

Dear Family,

I am writing to update you on my progress in service dog training. This month, I primarily focused on learning...all the new smells and sounds. My handler is allowing me to familiarize myself with my surroundings before we start to work on my training. He has made me feel safe and welcome. I am happy.

Some other things that I am learning include...house manners. I get so excited when we play in the cell that I forget that shoes are off limit. I can't help it, shoes are my cryptanite. If I could, I would have a walk in a closet with hundreds of shoes.

I am good at...walking politely with my handler making sure I am not walking too fast and always checking in by making eye-contact. My handler was pleasantly surprised to see that I already know so much. He was bragging to his friends that I already know sit, down, heel, touch, under, between, kennel, release, jump on, off.

I am still struggling with...staying on my mat while my handler gets himself ready. I just get so worried I have to go look for him to make sure he is okay.

I have the most fun when...my handler get down on all fours to play with me as if we were best of friends all our lives. We wrestle until he gets tired.

My favorite toy is... my "blue" rubber toy, at least as far as I'm told, I can't tell it's actually blue. I love playing tug, as you already know. I've gotten really good, I always win in tug.

Wags & Kisses,
Best Wishes,

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