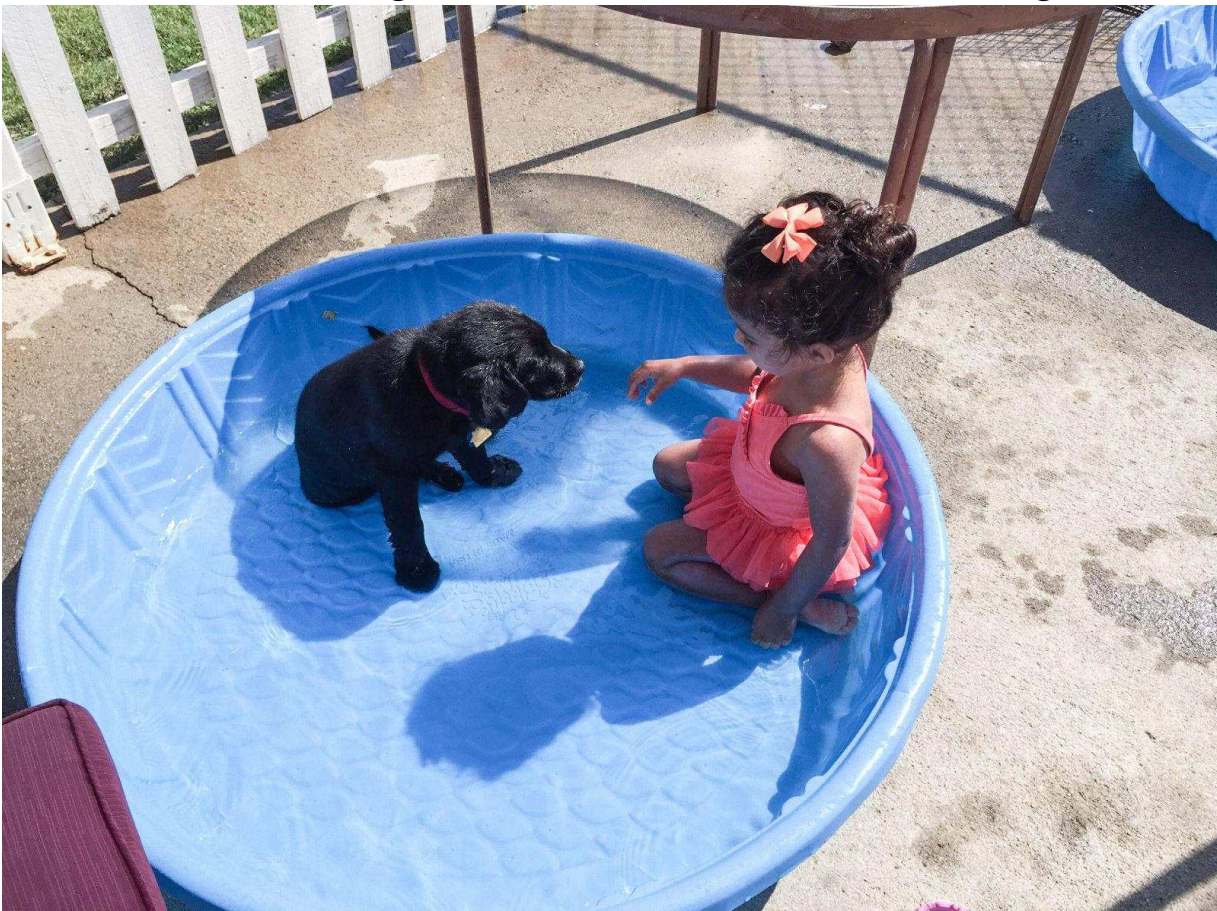


What a pleasure it is to share with you all of Ezri's new experiences. Thank you, Sepulveda Building Materials, for your generous support of Guide Dogs of America. Your donations make sponsoring a pup like Ezri possible.

Ezri is blossoming from a squishy little puppy to a really cute not so squishy puppy. Actually, she is all legs now. This quarter, Ezri has had her 16 week vaccinations and weighed in at 35.3 lbs at that time. She is very healthy and really progressing well. Now that she has had her shots, she can move on to being exposed to new experiences, places, and people. I look forward to sharing these new adventures with you. Enjoy!

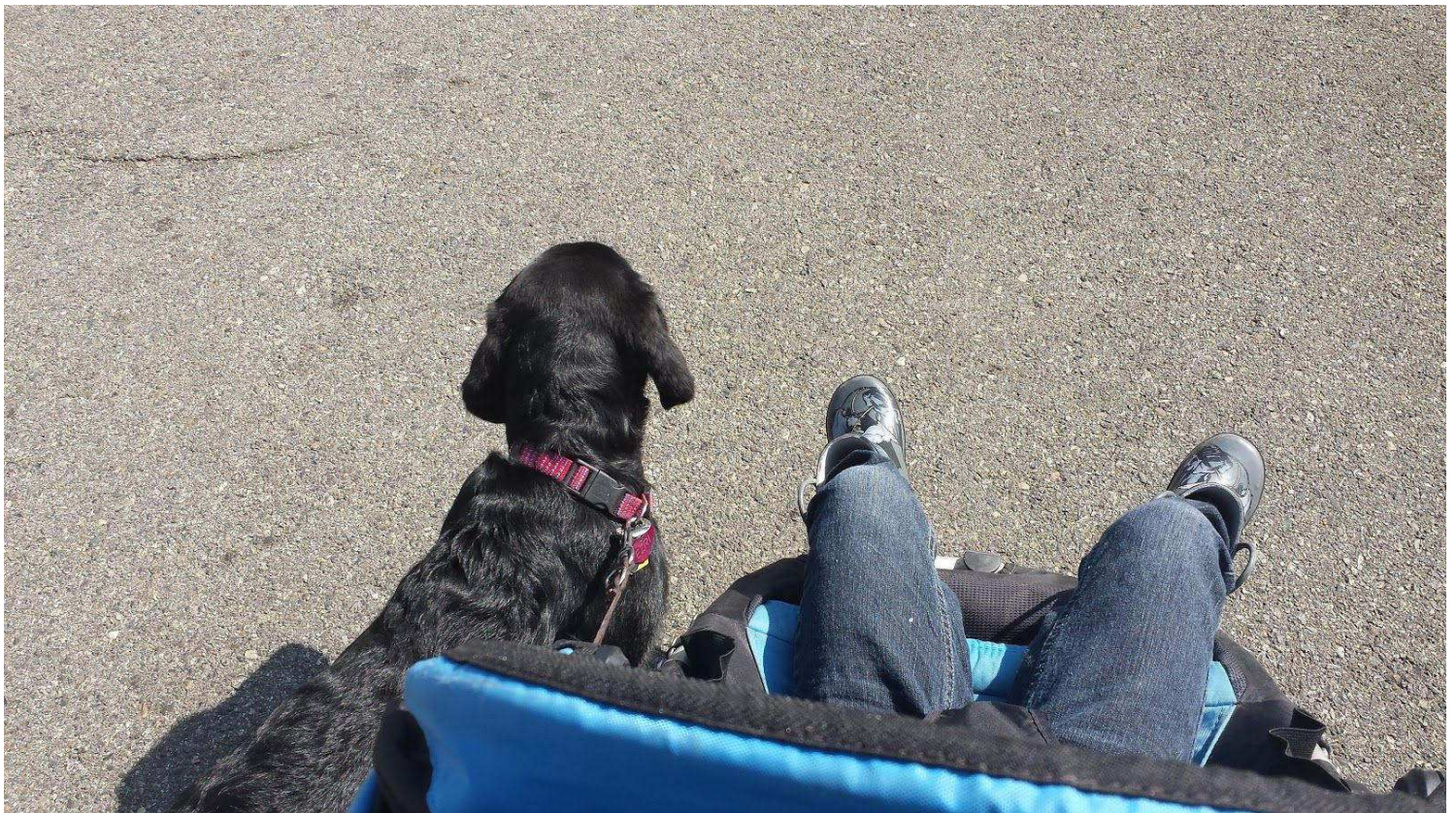
Ezri is learning to be around children of all ages.







And the distractions of children, such as a boy on his trike with a helmet.



Or walking nicely by a stroller.





Grooming is always fun.



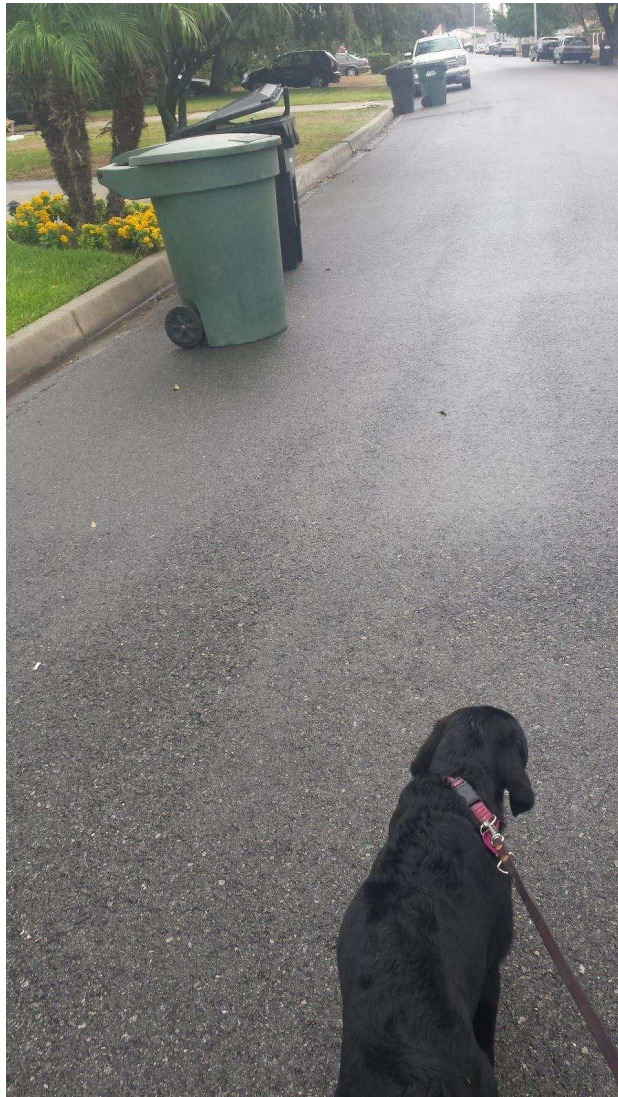
Ezri rests comfortably while my grandson plays with his toys around her.



Ezri plays nicely on playdates with other GDA pups in training







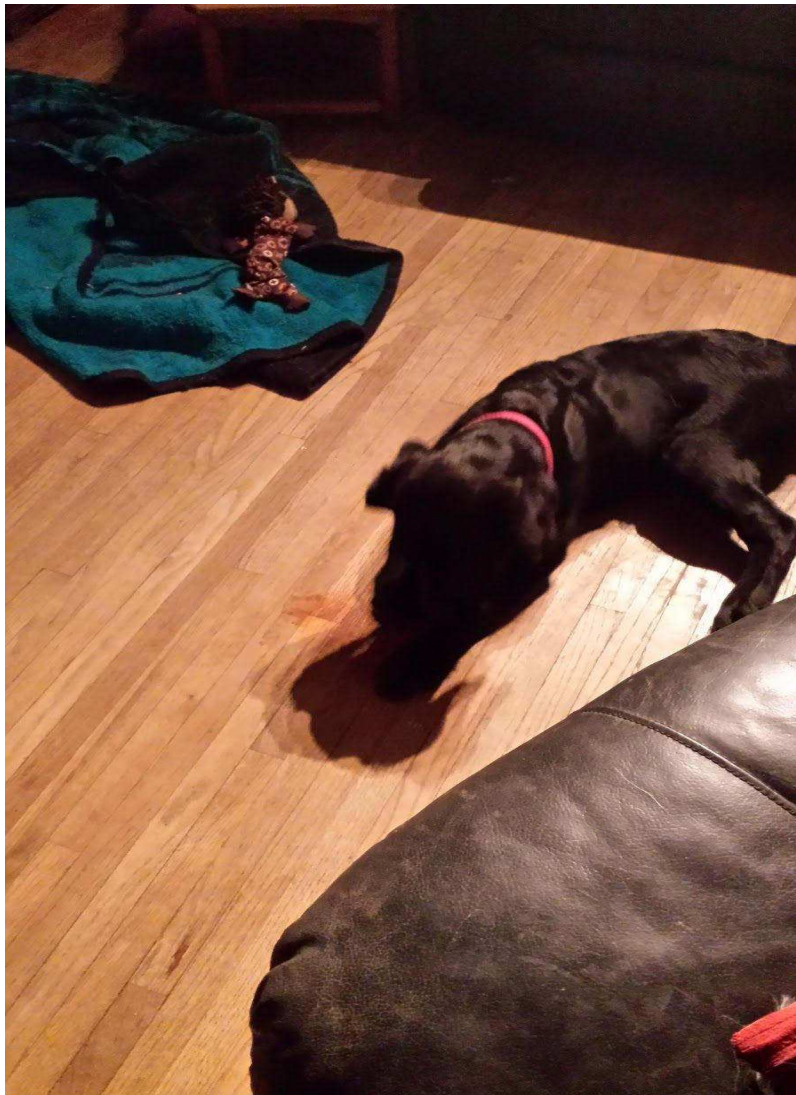
It doesn't rain much in Southern California, but when it does it's a good time to practice walking in the rain - new sights and smells to experience.



Scary Halloween decorations,



scary trash cans,



and crazy shadows that follow you as you move.





Watching the exercise instructor in my exercise class. I know she must think we are strange.



After a while, Ezri chooses to nap rather than watch the class do cardio.



Or Zumba





One of the fun activities we do is to go up to Thompson Creek Trail for obedience training with distractions. Here they are practicing gentle greeting of children while they all are on a down/stay.

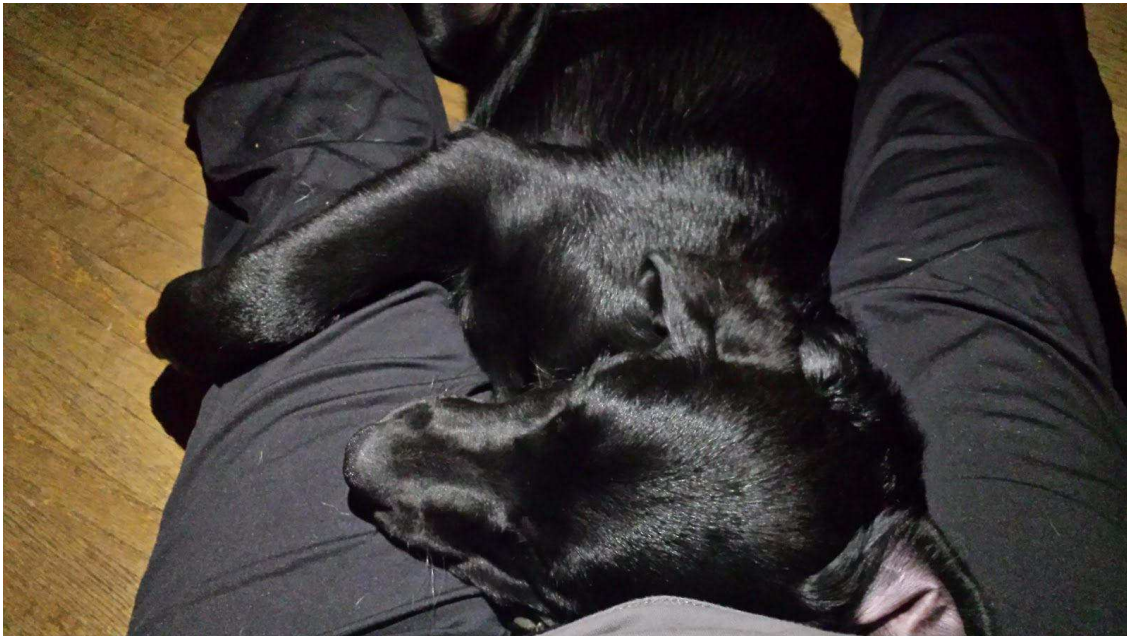


Oh the fun! If you look closely you can see the hot dogs, crackers, a bowl of kibble and a musical toy dancing with a hoola hoop. Walking around these objects leaving them alone takes a lot of practice, but is crucial for a future guide.



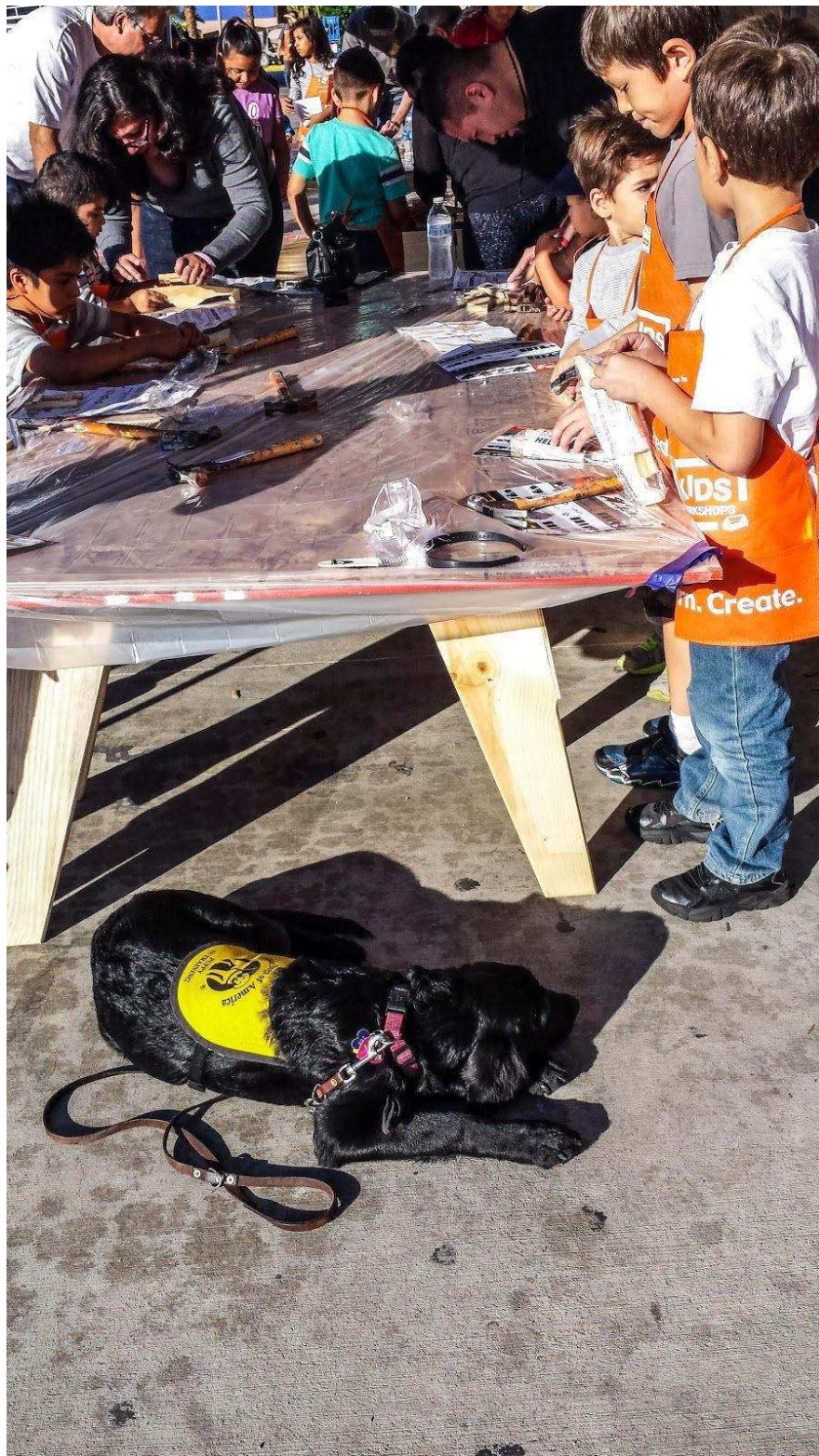


Hmmmmmmmmmm - I wonder where she is hiding? Actually, she is asleep in her crate and her tail sticking out was too cute.



We were cradling and she fell fast asleep. Cradling is done to get used to being handled. As a future guide, she will be handled and touched frequently by her partner. No problem here.





Wood workshop for the kids - lots of noise, kids, and hammering - wonder what she is dreaming about.

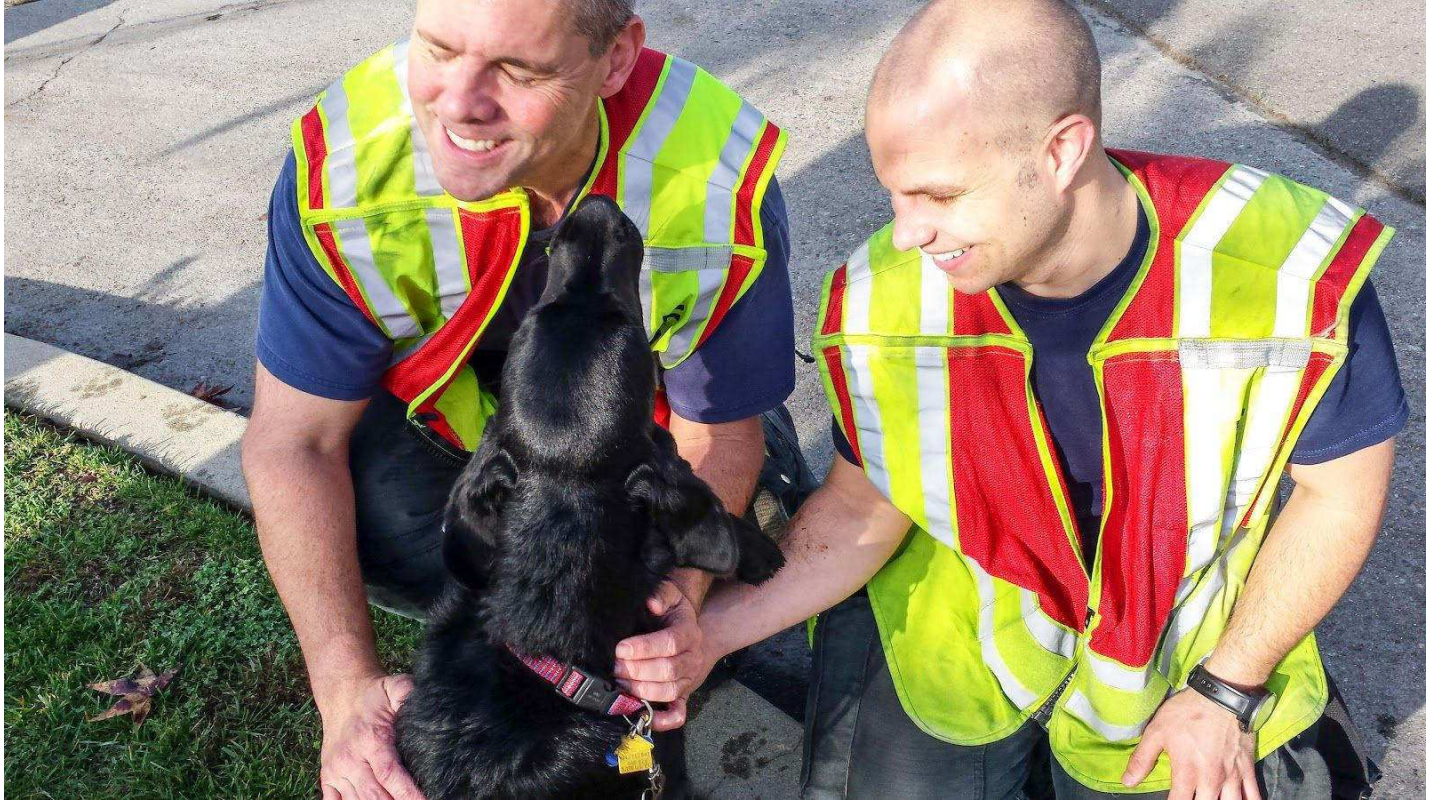


We take a different way each time we walk so Ezri will always be ready to handle the unexpected. Yesterday, a beautifully decorated home.

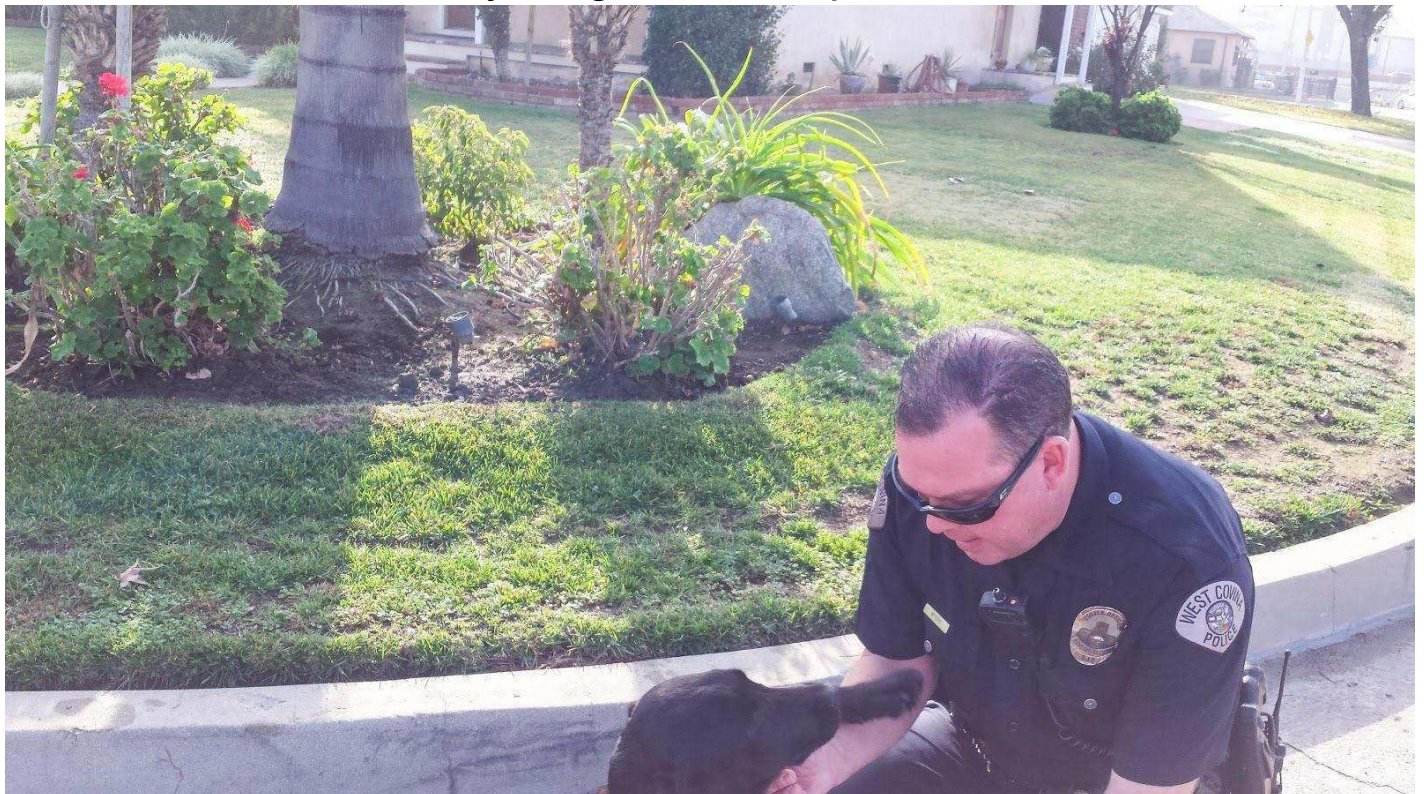




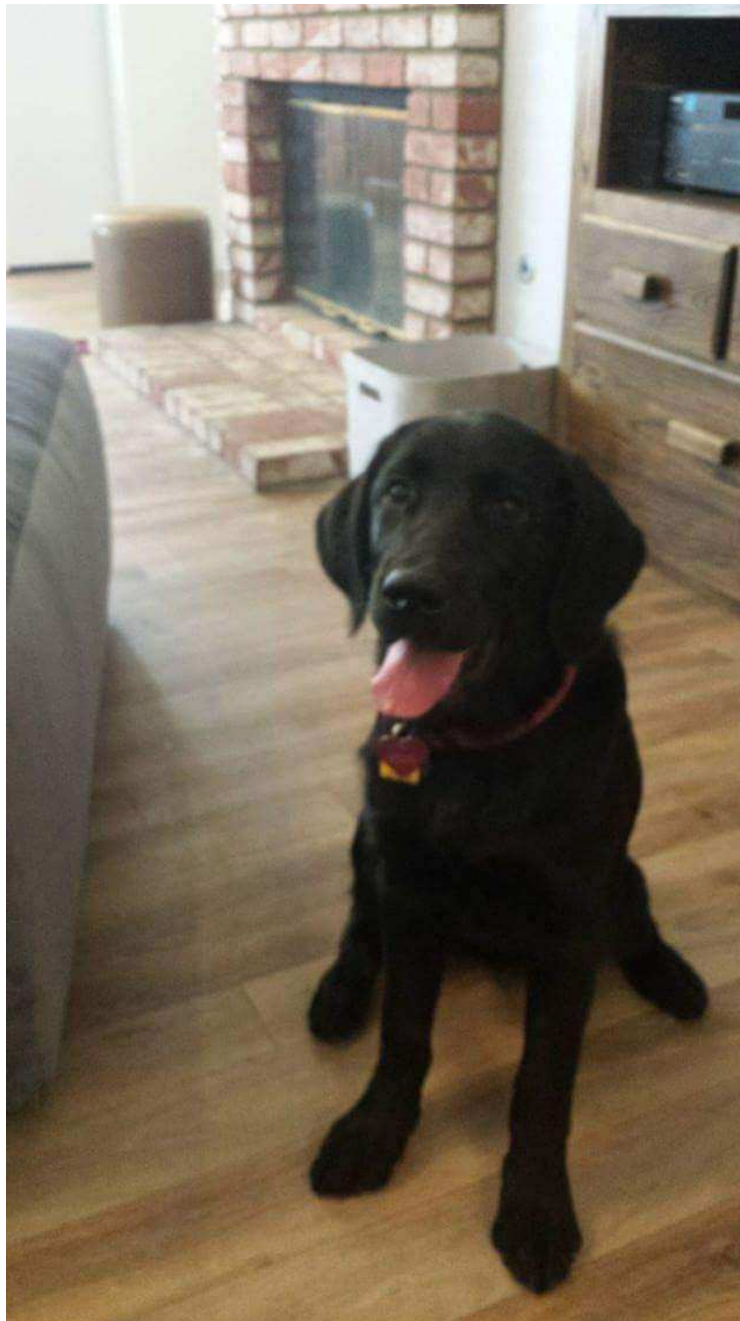
Today, paramedics took time to say hello after their call.



A friendly neighborhood police officer.







Good sit, Ezri!



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Ezri 4-6 mos



What a pleasure to raise Ezri. We visit the main campus about once a month. She is always excited to see her friends here. It's important she gets used to being here because this will be her home for 6 to 9 months during formal training. She will start overnight stays when she turns 6 months. It's always fun at "Camp GDA"