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Kinsley

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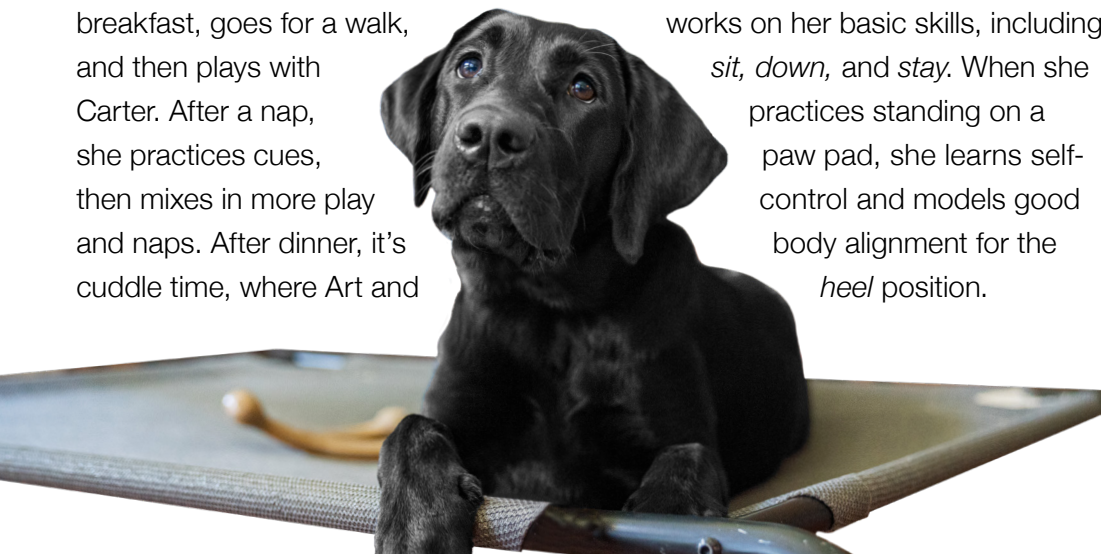


A Happy Home

Kinsley settled beautifully into her new home with her raisers, Art and Joyce. They live in a quiet neighborhood with their adult daughter and pet Lab, Carter. Kinsley wakes by 6:30 a.m., eats breakfast, goes for a walk, and then plays with Carter. After a nap, she practices cues, then mixes in more play and naps. After dinner, it's cuddle time, where Art and

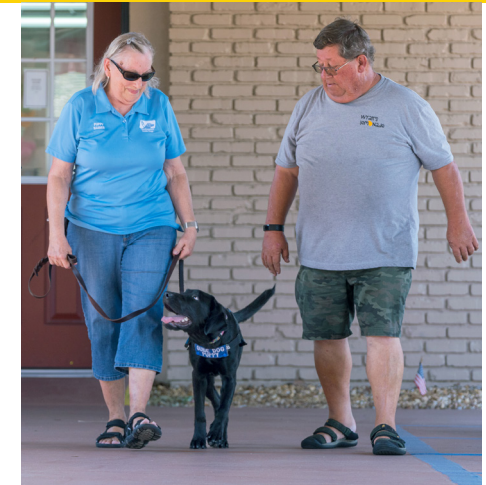
Joyce practice intentional body handling to help Kinsley get accustomed to regular human touch. They often enjoy a night walk followed by Kinsley's bedtime at 10:00 p.m.

Art and Joyce can almost see the wheels turning in Kinsley's brain as she works on her basic skills, including *sit*, *down*, and *stay*. When she practices standing on a paw pad, she learns self-control and models good body alignment for the *heel* position.



Learning the Ropes

Socialization is essential for puppies in training, and Kinsley loves walking and visiting around Art and Joyce's community. This good-natured pup practices leash manners at an indoor track and enjoys watching people there. Her raisers emphasize positive reinforcement, rewarding her with treats and a "yes!" when she keeps her leash loose without pulling. She comes when called, knows to *switch* to the other side of her handler for proper etiquette with left-opening doors, and tucks



her body down between her handler's legs for the *close* cue to avoid being a tripping hazard in restaurants. Kinsley does her best!

// "B" is for Bravo!

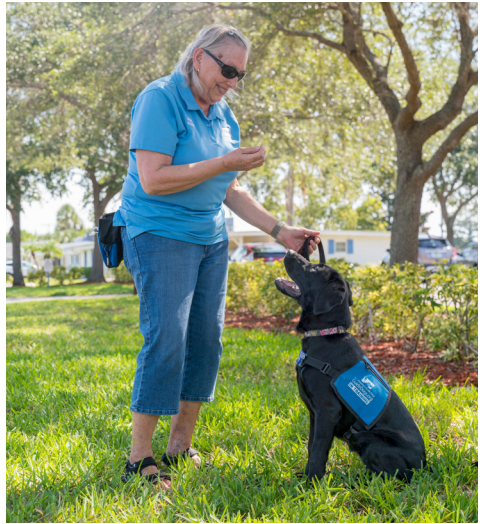
Kinsley practices self-control with Joyce by playing a game at mealtimes. Called the "B-game," Kinsley sits away from her bowl while Joyce speaks multiple words that start with B: *bratwurst*, *bravo*, and *bacon*, for example. Kinsley remains quiet in a perfect *sit* position until she hears the magic word—*break*—then runs to her bowl to eat. This pup has fun while mastering the skills of patience, impulse control, and good listening!



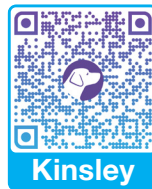
Keeping up with Kinsley

Learning to become a guide dog, service dog, or skilled companion dog takes time and effort, and Kinsley enjoys it all. Art and Joyce report that she is a “comfortable, sassy, and hilarious” part of their home. Kinsley is serious when working and a “total goof” when not. She easily transitions from playfulness with a toy or running around the house to intense focus when fine-tuning her cues and skills.

When they attend puppy raiser meetings, Kinsley learns to remain calm around other people and dogs. She gains exposures to public places, such as restaurants and stores. All these outings become



foundational for her future as a potential working dog. Soon, this happy girl will return to campus and Canine University for her advanced skills instruction. Someone might one day need her to help them live their best life together, and Kinsley will be ready for whatever comes next!



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