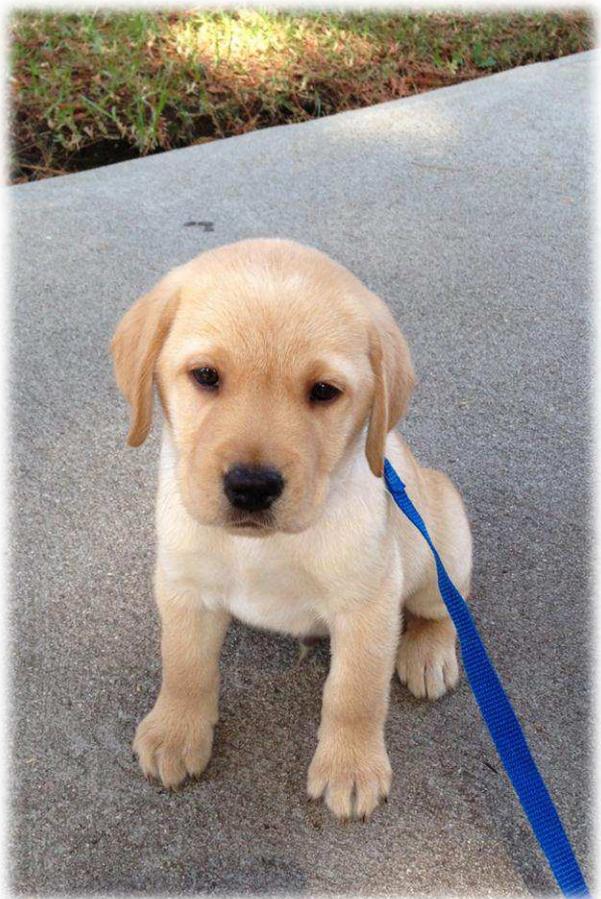


TAGG'S WAGGS

Guide Dogs of America
Puppy-In Training Sponsorship Newsletter

HELLO!

My name is Tagg and I am a puppy in training for Guide Dogs of America. I am so proud and thankful to be sponsored by the



generosity of **Sepulveda Building Materials** and promise to make them proud of me along my journey.

When my puppy raiser picked me up she couldn't stop kissing me and kept saying I was "pure sugar." I kissed back.

ABOUT ME So Far!

I am a purebred male yellow Labrador retriever. I was born on August 10, 2013 to a litter of 12 puppies, 7 black and 5 yellow. I spent my first 7 ½ weeks being well cared for at the Guide Dogs of America nursery with my very busy mom.



My destiny is to be a guide dog. I will give independent mobility, confidence and companionship my future visually impaired partner.



I am being raised by Laurel Schuman. We live in Anaheim Hills in a condominium with Paisley, a retired Guide Dogs of America Breeder, and Casey, an old crazy cat.

I will be attending monthly puppy raiser meetings with the Orange County Group. We are also signed up for puppy kindergarten.

EARLY SOCIALIZATION

Every Saturday morning I will be attending a Weight Watchers meeting. My puppy raiser is a Lifetime member at goal and she plans to stay that way! The kind Weight Watchers staff at Tustin Marketplace weighed me in on my first visit at 10.2#. They made me a weight tracker and said I am the only one allowed to gain weight! I was a very good boy at my first meeting. At my weigh in at my second meeting I was already 12 pounds!



DAILY ROUTINE

I go to work every day at Rockwell Automation in Anaheim. It is a sales office for the headquarters company in Milwaukee, WI. My puppy raiser supports the sales staff and works on a lot of boring spreadsheets. Some days there will only be a few people and on

other days there might be up to 60. While there, I will learn how to be quiet in my crate; attend meetings; greet employees, distributors, and customers nicely; and, go out to lunch.



OBEDIENCE CLASS AT GDA

I attended my first GDA obedience class on my 9-week birthday. I saw some of my brothers and sisters, too. I somewhat slept



through most of it but my puppy raiser learned a lot and was able to ask questions.

WHAT I AM WORKING ON

- Housebreaking
- Learning my name
- Sitting for my food
- Sleeping or playing quietly in my crate
- Learning how to treat my senior Labrador sister and cat with respect
- Cradling
- Getting used to my collar, tags, bib and leash
- Riding quietly in the car
- Walking on different surfaces
- Understanding what a toy is (and what is not)
- Accepting grooming
- Practicing Basic commands- Sit, Come, Down



My bib is a bit too big, no worries, I'll grow into it very very soon.



Very sleepy, big first day.



I love all my toys.

Pick up Day

Keep scrolling for a few more pics of me!



Paisley letting me know it was her toy first.



The dishwasher makes a nice den, for now!



We share everything!



I love to retrieve!



We weigh together first, then mom weighs, and we do the math.



Cuteness Factor 1,000!