

WISH'S WORLD

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Wish's Journey as a guide/service dog puppy in training.

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Hello!

Welcome, Sepulveda Building Materials to volume 1 of Wish's World, where we follow Wish on her journey as a guide/service dog puppy in training. We're excited to share stories of her progress, special moments, and valuable insights into her training. We are so thankful for your support and for sponsoring Wish!

MEET WISH!

ABOUT WISH

Wish was born on December 3rd, 2024. She is a female yellow Labrador Retriever. She is a guide/service dog puppy in training for Guide Dogs of America | Tender Loving Canines and is sponsored by Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament. She went home with her puppy raisers (the Morita Family) when she was 8 weeks old on Jan 31st, 2025. She was a chunky little puppy. Don't tell her I said that :)





MEET WISH'S FAMILY



MEET THE HUMANS

Wish is being raised by the Morita Family. This is the 8th puppy they have raised for Guide Dogs of America | Tender Loving Canines. Emma & her Dad, Colby are the main puppy raisers along with Emma's 2 sisters, Maddie, Kayla, & Mom, Allison.

MEET THE CANINES

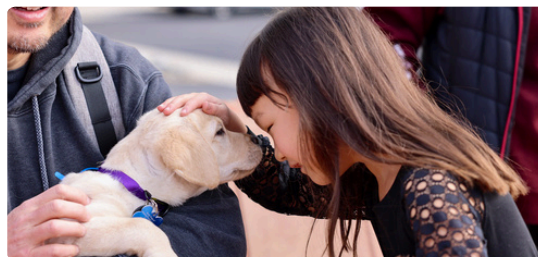
Rounding out the family, Wish has two canine sisters. Raven is an 11 year old Golden Retriever and Elsa is a 5 year old black Lab.



PUPPY PICKUP DAY

JANUARY 31ST, 2025

Emma and Colby travelled to the GDA | TLC campus in Sylmar to pickup their 8th puppy in training, Wish. Wish got to ride home for the first and only time on Emma's lap. After a few restless minutes Wish quickly fell asleep for the 1-hour drive home.



WISH'S NEW HOME



WELCOME HOME, WISH!

Wish's new home is in Cerritos, California where she has three human sisters (age 6, 6, and 8) and two canine sisters (age 5 and 11). She has a nice size backyard with a swimming pool. She's already tested the pool (on accident) and needs a little work on her doggy paddle.

GOOD HOUSE MANNERS

At home Wish is learning all about good house manners including basic obedience like sit, down, and stay, relaxing quietly in her crate, playing nicely with her siblings, and doing a perfect sit-stay before eating her food.



PUPPY KINDERGARTEN



MASTERING THE PAW PAD

Wish loves her new paw pad. After week 1 of puppy kindergarten she was rushing over to stand on the paw pad waiting for her treats.

Above she's doing a "sit" on the paw pad. Several weeks later we're practicing a "stand-stay" (right) while she's wearing her training vest.

LEARNING BASIC OBEDIENCE

Wish learned all about basic obedience at puppy kindergarten. She learned her basic cues including sit, down, stand, stay, heel, let's go, get dressed, close, and recall.

Our pre-kindergarten homework was to teach Wish her name as well as get started on potty training, crate training, and teach her the cue "get busy" which is her cue to go potty.



WISH'S PUPPY FRIENDS

Two of Wish's puppy friends were at puppy kindergarten. From the pic on the left - That's Aspen (left) and Wish (right). Yellow Lab, Esther (below/middle) was also a part of Wish's puppy kindergarten.

Having other puppies in class is very important as it gives all of the puppies a chance to work on their training with the distraction of other dogs.

PUPPY K GRADUATION

Wish went through 8 grueling weeks of puppy kindergarten. Actually, it was a lot of fun and Wish looked forward to puppy k every week.

On week 8 the puppies had to go through an obedience obstacle course. All three puppies passed with flying colors and we gathered around for a group photo at the end. From left to right: Aspen, Esther, and Wish. Sorry, Wish forgot to wear her cap and gown.



BACK TO GDA | TLC



HOME SWEET HOME!

It had been two months since Wish last visited the GDA | TLC campus. Did Wish recognize her old stomping grounds? Probably, not as she spent most of her time in the puppy nursery.

However, she may have caught some familiar smells & got to see some familiar faces at the vets office. After getting her shots Wish went on a stroll around campus & we snapped a few pics.



LEARNING TO RIDE IN THE CAR

Puppies don't naturally know what to do when they go for a car ride. At Guide Dogs of America | Tender Loving Canines the puppies have to ride on the passenger side floorboards.

How do the pups learn to do this? See that little purple strap behind Wish? It's called a tie down and it keeps her from jumping up on the seat (or on the driver). Over time puppies learn that they are to lie down quietly while riding in the car.



FINAL VACCINES AND CHECKUPS

Why did Wish go back to school anyways? She had to get her final puppy vaccinations and a quick checkup.

Now that Wish has all of her vaccines she's ready to explore the world!



FIRST OUTINGS



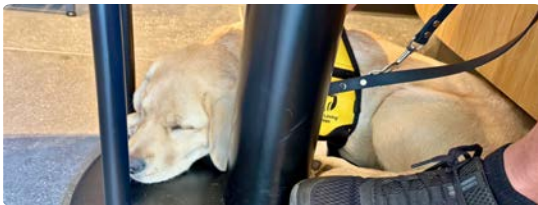
KARATE KIDS

Wish got her first taste of martial arts at Emma's karate class. She can now bark to 10 in Japanese! Ich, ni, san Haha! J/K. Seriously, Wish did great as we practiced "close" under the bench.



EMMA'S BASKETBALL PRACTICE

Wish went to her 1st basketball practice and she was a rockstar! We did some obedience, worked on the paw pad, loose leash walking around the gym, and did meet & greets with the kids.



A QUICK TRIP TO STARBUCKS

Little does she know, but Starbucks will be her favorite hangout. She settled right in and took a short nap while I worked on Wish's newsletter for Sepulveda Building Materials 😊

the past 2 months have gone by in a flash! Wish is a quick learner, loves food, and aims to please. I might be biased, but I think she was the star of her puppy kindergarten class. 😊
Thank you Sepulveda Building Materials for sponsoring Wish!

Warm regards,
The Morita Family



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