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Tender Loving
Canines

Dear Family,

I am writing to update you on my progress in service dog training. This month, I primarily focused on learning...

Pressure positions. My SNUGGLE is coming along nicely on both sides. I'm struggling with SQUISH and we haven't begun to do LAP yet. The problem is that I feel as if it wrong.

Some other things that I am learning include...

My WAVE is pretty good. Right now I'm learning to complete the behavior when someone stands in front of me and say, "Hello" while waving at me. It's a big hit with everyone who sees it.

I am good at...

My LOOSE LEASH is pretty fantastic. I'm told that there are times that Patrick, my person, even forgets that I'm walking besides him. Coming from him that is high praise.

I am still struggling with...

My BOW. I don't know why but I just can't get the concept down. Every time I get up I like to get a HUGH stretch in and do what they call *bow*. My guy has tried everything, even modeling me in the position and giving me tasty treats but it still doesn't click. It will though.

I have the most fun when...

I'm running and playing. Patrick gives me a *play bow* and it thrills me to no end. I love to be chased by Patrick or another dog.

My favorite toy is...

I whatever I can find to put in my mouth and run. I prefer plush toys but, in a pinch, Patrick will grab a stick off the floor. I grab that and run.

Wags & Kisses,

Nash & Patrick

