

Hello Sepulveda family,

I hope this quarter finds everyone well and healthy. Gadget and I have been busy this quarter. Gadget has had several new 1st adventures, as well as continuously working on the basics.

In this quarter's photos you will notice Gadget sporting his new head halter. It took a little getting use to, but he hardly notices it now. The head halters are only worn when we are out and about. This is not a muzzle, just a training tool. The head halters will make it easier for all of G.D.A.'s clients to handle the dogs.

Gadget had been doing lots of training this quarter. Besides his own daily training; every other Saturday last quarter he helped "new" raisers learn the ropes. With Gadget's experience and willingness to perform for anyone holding his leash he's the perfect dog to build new raiser's confidence.

Gadget not only has been mentoring new raisers, but a new puppy as well. This quarter Gadget met his 1st puppy. He is very sweet & gentle with "Jazzy" and is learning how to share his toys. Gadget is a great housemate & mentor to Jazzy as well. You'll notice in the last photos how she is always near him and emulating him. They are very sweet together.

I hope you enjoy the photos and update. I can't thank you all enough for the awesome support you provide GDA year after year. I am so proud to be raising Gadget, a "Sepulveda puppy" and I hope one day soon Gadget will make each of you proud by graduating as a service dog.

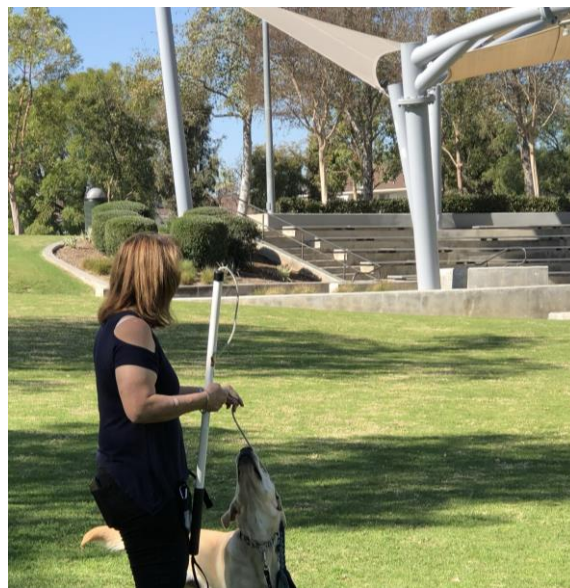
Sincerely,

Tammy & Gadget



A little work, a little play...

- Photo #1- Gadget is working on loose leash walking while on grass in a park. *(This is very difficult with all the good smells.)*
- Photo #2- Gadget is practicing all his skills as other dogs and people walk past us.
- Photo #3- Gadget is rewarded for his hard work with some interactive play. All of Gadget's training sessions end with some type of interactive play as his "great reward."





GDA's Open House

Each year GDA hosts an Open house to invite the public onto the campus and learn about our services & programs.

The day is a fun and profitable fundraising day.

Gadget participated in the puppy trials with Mark. This year they had to solve clues that would take them to their next clue as well as instructions of what to do when they arrive.

Photo #1- Mark doing one of the skills. He must hold a full cup of water in his leash hand, while he and Gadget walk.

Photo #2- Gadget had to jump onto the low bench and "sit/Stay"

Photo #3- They had to find the statue and be photographed next to it.

Photo #4- Gadget is settling nicely on his cot enjoying the shade.



In May Gadget had
his 1st introduction
to a puppy.
He handled the
experience with love
& grace.



Gadget & Friends Visit Hope View Elementary

Gadget and a few friends came out to thank Hope View for their “Pennies for Puppies” donation to Guide Dogs of America.

I hope you can find Gadget in the photos!





Loose Leash
walking



“Sit- Stay”

Training with others...

Learning and executing each basic behavioral skills is important, but its equally important that our dogs happily follow the commands of any person holding their leash.

In these photos- Gadget is successfully completing each behavior puppy raiser Denise is requesting.



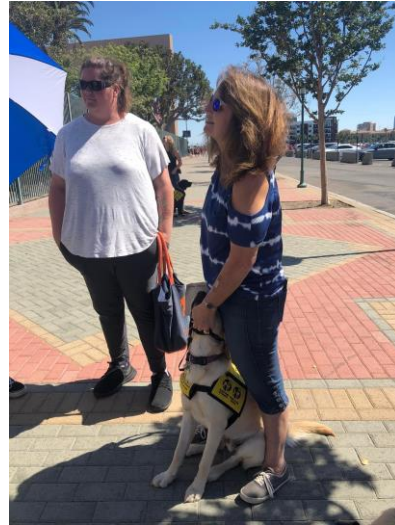
Movies, movies,
movies...

Gadget enjoyed Top Gun for his first movie experience.

The cinema experiences provide many opportunities to practice good behaviors.

Avoiding popcorn on the floor, avoiding being over solicitous, settling quietly during movie....

Gadget did wonderfully!

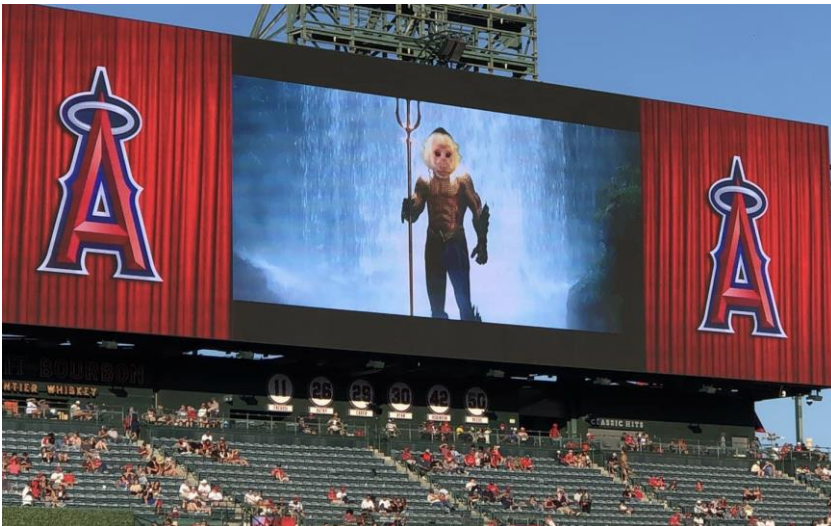


Guide Dogs of America's Puppies-in-Training attend an Angel Game

Offering our dogs as many different experiences as possible is important to their socialization.

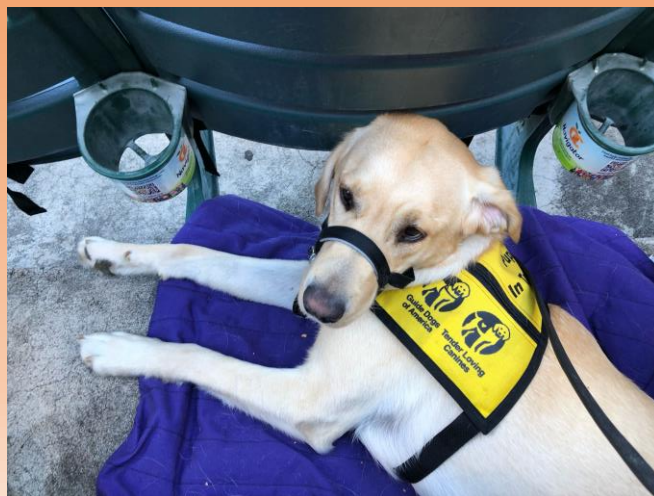
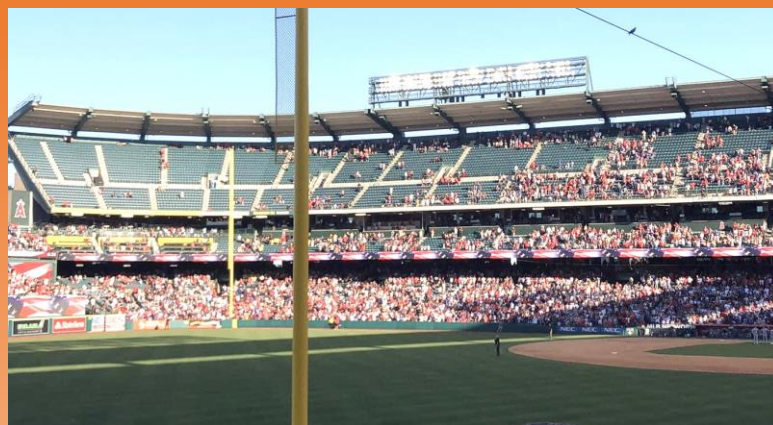
In this first page of photos, Tammy and Gadget greet the incoming raisers and their puppies.

Gadget shows great impulse control as he sits or lays calmly as other teams join us before leaving for their seats.





Gadget getting a little love before settling in for the game.



In these last two photos Gadget settles calmly at my feet during the game.



Gadget goes shopping!

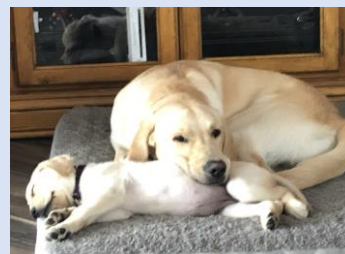
Gadget is showing off his loose leash walking and polite behavior while we walk through our local dept. store.

In the 2nd photo, Gadget is practicing settling.

Our service dogs should be able to settle calmly, anywhere for long and short periods of time.

In the silly photo, Gadget demonstrated great patience not only with the passing of time, but with me. He patiently laid still while I outfitted him with my sunglasses for a silly photo.





Gadget's new friend and snugglemate

Thank You!

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. Your sponsorship of Gadget and many others is unbelievably generous.

Gadget and I will continue to work hard, to make you proud. Until next quarter, be safe and be well.

Tammy & Gadget