

# PADDY'S PROGRESS

## OCTOBER 2018

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Hello there, my Friends at Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament!

Many people think the phrase, "dog days of summer" comes from the thought (or maybe the hope?!) that dogs are lazy in the summer months because it's so hot. I think I must have missed a memo because while it was definitely hot...I don't think I know the meaning of the word lazy! It's just another one of those funny things humans say, I guess. I'm still trying to figure them out, to be honest. I'll report back on that in my next update.

Anyway, as always, thank you for your incredible generosity. You must get lots of treats for being such good humans!

Lots of love,

Paddy 

Guide Dogs of America Puppy in Training





## JULY



Let's see...where did we leave off last time? Well, I completely ignored the fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July like I was supposed to do (easy!) and then moved on to being a good AmbassaDog for GDA. Here I am at an International Association of Machinists picnic with some of my buddies and Their Humans. My job was to sit there and be well-behaved while the Humans ate. You think that's easy?

Try it sometime....

## AUGUST

Being a puppy-in-training isn't all hard work. We get to do all kinds of fun things, too! I got to spend the whole day at the Ventura County Fairgrounds doing



something called the "Pawmazing Race" for Guide Dogs of America! It was so much fun—we had to walk on a loose lead, sit for a greeting, do basic obedience all while being surround by popcorn, ice cream and hot





dogs. And they call this a "Fair"?!! We all had a blast, but don't take my word for it—you can watch this little video. See if you can find me—I'm the black dog in the yellow jacket!!

<https://youtu.be/pChNLxJAgTU>



Such distractions! Sometimes, it's easiest just not to look.

I really have no idea what this is.





Wahoo! I FINALLY got to go to the Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament! Let me tell you all about it—what’s that? Oh. Right. I guess you might know a few things about it...! Thank you so much for putting on such a wonderful event just so I can get belly rubs! The Humans say it’s also so that you can sponsor more puppies like me. You guys are the best—we couldn’t do it without you (Full disclosure: I’m still trying to figure out what “it” is, but I do know I had a great time at the Golf Tournament!).







# SEPTEMBER



September was a blur of doing all kinds of things, but one thing that stands out was going to the ~~heptom~~ ~~optimist~~ ~~optomememoist~~-eye doctor with The Humans. Seems people are a little curious as to why there is a guide dog at the eye doctor (something about that not being good for business?). If one more person asks if I'm "one of them blind dogs"....yeesh. Thankfully, MY eyesight is just perfect!

If I haven't mentioned it lately, I really scored in the puppy raiser department. Guess what my puppy raisers got me to celebrate my upcoming first birthday? A new minivan! We call it the *Paddy Wagon*. See what we did

there?? Ha ha, we crack ourselves up (it doesn't take much).

It was so weird when we first bought it. No dog hair, just these funny plastic things on the floor. Don't worry, I fixed that. It's nice and furry again, just like it's supposed to be. Who's a good girl?



# OCTOBER

Okay. I may have addressed this before, but there are certain things you're subjected to when Your Humans are the GDA Area Leaders. I'm almost a year old now so I thought I had seen everything, but oh noooo....turns out there is this thing called, "Halloween".



Presented without comment, because for once, I'm speechless. But for some reason, here I am at our last puppy raiser meeting, where, for reasons I kind of hope I never figure out, I was dressed as a Poodle.

*A poodle.*

Pretty soon it will be Halloween for The Humans. My mission, should I choose to accept it, is to not eat the candy and not lick the children. Or is it don't lick the candy and don't eat the children? Whatever it is, I'm up for the challenge!

In infinitely more dignified news, I also made my television debut this month (thankfully, I was wearing my GDA jacket and NOT a poodle outfit!) Lakewood Connect interviewed The Humans, but I

was the real star. Because I'm so well behaved, I was asked to do a demonstration of how I sit and wait for my food until someone says, "Okay!" They were very impressed. I didn't want to break it to them that I've been doing this since I was 8 weeks old. Humans are so easy to please.

I hope you are all well, my friends, and thank you again for being such Good Humans. I wish you a very happy Fall!

Lots of Love,

*Paddy*





P.S. About the whole "dog days of summer" thing.....

