

THE PIXIE PERIODICAL





What A Difference A Year Makes

Pixie is 14 months old and has been with us for just over a year now. The reality of "turn-in-day" is becoming more vivid in our minds as the time draws near. My husband, Brian, and I will be sad to let her go but excited for the opportunities that lay ahead for her. In the mean time, we continue to expose her to new environments, experiences and obedience training to best prepare her for the road ahead.

Pixie is a physically strong and energetic girl. She enjoys running at full speed around the back yard with a toy in her mouth, our dog Wrena in hot pursuit. She loves people of all sizes and seems especially drawn to children. She's not easily startled and when she is she recovers quickly which is a good trait for a future guide dog.

All in all she is a well balanced dog and we are very happy with her progress so far.

Tina White

"I'M A BIG GIRL NOW!"



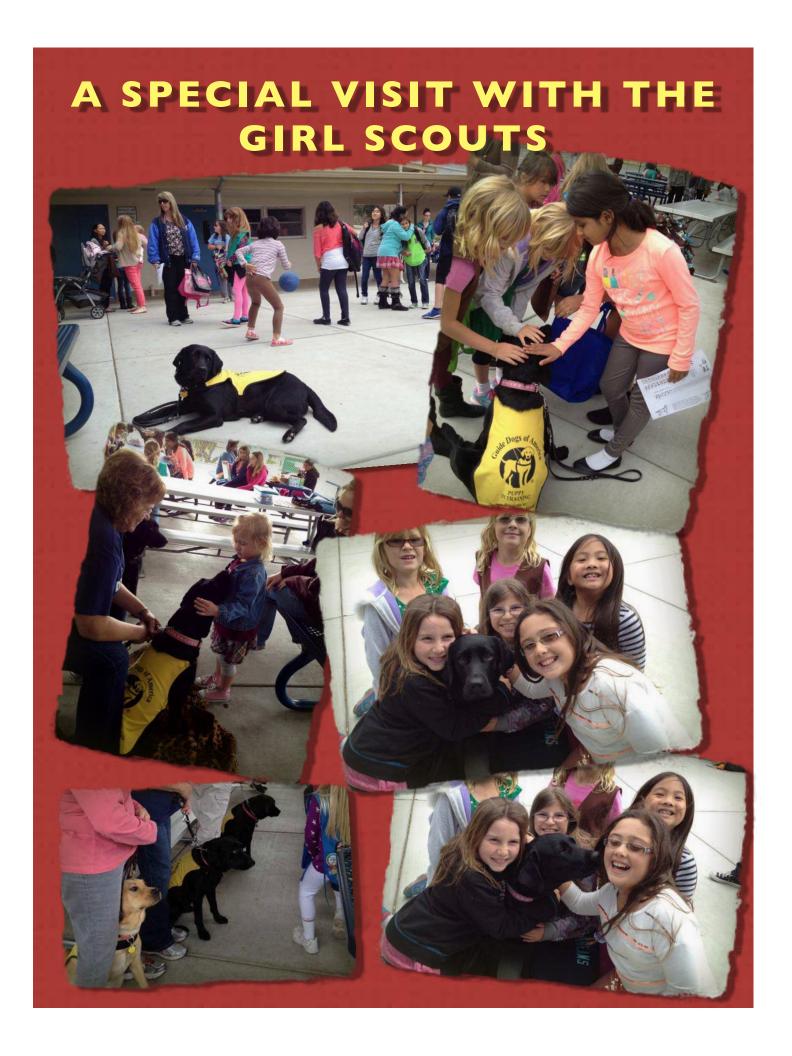
"NAPPING WITH MY TOYS."



"TIME FOR DINNER YET?"



"IT'S MY BIRTHDAY!"



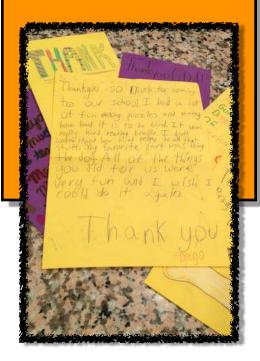
A DAY AT WORK





GDA Puppies Visit Santa Rosa Magnet School

The kids deliver cards of appreciation and thanks.





CLASSROOM TIME

EXERCISING SELF-CONTROL IN THE CLASSROOM WHILE THE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT GDA AND PUPPIES IN TRAINING.

SCHOOL PHOTO

POSING FOR A
PHOTO OUTSIDE OF
THE SCHOOL WITH
HER FRIENDS, IN A
DEMONSTRATIONS
OF OBEDIENCE.



HONOR STUDENT

PIXIE WAS HANDLED
AT THIS EVENT BY A
FELLOW PUPPY
RAISER. WHEN PIXIE
WAS RETURNED TO US,
THE REPORT BACK...
"SHE WAS A VERY
GOOD GIRL."



Pixie's Wrap-Up

I'm growing up! Or at least thats what I hear them say. I feel the same but I guess I do have a better idea of whats expected of me. For example, I'm not supposed to get on the furniture, I'm only supposed to bark a little not a lot, I should keep all four paws on the floor when I greet people... stuff like that.

The photo montage on this page shows how busy my life is. We go to obedience training every week. Once a month we go to GDA for additional training. During the April GDA class we practiced submitting to a veterinarian exam, jumping in and out of a crate in the back of a car, and ignoring food lying on the ground.

When we go anywhere I sit on the passenger seat floor board in our car. I like to put my nose up to the air conditioning vent and try to figure out where we are. I can always tell when we're getting close to GDA and get very excited to see all of my friends there.

If we're out shopping, I'm often asked to sit and wait while my raiser attends to something. At times, that can be a real test of my self control and patience which I'm told is good training for when I'm older and become a "Guide Dog of America". Sounds like a superhero, if you ask me! I hope I get a cape!





