



Augie

**Puppy in training for Guide Dogs of America
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Augie in the Padua Hills at GDA's advanced puppy Kindergarten class.



Augie has grown and changed so much from mid-October to the middle of January. He has reached the end of his 6th month by the conclusion of this update. Augie has graduated from puppy kindergarten & is concluding advanced puppy obedience classes. The advanced classes are taught by Guide Dogs of America out in public settings in various communities. Thanks to his sponsor Augie gets to take advantage of all of these wonderful programs to help him reach the goal of becoming a guide dog. He has learned all of his basic commands and is a happy willing worker.



Practice is always happening at 4 months old. Augie is doing a good down stay while his food is being measured. His brother Major & sister Bixby are doing long sit stays while they show Augie a good example of waiting patiently. Augie is brimming with happy personality and is often seen tilting his head as he is trying to figure things out.







Practicing obedience in Monrovia Park

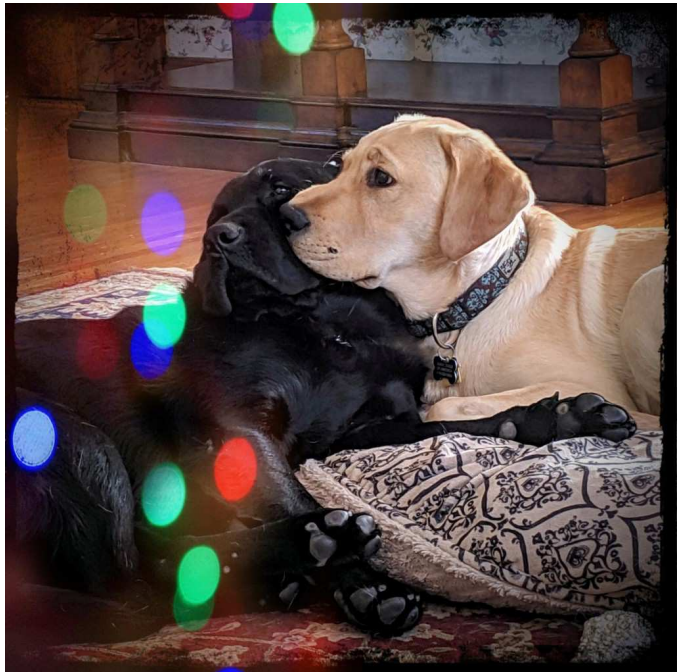


Puppies in training to be guide dogs are always getting used to new places & meeting new people. To become good working dogs they need to meet people who wear glasses, children, the elderly, very tall people, people who wear hats, and beards. This day Augie sat thru a very long appointment and got to meet Chief. Chief just so happens to have a beard, wears hats, has tattoos & most importantly loves dogs.



Augie worked on his obedience at Don Lugo High School with puppies of the same age from Guide Dogs of America. They spent time working around basketball courts, lunch tables, the football field, & bleachers. Most of the pups had not been on artificial turf or open fields of grass that large before. They were allowed time to take it all in and enjoy being puppies in such an awesome space.







Meet Augie's GDA friend Bruce, the tall pup on the left. Bruce is the same age as Augie (top of photo). All the dogs are practicing a sit stay before they play.



Rainy day fun!



Bruce, Augie, Bixby & Major are playing inside, with permission, on a rainy day. They are doing a good job listening for their names & keeping all 4 feet on the floor. Bruce is a puppy in training who stayed with Augie over Christmas week. Both puppies grew from the experience & became fast friends.

Good boy, Augie!



Augie, Stay.



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Auditions, practices, dress rehearsals, and 5 performances... tired ballerina, tired puppy!





We hope you had a Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy 2019!



Augie's last advanced puppy kindergarten class of **2018** was in the beautiful Padua Hills of Claremont. It was a great day with all of Augie's GDA friends.

Many thanks to Augie's sponsor, Sepulveda Building Materials for their generous gift to Guide Dogs of America.