



What's Up With Whelan

GDA/TLC Puppy Sponsor Report

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About Whelan

Hi,

I'm Whelan. I'm a black Labrador Retriever and I was born on September 9, 2022. My name means "Joy," which I hope to bring to my future partner and to everyone I encounter along my journey to becoming a guide or service dog. My name is pronounced "Way-luhn" – that first night home my puppy raiser said I was "Wailin'." (I missed my siblings until I figured out I don't have to share my food or my toys.) In Ireland they pronounce it "Wee-luhn" – that pronunciation works too 'cuz I'm a little guy... for now.

I went home with my puppy raisers on November 4. We have been busy these past two months. Even though I did not have all my vaccinations until the end of December, we found plenty to do to prepare me for going out in the world. I love my training and I love the treats I get for doing a good job. (I get lots of treats.)

Thank you for sponsoring me. I hope I make you proud. I'm going to do my very best.

Wiggles and Wags,

Whelan

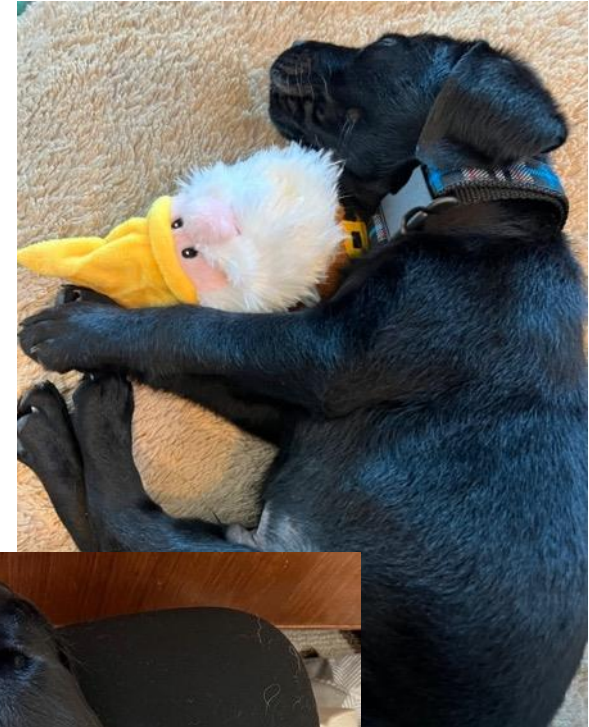


NOVEMBER

My new home



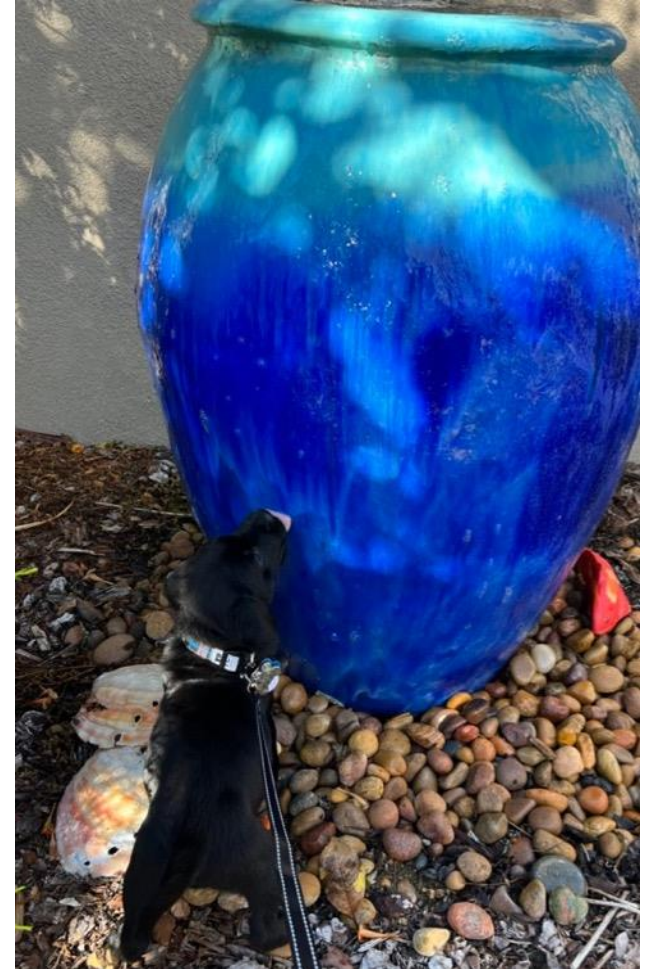
My new home is comfy and cozy with lots of places to nap and soft toys to cuddle. My favorite napping place is Nice Puppy Raiser Lady's lap. I wonder how much longer I will fit there.



Trying out new surfaces



I started getting used to new surfaces right away because I heard I'll be visiting **Sepulveda Building Materials** as soon as I am fully vaccinated, and I want to be ready to check out **EVERYTHING!**

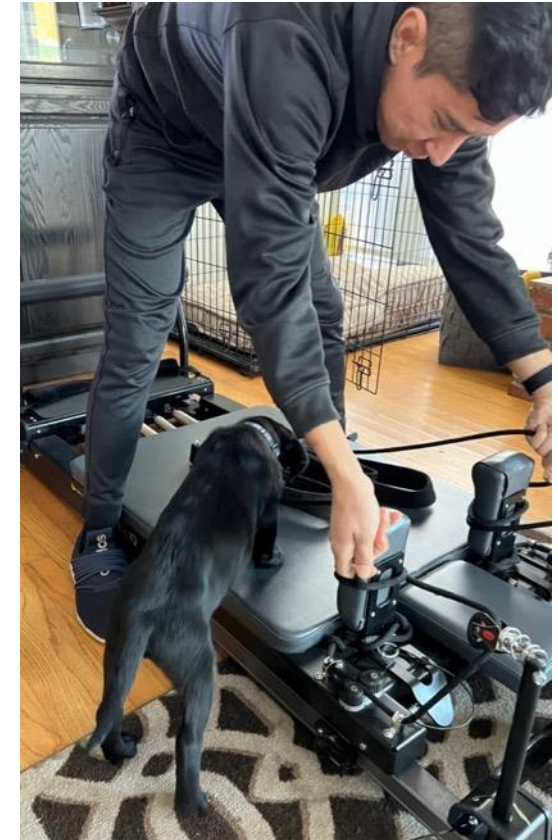


What's a Pilates Puppy?



I even brought my own props to class.

Nice Puppy Raiser Lady calls me her “Pilates Puppy.” The Pilates thingy is a funny-looking piece of equipment with all sorts of springs and things that I find interesting. It’s important that I get used to what GDA/TLC calls “novel objects” and that I learn to settle when my puppy raiser is doing something that she doesn’t need my help with.



I only wanted to help the instructor.

I like car rides...

I ride up front on the floor in front of the passenger seat. It's safe for me there. They make it very comfortable too!



Sometimes I like it so much that I don't want to get out of the car.

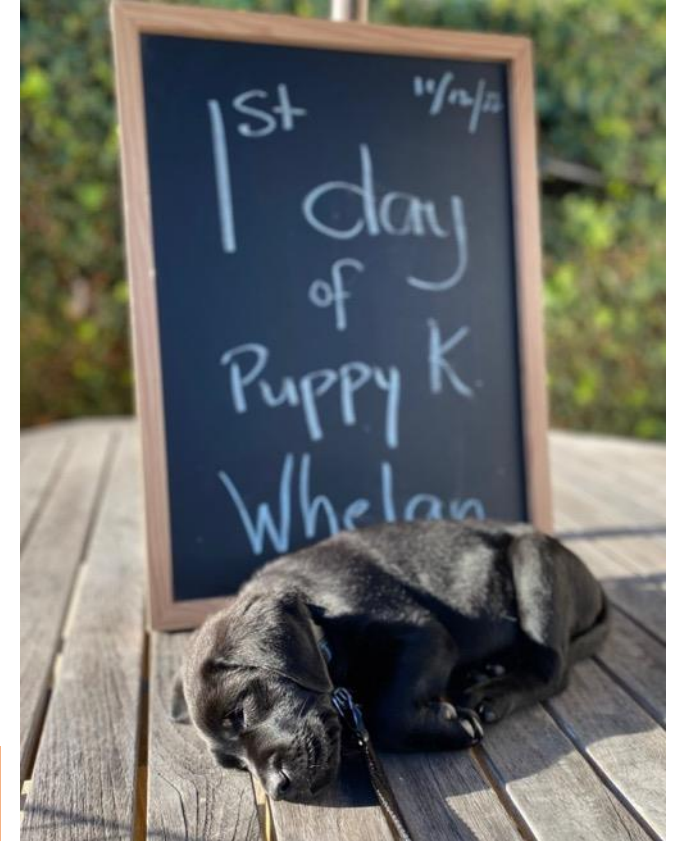
I started Puppy Kindergarten



Before class.
I am wondering what they
have planned for me.



Working on going up stairs.
Nailed it.



After class.
I am one pooped pooch.

They call me “Wee Whelan”



My Puppy-in-Training Jacket WAS a bit large when I first came home. I do not think a binder clip makes the best fashion statement, but it did the trick.



My puppy raiser had to get creative with my treats too. She split them in half using a pill cutter because it took me so long to chew one piece when we were training. Things have changed.



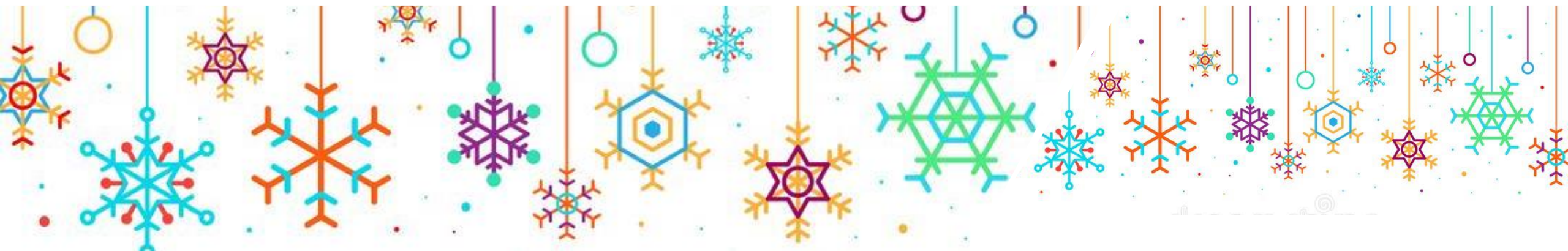
I gained about 6 pounds in my first three weeks. It's called doing a “Weigh-lan.”

Thanksgiving

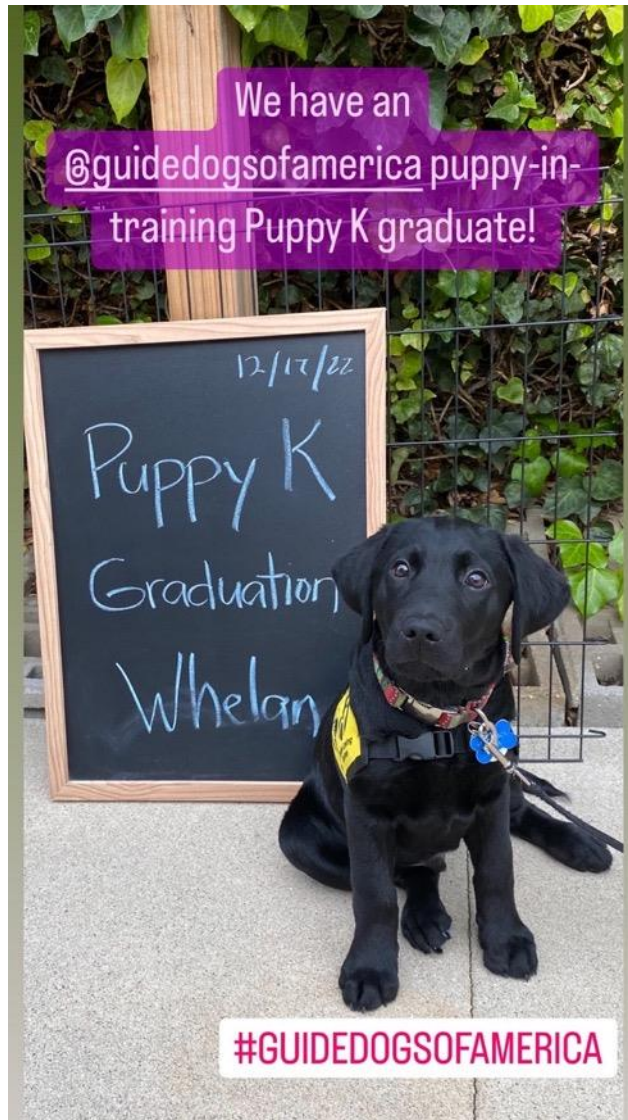




DECEMBER



I completed Puppy Kindergarten



Sit. Stay.

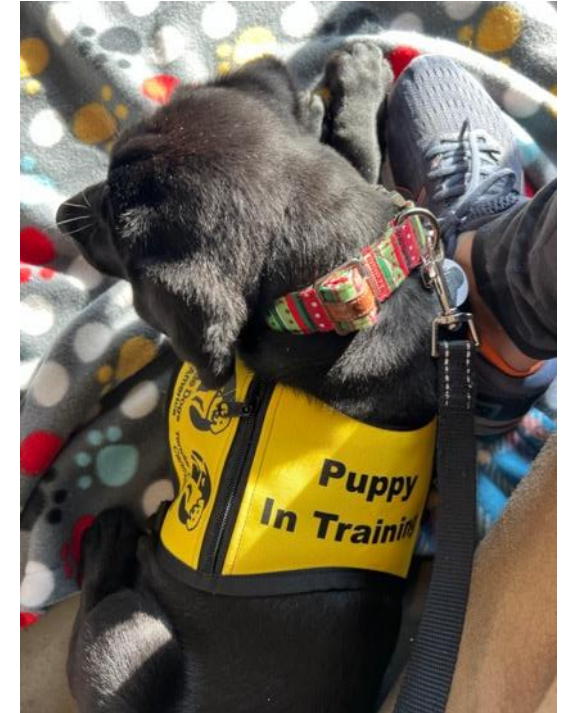


Sitting calmly for greeting.



Did someone say, "Come"?

Practicing what I learned while out and about



Got my 12-week vaccinations, and with that came a bit of out-and-about freedom. Here I am at the grocery store, the bank and settling at my puppy raiser's feet while out for a quick coffee.

Keeping things interesting and fun



More “novel object” training. Good thing too – it’s been raining.



I went on my first sleepover. Had to make sure Nice Puppy Raiser Lady didn’t forget anything.



Being able to get out a bit created more opportunities to tackle new surfaces.



I met a new friend. I shared my toys, and we ran and played. As a puppy in training, we work on my obedience and socialization, but playtime is important too.

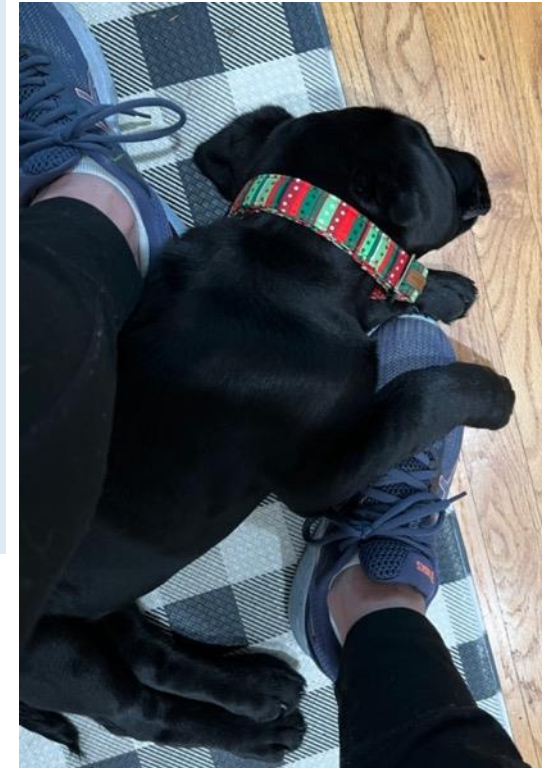
I love to snuggle sneakers



He loves to hold paws/feet when he settles.



I love being next to my puppy raisers and now that I no longer find their shoelaces interesting, they love it when I snuggle up too.



Merry Christmas



Whelan meets Santa.



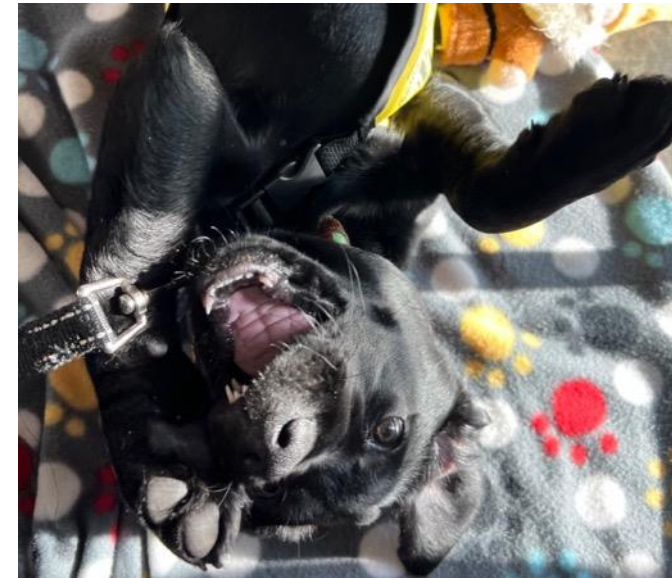
Whelan had a great first Christmas.





EXTRAS

Tongue Out Tuesdays and Funny Faces



Most Tuesdays you can find me on Instagram with my tongue out... #TongueOutTuesday

... but I'm also good at making funny faces too... just because!!!

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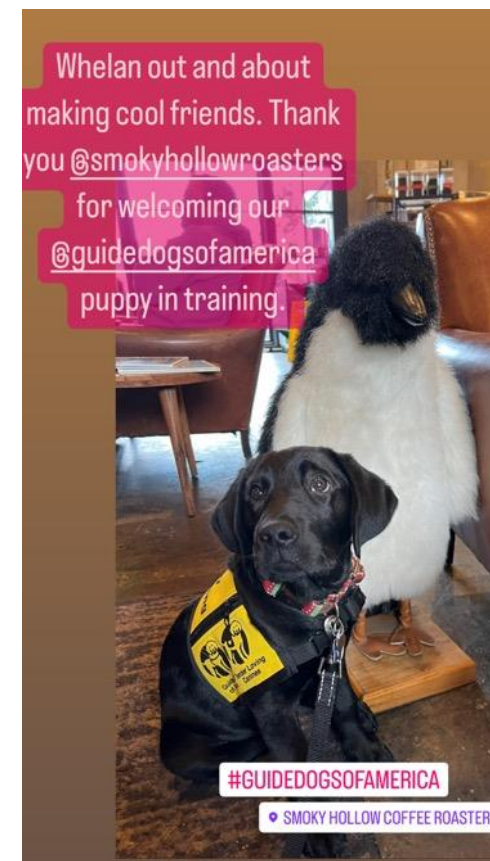
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THANK YOU!



THE END!

