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Finley's Adventures

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Catch up!

Hi,

A lot has happened since we last chatted. Mom has taken me on many adventures which you will see below. I'm going through my teenager stage, but mom says I am making nice progress now that I am a bit older with my obedience and socialization. I have full freedom in the home, even sleeping loose in the bedroom a few nights a week. The cat's and I are now friends too. I still love my jolly ball and play time, but mom also puts me to work often around other dogs and distractions to keep me on my toes. I think you will enjoy my recent adventures and friends I have made along the way. We have been quite busy working hard! Thank you for your continued support.

Love, Finley



Encountering
statues, settling
outside at a
restaurant and
lots of pedestrian
and car traffic.



Downey, CA



My first boat ride on
the lake!

Lake Elsinore, CA



I have
learned
to swim!

8 months old





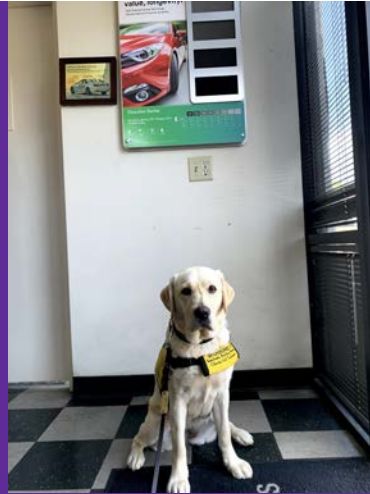
My labrador instincts kicked in while swimming. I love it! Mom made me earn swimming my making me sit, stay, even go into a down in the sand. When can we go back?!



Sleeping
on the
boat ride
back.



Grocery shopping while we wait for my moms car to get it's windows tinted. She said it will help keep us cooler in the summer. I settled really well for her, while observing the guys complete the job.





Frankie

My kitty friends. My mom was so proud of me for getting on my bed, despite the cat already being there.



Forrest



I was a mentor puppy at the West LA puppy classes. Got to meet my half siblings, Auggie. Then Bindi joined the class. We loved training and playing together.



Attended outings with the West LA group. Here I am being worked by puppy sitter extraordinaire, Alexis. I worked around many other puppies and did so well staying focused on my handler. Mom is proud of me.



Seeing fresh water flowing,
waterfalls and lots to smell.

HIKING!!! We have to get it
in while it is still a bit cooler
out.



Settling at Hof's Hut



Since outdoor dining is now open, I've been to a few more restaurants. I am still working on settling, but mom brought my blanket and that helped. I'm really good at maintaining a loose leash while walking by people eating.



My besties! Rolex and Dayna.

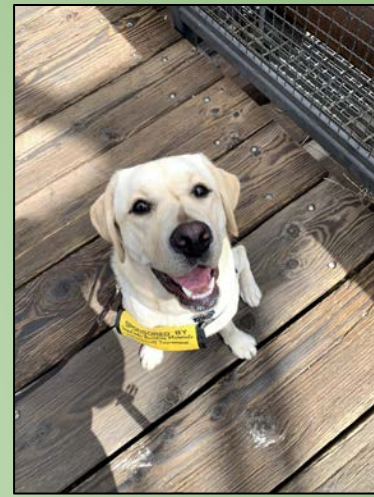
There is a talented puppy raiser who draws these beautiful pieces of work with chalk around the GDA Campus.

Isn't this saying so true!





More parks to explore in Santa Clara, the Iron Horse Trailhead. I walked over a bridge, hopped on rocks, practiced my loose leash walking around the trails, and past other walkers and their dogs.



Iron Horse Trailhead cont.





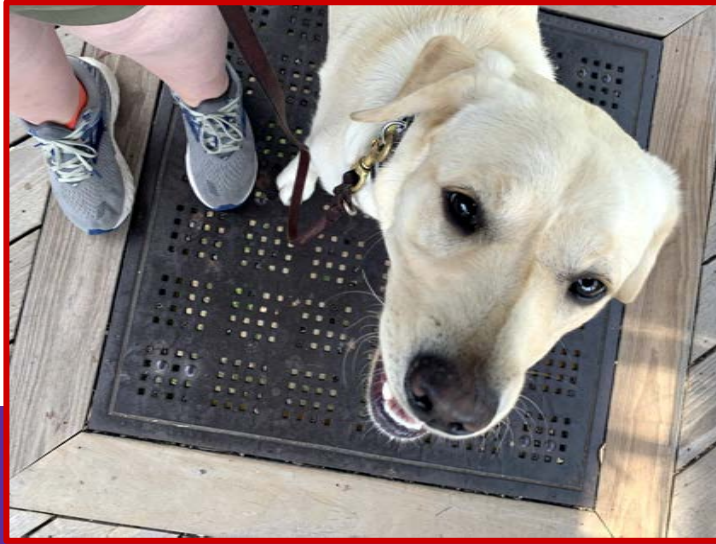
Formal Evaluation
time with Carol
Ann!

I got to wear a
harness and enjoy
lunch with her on
her break.

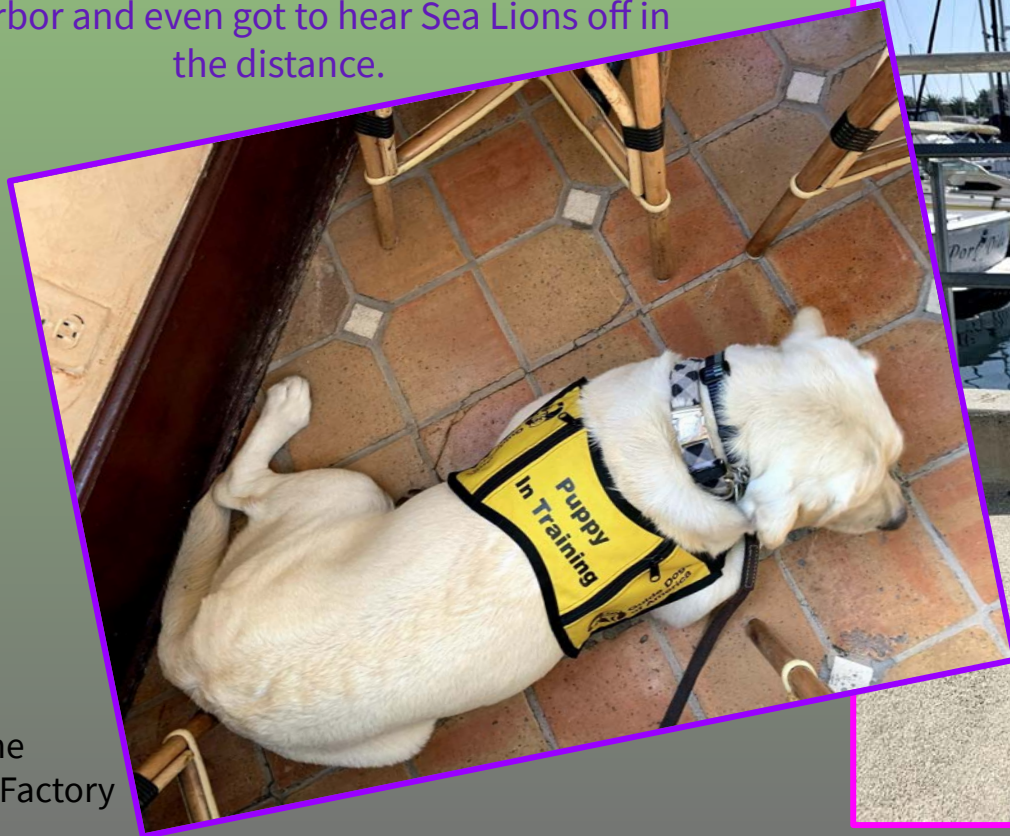


Walteria Park, Torrance, CA

Worked around a lot of children, metal grates, people playing sports. Lots of distractions but I stayed focused and even settled well.



Settling at a restaurant at the Redondo Beach Harbor. We went for a long walk before, so it would help me settle better. I loved the smells of the harbor and even got to hear Sea Lions off in the distance.



Settling at the
Cheesecake Factory





Outings to Lowe's



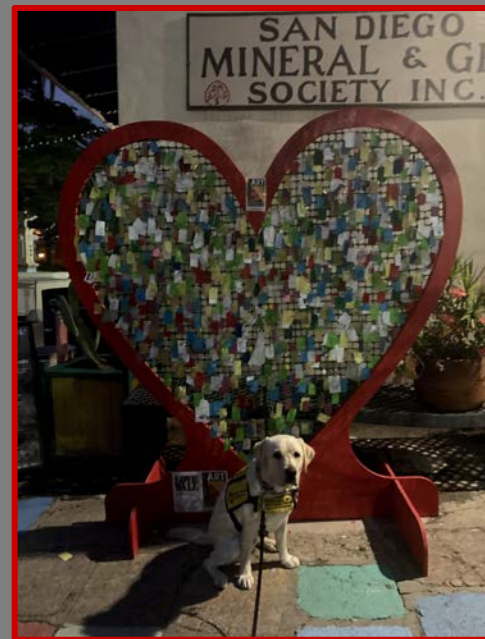
Practiced walking politely down and up stairs. Watched kids run around the fountain.

San Diego

Mom had a work project in San Diego, so I got to tag along. We explored Balboa Park where I encountered lots of distractions and novel objects.



Balboa Park





My first hotel visit. I
LOVED looking out the
window at everything
down below.

At night mom walked me around the downtown, harbor area. She was trying to get me tired so I would sleep well.

My nose was a bit distracted at the harbor, so it was good practice for me, before we set sail the next day. I encountered many dogs, people, skateboarders, and bicycles.

I went up and down the elevators in the hotel many times and did excellent. I even had to "get busy" in a new place, which was a bit hard for me. However, I never had an accident.





I loved the hotel room, looking out the window, playing fetch with mom. She even practiced obedience in the hallway.

I slept loose in the room for the first time and was well behaved. Mom didn't let me on the bed, despite my adorable face.



This is Lilly. She handled me on the outing, as my mom had to work.



The group outing took place on a Ferry! We rode it to and from Coronado Island in SD. I was very brave sitting on top of the boat, and feeling the wind blow in my face.

When we got to the island, it was very busy. We walked around in small groups. Practiced obedience, loose leash walking, greetings and even settling.



The black lab is my sister, Feebie!

Below I am photographed with my mom in Coronado. It was a blast!





My first car wash

Mom made sure to feed me lots of treats, so I was very comfortable in the car.





Despite all the work I have been doing, there is of course plenty of time for play!! My favorite type of play is swimming, hiking and playing with my jolly ball.



Meeting other four legged friends. A horse, Lhama, and a donkey! I even met a bear, although it was fake.

NEW
FRIENDS!



Making Masterpieces!

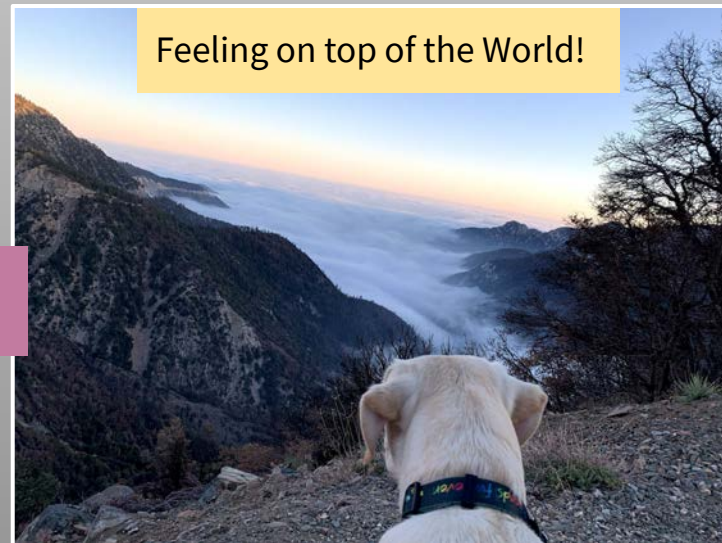


My mom's friend, Shannon came into town. We went to a Board and Paint shop, where I heard pounding of tools, smelled paint, even got to meet new friends whom were impressed by my skills. I settled very well.



Outing with the Sylmar Puppy raising group.

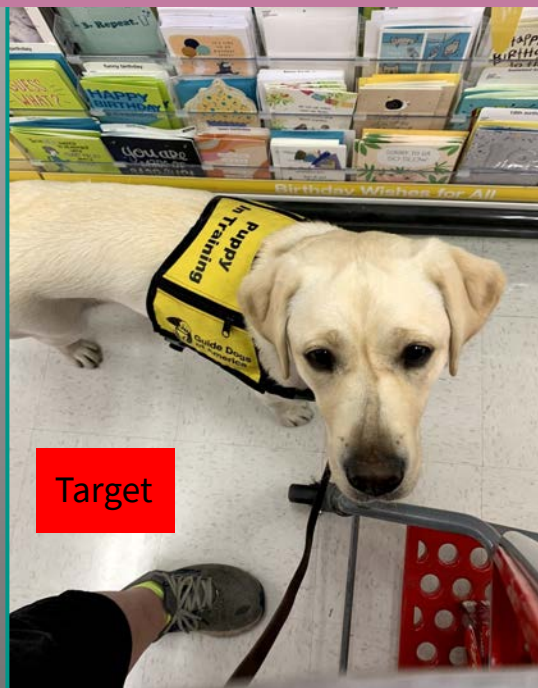
Exploring the world!



Feeling on top of the World!



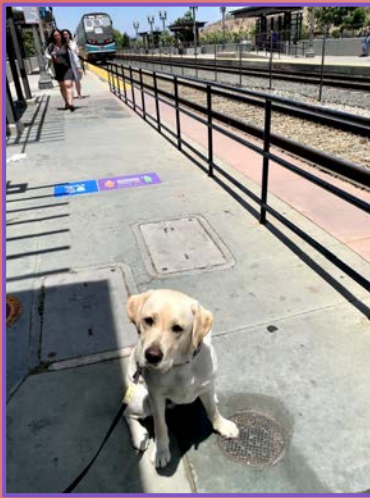
Making new friends



Target



Park walk in Monrovia



Downtown Newhall, Train Station and Memorial Park

New exposure to the train horn, train movement, flags, water fountains and pedestrians





Ventura Harbor outing with the Ventura Puppy raiser group. So much fun and a great experience working around a lot of other dogs!



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