

The Life of Monty – August-October 2014

Hey guys!!

It's Monty again...hope you are doing well!! I've been great and keeping quite busy! Here's a little bit of what I've been doing the past few months. ☺

Back in August, I fit inside the laundry basket and sometimes took a little snooze!



The other day, I tried to lie down in the basket, but I just couldn't fit!! I'm a little big for that now, but I guess that's just part of growing up!

You probably won't believe it, but I'm 57 pounds now! People keep asking if I'm mixed with Great Dane because my legs are so long!! I keep telling them I'm 100% Labrador Retriever and proud of it!!

I've been to so many places these past few months...but mainly shopping with mom.

When we were in the grocery store one time, an elderly man stopped us and wanted to say hello! He sure was kind! Mom started talking to him and he took off his 'Vietnam Veteran' hat and showed us a pin on it. It was a K-9 Handler pin!! He said that he was a K-9 Handler in the Vietnam War and his dog was a black lab just like me! I thought that was pretty cool!!

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We do a lot of driving...This is my favorite spot in the car!
Right between the seats!

We have a convertible but mom doesn't let me drive in it with the top down. We took a picture in it, though! I'm in the back seat next to Uncle Jonathan!

Remember how I was telling you about Sylvie in my last letter?



Well, she came back to visit me again!! This is us in the car! She is so much fun to play with! I think she likes me even better now without my sharp, sharp puppy teeth!

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Aunt Ashley used to work at Jamba Juice before she moved to New York City for college! I got to visit her a few times at the store, but this is me at Jamba on her last day of work. I can't wait to see her when she comes back for Christmas!!!

Hopefully, I'll get to go visit her in New York City sometime...I'm dying to fly in one of those airplane things!



This is me at Walmart on a very good down stay. We practice obedience wherever I go. Mom says the better behaved I am in different places and with different distractions, the better prepared I'll be to work as a guide dog! Sometimes, it's pretty hard to ignore the distractions, but it'll be worth it if that's what it takes to make the cut!

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After I finished the Basic Obedience class, I started Advanced Obedience class a few weeks later. Here, we're practicing sit stays, but with distance! I was over 30 feet away from mom, but I still stayed!! It takes a lot of will power sometimes, but she gives me lots of praise when I obey. And believe me, that's worth it!!

I wore my big boy jacket for the first time to obedience class! Guess what? It has your name embroidered on it: Sepulveda Building Materials! I think that is really awesome that I get to proudly wear my yellow jacket with my sponsor's name on it! Thanks so much for sponsoring me!!!

I graduated from Advanced Obedience class on September 30th.



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Uncle Matt has been trying to teach me how to take a ‘selfie’! First, I had to learn to look at the camera! It took some practice, but I think I’ve got it down now!!



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For one of our monthly Guide Dogs of America meetings, our group visited Oakmont Senior Center. I think we brightened up their day and we sure got a lot of love!!

Below is our group...we all had a great time!!



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I also got to go to Uncle Matthew's and Uncle Jonathan's Boy Scout Court of Honor! As you can see, I slept right through it!



The other day, mom went to a whole bunch of garage sales. I got to go along and meet a bunch of people! This is my big purchase...no pun intended! I snuggle with him, because it's like having a big doggy friend!

Well, that's the big stuff that's happening in the life of Monty with some little stuff thrown in there too! Thank you Sepulveda Building Materials for your generous support of my training...I'm doing my best to make you proud!

Wags and Kisses,

MONTY

