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Raiser of the Month

January-February 2019

Quinn...“a delight on the road”

Number six puppy in the Lauer household, Quinn left for New York at the end of January.



She may have been the most spirited and energetic of all our dogs. At times she was also the most difficult and frustrating. She loved going places and doing new things. Metro, bus rides, doctors' appointments, movies, post office, restaurants, shopping, walking, museums, play groups, new grandchild, the US Capitol and vacations were all stuffed into her 14 months with us.



Unfortunately, she was released almost immediately because of a health problem.

Good luck Quinn-ster in your new life setting. -- Alan and Carolyn

P.S. -- "Stop the press. Quinn moves to advertising career" Think joint lubricant "Cosequin," advertised frequently on the TV. I, Carolyn, believe I saw the latest career path chosen by our favorite puppy Quinn. I hope you get to see this commercial which starts with her as a puppy, then progresses through many months to the end of the clip when we see her happy with her new family. Who knew she was off doing this work secretly. It's Quinn, in her new career!"



She was a delight on our road trip to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island during the summer of 2018. She might be the only dog from our region that has been to Canada.



Raiser of the Month

Elijah...a lucky pup with many moms!

Elijah started his first 10 months of training with region manager, Jean



Mom #2, Carrie is training Elijah for his last 4 months before he returns to NY in March. Not picture is mom #3, Carol and dad Carl, also sharing in Elijah's training.

Ivan – Montgomery Region's 1st 2019 Graduate

Ivan, a male black Labrador, is Lori's second guide dog and will be working in her hometown of Salisbury, Maryland.

Lori, a home health aide, returned to Guiding Eyes for her second guide dog. She found her match in Ivan, a spunky male Lab with a larger-than-life personality. Lori looks forward to once again enjoying the independence and confidence of working with a guide dog.

Ivan's very attentive to me! When he is off harness, he can be quite goofy – he will roll on his back and put his legs up, wanting me to scratch his belly. Especially during playtime, he lets loose!



After losing my last guide dog, I had to go back to my cane and I missed the freedom. With a guide dog, you feel more comfortable, and you have a partner that you trust – a set of eyes. The cane might tell you where the crack in the sidewalk is, but a guide dog will bring you directly to the mailbox. In a busy place, a guide dog will bring you around tables and people. You don't even know they're there.

When I came to Guiding Eyes, I was so worried I would compare him to my last guide dog, but Ivan has such a sweet and laid-back personality – it made it easy to learn to work with him. "Do it! It will change your life forever!"



Congratulations to Ivan's raiser: Colleen and Family



GEB Dogs Participate in Fire Drill

"In the event of a fire, our staff needs to be able to clear the kennel of any dogs before fire trucks arrive (their response time as a volunteer firefighting department is approximately four minutes)," Guiding Eyes for the Blind wrote online. But pulling that off takes practice. So the dogs partook in a fire drill, escaping from their kennel into a communal area out back.

And, as you'll see, they nailed it. It was a potentially lifesaving exercise, but the dogs clearly had a blast, taking the opportunity to enjoy a little impromptu recess outside all together. Best of all, however — the pups hit their mark.

We completed the November 2018 drill of clearing all 174 dogs and all staff members from the building in 3 minutes and 8 seconds," the group wrote. "Great work!" Check out the video posted on the link below.

<https://www.thedodo.com/close-to-home/cute-service-dogs-fire-drill-training>

Is this the best play time ever!



Welcome New and Repeat Raisers

Saxon is yet another lucky black male that will be getting the best of training from this region’s long-time dedicated puppy raiser Jody.



Catherine and Fred, first-time raisers, will have a great time raising their first GEB pup, Roma



Bobbie and Jim, another long-time raiser family, will be helping Vesey reach her goals.

New raiser, Rina, has welcomed Pita into her home after getting a great early start from Jean.



Amy and daughter are excited to have another German Shepherd in their home where Maverick will receive great training.



Fun Places to Go

Let us know where you like to take your pup for outings



Orchard demonstrating her skill sets for riding in the car and back hatch people watching



Celine having a play date with big brother Carter

Jackson’s adopted family keeping in touch with former raiser Jane.





Fundraising in our communities Will help me grow into this harness!



The Montgomery Region is highly dependent upon donations and the monies received support class space, crates, medications and other items for our pups in training. In order to maintain this support for our volunteers and pups in training, monetary contributions are always needed.

So, how can you help? Take the time to look around your community, or inquire at your place of work or worship. You may be able to identify a business, organization or individual looking to either sponsor or contribute to a worthwhile non-profit organization.

- Restaurants – Many local restaurants will partner and host a non-profit lunch/dinner
- Retail stores – Many stores will host a shopping event
- Place of work – Is your place of work looking to make a tax deductible contribution, or already has a matching charitable contribution program
- Financial organizations, grocery stores, sororities and fraternities...can they donate
- Yard sale –Is there a yard sale in your community in which we can participate
- GEB is on the national list of non-profit participating agencies for the Combined Federal Campaign #10248

Reach out to the Region's management team, Jeanyne and Jean, with your ideas.

Listed are contributions to date for 2019

- *2019 is now upon us. Let's do everything we can to help raise needed funds to support our pups-in-training.*

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submission of articles
is the 1st of each month*



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