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Jake

Life with my  
Puppy Raisers

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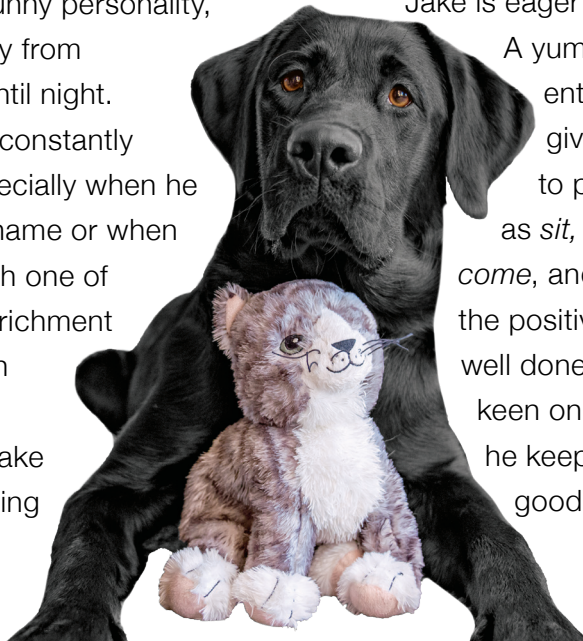
## Sunny Days, Sunny Ways

Jake lives and learns in a two-story home with his volunteer puppy raisers, Colleen and Maria. With his sunny personality, he is happy from morning until night. Jake's tail constantly wags, especially when he hears his name or when playing with one of his soft enrichment toys. When he's not working, Jake loves relaxing

by the pool, and he's encouraged to swim—with permission, of course. Colleen and Maria plan to take him boating soon, too.

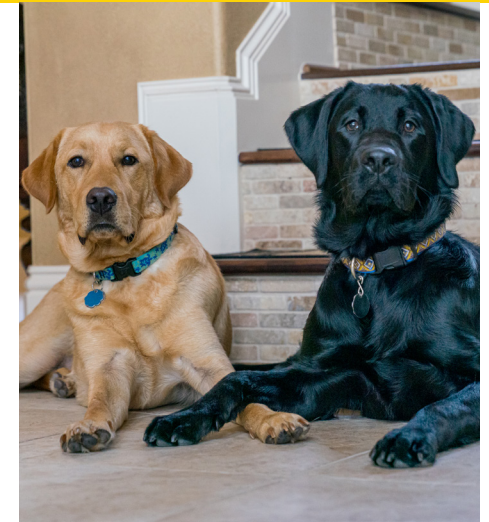
Jake is eager to master new skills.

A yummy treat and an enthusiastic "Good boy!" give him a thrill. He loves to practice his cues, such as *sit*, *stay*, *down*, *heel*, and *come*, and he especially loves the positive rewards for a job well done. At first, he wasn't keen on riding in the car, but he keeps trying and is getting good at it.



## Two Peas in a Pod

Puppy raisers spend a lot of time socializing their pups because they must be comfortable meeting all kinds of new people and animals. Often, a person with vision loss needing a guide dog or a veteran needing a service dog already has another pet living in their home. Friendly Jake bonded immediately with his roommate, Chip, another Southeastern Guide Dogs puppy-in-training. They play like old buddies, practice their skills together, share a good cuddle, and keep close throughout the day.



If you're looking for Jake, he's likely hanging out with his best friend, Chip, and vice versa.

## // Who's a smart fellow?

Look at the concentration on Jake's face! He's delighted to practice standing on the puppy paw pad, patiently perfecting his body alignment and posture. This skill helps Jake learn to heel and walk on a leash with excellence. A working dog must be keenly attuned to the pull and pace of his handler, and Jake might become a partner for someone in need of a ready, steady, confident, and clever dog!





## Jake's Adventure Continues

A guide dog will eventually learn about 40 cues and skills, and a service dog will learn 15–20 cues. Colleen and Maria marvel at how well Jake responds to basic cues, even more complex ones such as *close*. This cue positions the dog between his handler's feet, facing out. Here, he is less of a tripping hazard in situations where people may pass

by—such as on a bus, in a restaurant, or a doctor's waiting room.

What's next for the talented Jake? Whether or not he becomes a working dog, he'll make a difference for someone special. Stay tuned and see what his future brings!



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