part by setting an example through the spaying of Liberty and not being a "litterbug."



PRAISE-President and Mrs. Ford and daughter Susan admiring their golden retriever, Liberty, and her litter of nine puppies. Liberty gave birth to the nine at the White House last Sunday. White House photo via AP Wirephoto

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE WITH BILL GREENER AT 11:35 A.M. EDT SEPTEMBER 15, 1975 MONDAY

MR. GREENER: Good morning.

I think most of you have already heard this, but on the official events in the White House, there should be an official announcement.

The President and Mrs. Ford are pleased to announce the birth of ninetuplets to their close personal friend and house guest, Liberty. The First Dog went into labor shortly after noon on Sunday. The first pu py was born at 12:30, the ninth puppy was born at 8:17 p.m.

I think you know all the other details. As for the question of pictures, we are trying to work with it, but Liberty's trainer would prefer to wait a few days, for the puppies' health.

Q How are the mother and puppies doing?

MR. GREENER: The mother and puppies are doing

Q How is the father?

well.

MR. GREENER: The father is proud. As most of you know, the proud father is Misty's Sungold Lad. He is a ten-year old golden retriever from Medford, Oregon, and I am told he has 400 other children by previous marriages. (Laughter)

I don't believe we have announced the California trip officially.

The President will make a trip to Oklahoma and California on Friday, September 19, and return to Washington on Monday, September 22. I think we will have a full posting on it, which will be given out right after the briefing.

MORE



JANE W. POULTON "BROOKSFIELD FARM" ROUTE 2, BOX 366 BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA 24060 AREA CODE 703 TELEPHONE 552-4294

December 21, 1975

Miss Sally Quenville Office of the Press Secretary to the First Lady The White House Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Ms. Quenville:

. . . .

When I talked to you in November about the possibility of interviewing Liberty you said you would put me on hold until this month. I had thought I might get to see the dog during the winter months but an illness in my family has made it impossible for me to make any travel plans for the next several weeks.

I am very disappointed and I hope that things will clear up in the spring and I will write you again at that time.

As I may have told you, I have published about sixty articles now and most of them about dogs and their people and I wanted very much to do a story on the companion dog in the White House. Liberty has the most important companion dog job in the country and it would make a nice story.

I am hoping to start drawing together my material for book form and had hoped to include some observations on White House dogs--particularly the present occupant. So I hope very much I can stay on "hold" for a few weeks until things are more favorable for my travelling.

Sincerely yours, ane 201 Paulen

(Mrs. John F. Poulton)





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FROM THE DESK OF

Sally Quenneville



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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Nov. 3, 1975

Sheila:

Do you have any interest in this request to photograph and write a story on Liberty?

NO X YES Not non

She called today saying she does not want a story on the pups, JUST Liberty. She w/like to do after Christmas.

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September 18, 1975

Mx. Sheila Weidenfeld Press Secretary to the First Lady The White House Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Ms. Weidenfeld:

I wrote you two months ago concerning the possibility of my seeing Liberty, photographing her, and doing a story for one of the magazines for which I do free lance work.

Now that the puppies have come safely, do you think it would be possible for me to have an appointment? I wouldn't need more than a half hour of someone's time to pose the dog for me.

I have another story in the Washington area and I would like to know if there is a possibility of my coming to see Liberty. The best dates for me would be between October 23 and November 11, exclusive of November 3 and 4 which would be election time and not good for anyone.

I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your convenience and would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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July 17, 1975

Ms. Sheila Weidenfeld Press Secretary to the First Lady The White House Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Ms. Weidenfeld:

Your name was given to me, as the proper person to address for requesting an interview and story about the White House dog, via Mr. John Carlson of the White House Press Office and my friend Joseph Oglesby, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Civil Service Commission.

I am a free lance writer, contributing editor for several years to DOGS MAGAZINE and an animal columnist for several years. I had been in touch with Mr. Oglesby before I knew that Liberty was to be bred. Puppies always add appeal to anything but my main interest is in the dog herself and her life in such a prominent home, If Sgt. William Brockett, who is in charge of Liberty during the breeding grip, is the person who supervises her welfare most of the time then he is the person I would like to talk to. I would not want to see the dog until well after the whelping when photography would not be upsetting to her or her puppies.

If it would be possible for me to obtain this interview and pictures of the dog, the best dates for me would be in October, anytime after the 11th. The ideal time for me would be over a weak end when I could be there in time to see the dog early on a Monday morning but I can accommodate my trip to any date that would be convenient for the kennel personnel, with all due consideration to Liberty's health during the post-whelping period.

My qualifications for doing such a story are my several years of publishing more than fifty articles on animals. I enclose one which I did on the U.S. Customs dogs which has been adopted for use in the kits they distribute for their personnel. If there are any other personal or professional recommendations you would like to know about, I would be happy to furnish any information needed.

Trusting that you can be of help to me in this, I am

Sincerely,

Jane 20. Poulton

(Mrs. John F. Poulton)

The day in plasts is slas a Golden Retriever!

TRAINING DOG DETECTIVES By Jane W. Poulton



The U.S. Bureau of Customs recently moved its training program for dogs and handlers who work in drug detection to Front Royal, Virginia, on a portion of the area where the Army once taised its horses for the Remount Service. Drug detector dogs have been used on a wide scale since the fall of 1970 and many news releases have told of their outstanding success in sniffing out millions of dollars worth of illicit drugs. The new facility at Front Royal is still in the process of construction but when completed the main building will consist of two remodelled barns connected by an enclosed area. On one 34

side will be the administration offices and on the other side the space will be used for teaching and veterinary purposes. There will be a permanent staff of 16 officers and a transient staff of about 30 Customs officers with dogs in training. The kennel area nearby will house 80 dogs, some in training, some being screened and present on a trial basis.

Presiding over this complex is Customs officer Gene McEathron with 18 years of experience in training dogs and the people who work with them. There is no doubt in the casual visitor's mind that McEathron loves his work but he will also tell you that the dogs love their work too. Among his staff in their temporary headquarters at one of the Remount buildings, there are six dog experts whose combined experience adds up to 92 years of work with dogs.

"Our staff has had experience with all kinds of hunting dogs, police dogs, scout dogs, sentry dogs, tracking dogs, and dogs engaged in all types of detection work." he said. "Their varied backgrounds give us a lot of cross reference and insight in this program. As instructors they must be academically trained people who know

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The Washington Star

The pups were born Sunday, Sept.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ONE OF THE NINE PUPPIES BORN TO LIBERTY, PRESIDENT FORD'S GOLDEN RETRIEVER, WILL BE GIVEN TO THE LEADER DOG SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND IN ROCHESTER, MICH., THE WHITE HOUSE SAID WEDNESDAY .

THE LEADER DOG SCHOOL IN MICHIGAN IS THE LARGEST SINGLE PRODUCER OF GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND, ACCORDING TO SHELIA RABB WIDENFELD, THE BETTY FORD'S PRESS SECRETARY.

NONE OF THE PUPPIES, BORN SUNDAY, WILL LEAVE THE WHITE HOUSE FOR ABOUT A MONTH, SHE ADDED. OF THE OTHER PUPPIES, ONE EACH WILL GO TO MRS. FORD, CHIEF WHITE HOUSE PHOTGRAPHER DAVID KENNERLY, DR. WILLIAM LUKASH, FORD'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN AND WILLIAM BROCKETT, A WHITE HOUSE AIDE WHO FLEW WITH LIBERTY TO MEDFORD, ORE., WHEN SHE WAS MATED WITH A CHAMPION GOLDEN RETRIEVER.

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Ford Pups 110 WASHINGTON AP - One of the nine puppies born to the First Family s golden retriever Liberty will be trained as a seeing eye dog, the White House saysm

President and Mran Ford decided to send the pup to the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester, Mich. Betty Ford s press secretary announced Wednesdaym

Liberty, given to the President about a year ago by his daughter Susan and White House photographer David Kennerly, gave birth to the pups Sundaym

Most of the puppies have been promised as giftsn Mrsn. Ford will keep one, and one will go to Kennerlym

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President Ford talks with Barbara Walters and Sen. Edward Brooke, her escort to the Symphony Ball last December.

By Harry Naltchayan The Washington Post

Of Money, Movies and Marion Javits

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Long Island and Martha's Vineyard. But as for "romance," Brooke termed the speculation "incredible" and Miss Walters called it "ridiculous," adding, "I am seeing someone quite seriously at the moment and it is not Sen. Brooks."

Scions of Liberty

President Ford is selling one of Liberty's nine new pupples to actress Deborah Raffin and her husband, Michael Viner, the record company executive who has branched out into writto claim their new pet, which they are naming for Kennerly.

Kennerly spent last Sunday in New York with Viner and Miss Raffin, who was selected by Time magazine earlier this year as one of "the New Beauties". They went to a party for Liza Minnelli and were besieged by the paparazzi who wanted pictures of Kennerly more than they wanted the photogenic Miss Raffin.

The Uninvited

Princess Grace's feelings aren't really hurt, but she does wonder why she never gets invited to the White home to visit while Richard M. Nixon was in office, he ignored her presence.

John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson always asked her to lunch or to tea, and posed for pictures under the North Portico or in the Rose Garden.

But she and Prince Rainier have not had an invitation to the White House since 1969. When they vacationed in Middleburg, Va., earlier this month, they were hoping to hear from President and Mrs. Ford, a relative said here last week.

But no phone calls or invitations came.

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Fords Give Pup to Blind

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Christian Sevence Monitor Dog population grows by 9 at White House The White House family has grown by nine. Liberty, President Ford's golden retriever, gave birth to her first litter Sunday - five male and four famale puppies. 9/16/75 pc2

Mother and puppies were rafe ported "doing fine" after an eight-hour confinement in the third-floor family quarters of the White House

Liberty's Pups

The White House went to the dogs Vestercley, and astrologers will please note that President Ford's golden retriever liberty birthed the first of nine pups at 12:30 p.m. and the last at 8:17 p.m. Sheila Weidenfeld, the First Lady's h press secretam. Washigton PoorWASHINGTON (AP) -- SUSAN FORD BROUGHT FOUR OF THE FORD FAMILY'S NEW GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPIES TO THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM FODAY FOR A ROMP.

THE FIVE-WEEK-OLD PUPPIES ATTRACTED AN AUDIENCE OF STAFF AND NEWS MEDIA PEOPLE. TWO E PUPPIES LEFT PUDDLES ON THE GOLD RUGS.

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HOT STUFF FROM LOCAL DOG HOUSES... Now that President Ford's Liberty has given birth to nine golden retriever pups, Earwigs everywhere are scratching to know who they're going to. One to Mrs. Ford, one to David Kennerly, one to Dr. William Lukash, Ford's doctor, one to White House aide William Brockett, who took Liberty to Oregon for

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-United Press International President Ford and Liberty earlier this year.

Dog's Take Over the White House

Seized with the inflationary spirit, President Ford's dog, Liberty, has given birth to nine puppies. This all happended yesterday between 12:30 p.m. and 8:17 p. m. On hand at all times was the First Lady and her daughter, a girl named Susan. Following tradition, father Ford was out playing colf

