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Kayden

Life in Puppy
Kindergarten

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Tickles & Touches

Kayden is a delightful pup with a bright personality. When he was only two days old, volunteers began to stroke and tickle him gently, getting him used to the smell and feel of loving humans. Staff and volunteers in Puppy Kindergarten observed that

he loves to learn and willingly works for treats. They reported that one of his favorite activities was massage time—important because a guide or service dog has lots of human touch and body handling in their future. Being comfortable with people and touch means stress-free medical exams for this sweet puppy. Kayden accepted putting on a cape and even a tiny harness. He was raring and ready to go!



Learning is Fun

New surfaces, novel objects, fitness fun, adventure time, playing “follow me”—Kayden loved Puppy Kindergarten! Here, learning is targeted with an individual curriculum for each puppy, designed to stimulate the senses, challenge developing brains, and discover their personalities. Instructors tailor lesson plans to expose pups to new surroundings, teach basic skills, grow confidence, and build good habits.

Kayden was an “A” student—he welcomed new experiences and adapted well to changing environments. Smart and curious, Kayden explored objects with bravery and wasn’t afraid to climb up steps,



walk over ramps, put his feet into a wobbly disk, or feel unusual surfaces underfoot. He is not skittish or shy, and he quickly recovers from new exposures and surprises. These are all good traits for a working dog!

// Look at me!

“Would you like me to scoot up on this skateboard? Don’t mind if I do!” Kayden loved a good romp in the puppy playroom and looked up for approval when he did something well. His teachers agreed that this puppy has a purpose. He will surely make his future handler proud!





Time for New Adventures

Time flew by in Puppy Kindergarten with so many creative and educational experiences on Kayden's schedule. Living and learning with his litter mates, volunteer friends, and dedicated teachers was comforting as well as mind-expanding for this clever dog. His time on the Southeastern Guide Dogs campus set a foundation for the next phase of his journey. After graduating from Puppy Kindergarten, cute and cuddly Kayden headed off to the home of his volunteer puppy raiser, Gina. Soon, he'll experience even more adventures.

Will Kayden become a guide dog for someone with vision loss?

A service dog for a veteran with a disability? A companion for a child with challenges? Everyone is rooting for Kayden to prepare for a career that can make an impact on someone's life!



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