

THE BOOK OF BOSLEY



THIS IS ME AT ELEVEN MONTHS, OUT AT DESCANSO GARDENS AND ALSO AT HOME!

The adventures of Bosley, a puppy in training!

Howdy to you again, *Sepulveda Building Materials!* Bosley here, and I continue to do so very well! The last few months, I have been so very busy! As of last week, I weighed 64.5 pounds - and still growing. On April 24th, I officially turned one years old! Time is just

flying by! My mom and dad just keep marveling at what a wonderful disposition I have (whatever that is), fairly calm, super sweet, but also a lot of fun!

Over the last three months, I have visited some new places and met many

new animals and people! I'm also spending more time at GDA (which is a BLAST!) and go on more stimulating outings!

Thanks for being my sponsor and hope you enjoy this edition of 'The Book of Bosley'.



SUCH A HAPPY PUP!



LOVING MY FUR-BROTHER!



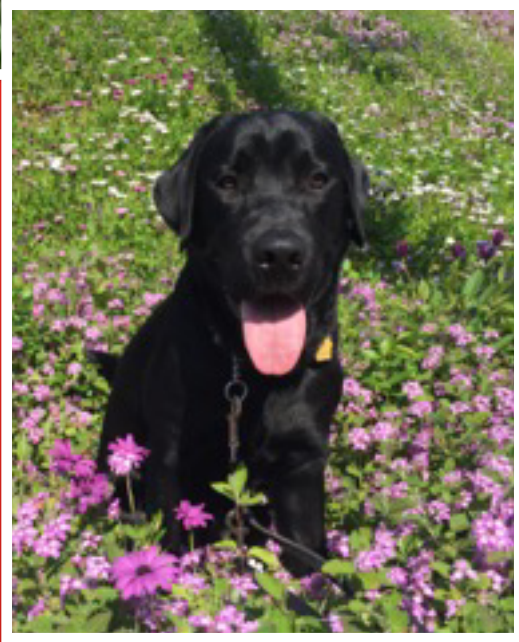
MY FRIENDS & ME!

DESCANSO GARDENS!



A FEW MONTHS AGO, MOM LET ME VISIT WITH A GDA-APPROVED PUPPY RAISER (YOU SEE, NOT JUST ANYBODY CAN WATCH US) AND SHEILA TOOK ME TO VISIT DESCANSO GARDENS. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL HABITAT, WITH LOTS OF WONDERFUL BIRDS, SQUIRRELS AND FISH! THERE WERE AMAZING FLOWERS TOO! I HAD SUCH A GREAT TIME WITH SHEILA AND SHE SAID I WAS SUPER - NOT DISTRACTED BY ANYTHING OR ANYBODY!

VISITING CANYON PARK



IN MARCH, MY PUPPY RAISING FAMILY AND I GOT TO GO VISIT CANYON PARK. IT IS REALLY CLOSE TO OUR HOUSE AND IS A BEAUTIFUL NATURAL HABITAT WITH LOTS OF BIRDS, DEER, SNAKES, BEARS & MORE (WE ONLY SAW BIRDS!). ALONG THE WAY, MOM AND DAD TOOK SOME PHOTOS OF ME.

IT WAS SUPER FUN AND THAT NIGHT, I WAS REALLY TIRED AFTER OUR WALK SO AT BEDTIME, I JUST ROLLED OVER ON MY BACK AND SNORED!

GDA MEETINGS!



EVERY MONTH, WE GET TO GO TO OUR AREA GDA MEETINGS. WE ARE A PART OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GROUP. I LOVE OUR MEETINGS BECAUSE I GET TO SEE LOTS OF MY PUPPY FRIENDS WHILE MOM LEARNS ABOUT DIFFERENT TOPICS. DO YOU SEE ME WITH MY FRIEND PRESCOTT? EVEN THOUGH WE WERE SITTING RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER, WE WERE NO SUPPOSED TO PLAY - WE WERE EXHIBITING GREAT SELF-CONTROL!

PRE-GDA MEETINGS!



BEFORE OUR APRIL GDA MEETING, MOM MET UP WITH A FEW OTHER PUPPY RAISERS, BEFORE OUR MEETING, TO HAVE DINNER. IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO PRACTICE DINING OUT WITH OTHER PUPS PRESENT. WE ALSO PRACTICED OUR OBEDIENCE AT THE PARK BEFORE OUR MEETING. IT WAS FUNNY SEEING THE PEOPLE RUNNING AROUND CHASING THE BALLS - BUT I WASN'T EVEN INTERESTED AS I WAS BUSY WORKING!

Practice makes perfect - obedience is so much fun!

As a puppy in training, I am always learning new things - or in some cases, just having reinforced what I should already know to make sure I don't forget!

Every month, I participate in obedience at Guide Dogs of America. In addition, I also take obedience classes. All of these pictures are from our GDA skills class that lasted for six weeks. Starting with

IT IS CHALLENGING PRACTICING OBEDIENCE WITH DISTRACTIONS BUT I LOVE IT!

the more simple commands, sit, stay, stand, we work on things with increasing distractions, simulating what it will be like as a working guide dog.

In the photo below, we are working on healing however there are tennis balls

EVERYWHERE! I am expected to walk properly and ignore the tennis balls.

Do you see the photo of me stepping on the popcorn? Mom had to have her hands full and walk with me through all of that popcorn - not an easy task if I wanted to lunge after and eat the popcorn... which I didn't! I just sailed right through it :)

The hardest part (for mom) was that she was blindfolded and had to trust me to do perform the commands properly. AND there were lots of toys everywhere to distract me too! Of course, I performed a perfect sit-stay for three full minutes! Can you see me sitting there in the front of the photo? Not only were the toys distractions, but there were 12 other dogs in the class, all of which I'd call a distraction! Again, I rocked it. I just love taking my obedience classes :)



OBEDIENCE



I'M SITTING SO NICELY!



GREAT SIT STAY!



CHECK OUT THAT POPCORN!



OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE!

AROUND TOWN!



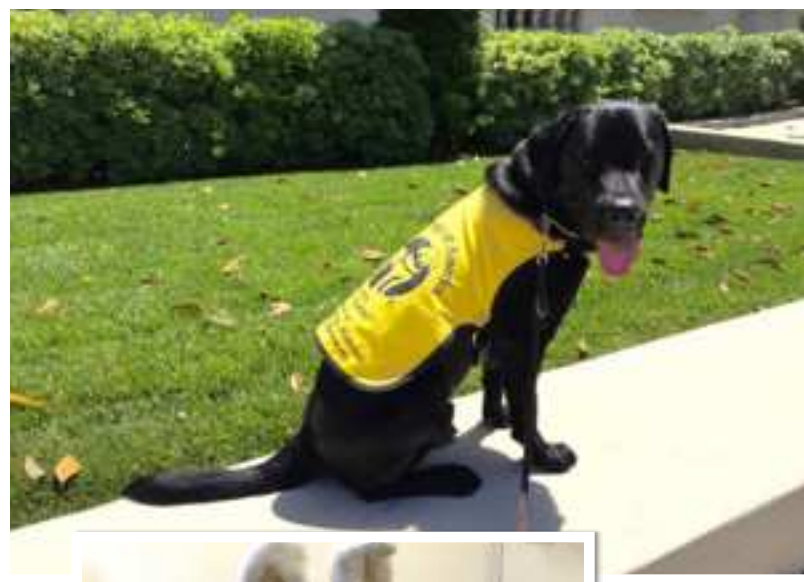
WE LIVE IN A REALLY CUTE COMMUNITY CALLED MONROVIA. SOMETIMES, MOM AND DAD LIKE TO WALK AROUND TOWN, HAVE A NICE MEAL OUT, AND ALSO JUST CHECK OUT THE SIGHTS. DO YOU SEE ME CHECKING OUT MOM'S FRUIT PUNCH? I DIDN'T TOUCH IT... I WAS JUST CURIOUS WHAT WAS IN THE GLASS. YOU CAN ALSO SEE MY PHOTO AT LIBRARY PARK, POSING WITH MARK AND ALSO IN FRONT OF THE FOUNTAIN. OH... AND DAD NEEDED SOME MONEY TO PAY FOR

CHECKING OUT THE LIBRARY



IN APRIL, MOM AND DAD DECIDED TO TAKE ME TO THE LIBRARY. I HAD NEVER BEEN BEFORE AND IT WAS SUCH A QUIET PLACE TO GO HANG OUT! FIRST WE HAD TO CHECK IN AND PAY MOM'S OVERDUE FINES - SHE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT HELPING TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY BUILDING FUND... I DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND... BUT IT WAS A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT WITH LOTS OF INTERESTING THINGS TO SMELL AND SEE. HOPE YOU ENJOY THE PHOTOS!

WORK & LUNCHTIME WALKS



Hanging out at GDA :)

Mom says I'm really developing into a wonderful dog. As you can tell, I no longer look like a young puppy but I still have quite a bit of developing to do. Things haven't changed at home - I still get to go to work with my puppy mom everyday. I have learned to be very calm while I'm working - in fact, I sleep a lot during the day! So this working stuff is really pretty easy!

On the weekends, we get to go visit friends, go shopping, go out for dinner, and just have a great time. Sometimes, there are places that I can't go — like



mom and dad went to a party and it really wasn't a good setting for me for me to be working.

I LOVE GDA

Where do I go ?

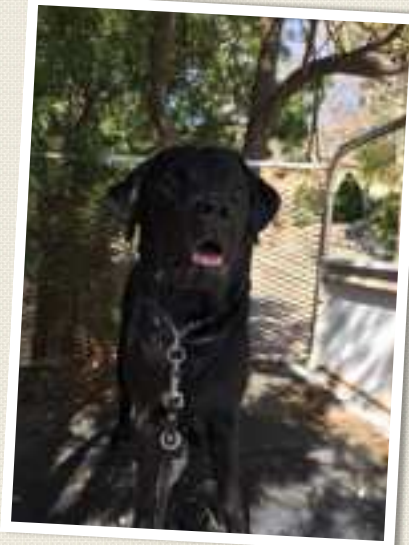
In those situations when I cannot go with my puppy family, they can either crate me for up to a few hours, or they will arrange for a GDA-approved puppy sitter, or it is an opportunity for me to spend more time at GDA. When I go in for my formal training, it is really important that I feel 100% comfortable at the GDA campus. And the best way to feel comfortable someplace is to visit - a whole bunch!

I hope you enjoy the photos of me at GDA :)



STAIRS

HERE I AM JUST BEFORE I ASCENDED THE PRACTICE STAIRS AT GDA. DO YOU SEE HOW THEY ARE OPEN, SO YOU CAN SEE THROUGH THEM AS YOU CLIMB? THE FIRST TIME I WENT ON THOSE STAIRS I REMEMBER THINKING IT SURE LOOKED FUNNY, BUT NOW I'M A PRO!



SAY CHEESE!

HERE I AM AT THE VERY TOP OF THE STAIRS! DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE I'M ALMOST IN A TREEHOUSE ? I COULD BE - I'M PROBABLY ABOUT 12 FEET OFF OF THE GROUND BUT I WASN'T A BIT SCARED!



OUTDOORS

ON THIS VISIT, I WAS ABLE TO PRACTICE USING THE SPECIAL DOORS THAT ONLY US PUPPIES GET TO USE! OVERTIME YOU PASS THROUGH THE OPENING IT MAKES A LOUD "THUNK"! I'M GLAD I GOT TO PRACTICE USING THE OUTDOOR AREA BEFORE I HAD MY FIRST VISIT AT GDA - OF COURSE, NOW I'M A PRO & JUST SHOWING OFF!

Wow, this next milestone to becoming a guide dog was very unexpected...

WOW!



RESTING WITH BRO



In early March, mom and dad received the call. "We would like Bosley to come in for his neutering." Now, I had no idea what that meant, but mom kept saying that I should be proud that I'm now taking that next important step to becoming a guide dog. Now, at first I was very excited... the next step to becoming a guide dogs sounds awesome... that is, until your big brother tells you what really happens.

According to my brother Sully, first you get to go on an overnight at GDA — something we adore doing! So I'm thinking, that sounds amazing! The next thing that happens is that you get to take a nice, long nap and you wake up feeling really drowsy and silly. That also sounds kinda fun! But THEN he said they put this CONE on your head and all of the other dogs make fun of you!

Now, I've never been one to mind what others' say, so I didn't think it would be THAT bad (Sully is all Golden Retriever,

remember, he is much more sensitive than me). I figured I'd wait to see for myself. And actually, it wasn't bad at all! Once I figured out how to navigate with my new hat, I got all sorts of extra love from everybody. I got used to my cone really quickly and never minded wearing it.

THIS CONE STUFF REALLY ISN'T BAD AT ALL — ESPECIALLY SINCE ALL OF MY GDA BROTHERS WORE THEM TOO!

I figure, if this is the hardest step to becoming a guide dog, I got this! I am such a lucky puppy, getting to have new adventures all of the time. Wherever I go, people are so excited to meet me. I'm also extra lucky that you are my sponsor and I get to share my escapades with you! See you soon!

