

# Olivia's Odyssey

THE EPIC JOURNEY OF A GUIDE DOG PUPPY IN TRAINING



Happy "Fall" to all the Very Nice People at Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament!

Well, at the risk of sounding like a broken record... I STILL have a lot of questions. I was born in 2020 so I don't have a lot for comparison, but MAN! Can I just say there are a few things that Ellie and Paddy didn't tell me? Thank goodness they got the part of the treats right! Good thing Happy is the only emotion I came with (comes standard with Labradors, I know, but people say I got in the Joy line twice).

I hope you and your families are all well and happy!

Love and wags,  
Olivia



Good grief! When everyone started talking about “Back to School”, I didn’t know they were talking to me! Where’s MY zoom obedience class so I can turn my camera off and play with Paddy and Ellie while the teacher is talking?

Actually, it’s pretty fun. Here I am with my sister Olympia (in the middle) and brother Oxford (on the right) practicing being Good Dogs even while there are other dogs around. Mom says we’re learning that not everything is fun and games. Don’t tell her, but really... it kind of is. And did I mention there are treats involved?

On the first day of school, the teacher said I was very “spirited”. Wasn’t that a nice thing to say? Sometimes Ellie and Paddy come to class just to show off (Paddy taught me everything I ever needed to know about being spirited!).

Guess what? By the last class, I was voted... drum roll, please... **MOST IMPROVED!**

I thought I was pretty good to start with, but I’ll take it.





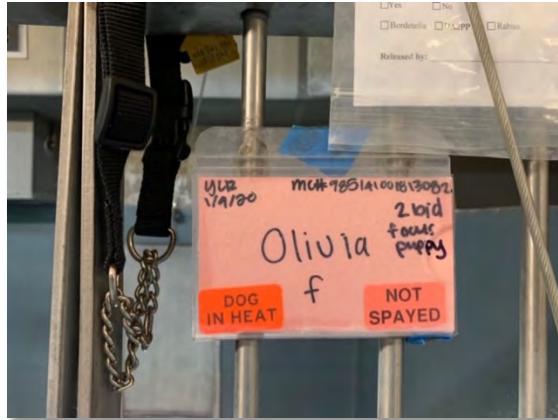
How fitting that my First Official Outing was the Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament! Repeat after me... "We don't chase the golf balls. We don't chase the golf balls." I was a Very Good Dog and greeted all the Nice People Carrying Metal Poles when they came over to play.

We gave this framed jacket to Janie Connors and Sepulveda Building Materials at the Tournament. Remember that? That was fun! We can't thank you enough for all you do for us—I just hope I didn't add too much dog hair texture to the project.



Well, THIS was the Best Day Ever! Not only did I get to leave my house, I got to go to yours! I got to meet so many nice people. And your car is WAY more fun than Mom and Dad's. It even matches my jacket!





Mom and Dad must have paid extra because I got a private room! Thank goodness it comes with visits from Really Nice Humans that come and visit and pet me. And they wear muzzles just like Mom and Dad!

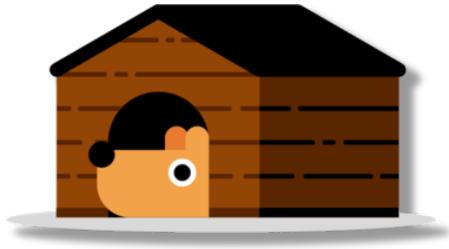


Well, here I am, up at Guide Dogs of America. Can't a girl get a little privacy? Yeesh.



This "Safer in the Kennel" order has gone on long enough. I'm ready to go home and play with Paddy and Ellie!!!

Five weeks later, I'm still up at Camp GDA. What did I do wrong? I only packed for 3 weeks! Did Mom and Dad forget to sew my return address into my jacket?



I really do hope I get to come home soon because I'm pretty sure I have a lot more to learn before I graduate. Maybe this is where the zoom classes come in?

Confused as ever. But filled with gratitude for all you do for me!

Stay well and happy,  
*Olivia*  
Guide Dogs of America  
Puppy in Training