

Dear Family,

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I am writing to update you on my progress in service dog training. This month, I primarily focused on learning... LEAVING THINGS ALONE THAT I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TOUCH OR PUT IN MY MOUTH. ALSO, HOW TO LOOK MY HANDLER STRAIGHT IN THE EYES UNTIL ONE OF US BLINKS! LATELY, I'VE BEEN WINNING BUT HUMANS ARE STRANGE! HE GETS HAPPY WHEN I WIN! SO, I'LL KEEP STARRING HIM DOWN SO HE'LL BE HAPPY.

Some other things that I am learning include... going to my HANDLERS SIDE WHEN I'm TOLD TO. IT WAS HARD AT FIRST BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WERE DOING. I GOT IMPATIENT STANDING THERE AND STARTED MOVING MY BACK FEET CAUSE THEY WERE FALLING ASLEEP. THIS STRANGE GUY GOT HAPPY AGAIN! SO I KEPT MOVING THEM UNTIL I BUMPED INTO HIM AND HE GAVE ME SOME KIBBLE. I'm ALSO LEARNING TO GO UNDER THE BENCH OR CHAIR, WHICHEVER MY HANDLER WANTS, SO I'M OUT OF EVERYONE'S WAY WHEN I WANT TO LAY DOWN. I LIKE IT! I CAN SLEEP WITHOUT THESE BIG FEET PEOPLE STEPPING ON ME!

I am good at... TAKING NAPS AND GETTING MY HANDLER TO SNEAK ME A FREE TREAT EVERY NOW AND THEN! EVERYONE KNOWS THAT SLEEPING IS MY FAVORITE THING TO DO! I WOULD SLEEP ALL DAY IF HE WOULD LET ME! BUT I DON'T MIND. CAN'T GET NO TREATS SLEEPING!

I am still struggling with... ROLLING OVER AND SHOWING MY BELLY! SOMETIMES MY HANDLER GETS ME TO ROLL ONTO MY BACK. IT'S FUN AT FIRST BUT WHEN HE TOUCHES MY BELLY I DON'T LIKE IT! I'M STARTING TO TRUST HIM MORE BUT WE'LL SEE. AND THEM DARN BIRDS STILL GET ME TOO EXCITED! I'M DOING BETTER I STILL NEED MORE WORK ON IT.

I have the most fun when... MY HANDLER TAKES ME OUT TO THIS FENCED IN AREA, TAKES OFF MY VEST AND HALTER, THEN TELLS ME TO GO PLAY!! I GRAB MY RED KONG BONE IN MY MOUTH AND TAKE OFF AS FAST AS I CAN! THERE WAS A MUD PUDDLE LAST TIME AND I SLID THROUGH IT! I HAD A BLAST!

My favorite toy is... MY HANDLER! JUST KIDDING! I LOVE MY KONG-BONES! HE MIXES PEANUT BUTTER AND KIBBLE AND PUTS IT IN THERE. I HAVE HOURS OF FUN GETTING IT! HAVE TO BE QUIET THOUGH. TAKE A LOT OF CONCENTRATION TO GET THE GOODIES OUT!

Wags & Kisses,

Blavier

