

Dear Family,

I am writing to update you on my progress in service dog training. This month, I primarily focused on learning... LEARNING HOW TO HOLD SOMETHING IN MY MOUTH. IT'S THE HARDEST THING I'M TRYING TO LEARN SO FAR. I'LL GET IT, IT'S JUST NOT THAT EASY.

Some other things that I am learning include... HOW TO SIT BETWEEN MY HANDLER'S LEGS WHEN TOLD TO. I'M ALSO LEARNING TO GO LIE ON MY MAT WHEN TOLD. I ALREADY KNEW IT BUT I'M GETTING A REFRESHER COURSE. AND I'M LEARNING TO TAKE A COUPLE OF STEPS BACKWARDS WHEN TOLD HELPS ME TO GET OUT OF PEOPLE'S WAY. I LEAVE BIRDS ALONE NOW AND I'M ALMOST TO WHERE I CAN LEAVE KIBBLE ALONE WHEN I SEE IT ON THE GROUND. Almost!!

I am good at... GOING TO MY CRATE, OR THE BED, OR THE FLOOR (WHICHEVER ONE IS CLOSER) AND GOING TO SLEEP! I'M SO GOOD AT IT I DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO BE TAUGHT. CAME AU NATUREL!

I am still struggling with... HOLDING SOMETHING IN MY MOUTH. I DON'T MIND MY HANDLER PUTTING SOMETHING BY MY MOUTH AND I'LL BITE ON IT BUT HOLDING IT?! I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT! I'LL PROBABLY DO IT EVENTUALLY BUT BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND THE PIGEONS?! I LIKE TO GIVE HIM A HARD TIME SOMETIMES!!

I have the most fun when... MY HANDLER TAKES MY HARNESS AND VEST OFF AND TELLS ME I CAN "GO PLAY". I GET MY OTHER RED TOY AND RUN AROUND WITH MY HEAD UP. I EVEN CATCH HIM SITTING ON THE BED AND I'LL THROW THE TOY ON HIS LAP! SCARES HIM!

My favorite toy is... STILL MY RED RUBBER KONG BONE!! MY GUY STILL PUTS PEANUT BUTTER IN IT ONCE IN A WHILE SO I CAN GET IT OUT. AND MY SECOND FAVORITE TOY IS HIM. I LIKE TO ACT LIKE I DON'T UNDERSTAND. DRIVES HIM NUTS. AALAKES!

Wags & Kisses,

Oliver



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