

The Life of Monty — February 2015-April 2015

Hey everyone! It's me, Monty. ☺
And I'm back with a new update on the life of Monty! Life is busy, but so so good. I spend a lot of time with my family and continue to practice my obedience skills. Every day, I get better and better!



I still go on walks in our meadow and often practice my obedience skills. Apart from breakfast and dinner, my walks are my favorite part of the day!

It's starting to feel like the beginning of summer because the sun is really bright! Without sunglasses, it can be hard to see!!

I get to do lots of things and go many places each month so it is very exciting! Sometimes we go to the mall, sometimes to the grocery store, sometimes to church, sometimes to special events, sometimes to school. Mom keeps surprising me with different places!

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When I'm not taking walks or going to different places, I like to just hang out at home. My family says I'm super cute, so I get a lot of attention. One of my favorite places is in my bed. If I'm not lying around in the main rooms, I can normally be found in my bed in mom's room.

Sometimes, they even move my bed out to the main rooms so I can have two of my favorites: my family AND my bed!

Or...I'll borrow someone else's bed... ↓



Can you tell I've grown a bit??

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Sometimes, I have friends over. I think I've told you about Sylvie in some of my other letters. After we play hard, we sleep ever harder! We like to sleep next to each other. That way, if she gets up, I'll wake up too and we can start playing again right away!

This is me on a very good 'Down' 'Stay' while waiting for my food. Every morning and evening, I have to practice my obedience before I get to eat. It sure takes a lot of self-control! I can wait up to 5 minutes for my food now!

Fortunately, there are no rules against drooling...



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HAPPY LATE VALENTINE'S DAY!

I got to celebrate my first valentine's day this past February. ♥



Here I am showing my love for all of you at Sepulveda Building Materials!

I found this heart balloon and decided to host my own Valentine's Day Parade in honor of the holiday!



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We take a lot of pictures. And as you can see...playing dress-up never gets old! I've learned to just go with it. ☺



I celebrated my very 1st birthday on March 7th! Mom was out of town that weekend, but I stayed with another puppy raiser. She took me to Petco and let me pick out 2 toys!

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We go to a lot of different places. There are so many sights, smells and people! In this picture, we were waiting in line at JC Penney. I always get a lot of attention from people while we're waiting in line.

One of the most exciting things that has happened, is that we have sheep in our meadow! Every year, the community association hires sheep to mow the weeds down. It is so much fun to watch the sheep dogs do their work!



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Every Tuesday and Thursday, my mom takes a French class at Palomar College. I get to go with her and learn all about French.

Bonjour! J'adore Sepulveda Building Materials!



Everyone in the class loves me and the professor always talks to me in French. I can never understand what he is saying, but I wag my tail anyway.

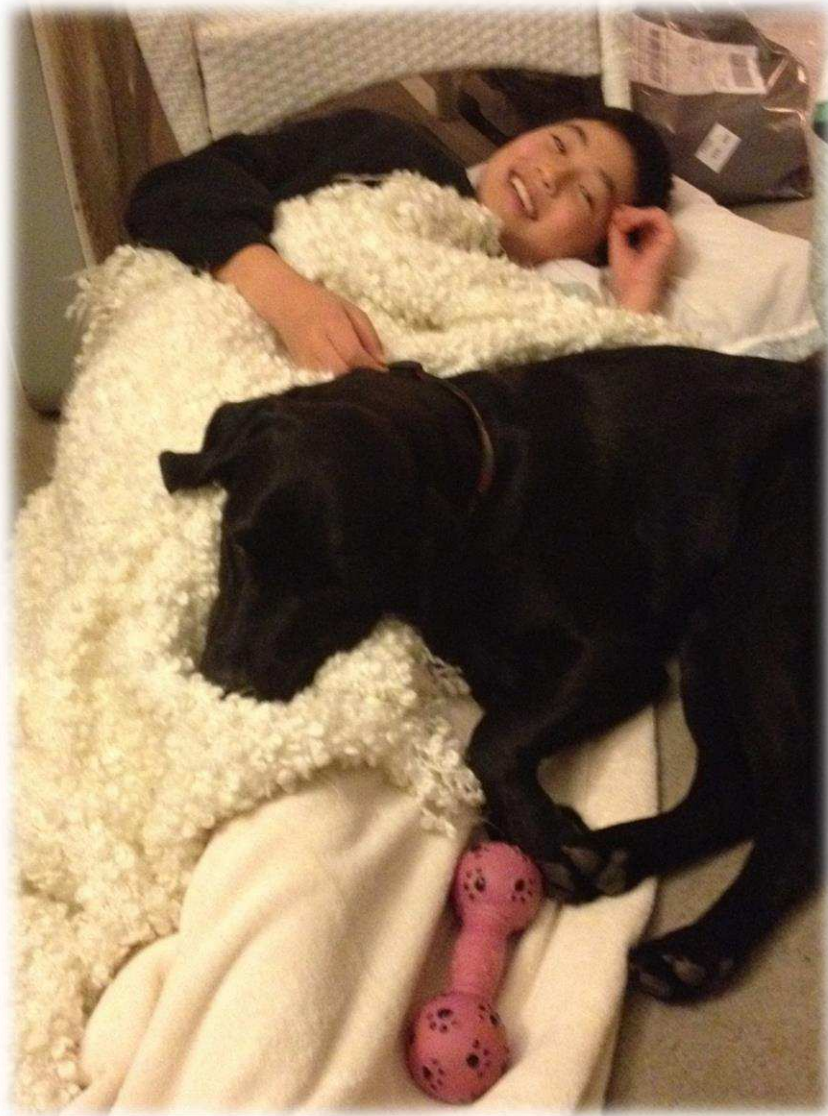


In this picture, I'm practicing my sit stays while all the students are walking past. This is also in front of a light wall that is pretty cool. The entire wall, from floor to ceiling is lit up!

After we have French class, we have to go to the computer lab to do our homework. I wait patiently for mom to finish. It sure is a great place to take a nap!



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As you can probably tell from this photo, I love to cuddle! I can nearly always be found next to someone on the floor or lying on someone's feet!

There's just something comforting about being close to my family. I love when the whole family is home and will run to the front door as soon as I hear a car pull up in the driveway. Sometimes, I wag my tail so hard that I'm afraid it will fall right off!

I am having so much fun with my training and can't wait to become a guide dog. Mom says you should be proud of me, Sepulveda Building Materials! I'm coming along in my training and have big plans to be the best guide dog that I can be!

The other week, I sat in Sunday school class for preschool – kindergarten aged kids. I sure got a lot of attention! It was so much fun! Sometimes, I would get my tail pulled, my ears tugged on or my paws stepped on, but that's okay. They are little and mom would explain to them that they have to be gentle. I just gave them lots of big kisses.

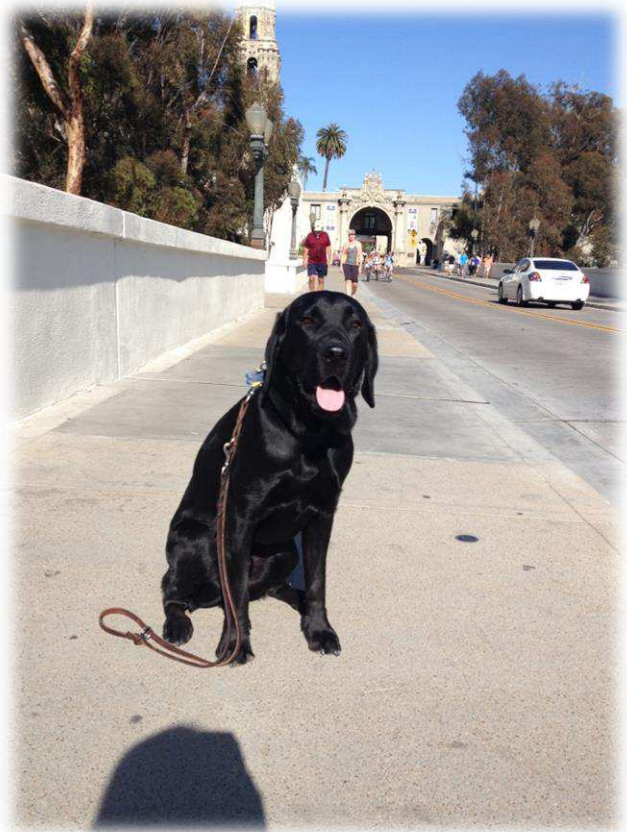
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A couple of weeks ago, we went to Balboa Park in San Diego. We were able to visit the Timken Art Museum and saw a lot of paintings! Next time I see my friends, I'm going to tell them that I got to see a real Raphael painting with my very own eyes! It was pretty cool!



The architecture is pretty amazing there and we got to walk all around! It was a sunny, but beautiful day!! I had plenty of water, so I was happy and hydrated!!

First, we took a normal picture → And then we took a goofy one. ↑



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We got to stop by the koi fish pond and I got to have some out of jacket time since we were out of the museum. ☺ Here I am intently watching the fish. They were super cool and big! It's crazy that they breathe right through the water!!

I put my head right through the holes in the fence. It fit perfectly!!

Well, I think that just about wraps up the past few months in the life of Monty. Sepulveda, you rock!! Thank you so much for your ongoing support of my training!! I'm doing my best to represent you well!



Much love and many licks,

MONTY

