

The Book of Bosley



HERE I AM MY FIRST TIME GOING OUT TO BREAKFAST! AND DO YOU LIKE MY 4TH OF JULY SCARF ?

The adventures of Bosley, a puppy in training!

Well hello Sepulveda Building Materials! Bosley here, wanting to share with you my exciting adventures of being a puppy in training! First of all, I want to say **THANK YOU FOR BEING MY SPONSOR!** I APPRECIATE the support you give Guide Dogs of America and LOVE the food you provide me with each month. Let me tell you a little bit about my life, now that I have left the nursery. I live with a wonderful family in the city of Monrovia, California. I get to play with two cats, a dog and sometimes, when my two sisters are home from college, I get to play with them too. Sherrie and Matt Wette are my puppy raising parents and they are super cool people. I love them a lot and they are helping me learn to be a GUIDE DOG ! I am excited about sharing my adventures with you !



I LOVE MY BROTHER !



I LOVE TO SLEEP !



MY FIRST CAR RIDE !

Puppy pick-up day at Guide Dogs of America was really exciting!

Puppy pick-up day at Guide Dogs of America was super special. It was June 19, 2015 and everybody in the nursery was telling us how lucky we were to go meet our puppy raising families.

I am part of a very big litter — there were 9 in all! We are very beautiful litter, and special as we are all black. I was around 12 pounds when I came home. We had almost the same number of boys as girls and our names

BELOW, I'M 3RD FROM THE RIGHT BEING HELD BY MY PUPPY RAISER MOM - AREN'T WE "B" PUPS BEAUTIFUL ?

are Bosley, Beau, Burin, Benji, Bruno (all the boys), Bravo, Blythe, Belle and Berkeley! Some of the pups were littler than me, but a few were bigger too!

On puppy pick-up day, we are handed, one at a time to meet our new families.

I was the fourth one taken out to meet Sherrie, Melissa and Samantha (Matt had to work so he missed my big reveal). They were so happy to see me. They love my extra long, soft ears! One by one, the rest of the other puppies were taken to meet their raisers.

All of the people were making such a fuss about us -- it was kinda fun. First they put leashes and collars on us - that was weird - you see, I had never worn a leash! After a bit, we went over to the grass and then the people told us to "Get busy, get busy". They were beside themselves when I went potty. I figured, wow... this 'get busy' must mean go potty. It was the first command I learned as a puppy in training and I hadn't even gotten home yet! After more pictures, we all climbed into these things called cars and headed to the place that will be home for the next 16 months. I am so excited for this adventure!



THE GANG



MEETING MY SIS



MY & MY SIS, BELLE



COLLAR? LEASH? HUH??



HOME AND LUNCHTIME!

MORE OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS



HERE I AM WITH SOME OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS. AT THE TOP LEFT, IS JACK, HE IS THE FUNNIEST LOOKING DOG I KNOW (THEY CALL HIM A CAT)... AND THE OTHER CAT IS RORY – SHE'S MOODY. YOU CAN SEE ME WITH MY NEW, FAVORITE BROTHER SULLY - HE'S SUPER FUN TO PLAY WITH (BUT WE SLEEP NICELY TOO). YOU CAN SEE ME WITH MY HUMAN SISTERS, SAMANTHA & MELISSA. AND THE LAST PICTURE IS ME WITH MY PUPPY DAD, MATT :) I LUB HIM!

I really love going to work!

Everyday, I get up nice and early, take my morning constitutional (that's what dad calls it) and then wonder, what are we doing today? Monday through Friday, I get to go to work with my mom and dad and I really like it! Both of my parents work in office settings and there are always lots of new people to meet and new experiences to have. I haven't been able to walk around outside of their buildings yet because I haven't had my 16 week shots — but in three more weeks, freedom!

I GET LOTS OF ATTENTION FROM EVERYBODY WHEREVER I GO! EVERYONE WHO WALKS BY ME SAYS, "HE'S SOOO CUTE." IT'S AMAZING HOW POPULAR I AM!

My day at work

Work really is fun. Whether I go to Kaiser Permanente or Jet Propulsion Lab, I always have a nice blanket to lay down on, lots of toys and bones, and of course, my water bowl. I sleep A LOT! Sometimes I just get to sleep under the desk, but sometimes, I get to sleep in meetings. Meetings are super fun because there are lots of people who want to give me love. I always have to sit calmly before anybody is allowed to pet me... and if I get too excited, they have to stop. I think I like sleeping in meetings best of all!

Making a difference

Sometimes, people stop by my office cause they having a bad day or just want to see me. It's funny -- they may come in with a sad look but they always leave with smiles. They tell me how special I am and that someday, I will really change a life. I can't wait until that day happens, but in the meantime, it's nice to make people happy.



OFFICE TIME

I AM REALLY LUCKY BECAUSE BOTH OF MY PUPPY RAISERS HAVE NICE OFFICES WITH WONDERFUL DESKS! AT WORK, WHEN I'M OFF MY LEASH, I'M ON A TIE-DOWN, TO HELP ME LEARN TO STAY NEARBY. I LOVE SLEEPING UNDER THE DESK - I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT I SNORE WHEN I'M REALLY SLEEPY, BUT I'M NOT SURE I BELIEVE IT.



SLEEPY TIME!

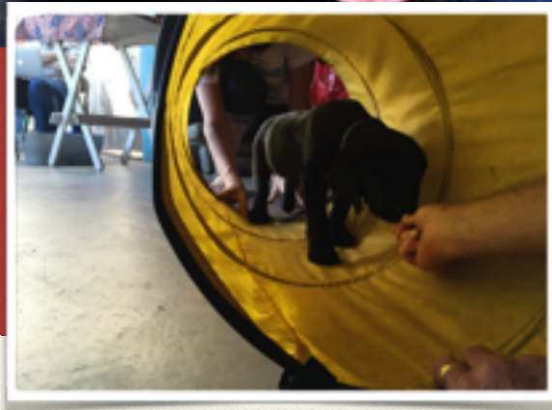
SINCE I'M ONLY 13 WEEKS, I'D SAY THE BEST COMMAND I DO IS THE SLEEP COMMAND. IT'S ALMOST LIKE MAGIC. I AM UNDER DESK, CUDDLING WITH ALL MY STUFF, AND POOF... THERE I GO... RIGHT TO SLEEP. BEING A PUPPY IN TRAINING IS HARD WORK BUT SOMEBODY HAS TO DO IT!



DOWN - STAY!

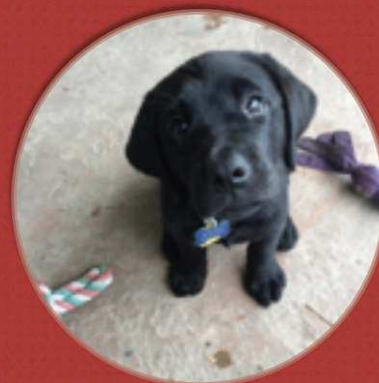
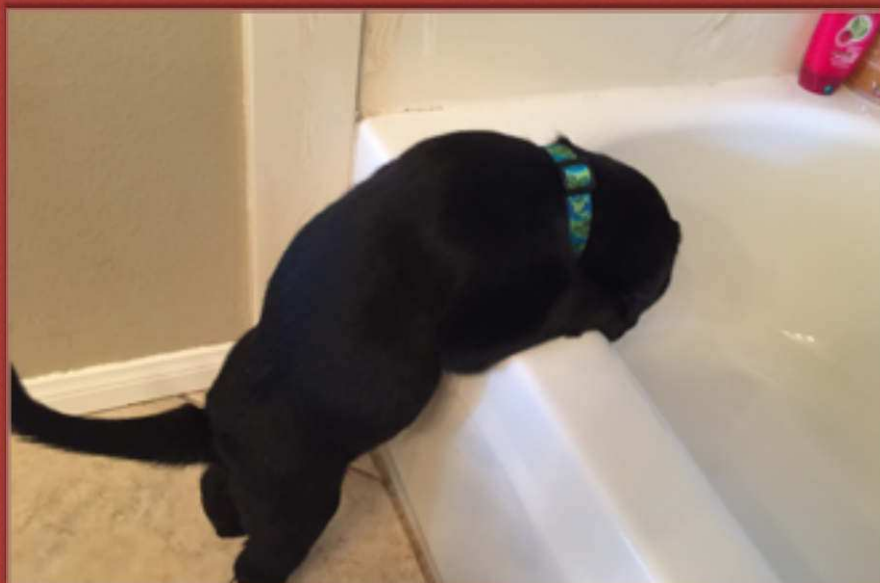
I HEAR MY MOM TELL PEOPLE THAT GOING TO WORK IS ALL ABOUT SOCIALIZATION, BUT I'M LEARNING LOTS OF OTHER STUFF WHEN I'M HERE TOO. HERE I AM WHEN I WAS ASKED TO PERFORM THE COMMAND, "DOWN." I DID IT REALLY GOOD (WITH THE LITTLE HELP OF SOME KIBBLE)!

PICTURES FROM PUPPY-K



I STARTED A PUPPY KINDERGARTEN CLASS THREE DAYS AFTER I CAME HOME WITH MY NEW FAMILY. WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS CLASS IS THAT FOUR OF MY OTHER SIBLINGS ARE IN IT TOO! WE PRACTICE THINGS LIKE "CRADLING" - WHICH IS LAYING ON OUR BACKS, BEING CALM AND GETTING USED TO BEING HANDLED. CAN YOU SEE ME GOING THROUGH THE YELLOW TUBE? THAT HELPS ME GAIN CONFIDENCE, TRYING NEW TEXTURES AND SETTINGS! I LUV PUPPY-K!

WHEN I'M NOT WORKING...



TOP 10 FAVES!

1. GIVE LICKS!
2. GET LOVE!
3. EAT BREAKFAST & DINNER!
4. LAY ON A HUMAN'S LAP!
5. EXPLORE THE UNKNOWN!
6. PLAY WITH DOG FRIENDS!
7. TAKE NAPS!
8. PLAY FETCH!
9. BELLY RUBS!
10. GIVE LICKS (AGAIN)!

It's not just all work being a Guide Dog puppy-in-training!

As a puppy in training, every time I put on my yellow jacket, I'm learning how to be calm and in control. That doesn't mean that I don't need time to run and play and explore. Before we walk in the house, I get to take my yellow jacket off and then I get to play just like any other dog (except I can't jump on furniture!).

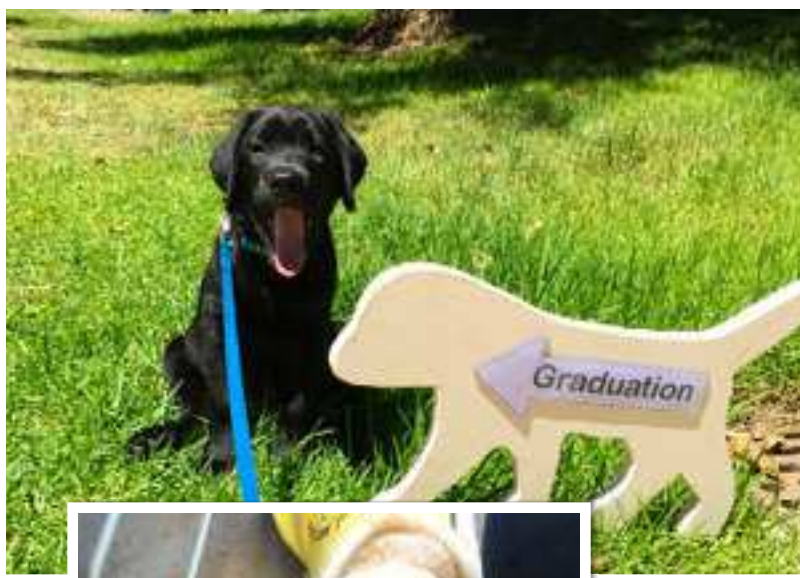
I want to share a little about the things like to do. I am a super-affectionate puppy and LOVE people of all sizes and ages. I love to give kisses, get petted and especially have my ears, back & belly

rubbed. If somebody is sitting on the ground, I try to climb on their lap cause I just love being close to people.

I love playing with other dogs and cats (except my cats don't usually want to play with me). I can play fetch for a long time without getting tired and usually bring the toy right back to whoever threw it (well, most of the time!). I get lots of play time which is awesome.

When I'm tired and also at night, I like to sleep in my crate (which I love, love, love). I have such a good life!

MY FIRST GDA GRADUATION



IN JULY, I GOT TO GO TO MY FIRST GDA GRADUATION! CAUSE I'M SO LITTLE, EVERYBODY WANTED TO CHECK ME OUT, BUT MOM SAID THAT PEOPLE COULD JUST LOOK, NOT HOLD ME (IT IS A BIG WORLD AND A BIT OVERWHELMING!). THAT IS, EXCEPT FOR THE GIRLS SCOUTS WHO LED THE PLEDGE - THEY GOT A QUICK PHOTO OP WITH ME! EVEN GRADUATION IS A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO TRY TO BE CALM IN SPIKE OF ALL OF THE ACTIVITY. WHAT A FUN DAY I HAD!

As a puppy in training, I have so many opportunities to learn and have fun!

PUPPY CLASS!



TRYING STEPS!



WALING ON STONES!



NEW SURFACES!



JUST ADORABLE!

My first five weeks with my puppy-raising family have really flown by. I've grown so much in this short time. I now weigh 22 pounds and am getting really long and solid!

As a puppy in training, it is really important that I get well socialized, develop good manners, and have good obedience skills. Even when I'm in the car, I am learning that I should lie down in the front seat near the passenger's feet (that's where my blind parter will need me to sit when I'm working!). Every month, we will attend our GDA meetings where I learn about all kinds of things. My first meeting is coming up soon! I am excited about seeing all of the other dogs, but I don't get to play with them as I'm in jacket, and I need to exhibit self-control (that's the ticket!).

I went to my first GDA puppy obedience class where we got to walk on different textures, climb up different types of stairs, and see unusual objects.

It was so much fun and I really did well. My mom says I'm super-smart! And best of all eight of the nine from my litter attended.

I am still in the middle of my puppy kindergarten call. Once completed, I will also take obedience classes. In those classes, they will work on more advanced commands and also, it will be

CAN YOU SEE ME IN THE PIX BELOW - I'M THE CUTE BLACK PUP, THIRD FROM THE LEFT!

important for me to take a class in the community with other non-GDA dogs! You see, I will need to learn that not all dogs look & behave like GDA pups!

I'm really having fun being a puppy in training. Thank you again for sponsoring me and I can't wait to share more in my next update!! Bark to you later :)

