# Southeastern Guide Dogs **Puppate**

## Julia

### Life in Puppy Kindergarten



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#### What's New?

Julia made a terrific impression in Puppy Kindergarten, where she greeted everyone with an energetic and playful attitude. She loved to explore her environment and could be a fun and silly girl, but also serious about learning. This little pup was not shy and did not hold back from adventure, which is an important trait for a future guide or service dog.

Every puppy has their favorite activities, and for Julia, her instructors and volunteers noted that she loved the novel objects curriculum. Trying out new toys, unusual obstacles, and objects that make sounds and movements didn't frighten her. Curiosity

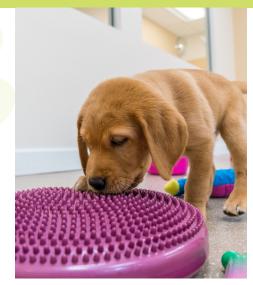
> is encouraged in a working dog, and Julia was game for new experiences.

#### **School Days**

ach day in Puppy Kindergarten is a blend of playtime, education, and of course, naps! Teachers and volunteers follow a prescribed, wellresearched set of activities that build their little pupils' strength, confidence, and knowledge, while always infusing their lessons with love and care. Julia and her pals progressed through a series of learning modules, including noises, novel objects, surfaces, motion, massage, dress-up, and puppy fitness. Everything is designed to make the pups comfortable with humans and to gradually expose them to all kinds of mind-expanding experiences. Even having to sit still for a school photo has its purpose when you're a

#### **Paws for Fun**

Julia is an agile pup who loved to play with colorful toys and objects in Puppy Kindergarten. She and her siblings had plenty of time for free play, while instructors reinforced good habits and taught cues and skills that will grow with Julia as she progresses in her training.



squiggly, growing little girl! Julia loved climbing, finding her balance, trying out new surfaces and under footings, and standing straight and tall. She was a model student!





#### On to the Next Adventure

ulia said a fond farewell to her friends in Puppy Kindergarten and joined her enthusiastic puppy raiser, Meghan, for her next grand adventure. A seasoned puppy raiser, Meghan provides a loving home full of stimulation, excitement, and fresh experiences as she teaches Julia house manners and socializes her with other dogs. Julia is practicing new cues and skills, getting lots of exercise, and learning about the big, wide world outside. There's so much to discover! There are new friends to meet and stores, restaurants, parks, streets, and sidewalks to explore.

Someday, Julia may become a guide or service dog for someone who needs her, and her time with Meghan will expand her potential. Stay tuned for what lies ahead!

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