

PADDY'S PROGRESS

JANUARY 2019



To My Dear Friends at the Sepulveda Building Materials Charity Golf Tournament,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday with all of your littermates. I'm sure Santa Paws brought you lots of chew toys because you're all such good Humans!!

My Humans tell me January is a time when resolutions are made—when we decide what we want to change in the new year. My sister Ellie thinks I should chew on her less, so I'll work on that. And I think maybe I'll try and eat more treats in 2019. But other than that, we canines are pretty much happy all the time (Labrador DNA is 99% bliss). I can't really see much I need to work on!

My Humans might disagree at times, but that's okay.

With gratitude, as always, your Best Black Dog,

Paddy 

Guide Dogs of America Puppy in Training

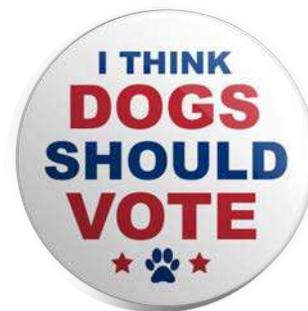




NOVEMBER

It's November now, time to do our civic duty and vote! I'm not exactly sure what a civic duty is, but me being a service dog and all, I'm up for the challenge. Let me get this straight...we walk into a booth. I lay down. The Human punches something, then they give him a sticker. Got it.

Let's just say this whole voting thing is SO MUCH EASIER than leaving squirrels alone. Humans have it so easy! I really don't understand why they complain about politics so much.





The end of November brought Thanksgiving and this event called "Black Friday".

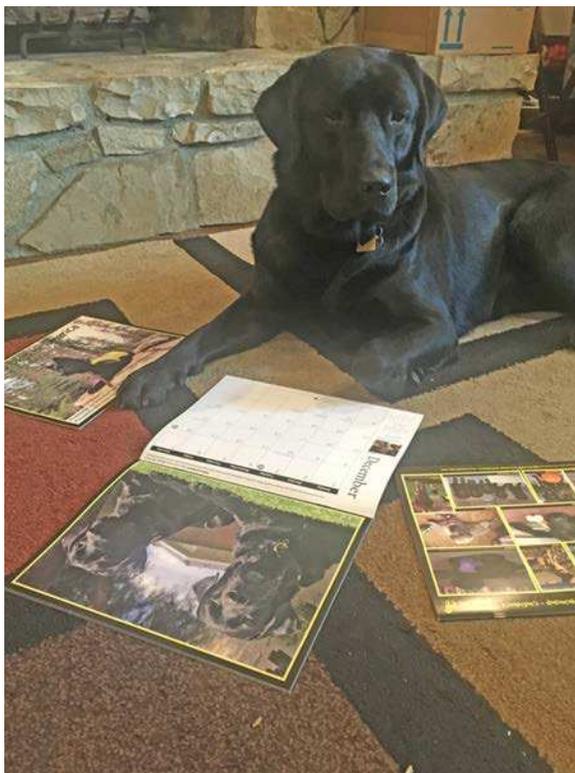
If I understand correctly, Humans eat all day on Thursday (Just kibble for me. Dang.), then get up REALLY early on Friday, line up around the block and put red plants in a shopping cart.

Red plants. Black Friday.

I remain every bit as perplexed as I look in this picture.

Maybe the "black" refers to me? I hope someone explains this to me before guide dog school or I will never graduate.

DECEMBER



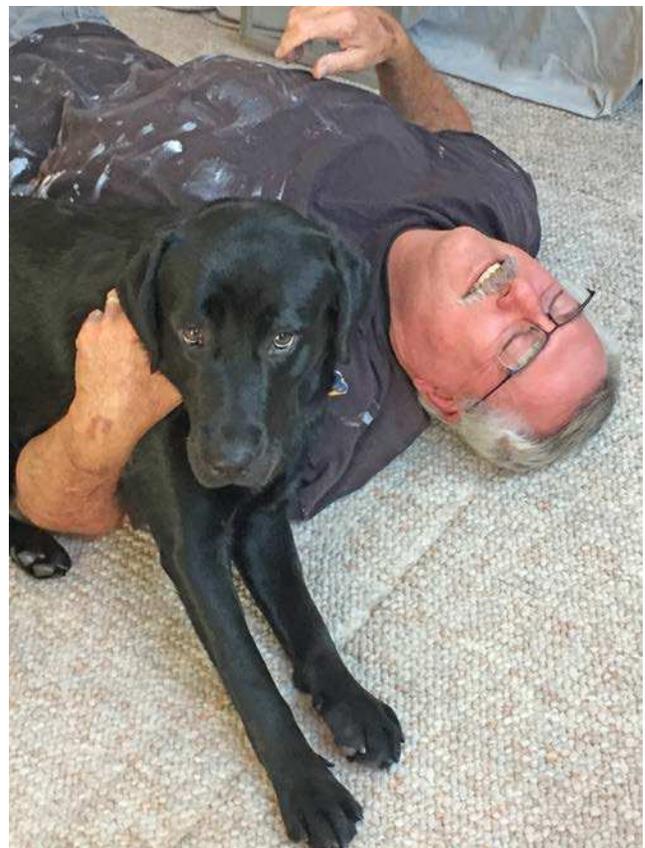
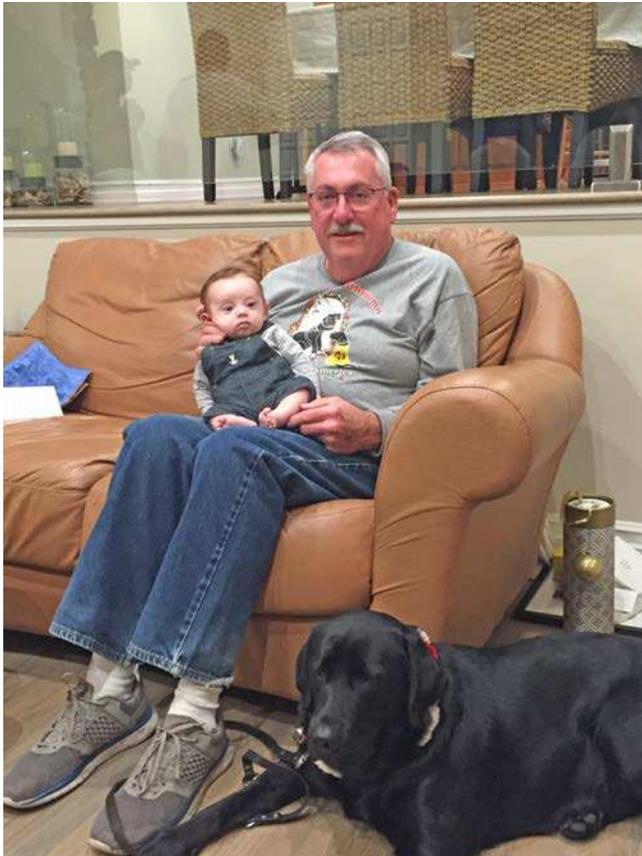
Before I knew it, it was time to turn the Guide Dogs of America Calendar to December, and look who I found? My buddy Irish and Me!

The Humans tell me you guys help make this calendar possible—thank you so much! You guys sure know how to make a puppy feel special.



December was just a blur! We went to holiday boutiques with Santa, worked on remodeling the house (this is me taking a break with the Tall Human, below. I didn't knock him over, honest!) and even got to hang out with some new Really Small Humans, our new Grand Niece and Nephew!!

(Full disclosure: I'm not sure yet what purpose Really Small Humans serve yet. Can I report back on that in future reports?)





Here I am doing a little Christmas shopping for the relatives. I can't even begin to tell you how much self-restraint this took. My secretary may or may not have had to photoshop a little drool out of this picture.

The Nice Humans at Just Food for Dogs were so impressed with me they took my picture and posted it on their Facebook page!

The Tall Human took me to a meeting of the South Bay Chapter of the Delta Gamma Society in hopes of getting them to sponsor a puppy just like me. I was so well behaved, how could they resist?





Every year, the South Bay Puppy Raisers have a big Pot Luck Dinner to celebrate the holidays. This year, we took holiday pictures, and of course, I couldn't resist taking a picture with my calendar buddy, GDA breeder Irish!



The Human with the Camera used this Big Red Bone in the pictures. I fell in love with the Big Red Bone. I was so worried I would never see the Big Red Bone again. Thankfully, I have friends in high places and the Big Red Bone and I were re-united after the photo shoot.

It was a Holiday Miracle!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU GUYS...

...but this is pretty much how we all looked—the Humans included— by the end of the year. Turns out the Most Wonderful Time of the Year is also exhausting!



And as you can see by the picture, my sister Ellie really has the dirt on one of the Humans. SHE gets to get up on the furniture! I've asked her over and over again, but she won't tell me the secret. Maybe someday...

Once again, I wish you a peaceful, healthy, happy and furry 2019. Thank you again for everything you do for Guide Dogs of America!

Lots of Love,

Paddy