

## **Duncan's 4th Report**

### **November 2013 - January 2014**

I started out November hanging out at the GDA booth at the OC Fairgrounds and also went on an outing to Universal Studios. In November, one of my humans, Alyssa turned 10 years old and we got to spend the whole day at Irvine Spectrum - they made candles, saw a movie, ate dinner, had cupcakes for dessert and I got to follow 10 girls around all day. Good times.

I also spent some time with Puppy Raiser Mike. He works at CBS Studios in Hollywood. I got the VIP backstage tours and got to meet lots of people.

I also went up to GDA in Sylmar several times for obedience classes, which are always fun and a great learning experience for me. I also started a Skills class where I learned to work with distractions. For example, I sit and the humans throw balls and other noisy toys around and I have to sit there and act un-interested. Hey... whatever amuses them. Sometimes I can't stand it and have to run after a ball that gets too close, but I am doing my best to learn to ignore all the distractions they throw at me. We are also learning the proper positioning of where to sit next to my mom when she tells me to sit. I have to say that I am pretty good at that.

I continue to go to school 2-3x a week where we help out in the library, the computer lab and the copy room. And by help, I mean that I lay there and take a nap while my mom helps the teachers.

I also started going up to Sylmar for longer kennel stays to practice for when I go in for formal training. It is pretty fun up there - I get a roommate to play with all day and I get lots of love from everyone there.

We had our OC group holiday party at the Tayanaka house and as usual, they throw a great party! We got to take some great pictures by the tree!

We also got to visit Signature Flight Support in Irvine at John Wayne Airport. We got to go on the tarmac and see and listen to the planes taking off and landing and got to practice boarding and de-planing and going up and down the stairs of a plane.

Also, in December, I got to attend my friend Cici's graduation. She became a full fledged guide dog. I'm so proud of her and can't wait till that is me on stage.

I also wanted to tell you that I had my first formal evaluation this month and I did great. Have a few things to fine tune, but the trainers said I did great!

Other outings:

Downtown Disney, Balboa Island (and a ferry ride), 2 school presentations with GDA speaker groups, Peters Canyon hiking, Orchard Hills hiking

Love, Duncan (11 months old)









Just in case anyone has forgotten how little and cute I was, that's me on the left side with my friend Irish. He is one of GDA's breeder dogs. :)