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# Olivia's Odyssey

THE EPIC JOURNEY OF A GUIDE DOG PUPPY IN TRAINING



Hi there, Very Nice People at Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament!

It's me, Olivia! Look at me—I'm getting so much bigger (and SO much taller!), and that smile tells it all. I'm a ridiculously happy puppy, and my Humans tell me I'm a Very Good Girl. I tell them they say that to all the puppies, and they say they actually called my sister Paddy "Spirited". Hmm. I'm not really sure what that means, but that's okay. Humans use a lot of words, and unless it comes with a treat, they're not always worth learning! Guess what? Pretty soon I'll be going for my first kennel stay! Next report I'll tell you what that means because I honestly have no idea.

Love and wags,

*Olivia*



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The craziest thing happened. Are you sitting down? **I actually left the house!** I was really starting to wonder what kind of service dog I was training to be. What is this “independence” thing I kept hearing people talk about?! Anyway, it sure was good to get out. Mom was **COMPLETELY UNREASONABLE** and wouldn’t let me run on the beach. Doesn’t she know how obedient I am (or will be, some day)? I mean really, what could **POSSIBLY** go wrong?



Wow! You Humans really go all out when you celebrate graduation every year! Will it be like this for me when I graduate?





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So... we were really good and stayed home the whole time they said we were supposed to. And what do we do as soon as we can go out? Go to the store and buy things to sit on at home. Turned out to be a good thing because we seem to be back home a lot again! I thought maybe now that both the furniture and I are both bigger, maybe I'd be allowed up on the sofa like the other dogs.

Turned out that was not the case.



Yeah! Out to lunch after shopping!

Boo. I didn't get a menu.







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This is where we usually have our monthly meeting, so I am told. I thought it took place on the computer screen!







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Family time! Don't my sisters Ellie and Paddy look overjoyed to be posing with me? They're usually a little more interested in me. Honest. Really. Mostly. Kind of.

They tolerate me.

A herd of QDA labadors flunking social distancing.



Here I am with my sister, Pilot. Dad is there to make sure we don't play too rough. She's a Good Girl too!



Whoo-hoo! Look at me! I just got my Big Girl jacket! I feel so grown up and now I can go into all the..what's that? Everything closed down again today?

At the risk of being repetitive, I really have a lot of questions. But you can tell me—is this “Safer at Home” thing real or are my Humans just really into StayCations?

Stay well and happy,

*Olivia*

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