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Happy July and welcome to a

Summer with Sage!



Dear Sepulveda Building Materials Team,

What a GREAT day this was! Look at us! What a great team we make! Okay, truth be known, I think I must have been looking for where you keep your treats when they took this picture. You have everything else in your cool store, I figure they must be there someplace! And just think how many I could fit in one of those nice buckets... a puppy can dream!

It was so nice to finally meet all of you! Paddy and Skyler told me how nice you all are, and for once, they weren't kidding. I hope we get to hang out again soon so you can see how much I've learned. I can't thank you enough for being Such Good Humans!

Love and wags,

Sage

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We pick up pretty much where we left off in April... with goofy hats. Humans, man... humans.

You'll be happy to know I am a proud graduate of Tammy's Positively Positive Dog Training Program. And let me tell you, they don't just give ANY puppy a diploma like this!

I graduated with highest honors, better known as summa cum cookies.



I learned that Humans graduate too! I helped my friend and her family celebrate after she graduated from USC.

She majored in something other than Treat Training, which kind of confused me, and it took her FOUR YEARS to finish. She must be a little slow, so I was extra nice to her.



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Turns out there is still more to learn even after graduation! Who knew? I was excited when we went to the airport, but just a little nervous when we went to Bag Drop... thankfully, we were just there to enjoy the airport, have new experiences and generally make the Friendly Skies a bit more Friendly. I loved meeting people and the curling up on the nice cool floors!

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An important part of being a Good Dog is waiting patiently for treats. I get lots of practice, and Skyler and Paddy are excellent teachers.



And if my “sit” doesn’t impress them right away, I usually try and throw in a “down” to try and impress the judges with the added difficulty level. Clearly, Skyler and Paddy are not on to this.

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Some things just come naturally to me. One of the puppy raisers in our pack had to spend the day in the hospital, so of course I jumped (not literally, don't worry) at the opportunity to help. Everyone at the hospital fussed over me and said I made Everything So Much Better. Who am I to argue? I loved the attention, the nice cool floors, and the treats Mom packed.



Some things... well... feel a little less natural to me. This is our house guest, Turbo, a desert tortoise.

I honestly have no idea what it is.

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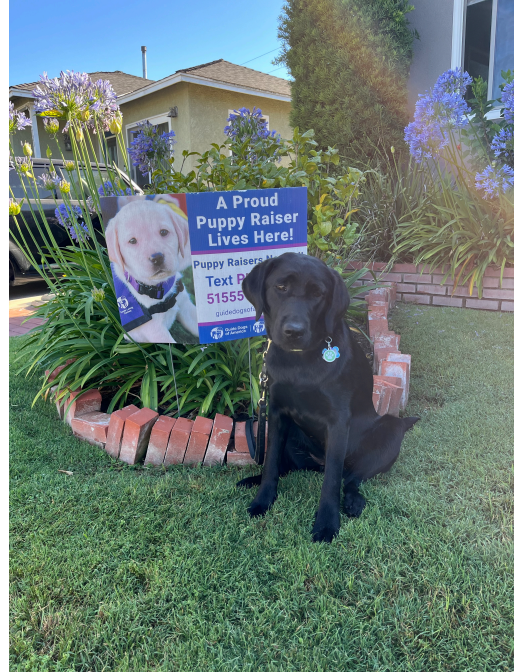


Apparently, this obedience thing never really ends! As long as Mom has the bag of treats, I'm all in! And what was Paddy doing while I was working my tail off?



Doing what Paddy does best. If there's a puddle, Paddy will find it!

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A few snapshots from summer—from the usual craziness of Camp Matthews to some of my favorite places to hang out at home. I spent several weeks up at the kennels this summer (being a Girl Dog) so it's nice to be home!

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Well, my friends, time for another chapter to end, but I'm so excited to see what comes next! Will I go to graduate school? Will I get to fly the airplanes? Maybe perform the surgery instead of just lay on the floor?

STAY TUNED!!

Seriously, I couldn't do ANY of this without your help. I take your whole team with me everywhere I go—If I get into tough situations, I just ask myself what the nice people with the Cool Yellow Buckets would do! I really do hope I get to see you again soon.

Much love and many wags,

Sage

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