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Welcome back!

The Skyler Scoop!

Chapter Two: In Which We Start to Figure It Out. Kind of.



How it started...



How it's going!

Hello there, my good friends with the Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament!

Happy Spring! I sure hope 2022 is starting out as well for you as it is for me. I can't believe how much I've learned since we last communicated—I mean really, if I needed to be turned in now, I'm pretty sure I've got this.

Wait. What's that? Paddy says that might not be entirely accurate. You be the judge! ☺

Love, wags and Endless Labrador Merriment™,

Skyler

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Last time we talked, I was just a goofy little puppy. Look at me now, all grown-up (well, a little bit, anyway)! Here I am with Dad and my sister Spirit and her Human being on our best behavior for graduation up at the place with kennels and good smells. I was watching the Real Working Dogs very carefully. They sure know their stuff!

Puppy in training Velzy (she's the non-yellow one) and I packed up our Humans and took them out for Lakewood's "Coffee with a Deputy".



Turns out the Deputies are just like us—they wear vests when they're working too!

Those of us with four legs didn't seem to get donuts. What's up with that?



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I got to go to this really cool place where the people are all super nice and everything smells really good!

I will not eat the rocks... I will not eat the rocks...



And here I am at the Pet Store (talk about GOOD SMELLS!!!), getting a snazzy tag with my name on it.

Wait, is my name Fido now? I actually thought Skyler was a pretty name...

Did I mention I have a few questions about Humans?



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WE BRIEFLY INTERRUPT THIS REPORT
FOR A MESSAGE FROM PADDY:



Hello there, old friends!

So, about the Small (ish) Yellow Dog. She's learning and everything, but does she have to go and brag to you about everything she does? Who does that?

Oh wait. I did?

That was different, I'm sure.

SHE'S supposed to be the one training to be a service dog, but I always seem to be the one providing the pillow service.



I just thought you should have ALL the details, just since we're old friends and stuff.



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Okay, where was I? Right! Getting some culture! Mom and Dad and I went to this place called a Sculpture Garden. I don't really get it, but I was out and about so it was fun!

It's the craziest place. It's like someone told them all to STAY and then left.

As usual, I have questions.



If you stand on the grass instead of a concrete square, do you get to move?
Is that how this game works?



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Mom likes to go to these things she calls, "Speaking Engagements" and spread the word about GDA/TLC to other Really Nice Humans.

I learned that it is my job NOT to speak.



Sometimes we go out in packs and practice our obedience together...

...and sometimes I have absolutely no idea what is going on.



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Did you guys notice it got really cold this winter? The humans had some challenges with something they call, "heating", so we had to make do on our own.

Why do the black dogs always seem to get the special treatment? And did someone wash my blanket in hot water or something?



There.

MUCH BETTER!!!



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This is my absolute favorite part of the job—making new friends and making Humans happy. I know it's a little hard to see behind their masks, but I can tell. Their tails were wagging!

I can't thank you enough for helping me along the path to do this work full-time when I'm maybe just a little bit older. You must be Service Humans or something to make such a big difference in a little puppy's life!

Love and wags,

Skyler

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