

January 2021

Olivia's Odyssey

THE EPIC JOURNEY OF A GUIDE DOG PUPPY IN TRAINING



Happy New Year to All My Good Friends at the
Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament!

So...here we are! A new year and The Humans are all still wearing muzzles. Now they're all talking about getting vaccinated. I don't know what the big deal is—I got all my vaccinations when I was a little puppy. Guess that's why I don't have to wear stuff on my face. Maybe? I remain slightly confused, but happy!

I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday and are all healthy and happy like me!

Love and wags,
Olivia

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The Humans were starting to look a bit like Labradoodles so it was time to get haircuts. I was A Very Good Dog and waited patiently while the Tall Human got his hair cut. Just wish the Lady with the Scissors would take that muzzle off so I could give her a proper kiss!

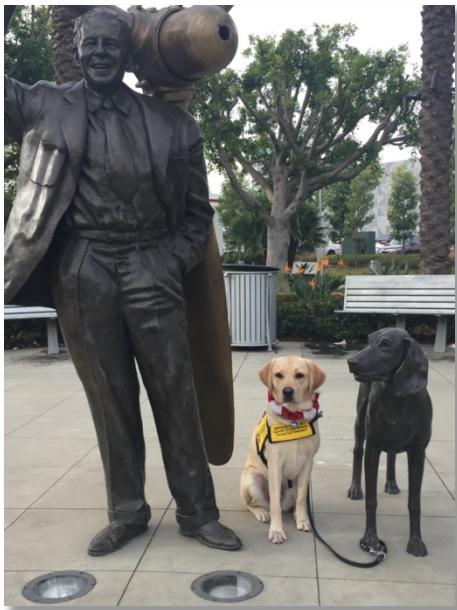


I'll let you in on a little secret—I never really know what to expect when we go out, but it's always fun!

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After what seemed like a bit of a slow start to the year (can't imagine why!), the end of 2020 flew by as I was out and about and getting used to whatever we could find that was safe and open! As much as I love Camp Matthews, it's fun to go exploring—nothing much phases me (except for hearing, "we forgot the cookies!").



Sometimes I wonder what service I'm training for. Paddy seems to think it's "pillow".

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Getting ready for the holidays! Here is Fa-la-la-la-llama, the Tall Human and me all practicing our sit and stays.



Today, I "got" to practice waiting in line at the Post Office to mail the GDA Holiday shirts! 'Tis the season... Oh well, at least it's for a worthy cause!

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Christmas morning was fun! I learned how to help with unwrapping presents (I AM a service dog, after all...). Everyone makes such a big deal about these two Small Humans being twins—heck, there are SEVEN in my litter! Everyone commented on how gentle I was, and I successfully resisted the urge to not eat the tree or the Small Humans, who basically smell like food ALL THE TIME. Hooray for me!



I'm famous!! Christmas came early when I saw I was chosen to be on the Sepulveda Building Materials Holiday letter! Me! You picked ME! Thank you! I am honored!

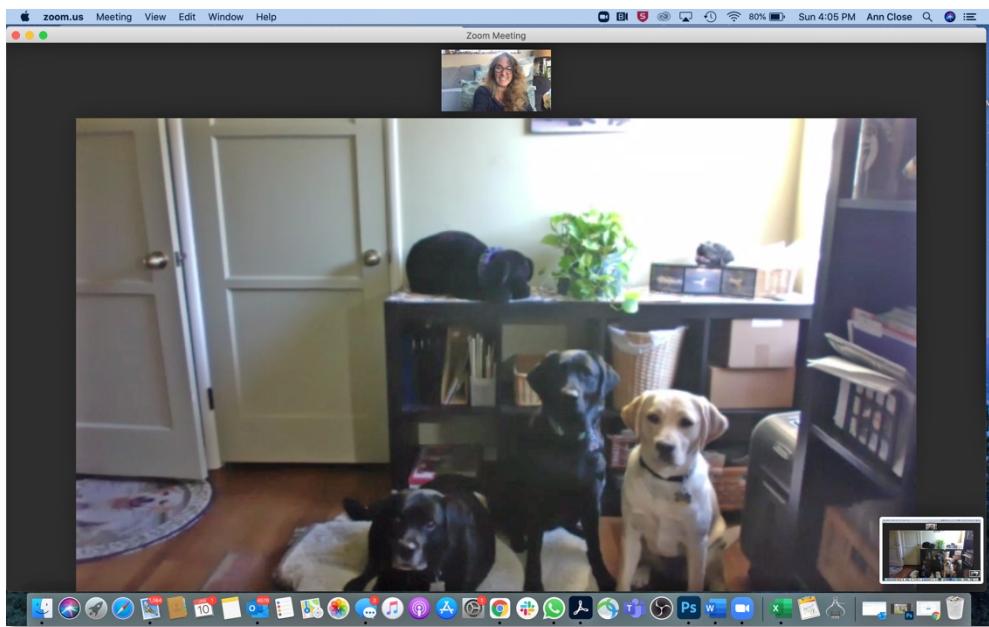
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December was a very busy month. I also got to meet two VIPs—Very Important Puppy raisers—Jack and Jackie Butler. They have supported GDA for a Really Long Time, and they usually organize a big holiday parade. Since that couldn't happen this year, about 30 GDA puppy raisers organized a "drive by" Christmas parade in their honor! You can't see it in this picture, but there were big smiles behind those masks!

As usual... it's pretty easy to see how happy I am. Who doesn't love a good parade?!



Well, it's January now, and we seem to have returned to Zoom Life.

Not to complain or anything, but if anyone wants to have another parade...

I'M IN!!!

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Well, here we are, the honorary S litter: Spicy (that's me!) Spirited (Paddy, who apparently knows someone because she gets to get up on the furniture) and Slightly Perplexed (Ellie).

About that whole "Spicy" nickname... just wanted to let you know that I recently completed the obedience class where I was honored with that nickname and received the "Most Improved" award. If anyone thinks that means I'm Mild now instead of Spicy... well... that would just be boring. And I'm way too happy to be boring! Next stop: Advanced Class! Stay tuned for my next nickname...

Speaking of Happy (which I usually am), my First Birthday is coming up on January 19th! Paddy and Ellie tell me we all get extra cookies to celebrate—hope you'll join us!

I can't thank you enough for all you do to help me along my happy trail. I hope to see you soon when it's safe!

The best of health to you and your 2- and 4-legged family and friends,

Olivia

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