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It's a New Year, time for New

Sage Stories!



Dear Sepulveda Building Materials Team Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday with your littermates and anyone else who makes your tail wag!

They say it's a season of gratitude, and even though I haven't been around long, I know I have a lot to be thankful for (like my sister and favorite pillow Paddy, above). Your support is at the top of that list, and I really couldn't do it without you. To be honest, I'm not exactly sure what "it" is, yet, but please know I'm doing my best to figure it all out. Stay tuned!

Endless wags,

Sage

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Just between us, I've been a little confused because all the other dogs in our house seem to be able to hop up on these raised dog beds The Humans call "couches". For some reason, I don't seem to be welcome there. What's up with that? BUT, I have this SuperHero outfit, and when I wear it, I get to go ALL kinds of places the other dogs can't go. Seems like a reasonable trade off to me!



Here's Skyler and Paddy pretending they aren't jealous of my Superhero outfit, but I know they really are...

Here I am! All dressed up and ready to go out!

Did I mention I have absolutely NO idea what to do once we go "out"? I await further instructions. And I DO hope they come with treats.



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Well, it turns out that a lot of Going Out involves sleeping while the Humans stand there and look at things. Good thing I've been studying!

Sometimes I get to go out with my sister Scout!

She and I are Really Good Dogs. Our puppy raisers, on the other hand, could use a few more obedience classes...



Here I am with the Tall Human at a place they call Costco. I was VERY well behaved while he picked up a little bag of something that wasn't treats, so I wasn't very interested... but the floor is nice and cool so it's all good!

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Turns out that going “out” doesn’t always mean the same thing. On Thanksgiving, we spent time with the Smaller Humans. They were very good, but I think I have a little new insight into how Paddy, Skyler and Ellie feel about me sometimes...

And then, before any of us knew it, time for more food and a Very Merry Christmas! I was an Extraordinarily Good Little Puppy, given there were more distractions than previously known possible. Ever. In the history of time.



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Remember me telling you about how excited The Humans get when I stand on a block? Turns out that's still "a thing".

Even toys will not distract me from staying on My Block! I HAVE FEET OF VELCRO!!



Before we knew it, it was time to graduate from puppy kindergarten. Meet my brothers and sister-Simon, Skip and Scout!



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So there I was, a **graduate**, for dog's sake, thinking I could coast from here on out. Maybe I could even get up on those raised dog beds! Well, turns out there is more obedience to be learned! WHO KNEW? I thought Ellie, Paddy and Skyler were kidding when they told me!!!

Well, here I am at Big(ger) Dog Obedience Class with the Less-Tall Human, learning more commands. It's actually a lot of fun and I'm doing well in my studies. I love her and will do anything for her, especially when she gives me treats.



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If I've made it look like all I do is work (and even that is fun!), let me tell you... nothing could be further from the truth (just ask Paddy and Skyler!). I get p-l-e-n-t-y of time to be a regular ol' puppy. Some evidence:



Sometimes after we play, Skyler has some..um..'challenges' with her ears. Here is Paddy teaching me proper ear positioning. Maybe it's a Yellow Dog thing?



Look who isn't so little anymore!

Don't let that (quickly) Growing Body fool you. I'm still a puppy (just coming up on five months now), but I've come a long way. Towards what, I'm still not overly sure, but I AM sure that I'm learning a lot and that I bring TONS of joy to everyone I meet. I'm also 100% sure I couldn't do it without the support of Your Team, and for that, you have my endless wags and licks (when appropriate, of course. I'm learning a lot about "appropriate"). ☺

Love and wags,

Sage

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