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# Olivia's Odyssey

THE EPIC JOURNEY OF A GUIDE DOG PUPPY IN TRAINING



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

I'm Olivia, puppy in training for Guide Dogs of America. I know we've just met, but can I be honest? It's about these puppy raisers of mine. They're nice and everything, but... can we keep this between us? I don't want to alarm anyone, but I don't think they've had their shots because **THEY NEVER LEAVE THE HOUSE**. I mean seriously. NEVER! I promise you I will do my best to become socialized, but yowza... who is going to socialize these two? Thankfully, there are two other GDA dogs here (Paddy and Ellie), so I think I've got a chance to learn the ropes. I promise you I will do my very best. Whatever that is.

Love and wags,  
*Olivia*



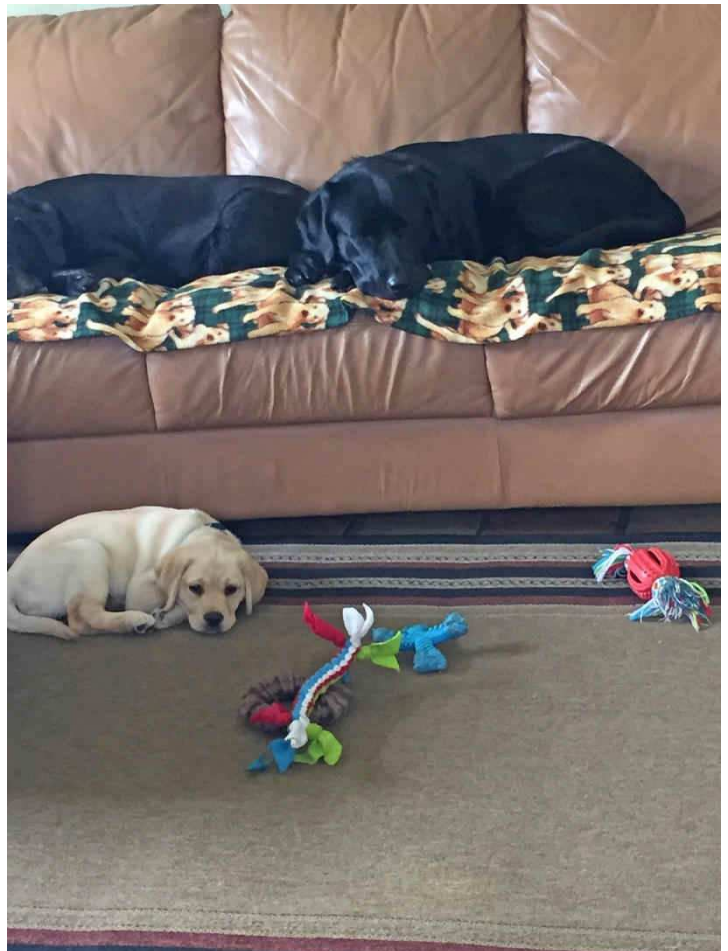
This was the day I came home— the first day I met My Humans, and, truth be told, the last time I used mass transportation. Along with learning how to sit and wait for my food and “get busy” outside instead of in the living room (SO MANY RULES!), one of the first things I learned about was something called, “social distancing”. Here I am practicing it with my Big Sister Paddy. She thinks I need plenty of practice.





Personally, I think Paddy is being over critical. How else was I was supposed to get to the water bowl?

But if we're going to talk about rules... what's up with the Black Dogs Get to be on the Couch and Yellow Dogs have to Stay on the Floor? Do I even get a vote?





You may have noticed I am a Puppy of Many Questions. What the heck is going on here? We need to learn obedience, I get that part. But apparently, my siblings and I are Safer at Home. These puppy raisers... You'd think they'd trust us a bit more! Anyway, my sources tell me that The Humans take videos of us and share them with the GDA Canine Development Team, and that's how we go to "school". I'm in the middle in the top row. Another question—if it's called "Zoom", why does it take so long?





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My Humans were really Living on the Edge one day and decided we could go for a drive so I could learn how to properly ride in the car. I wouldn't say the excitement was too much, but...

...you be the judge.

Just when I was starting to think this whole puppy-in-training thing was all a big mistake, I got my jacket! Now I can go to the... well...that is to say... Hmm.

Okay if I report on that in my next update? Stay well!

