

WINTER
WANDERINGS:
THE ADVENTURES OF
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A GDA | TLC

PUPPY IN TRAINING

As told to her Puppy Raisers
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January - March 2025



Hello again to my generous Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament sponsors! This winter season has been a blast! I am 15 months old now and have grown to my full adult size. I continue honing my social and obedience skills, and have such fun with absolutely everything. Let me share with you my exciting experiences!

Of course, there's all the fun stuff that we do a lot of on a regular basis. I absolutely love to go out and about, and come running when my raisers hold out my jacket and tell me to "get dressed." We go to a variety of stores, restaurants, malls, GDA events/meetings/classes, walk-about, and/or other adventures on an almost daily basis. Sometimes just us and sometimes with friends and other puppies in training as well. We even got some experience with winter rain! I have had a couple stays in other puppy-raiser homes, had a couple trips up to snowy Big Bear, and helped host a number of



other puppies in my home. And I completed all my one year old medical exams and temperament evaluations, which will help determine which track I will be best suited for. Yes, I've been a busy girl!

The first two weeks of January I wrapped up my "no-other-dogs please" quarantine with Sheri and Victoria and Grandma and their cat. I had a wonderful time with them, and got to see my raiser-folks twice, I was so excited! They took me for a long walk in Pasadena to view all

the gorgeous Rose Parade floats, and I did very well with all the very crowded walking. Check out these beautiful pictures! Another day they nabbed me for a long lunch outing, and then in mid-January they nabbed me and brought me home! I had been gone for seven whole weeks, and it was so much fun to be able to romp with





Akira and Abby and Riley and Parker Cat again!

The rest of January was puppy-central here, with us hosting Farah for two nights, Oreo for two nights, Austin for two nights, and Harlow for five nights. I had so much fun, so much puppy play! I also found time for nice quiet walks around Descanso Gardens and at Thousand

Oaks Mall, did lots of restaurant outings, and went to GDA for my hip and elbow x-rays and again for my eye exam. I spent five days with Cathy and Phil; playing with their labs Johnny and Nitro, getting lots of practice with settling in the home-office environment, going to my first movie (Mustafa, I wasn't a fan of the roaring lions), and attending an American Sign Language class.

February started with an open house at a feed store in Reseda, and I did really well ignoring the many other dogs there -- there were 25+ dogs



lined up for vaccinations, and I walked past the entire line with barely a glance. My Bob was so thrilled with this milestone in overcoming dog distraction! I was also very good that evening at a cards night playing appropriately with multiple other dogs, the next day with ignoring many other puppies at GDA for Russ Gitlin's retirement lunch, and the next weekend at a puppy-raiser Super Bowl party. TA-DA!



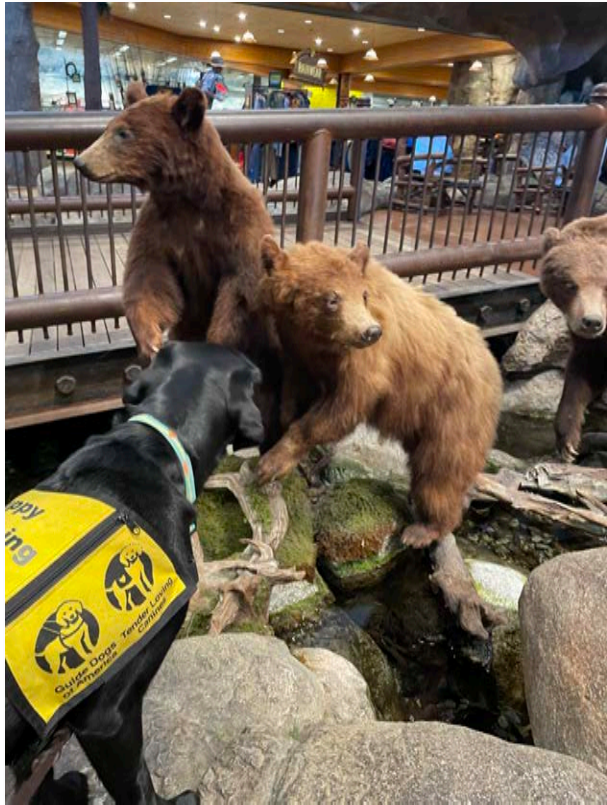
We had a three-day trip up to Big Bear, and I got to play in snow! And we had a long weekend visit from Tayla, with grand romps! I went on several GDA puppy walkabouts at nice parks, had an overnight with another puppy-raiser family, walked with a couple other pups around Westlake Promenade and the Stone Haus gardens, went with a bunch of other pups to a dinner by





Tri-County Mustang Club where they presented a puppy sponsorship check, was well-behaved at several more cards nights, and aced an obedience class. I also had a beach outing with another puppy in training and a working guide, and a hike with another puppy up at Vasquez Rocks. We also hosted Oreo again for a day, and hosted Vaya for a weekend.

In March, Bob took me (just me!) up to Big Bear for a couple more days of snow play. We did a park walk and checked out the new Tractor Supply and Grocery Outlet stores, and got to explore the huge Bass Pro shop in Rancho Cucamonga on the way home. Bass Pro is like a puppy Disneyland, full of bear and deer and geese and ducks and other animals, and with a

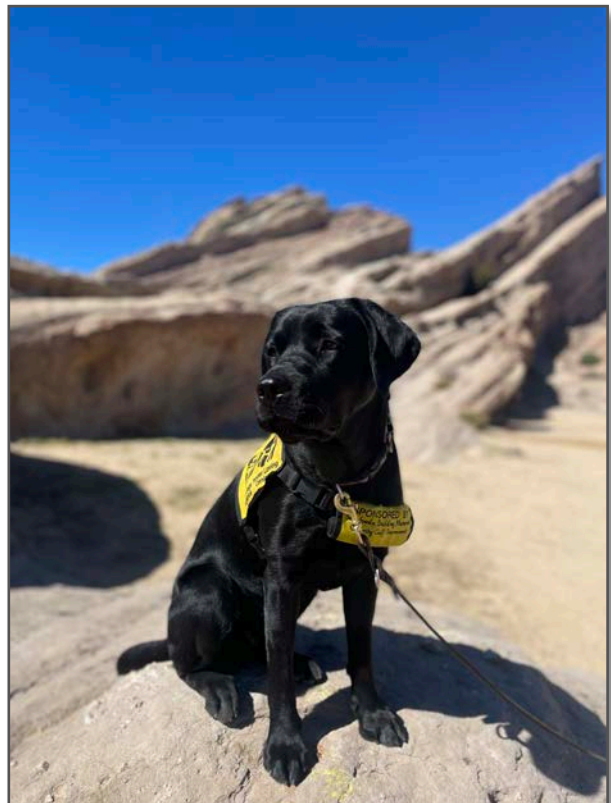


huge tank with big fish swimming around! I loved it!

I went with some other pups to a teachers' workshop at our local middle school, and we got lots of hugs and provided some great stress relief. We had more walk/lunch outings at Ventura harbor with three other pups, had several walks at Descanso Gardens to check out

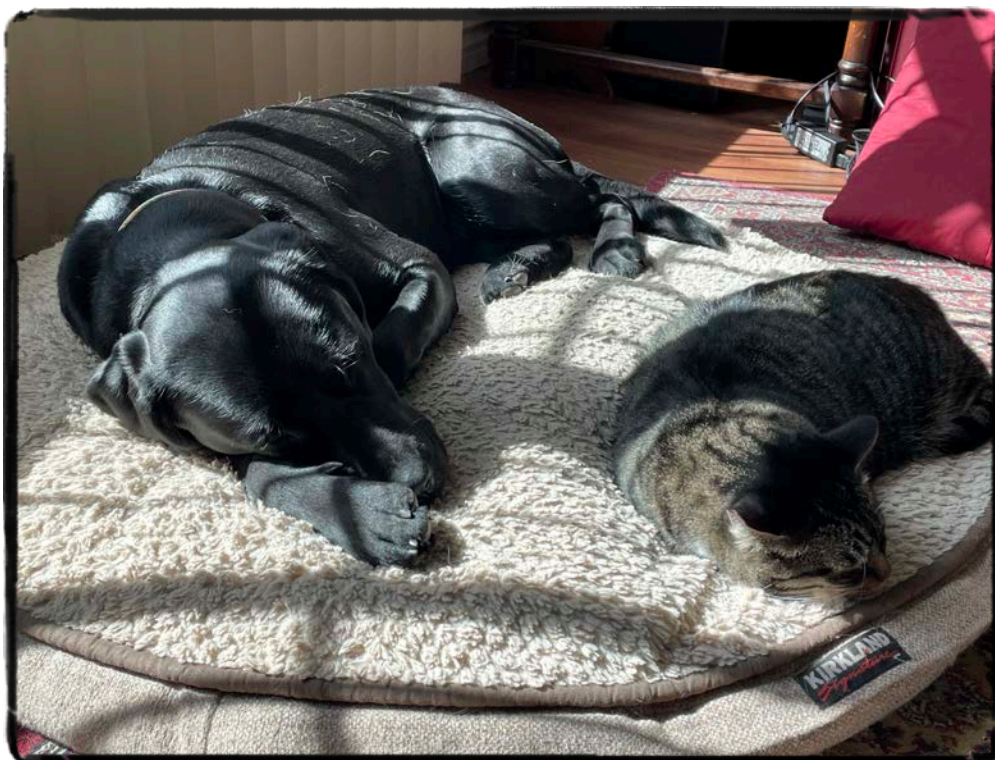
their glorious tulip gardens, went to GDA for my heart check and again for my behavioral evaluation, and went to a GDA|TLC graduation. We had Frankie for an overnight, had a couple of obedience classes, met up with another raiser to help with their puppy's dog-distraction training, and had fun at our monthly puppy raisers meeting.

And we had a couple of days trial with a 16 week old female yellow lab puppy in training, and we all had a really





fun weekend with her! She will be my raisers' next puppy, and will join us in a few weeks so there will be a little bit of overlap before I go back in to GDA|TLC. Her name is Westyn.



Just to summarize what a busy puppy I have been this quarter:

RESTAURANTS: San Antonio Winery, Rattler's BBQ, Finney's, Presto Pasta, Corner Bakery, Cheesecake Factory, Fire Island Grill, Little Calf Creamery, Subway, Mastro Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Marmalade Cafe, El Capitan, Yard House, Imperial Chinese, Sonora Cantina, Mountain Munchies, Del Taco, Wood Ranch, Red's BBQ, TGI Friday's, Junkyard Cafe, Stonehaus, Black Bear Diner, Hill Street Cafe, Junkyard Cafe, Finney's, Pedals&Pints, El Capitan, Fire Island Grill, Finney's, Little Calf Creamery, In-N-Out, Beto's Italian, Presto Pasta, Red's BBQ, Presto Pasta, Lulu's, Islands, Olive Garden, Finney's, Presto Pasta, Finney's, TGI Friday's, El Capitan, Del Taco, Hill Street Cafe, El Capitan, Presto Pasta, Brent's Deli (yeah, my folks seldom cook!)





DESTINATIONS: Descanso Gardens, Thousand Oaks Mall, AMC Theaters, ASL class, Theresa's Feed, Calabasas Commons, GDA retirement lunch, Northridge Mall, Big Bear Lake, Lemon Park, Westlake Promenade, Descanso Gardens, Santa Clarita Park, Ventura Beach, Thousand Oaks Mall, Vasquez Rocks, Big Bear Lake, Boulder Bay Park, Bass Pro Shop, Sinaloa Middle School, Ventura Harbor, Descanso Gardens, GDA Graduation, Ventura Harbor, Descanso Gardens, Corriganville Park, Wood Ranch Park, Descanso Gardens, Santa Clarita Park

PUPPY-SITTINGS: Farah, Oreo, Austin, Harlow, Tayla, Vaya, Frankie

MY SLEEP-OVERS: Sheri/Victoria in Canyon Country, Cathy/Phil (Johnny&Nitro) in Thousand Oaks, Debbie/Larry (Kepler/Farah/Frankie) in Simi Valley

As you can see, I have had a wonderfully busy three months, with lots of varied activities and outings. I am now 15 months old, and am ready for anything and everything. I am comfortable in any situation, whether it is quiet or very busy, and whether I am on my own with my raiser or we are with a bunch of other people and pups. I love to go out and about, bring it on!



I am in the group of puppies in training slated to return to GDA|TLC on May 17, not far away. My folks will continue to keep me busy with all kinds of public outings to increase my experience before I go in for formal training. As well as all the restaurants and stores and outings and puppy play dates, my schedule includes a kennel stay at Camp-GDA in early April, a public transit training day in Orange County, another weekend with



Cathy/Phil/ Johnny/Nitro, a couple of GDA presentations, maybe the GDA booth at the Simi Valley Street Fair in early May, and the GDA|TLC Graduation on May 10. And of course settling little Westyn in to take my place!



Thank you all again! Everywhere I go, I proudly wear my yellow GDA|TLC jacket proclaiming Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament as my Sponsors! I look forward to keeping in touch with you, and you can expect my April/May/turn-in report in June.

Wiggles and wags and puppy kisses to all!

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