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THE WHITE HOUSE

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

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Jennifer Walker and Ladd

Ford's dog due today

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





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

By CHARLEY BLAINE Tidings Staff Writer

golden retriever, arrived at Medford-

with a couple of bottles of beer to talk added he didn't think the President about Liberty, the Fords, and the White

The decision to breed Liberty was

made by the President, Brockett said. "The Fords' veterinarian and I had talked Susan out of breeding Liberty. would halt a National Security Council meeting just to attend to the pups'

One of Liberty's pups, a female, will go to the President's physician, Dr. William Lukash, while another will go



NUPTIALS — Liberty (left), presidential family pet, greets her mate-to-be-Misty's Sungold Lad, through kennel fence in Phoenix, Ore. Lad, owned by

LIBERTY

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 Minneapelis,

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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FORDS WILL SELL THREE PUPPIES FOR \$300 EACH

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. The President's colden six



-White House Photos by David Kennerly

Liberty and Brood Get Plenty of Attention

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MAILER GOES TO THE MOVIES. Norman Maller is going to give the movies a try once again. This time it will be his first screenplay, based on a Harry Grey novel called "The Hoods." He is just back from Rome, where he met with Sergio Leone — the man who brought filmdom those spaghetti westerns like "Fistful of Dollars." The word is that this project may be big enough to warrant two parts, a la "The Godfather."

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 fuzzy peach 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.

Next day Pauline Trigere in black leather coat and turtle pins lunched at Maxim's with.

Yvon Dine, Her shopping list included doiles.





Clovie Ruffin; Pauline Trigere

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

Back at the Ritz, knitwear designer Sandy

Detroit 10/28/76. Pg.



BETTY AND JERRY — While appearing before Avandale High School students in suburban Auburn Heights, First Lady Betty Ford stops to greet Jerry.

Presented Jerry to the Leader Dogs for the Blind School in nearby Rochester. Leader Dog officials brought the pup to Mrs. Ford's compaign consequent

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 "litter-



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LIBERTY



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 Mause 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 well.

Q How is the father?

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.

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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.

Tane W. Paullen (Mrs. John F. Poulton)



JANE W. POULTON
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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?

YES___ NO_X Not um.

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,

(Mrs. John F. Poulton)





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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 Trip, 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 week 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,

Mrs. John F. Poulton)

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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 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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ells 3 Liberty Pups for \$900—S



President and Mrs. Ford and their daughter Susan pat the family dog Liberty with her nine pupples born Sept. 14.

A KENNEL SALE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

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for \$900 to pay for the costs of sending Liberty and her trainer by air to Oregon, where the pet was bred, the sources said. Buyers have been notipher and family friend; the dog trainer, and friends, including a family in Vail, Colo., site of the Ford's vacation mountain home.

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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 SHELLA 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 Mrsm Ford decided to send the pup to the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester, Micha, 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 giftsm wrsm Ford will keep one and one will go to Kennerlym

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1975



MOTHER'S DOING WELL. Liberty, the White House retriever, is visited by President, and Mrs. Ford and their daughter Susan. Liberty gave birth to nine pupples on Sunday.





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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

VIP. From F1

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. Brooke."

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 writ-

to 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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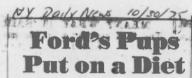
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Fords Give Pup to Blind

Washington, Sept. 17 (UPI)

President and Mrs. Ford have decided to give one of the new White House puppies to the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester, Mich., the

triever, Liberty, who gave birth to nine puppies last Sunday. Five of Liberty's other pups will go to Mrs. Ford, chief White House photographer David Kennavly



Washington, Oct. 29 (AP)-President Ford's nine golden

Christian Seunce 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 female puppies.

Mother and puppies were rate 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 of vesterday, and astrologers will please note that President Ford's golden re-

triever interty 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.

Washington Poot-

WASHINGTON (AP) -- SUSAN FURD BROUGHT FOUR OF THE FORD FAMILY'S NEW GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPIES TO THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM TODAY 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 Washington Star 1/23/18

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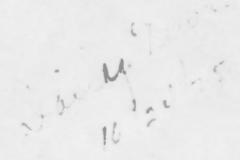
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the President last year.

First Dog Swims, Too

Washington, Sept. 16 (News Bureau)—Liberty, the nation's first dog, felt so good the day after givng birth to nine puppies that she went for a Daily news - 9/11/15

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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, fa-

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The presidential puppy's price

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The Viners, friends of White House photographer David Hume Kennerly, are coming to Washington on Monday