

TAGG'S WAGGS

Guide Dogs of America
Puppy-In Training Sponsorship Newsletter

Tagg's Update

Hello Everyone,

I have had a wonderfully busy couple of months. I've learned so much by going to my obedience classes both in my community and at Guide Dogs of America. I even won a first place trophy! We will continue to work on all those basic things I need to know to be ready to go in for training to be a Guide Dog!

We are no longer able to weigh at Weight Watchers because my puppy raiser could no longer lift me. I did get my 50# award. I was 60 pounds when I weighed at Guide Dogs of America.

I have also been out and about town a lot. I meet many people and show them what a good boy I can be. I have been to Downtown Disney, Stores, Balboa Island where I rode the ferry, and the Temecula Promenade. I had jury duty where I sat on a criminal case on the jury at the Fullerton North Justice Center. I saw a movie; I did a 5k walk for Susan G Komen called Paws Fur Pink, and visited Descanso Gardens where I met a TV Star. I went to Prado Dam twice for a Dock Dogs event where I was a good boy around a lot of dogs. I attended a fund raiser for our local hero, K9 Officer Bruno, wounded while on duty in Anaheim. I made the local news on television, radio and the online version of the Orange County register. [OC Register K9 Bruno Scroll thru pictures to see me.](#) I visited the dentist where I slept during my puppy raisers teeth cleaning procedure. I attended a very special service dog training offered by the Orange County Transit Authority in conjunction with Knott's Berry Farm where I road my first public transportation. I

learned how to stay out of the aisle and also how to get on and off the bus.

I had four puppy swaps where I went to stay with others. At the first one I visited with Sachi, a career changed puppy for the day. Then, I went to stay with Rita and Don where I went to Sepulveda Building Materials in Orange County, to Real Estate Meetings and the gym, and I helped accept a \$500 check to Guide Dogs of America from Chebel Mina and Broadview Mortgage. At my third one, I did a 5k walk for the Animal Health Foundation with Colby and Allison where we also worked a Guide Dogs of America Booth. Then I went and stayed with Joanne where we went to Long Beach for the Grand Prix and Congressional Cup.

I did have my first big boy kennel stays where I had a lot of fun playing with my roommates. I came home with a cone once, but, that went okay.

What we will be working on:

- Proofing basic commands while out and about with distractions.
- Visiting more challenging places.
- Getting ready for our first evaluation.
- Visiting sporting events.
- Going on more public transportation.
- Being with and greeting new people.

As always we want to thank Sepulveda Building Materials for their continued generosity and support for Guide Dogs of America!

FEBRUARY



These are community obedience classes where we learn skills and how to be around other breeds of dogs.



We went to February monthly obedience classes at Guide Dogs of America on the very same day.



We then went visiting friends in Granada Hills, Pat, Bob and Steven.



I am a really tired puppy!



Happy Valentine's Day!



I do not have to give up my puppy pillow for the big bed.



We are having lunch at Taco Adobe in Orange.



We went to visit to the Angels' gift shop at lunch.



I am at Downtown Disney listening to some good music.



Don and I had a special Visit to Sepulveda Building Materials in Orange County.



Here I am at Rainforest Café listening to a very animated young man.



I am being a good boy for my sponsor.



I went to a workout with Don.



I helped accept a \$500 donation from Chebel Mina and Broadview Mortgage with Rita.



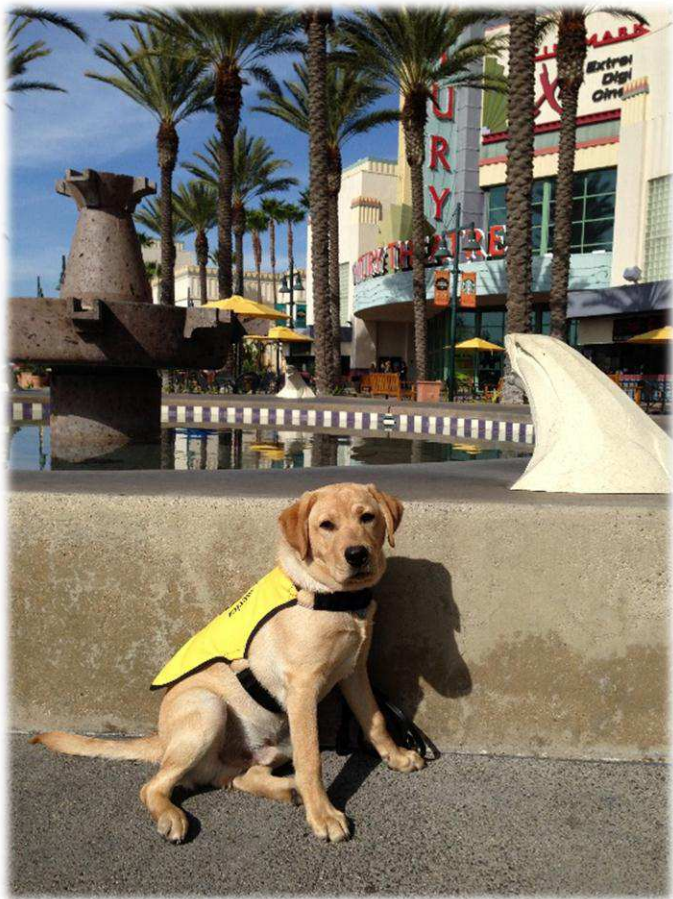
I walked my first 5k, Paws Fur Pink for Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.



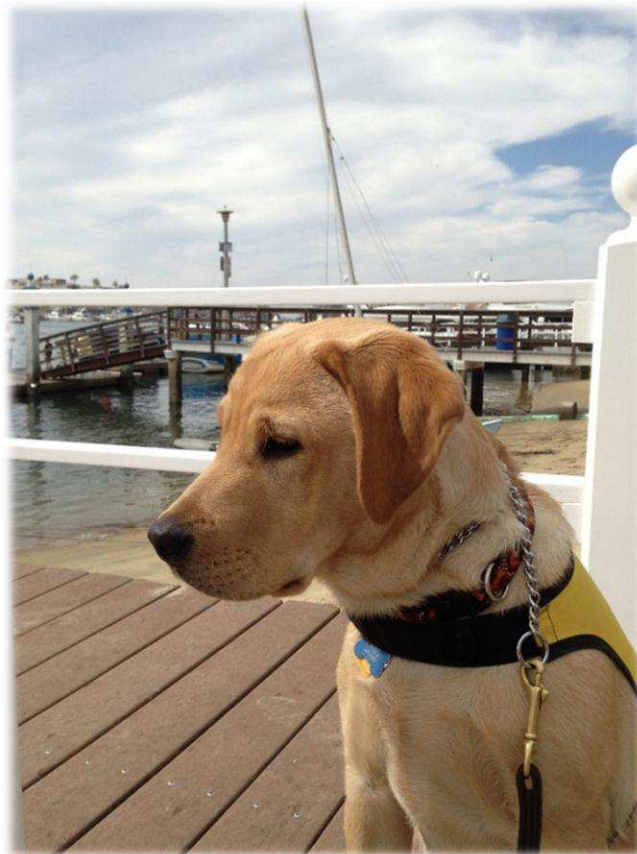
Tustin Market Place Weight Watchers awarded me with my 50# charm.



I was tired.



I went to my first movie, "Gravity". I snored through it.



We are on the boardwalk watching seagulls.



Here we are with our Orange County GDA Group going to Balboa Island. We are on a ferry Boat ride to the island.



I visited Temecula Promenade for an event for Canine Support Teams. We witnessed service dog teams finishing their Public Access exams. They all passed!

MARCH



I won a first place trophy in my community dog obedience class. I had the highest score, 44 points ahead of all others!



We visited Descanso Gardens with Titan, also sponsored by Sepulveda Building Materials!



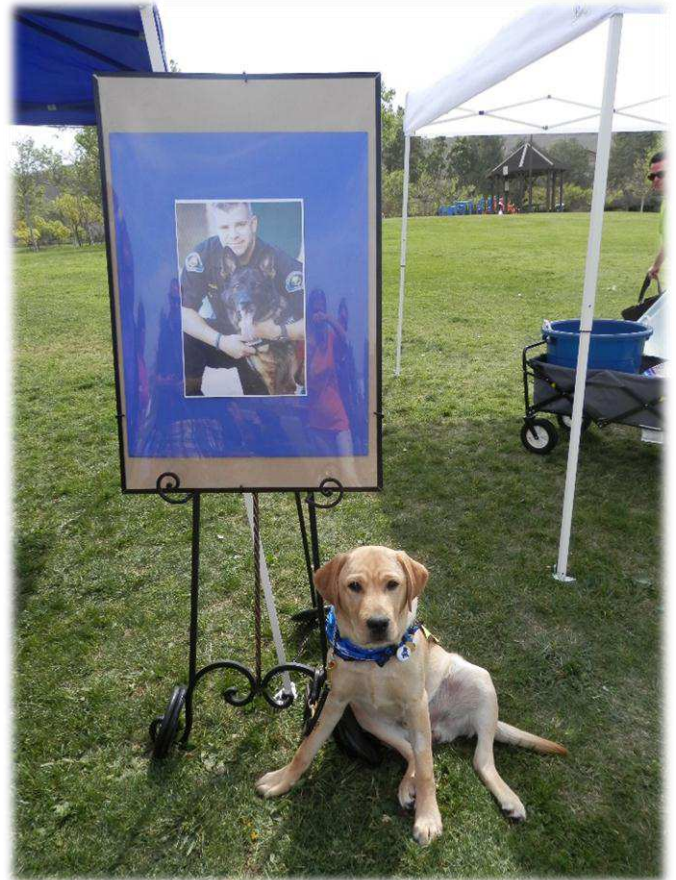
The tulips were in full bloom!



We are being good boys at one of the ponds at Descanso Gardens.



I was a little star struck when I met Matthew Gray Gubler of Criminal Minds at the Gift Shop.



I attended a community fund raiser in support of Anaheim Police K9 Officer, Bruno, who was shot and seriously wounded in the line of duty and is getting care at a vet hospital in our community.



I spent the day at Sachi's house where I learned pool safety.



One of the Anaheim Fire Fighters fell in love with me and couldn't stop petting.



Our daily walk around Angel Stadium is getting more interesting. Me and Mickey Mouse!



We went back to Prado Dam for the Dock Dogs Western Regional Championship. That is the doggie diving pool behind me.



We are at Prado Dam for a Dock Dogs Competition. I was a good boy around a lot of barking dogs and also was not bothered by the hunters shooting blanks in the distance.



I went on a puppy swap with Colby and Allison where I was taken to the Animal Health Foundation 5K walk. We worked a booth where we promoted Guide Dogs of America.



The 5K walk was at Irvine Park where we got to visit the horses.



The Orange County Transportation Authority hosts a Service Dog Training in conjunction with Knott's Berry Farm. Here I am on one of the training stops.

APRIL



I was a hit at the dentist's office! I snored through my puppy raiser getting her teeth cleaned!



We also made a stop at the Braille Institute.



Here we are at Knott's Berry Farm drop off where I learn that roosters are friends not food. Learning self-control is important.



We rode the train at Knott's Berry Farm as a group. Some train robbers came through, but, I just licked their boots.



Here is a group puppy shot at Knott's. I am on the ground in the front.



Here I am with the OCTA training bus.



Here we are at April obedience at GDA. We worked on "formal come". My puppy raiser is rehearsing the steps first!



Learning "formal come" (recall) is a little bit like learning to dance!



We are having lunch during a puppy swap with Joanne after a fun day in Long Beach for the Long Beach Junior Regatta. I was chillin'.

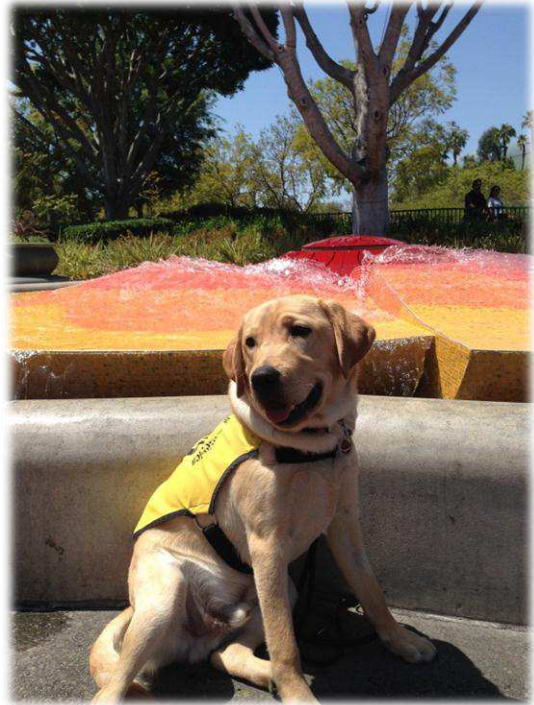


Sometimes I just get silly at a Weight Watchers meeting. This is my "selfie".

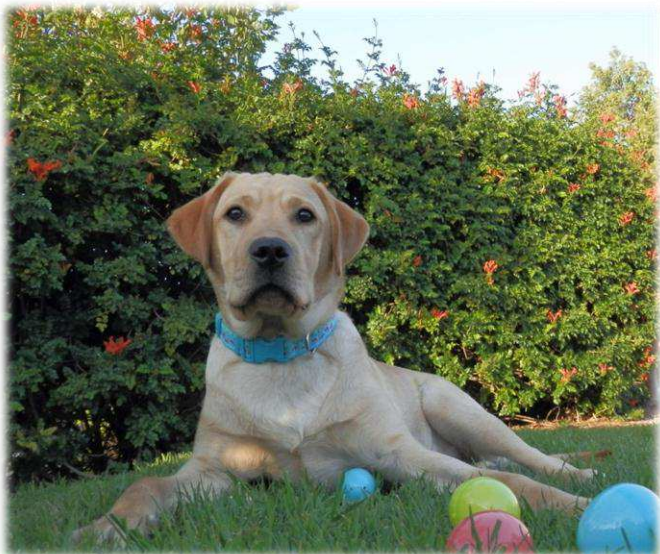




Happy Easter to all!



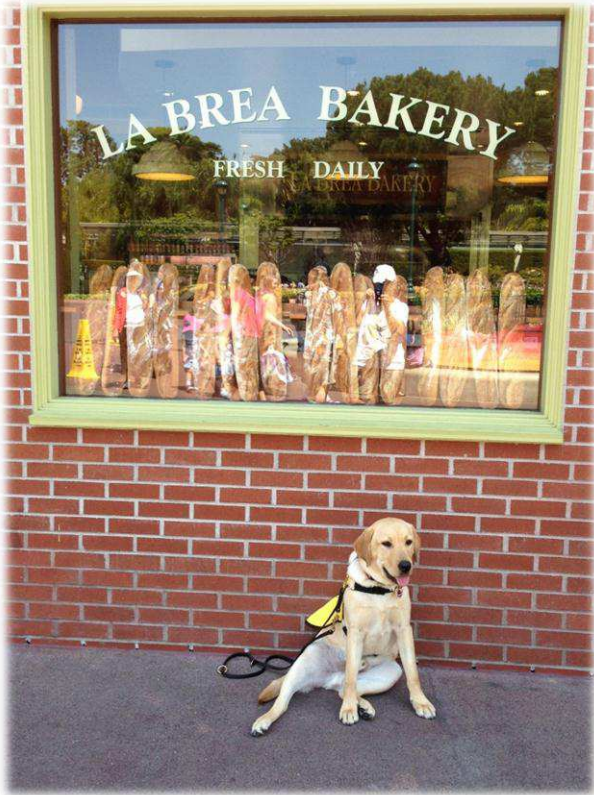
We went to Downtown Disney on Easter to work the crowds and get in some good distraction practice. I was not afraid of this fountain at all.



Thank goodness we are done with the bunny ears! I am much more handsome without them!



I am watching the parking tram go by.



I am cooling off a bit in a shady place.



We went into the LEGO store to learn how to greet children calmly and to practice not picking little objects off the floor.



I was curious but not afraid of the remote control cars in the store.



Disneyland Hotel had some pretty flowers.



I am practicing Sit / Stay at the Disneyland Hotel while the passersby tell me what a great dog I am.



There were many little birds playing behind this rock. I really wanted to say hello but I did not; I just used my self-control and watched them.

