

PADDY'S PROGRESS

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Hello there, Dear Friends at Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament!!

Happy belated Independence Day! The Humans tell me it's going to be my job someday to help someone gain THEIR independence...so I figure this must be a really special day. Sure is a noisy day if nothing else, but that didn't bother me one bit! Anyway, I hope you're having a wonderful summer—I sure am!

Remember way back when I was a little puppy and all I did was play with my sisters and chew on things? Boy, have I come a long way! My social calendar is packed full and I'd say I've become top dog around the house—Literally.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

Lots of love and wag wag wag wag wags,

Paddy



Guide Dogs of America Puppy in Training



APRIL



PLAY BALL!! Well, okay, so I was more like the Head Cheerleader, but I was still the game VIP (Very Important Puppy). It was an honor to attend the game and cheer on a member of the Sepulveda Building Material family! And by "Cheer on", I mean "quietly watch the game from the grass in the shade behind center field", but hey, we all have our jobs to do, right? Go Orioles!



The Humans keep talking about me going off to "Guide Dog College", so I thought I'd better get some practice at this whole higher education thing. Piece of cake! I went to a big "SustainableUSC" Fair up at USC and I just loved it! What a busy place! The students (and the teachers) all wanted to come talk to me, and I was really good and sat and listened patiently to them while The Humans talked about preserving our natural resources.



Can you keep a secret? I have absolutely no idea what natural resources are.



I like it when I get to go places with my fellow Puppies in Training. Here I am with my buddy Wellesley representing Guide Dogs of America at Hoover Middle School. This nice Young Human in the picture was our escort—she took us to each classroom where Our Humans taught the students about guide dogs and puppy raising. Wellesley and I had to behave ALL DAY, but we rocked it. Afterwards, we got to play together. I like that part too!

MAY

Okay, so here's the thing. I may have mentioned that the Tall Human teaches our Puppy Obedience class, so I had to pay attention and be really good and stuff. Sure, fine. Sit, stay, wait to eat your dinner... That stuff is all so easy. Well, with the coming of Spring came my first GDA Obedience Class! On the GDA campus! As the class was held on Cinco de Mayo, the entire class was food based...each time we did something right, we got one of the ingredients of a burrito! Well, technically, the Human did. I just got lots of praise, which is good enough for me!

Did I mention I haven't completely figured out Humans yet?

Anyway, here I am with the Shorter Human. Please note we're both being unusually well-behaved.
(#willworkforburritos)



Later in May, I FINALLY got to go to my first Guide Dogs of America Graduation! I can just see myself sitting up on that stage, wearing that harness, having everyone stare at me and looking out and seeing people...crying their eyes out? What's that about? I thought we were **happy** about this!

Humans can be SO confusing. I'm just keeping my paws crossed that someone explains this to me before I'm up on that stage...

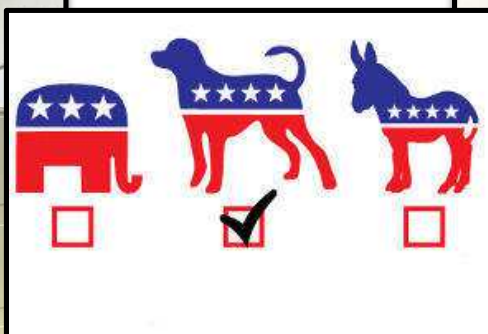
I slept under The Human's seat for most of the festivities, but here I am getting to meet the nice Small Humans that present the flag at the ceremony.

After that, I stayed on to have my second kennel stay at Camp GDA. It's fun! We get to play and I love having a roommate. The Humans say I'll need to get used to it because I'll be spending A LOT of time up here when I get older. That will be fun, but it sure will be crowded with all of us living in this kennel—I can't quite figure out where the Humans will sleep. Oh well, I'm sure they have a plan. They're pretty smart—you know, for Humans!

Part of my job as a Puppy in Training is to be a good AmbassaDog for GDA. When someone does something super nice like make a donation, we like to make an appearance and show how much their generosity is appreciated. Here I am with some of my buddies at the Hope View Elementary School, where one of the teachers is raising a puppy for GDA. We make sure they know how special they all are!



JUNE



We voted! I helped the Tall Human make Good Choices.

Since then, it's been one party after another! Here we are at the "Taste of Lakewood" which we attended with other puppy raisers and puppies in training. We talked to all kinds of people about puppy raising, but it turns out the "tasting" part was only for the Humans.

Oh well. A puppy can dream.



UNTIL NEXT TIME.



I'm nine months old now—where does the time go? I can't thank you enough for your generosity! I wish you and Your Humans a peaceful, happy rest of the summer and I hope I get to see you again soon at the Golf Tournament in August! Until then, here are a few more pictures of me so you can see how big I've gotten!



Here I am with my best buddy Irish, a breeder for GDA (he's the one sitting up). I was pooped from playing!

Lots of Love,

Paddy