

Dear Family,

I am writing to update you on my progress in service dog training. This month, I primarily focused on learning... I met my new handler on 8/11/22. Everyday I'm bonding w/ him strengthening my eye contact w/ him & guess what? I'm walking on his right side - (I guess he's a righty) I'm also heavily working on impulse control on a platform. I have to stay in the position he ask me until he releases me (sit, down, stand). And before I can eat or drink he wants me to sit and wait till he cues me. I'm doing good - but I miss you. He said you did a great job w/ me & says thank you. Hope to see you again soon.

Some other things that I am learning include... Going to the chow hall w/ my handler and being good to not get out of position and I don't chase food on floor. He places me under the table while he eats & treats me after w/ a 'jackpot' of kibble. Yummy!!

I am good at... playing w/ other dogs nicely and returning to my handler when he calls me.

I am still struggling with... staying in a down position when my handler walks away from me. I tend to get up & follow him. He doesn't go far, but I just want to be around him. He teaching me to "stay" until he comes back.

I have the most fun when... when I'm playing with my handler - I slobber & lick him - he's always trying to duck away from that - I get him still. Lots of hugs & love. I also like to be chased by the other dogs.

My favorite toy is... my new rubber pickle - I like it when he puts kibble in it. I also like the plush dog - I need to be careful not to tear it though. Sometimes I get too excited -

Wags & Kisses,

Nash



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