

Augie Spring 2019



Augie would like to thank his generous sponsor Sepulveda Building materials for their donation to Guide Dogs of America. Augie has been working hard and having fun learning many things that will help him reach the goal of becoming a happy, successful guide dog. In March Augie, who was 9 months old, started visiting more challenging places. Places with more traffic of people & vehicles are good challenges now that he is older. Augie likes to be out and about and even enjoys the Metro trains and busses in downtown LA.



In fact Augie got to spend several days visiting the LA area with our favorite veteran puppy raisers, the Lau's. Augie spent time at the Burbank Airport and mall. He visited large parks and walked busy streets of downtown LA. Augie experienced riding on a subway and learned how to handle himself on busy subway platforms. Augie also took a trip to Lake Balboa. We are thankful to the Lau's for the time and love they poured into Augie during his stay.



Augie enjoyed watching a water polo tournament at the University of Redlands. Augie, being a water dog, had to use his super skills to remain calm with all the splashing and swimming so close by. Augie also practiced ignoring a vocal German Shepard who was trying to talk to him while he was working. With a few minutes left the threatening skies opened up & Augie carefully walked his handler across campus in the rain.





Augie waiting patiently in a sit stay with Bixby & Major for his puppy raisers to throw a soft toy.



Augie is keeping himself busy practicing his obedience skills in classes with dogs of various breeds, sizes, and ages at classes in the community. He had quite a variety of dogs to practice with while staying focused and relaxed in class. In the photo above Augie is giving his attention to his puppy raiser rather than watching what his furry friends are doing.



Sit & Down Stays with Kelly



Augie Class Group Photo

Augie & Kelly relaxing as morning traffic rushes by after visiting the bakery with many yummy distractions.





“Hey, what’s that doctor looking at in her mouth? I will sit up super tall to get a better look.” --Augie



Augie practicing night walks downtown with the dad.



At a recent trip to a Trader Joe's Augie does a super down stay in the meat department. Notice his awesome Sepulveda Building Materials sponsor jacket as Augie shows off for the camera and all his neighbors in the market.



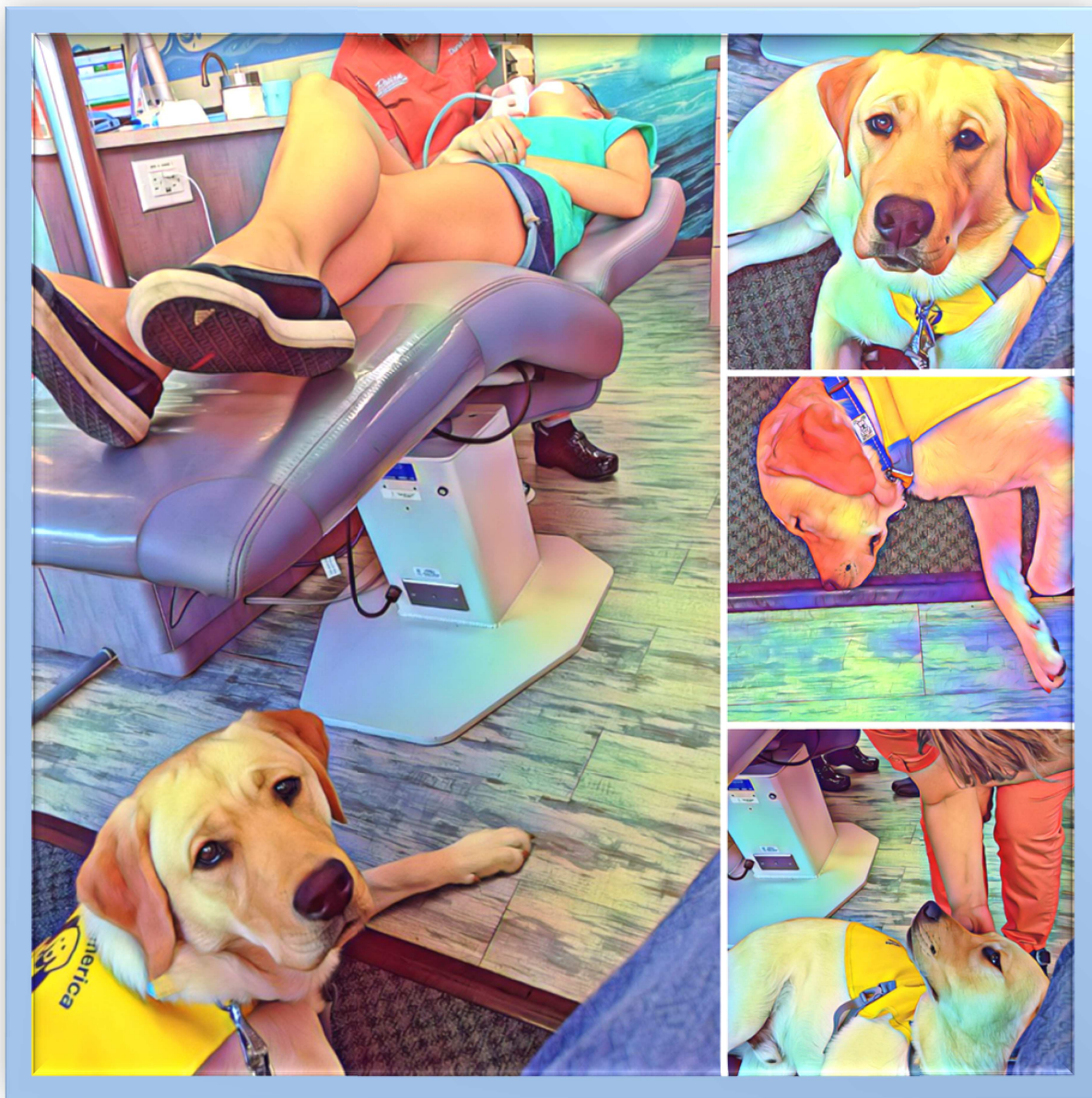
Augie spent a long day at the beauty salon during a noisy thunder storm. It looks like hard work but Chief Behr & Anna are great animal lovers so Augie has plenty of fun breaks too. Augie would like everyone to know that he is not the one in need of beautification. As a natural blond with a perfectly placed beauty mark, he is just here to help the humans have a good day.



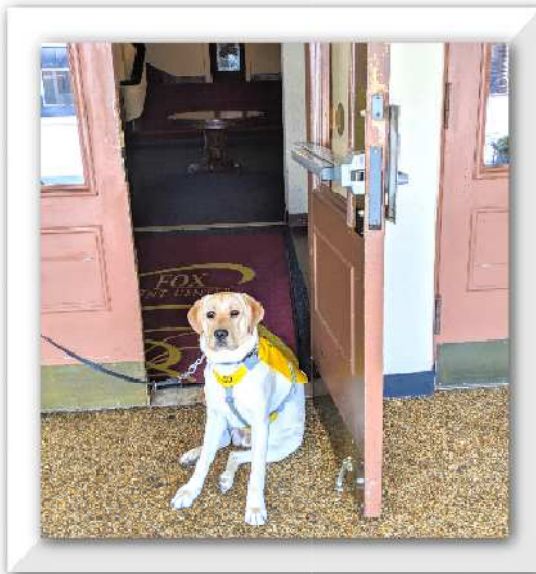
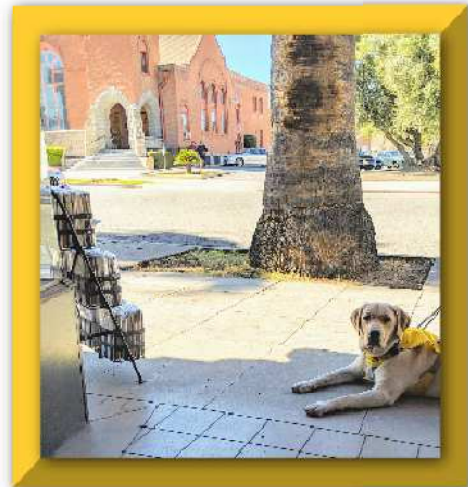
Augie is patiently waiting while his puppy raisers are out on a pizza date. He has many visitors tonight asking about puppy raising, Guide Dogs of America and his sponsorship from local business Sepulveda Building Materials. Augie did a great job staying in his place and remaining calm as his raisers answered the many questions. He is a very good ambassador to his great school.



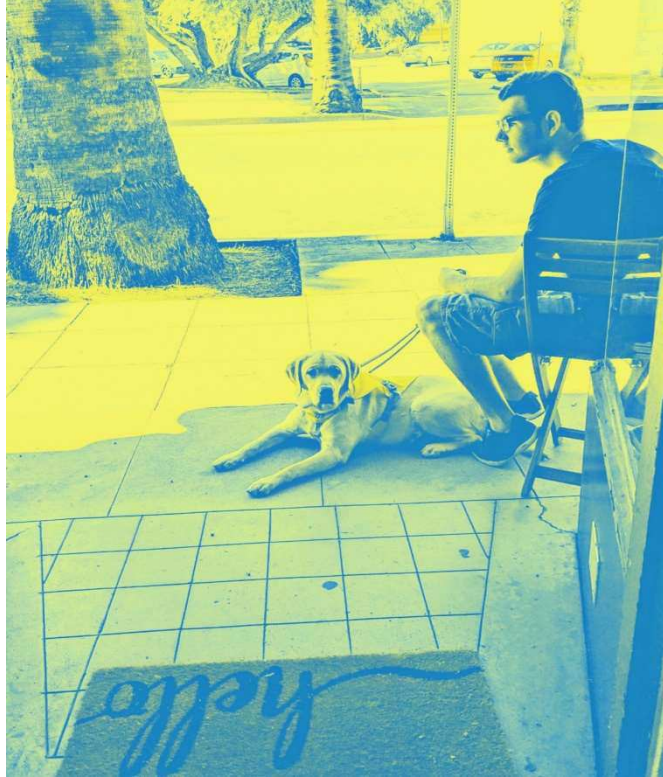
Augie is practicing one of his super skills, eating at a restaurant. Augie is fantastic about not sniffing the floors or looking for fallen food bits. These are important skills to have in a working dog. People drop all kinds of things on the ground and many of them aren't safe for dogs to eat. Learning to not pick up items that are dropped helps keep guide dogs safe.



Augie & Kelly are entertaining the staff at the orthodontist office. Augie is wondering when the sound of that drill thing is going to stop. Once he realizes it is going to be a while he relaxes and falls asleep.



Augie & Joel checking out the 1928 Mission Revival style Fox Theatre.



Augie is relaxing just outside a shopfront, off a main street, after a long walk.



Augie also enjoys resting in the sunshine close to puppy raisers.



Augie sends his heartfelt thanks to Sepulveda Building Materials for their generous donation to Guide Dogs of America. He is very proud to wear his new sponsor jacket as he works out in public in the many local southern California neighborhoods he shares with his fantastic sponsor.

