



# THE PIXIE PERIODICAL



## She's Growing Up

8 month old Pixie has grown to be a sweet pup with an independent tom-boy streak. She enjoys her cuddles in the quiet times but plays with reckless abandon when its time to romp with her doggie friends.

Pixie is a quick learner, which keeps us on our toes because as quick as she is to learn good behaviors she is also capable of learning bad behaviors. However, that said, she is doing very well with her obedience training and we feel she is right on track in behavioral development for a puppy her age.

In one week, Pixie will spend three days at Guide Dogs of America in Sylmar for her first evaluation. These "evals" are a great training tool for the puppy raisers as they reveal areas of training and development that may require more of our attention and focus.

Pixie is a great puppy. My husband, Brian, and I are honored to be a part of her adventure towards becoming a guide dog.

Tina White

WAITING FOR THE GREAT PUMPKIN!



PLAY TIME



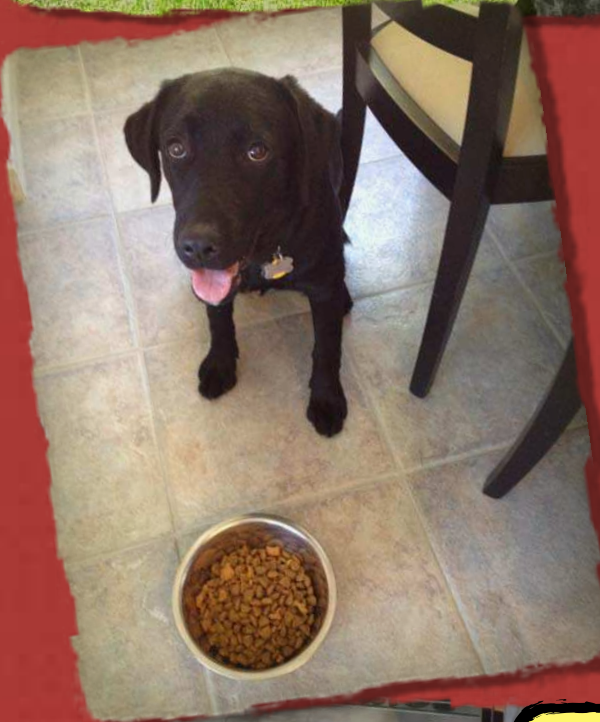
WATER TIME



NAP TIME



# PRACTICING PATIENCE AND SELF-CONTROL



CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT:

WAITING PATIENTLY FOR A TREAT DURING A PLAY DATE WITH HER FRIENDS, PRACTICING RESPECTING THE DOOR THRESHOLD WITH HER FRIEND BRUCE (JUST BECAUSE THE DOOR IS OPEN DOESN'T MEAN THEY GET TO GO OUTSIDE), WAITING WITH MOM AT THE DOCTORS OFFICE, QUIETLY WAITING WHILE MOM SHOPS AT THE MACY'S CLINIQUE COUNTER, PATIENTLY WAITING FOR THE "OK" BEFORE BEGINNING HER MEAL.





Pixie



Pixie

CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT:  
 WAITING FOR THE "OK" TO EAT THE TREAT BETWEEN  
 THEIR PAWS, IN A "DOWN-STAY" AT THE GOLF  
 TOURNAMENT, PATIENTLY WAITING UNDER THE  
 TABLE AT A CHURCH DINNER EVENT, WAITING FOR  
 THE "OK" WITH HOUSEMATE WRENA TO EAT THE  
 TREATS PERCHED ON THEIR PAWS, ON A "DOWN-  
 STAY" IN COSTCO WHILE SHOPPERS PASS BY.





Pixie took  
1st Prize!  
in her age  
category at the  
annual GDA  
Sylmar Group  
Halloween Costume  
Contest!



## OVERNIGHT AT GDA

PIXIE GOING IN FOR HER  
FIRST OVERNIGHT  
KENNEL STAY AT  
GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA.



## TOYS!

PIXIE LOVES TO PLAY  
WITH HER TOYS. WHEN  
SHE IS NOT PLAYING  
WITH THEM SHE LIKES TO  
USE THEM FOR A PLACE TO  
REST HER HEAD.



## MAKING FRIENDS

PIXIE LOVES KIDS!  
AND KIDS LOVE PIXIE!  
HERE, SHE IS EXHIBITING  
HER GRASP ON SELF-  
CONTROL. (SHE WOULD  
MUCH RATHER BE  
RECEIVING BELLY RUBS  
FROM HER ADORING FANS.)





# Pixie's Wrap-Up

Three months have passed since my first Wrap-UP and its been an adventure indeed.

I am learning all kinds of new things! I have been attending training and obedience classes with my puppy raiser. I know a lot of words like:

SIT, STAY, DOWN, OK, HEEL, LEAVE IT, OFF & NO. Those last three, I'm not particularly fond of.

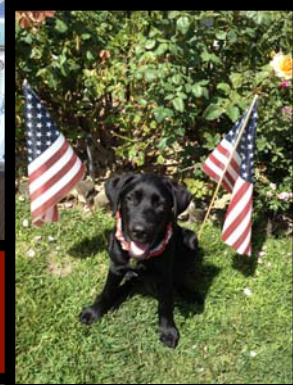
I have visited many new and exotic places. I've been to a golf course, a mall, a doctors office, a dentist office, an escrow office, a costume party, a pumpkin patch, a hardware store, a museum, a post office, a birthday party, and lots of grocery stores, restaurants, & department stores.

Additionally, I've visited the GDA vet department a few

times for routine stuff like vaccinations and nail trimming. I don't mind it there, the humans are really nice.

I've enjoyed a couple of overnight stays in the Guide Dogs of America kennels. They say it is important that I become familiar with the facilities so it'll be an easier transition for me when I go in for formal training.

I'm also told I am entering adolescence and will be either spayed or starting my first heat soon... unsure of what that means but my housemate Wrena tells me not to worry about it and that I should just relax and enjoy my childhood. Sounds like a plan to me!



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