

IDA

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Thank you Sepulveda Building Materials for sponsoring Guide Dog of America's Ida!

The past 3 Summer months have been transformative for Ida.

She is no longer this



little bundle of fur.

Now, 5 months old,



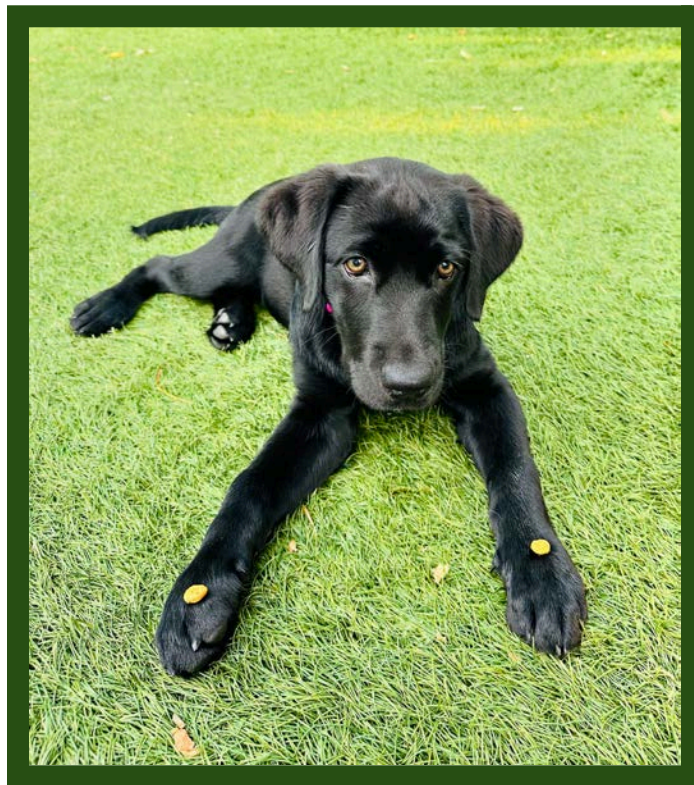
Ida has almost tripled in size and weight and has most of her adult coat. She is seemingly independent and confident and eager to experience the world.

Here is how the Summer unfolded.

July was all about GDA Puppy Kindergarten. Ida learned basic commands - sit, down, stand, heel, come and close. She worked hard and loved to work.



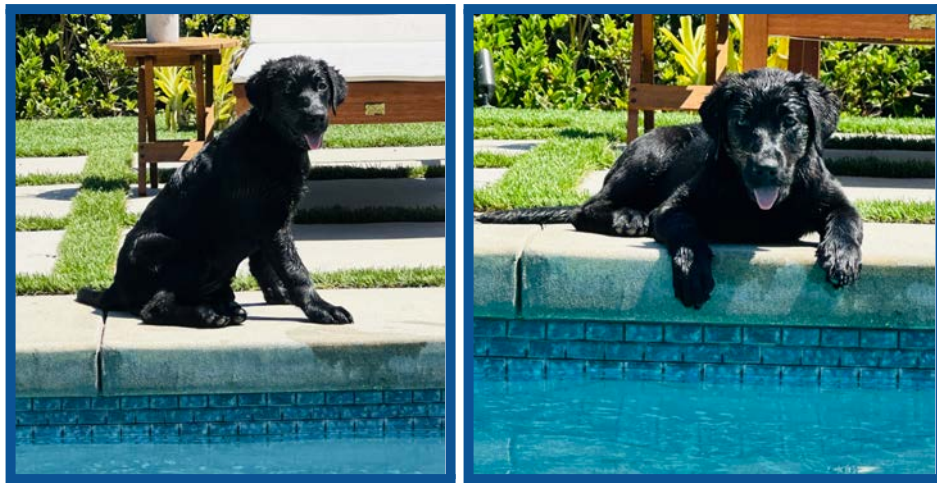
Ida learned "leave it"



and "drop" too.



Ida did have some time for fun - she went on a family vacation and enjoyed the sun and, of course, the water.



Ida even got her own pool - of sorts - at home.



She also spent time with friends.

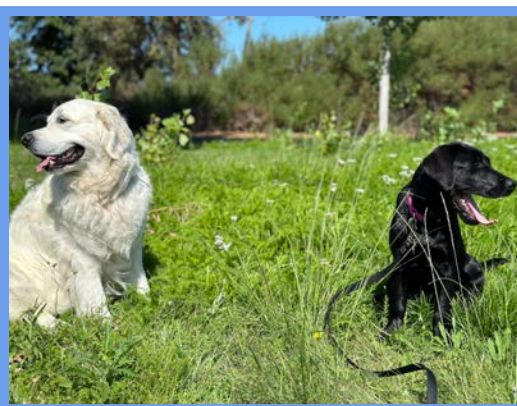
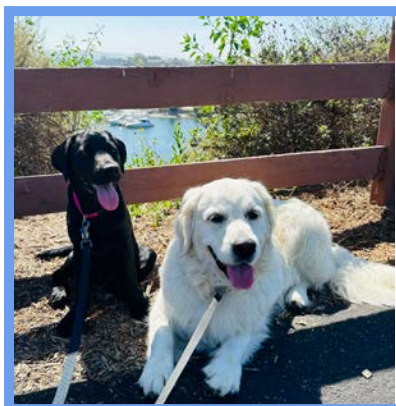
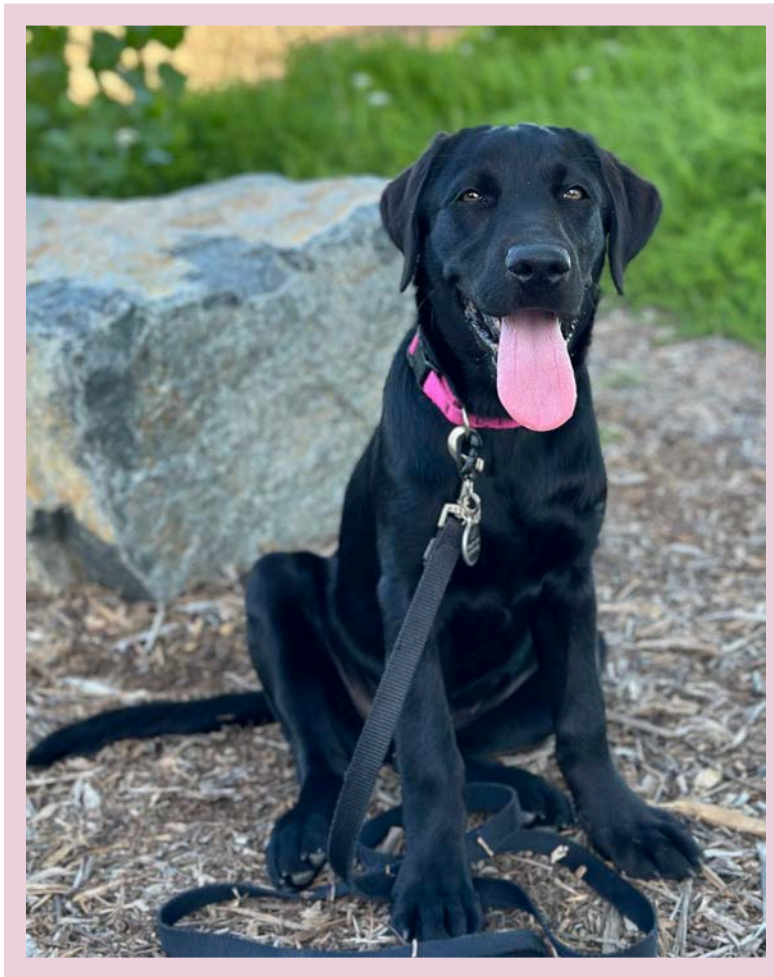


And then there were those summer naps.



Ida graduated from Puppy Kindergarten in August. She was actually ready to pass her assessment test a week early! Ida truly enjoyed her training classes and her wonderful GDA trainer. Ida then took her skills to the streets.

In mid-August, Ida received her final set of puppy shots and started to see the world.



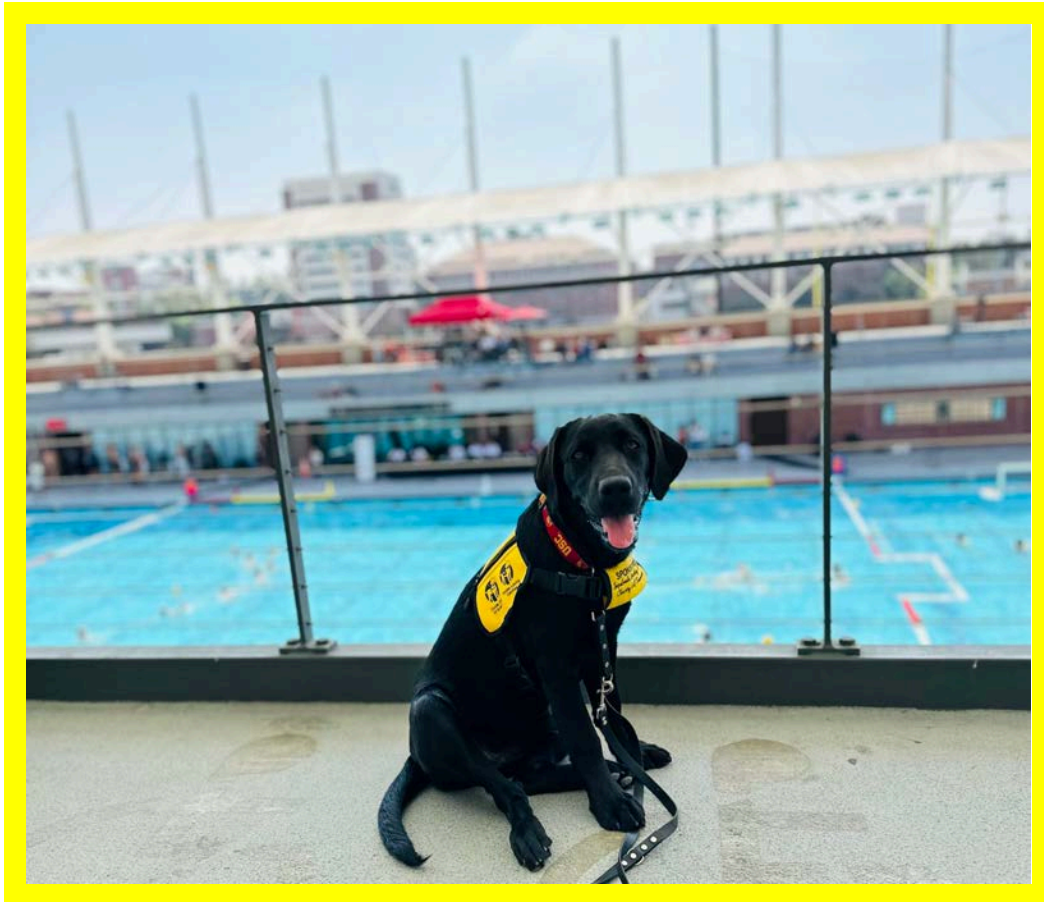
September was the month of teeth. She lost them and we found them everywhere,



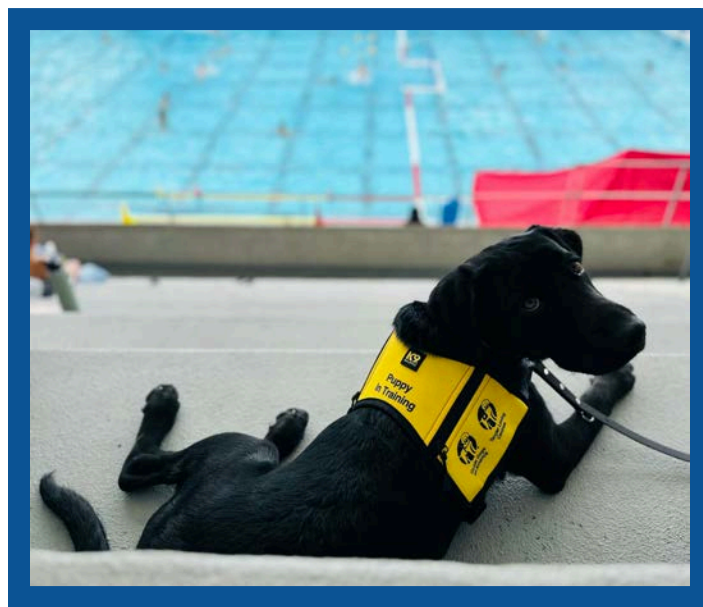
including in her make-shift pool.

Ida also earned her spot as a super-fan of the USC Men's Water Polo Team.





She has attended all the SoCal games and learned about whistles, clapping and cheering and has a lot of new friends.



Raising Ida has been a wonderful adventure and we are so thankful for all of the support from Sepulveda Building Materials and Guide Dogs of America!

