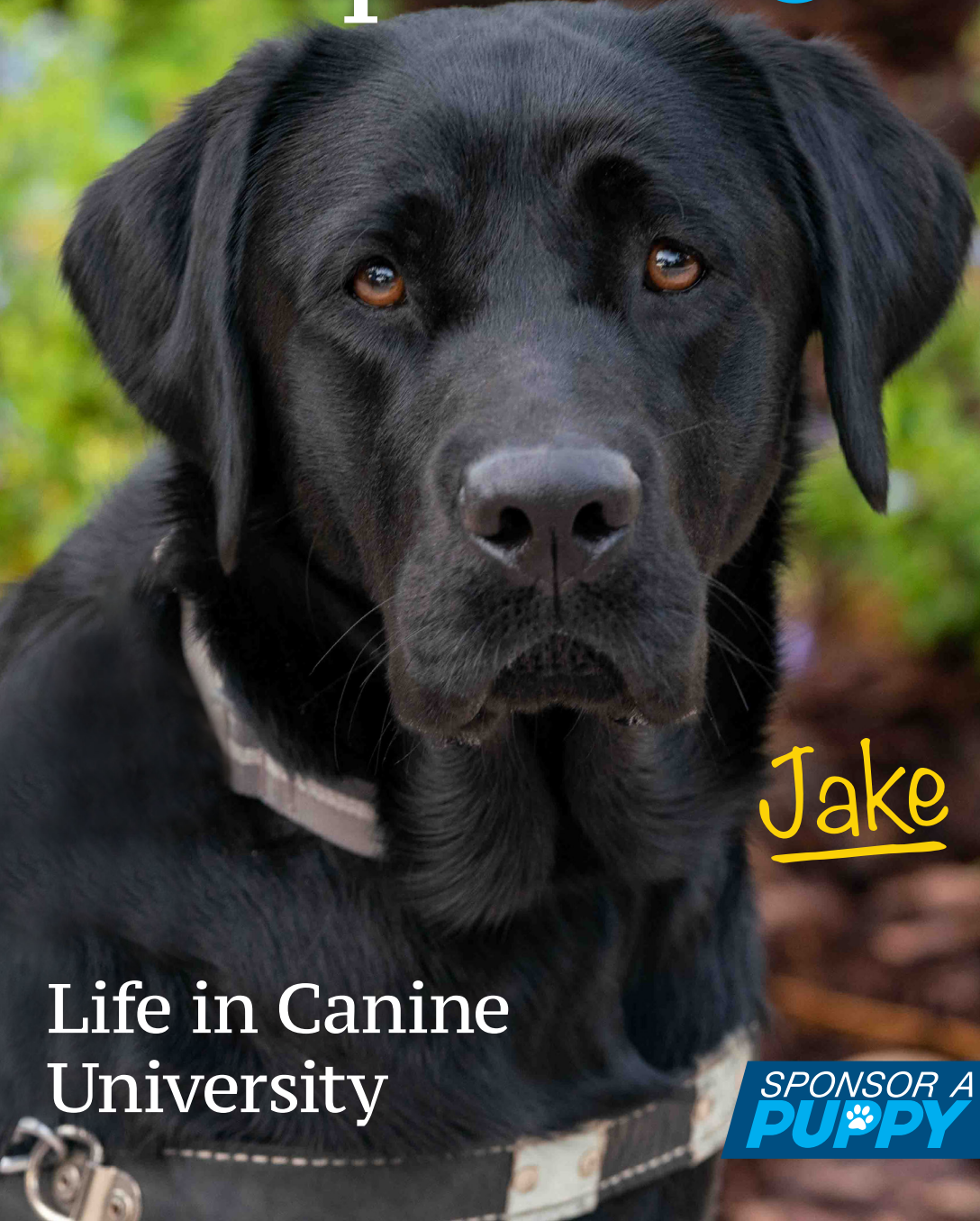


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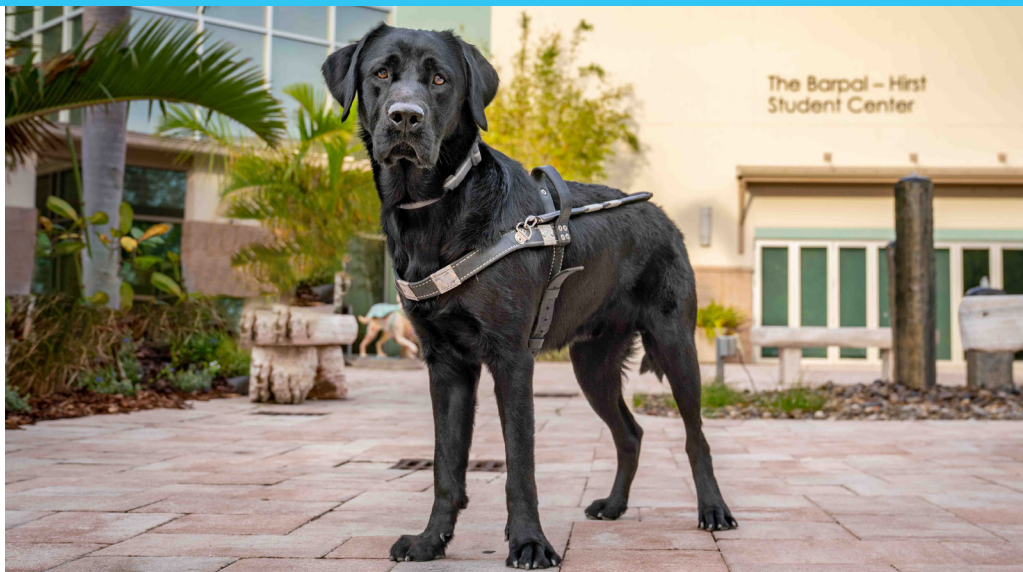


Jake

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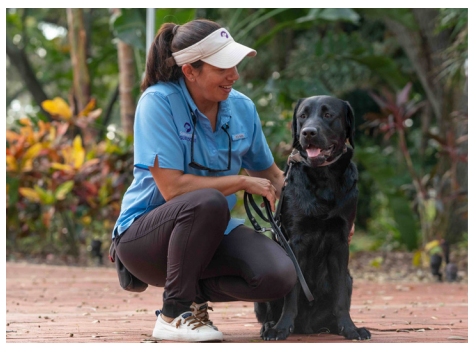




## College-Level Learning

Jake transitioned smoothly to Canine University from the loving home of his puppy raisers, Colleen and Maria. With attention from his instructors, he's learning advanced skills and building upon the basic skills he's mastered up to this point. Jake practices independent thinking, making good decisions, relying less on eye contact with his handler, and looking in a forward direction. He's improving his forward drive—moving out naturally in his harness with pressure applied to his chest area.

This loveable boy—a real charmer with beautiful eyes—takes advantage of any opportunity to win affection from the humans around him. Like most Labs, he is motivated by food. It makes him happy when his instructors praise him and reward him with treats for lessons learned!



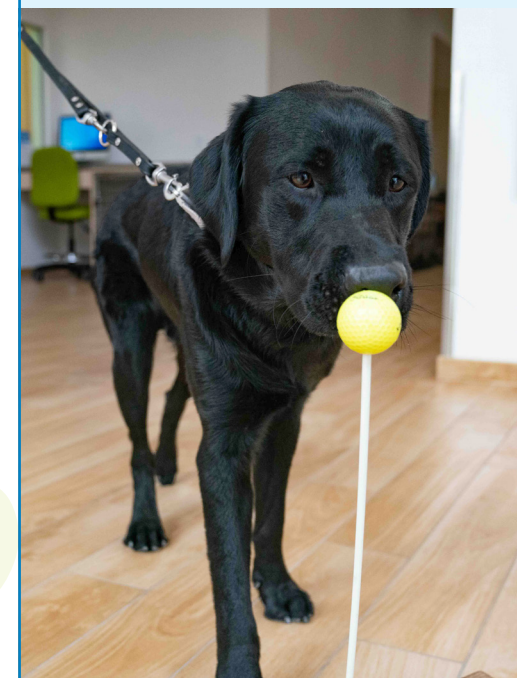
## Jake Keeps it Straight

At Canine University, Jake's days are full of conditioning, enrichment, medical exams, assessments, playtime with friends, and of course, instructional time. As he learns and receives positive praise and rewards, his confidence grows.

Jake enjoys working with the platform, a raised object that teaches him proper body alignment while in harness. In the future, if he becomes a guide dog working with someone with vision loss, he will need to guide them straight on a sidewalk or path and not drift to one side or another. Jake's advanced skills could someday bolster his human's sense of safety!

## // Loving Landmarking

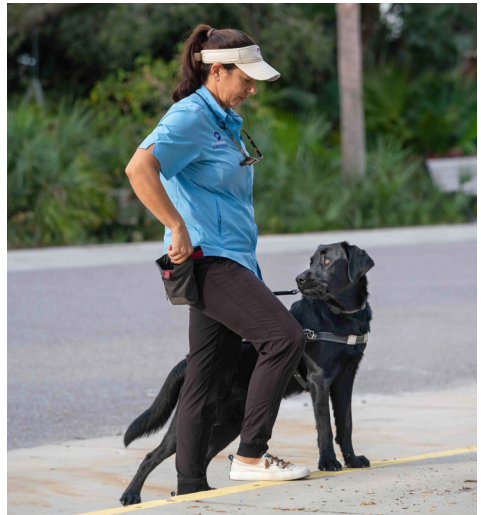
When Jake touches his nose to the target ball, he practices landmarking. His instructor tells him to find the target, and when he responds correctly, she rewards him. Eventually, Jake learns to generalize this cue to find other objects to assist someone with vision loss. Jake learns to *find the chair, find the door, find the exit, find the stairs*, and more, preparing to help a handler navigate with independence.



## Finding His Way

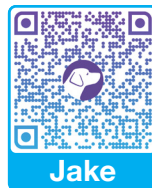
During training, our behavior experts closely observe Jake's temperament, aptitude, and preferences to discover what career path he may choose. While not every dog becomes a guide or service dog, every dog uniquely impacts someone's life.

While walking on a sidewalk and wearing a harness, attentive Jake matches his pace and pull to his instructor's gait. He learns to look for high and low obstacles, even those that might not reach him but could hit a person, such as a low-hanging tree limb. Jake navigates around or stops at tripping hazards such as sticks, rocks, changes in



the pavement or surface, and curbs. By approaching a street crossing with caution and stopping at blended and defined curbs, someday he might prevent a handler from tripping.

As Jake finds his way, what will his future bring? We can't wait to see!



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