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Raiser of the Month

January-February 2021

Namath...a handful to raise!

Namath was my first puppy from GEB. It's pretty hard not to fall in love with puppies so Namath quickly found his way into the heart of my little family.



He even managed to win over our other dog, Roofus, who played with Namath for hours on end until Namath started to outweigh him. But no matter how large Namath got, he insisted on sharing a crate with Roofus for naps!

I brought Namath to work with me at Sandy Spring Museum every day. He met lots of people and won over even more hearts. Everyone referred to him as the museum's mascot and no one ever passed my office without stopping for a cuddle with Namath.

But truth be told, Namath was a handful to raise! He was very strong, fairly stubborn and pretty mischievous. When class was meeting in person, Namath and I sometimes got separated from the rest of the pups and raisers because he was an instigator of trouble. I often wondered whether he was cut out to be a guide dog; but, our region manager, Jeanyne, assured me that what I saw as "wildness" she saw as "drive" and would frequently say, "*The trainers are going to love him*"! I figured she knew what she was talking about even though it was hard to picture him settling down enough to be entrusted with great responsibility.



Roofus and Namath getting special hugs from Fabiola



This is better than Zoom class – Namath watching West Side Story with Fabiola

Allison and Namath relaxing at the Sandy Spring Museum



I am so happy for him that he passed IFT. When I saw the video of him taking the test, he looked so happy, I knew this was his destiny. Now I am counting the days till I get my next puppy!

We love you and so proud of your accomplishments!

Raiser Allison and daughter Fabiola

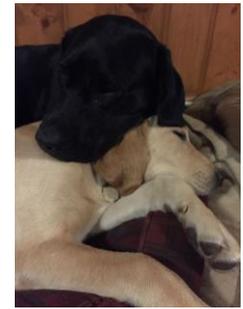


Welcome Home Java

Java decided that guide work was not for her and has returned to Maryland to enjoy pet dog life with Jean, Mike and their other four-legged clan. Knowing Jean, Java will be participating in many future volunteer activities as a great ambassador and showing off the well-earned Good Citizenship Badge. Welcome home!



Nothing better than a good cuddle with Mystic



Fun Places to Go

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

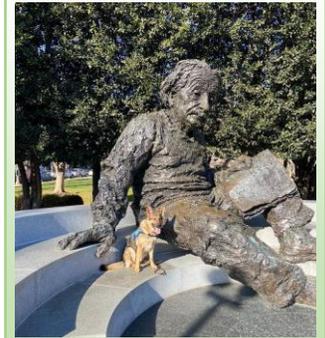


Westley, along with house pet Walnut, is helping Carrie's son with virtual learning. The baseball cap is from GEB and bought the day their last dog, Elijah, passed his IFT test. It has been worn every day since.



Fenwick enjoys the snow during a visit to Vermont

Reed getting some wisdom from Einstein – or is it the reverse?



Montana patiently waiting for dinner to be served on a silver platter



Larson enjoying the warm weather in Florida during the Christmas holiday



Helen (r) with her foster family in NY for breed evaluation and enjoying her companion Bauer



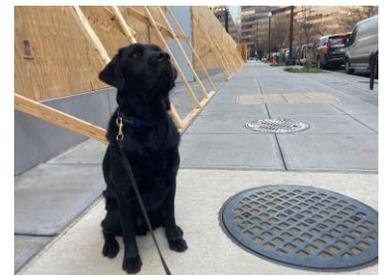
Reed on a Clarksburg outing



Endora anxiously waiting for Christmas morning



Julie "the snow bird"



Quinn was spotted by an NBC cameraman on January 20 doing bomb sniffing work in DC. Turns out the cameraman is friends of our raisers, The Seiberts, and from discussions it was discovered Quinn is a released GEB dog that got a new career – *what a small world!*

Fun Places to Go - continued

Happy on a puppy sit and enjoying a Nylabone with Navy



Doc's not afraid of the Civil War Cannon



Salem serving as best man at Amrita's marriage



Julie visiting Jefferson's house



Minnie practicing her mask technique



Blondie learning to be a logger



Up-Up-and Away --Yasha ready for her balloon ride



Jason getting in some early holiday shopping



Lolly checking out the elevator



Marvin settling before his car ride



Finnian getting a manicure



Juniper checking out Ikea



Farina posing with the flowers



Navy out for a hike



Zelda mailing her Christmas list





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. Jeanvne and Jean. with your ideas.

Listed are contributions to date for 2021

*Deadline for
submission of articles
and pictures is the 1st
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