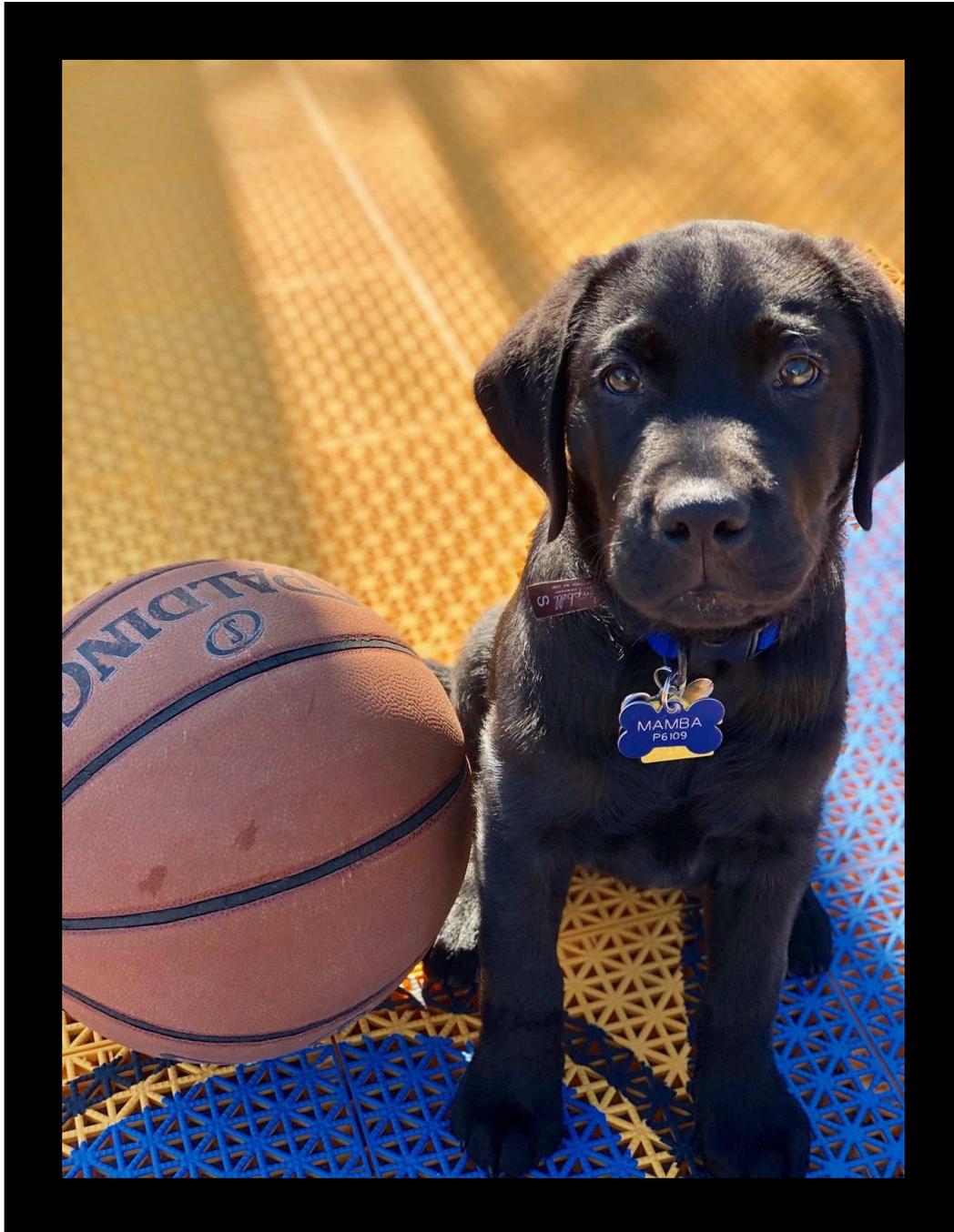


Let me introduce Mamba. We named him after Kobe Bryant, the “Black Mamba.” We are a basketball family and wanted to keep the basketball theme going. Our first GDA puppy in training was named Duncan, after Tim Duncan.

Thank you, Sepulveda Building Materials for sponsoring Mamba! We will try to make you proud!



It was a very rainy week here in Southern California, but it was bright and sunny on pickup day in Sylmar. The perfect day to welcome our next guide dog in training - Mamba.

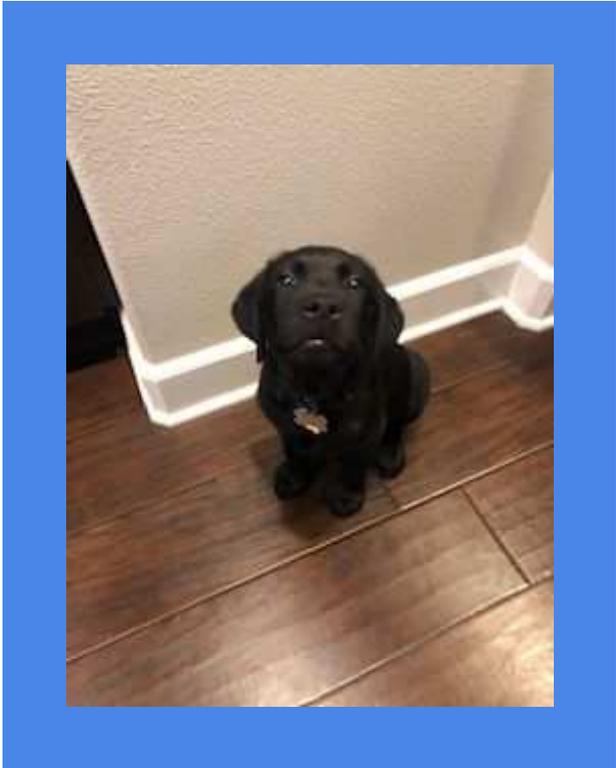


Love at first sight!





The first few days were spent with the whole family at home - learning to potty train and practicing sits and downs. Yes, he has started learning already! He is especially excellent at sitting when he sees his food bowl being prepared.



Do I smell food?????

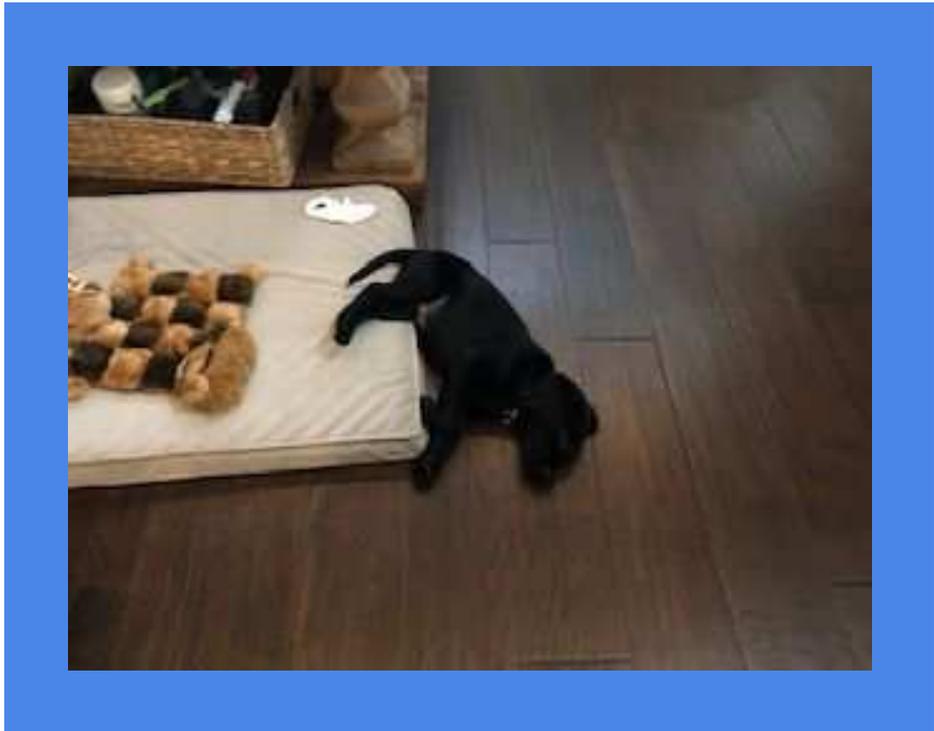
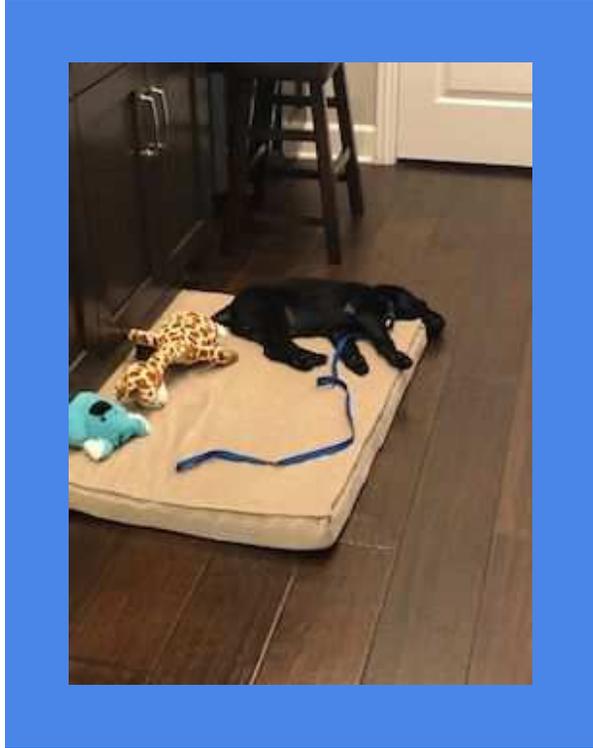


He was not into the rain and wind. But like a champ, he took care of business when he had to.

Mamba loves his toys - his favorites are the stuffed dog he came home with from GDA, a giraffe and a duck. Actually, his favorite is the tags on those toys. Just like kids, the tags are more fascinating than the actual toys! He also just discovered where his toys are kept when he is not playing with them. I wonder how much longer he will fit in there!



Typical day right now is: Get up, pee, eat, poo, play, nap, repeat. He loves to lay partially on his bed. His favorite is to hang his head off the side. :)



He spends the majority of the day napping right now. We want to give him time to recuperate from all the new input from his new environment.

He loves to stay close to someone and in the evenings, likes to sit with the kids while they do homework.



That's all for now! By the time I send my next update, Mamba would have already started Puppy Kindergarten!

Thank you, Sepulveda Building Materials!
We look forward to this journey with Mamba!