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Kayden

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Home, Sweet Home

Playful, energetic, and smart, Kayden brightens the lives of his puppy-raising family. A mom and daughter team, Gina and Olivia, work on training Kayden, while dad, big brother, and pet goldendoodle Asha cheer them on. At home, Kayden settled in quickly to his new family's routine. A regular napper, he likes spending time in his comfortable crate in Gina's office, where he keeps her company while she's working.

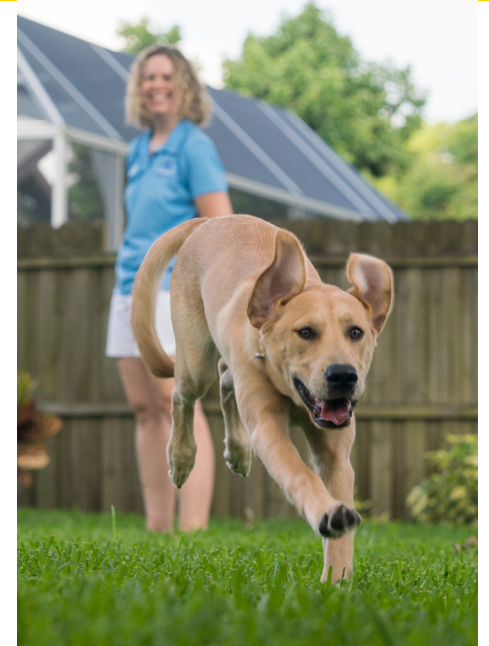


New to puppy raising, Gina and Olivia love taking Kayden to training classes and group meetings, then practicing at home. He may be a snoozer, but Kayden snaps to attention when it's time to learn. Putting paws on a paw pad teaches good body alignment for walking on a leash and the *heel* cue. It also teaches him to be still and display self-discipline. Kisses, snuggles, belly rubs, and praise let Kayden know he's doing a fine job!

Out and About

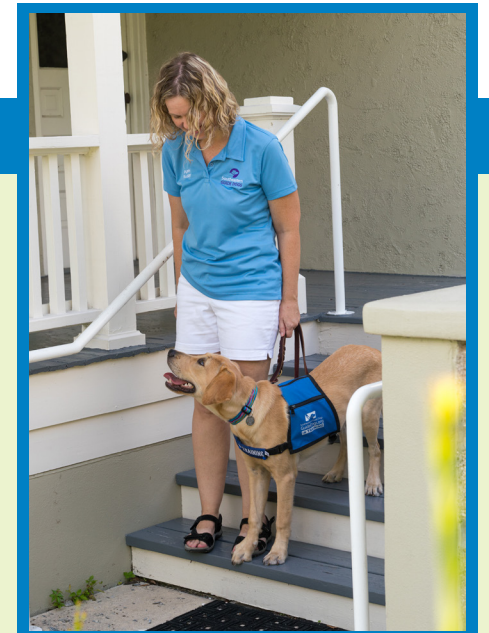
Give Kayden time to romp in the fenced backyard, and he's one happy fellow. He loves picking up a toy and dropping it in front of his furry friend Asha, a persistent invitation to play. Rain never stops the fun, either. Kayden loves everything from light sprinkles to heavy downpours, which is excellent training for the future.

Ignoring distractions is vital for a working dog, and when he goes on walks, Kayden tries hard to ignore the bunnies on his turf, as well as other dogs and people he encounters in a busy neighborhood. Good boy!



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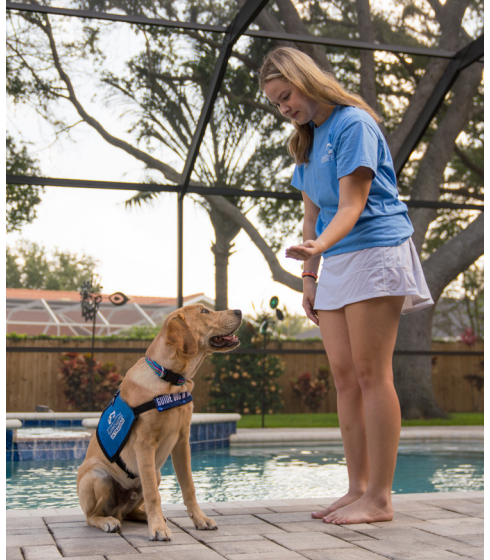
Kayden grows more confident every day. When he puts on his coat, it's work time. He pays close attention to important lessons, such as walking slowly up and down stairs. Life is full of tripping hazards for someone with vision loss, and a resourceful guide dog can keep them safe. If Kayden one day matches with a visually impaired handler, he will need to take charge of guiding them carefully around obstacles.



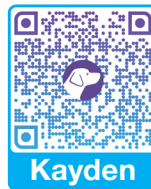
Learning Here and There

There's so much to learn! While mastering basic skills such as *sit*, *stay*, *down*, and *heel*, Kayden resists any temptation to jump in the pool! He travels well in the car, too. Riding to church every week or traveling out and about with his raisers exposes him to new people and environments.

On a back-to-school shopping expedition with Olivia, Kayden showed how well he listens. He remained focused and waited patiently with Gina outside every dressing room. This trip was one of his longest while working and wearing his coat, and the



experience showed his raisers he had the skills to travel along for a college tour with Olivia. She leaves for college about the same time that Kayden will return to Southeastern Guide Dogs for Canine University. Will Kayden excel in his studies for his future career? We can't wait to find out!



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