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C-Litter Puppy Update



Chelan

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Hi, I'm Chelan, one of the C Litter girls. I joined my foster family on Sept. 6th, 2008. I am almost 7 months old and growing like a weed. I have been working hard with my foster mom, Tami, and learning many new skills. I go to class on Tuesdays where we are working on things like sit-stays, down-stays, loose-leash walking, and self-control. The hardest thing for me in class is controlling myself and staying on my mat when there are so many other interesting dogs in the class.

Mom teaches high school so I get to walk to school with her every day and practice good service dog behavior a lot! I walk through very crowded hallways and practice loose-leash walking and heeling. Then, I sit nice and wait when Mom is taking roll with her students. Finally, I practice lying down under the desk or lying in my crate in the office.

Last weekend, I went to Seattle on a field trip. I took the ferry, went to Pike Place Market and then the park. I was amazed at all of the new and different sights and smells. I was a little nervous about the big brass pig, but with a little help from trainer Wendy, and treats of course, I was okay. The ultimate test was when Wendy took me to the park where there were so many pigeons... I just wanted to run around and chase them, but I had to stay next to Wendy and Mom.

I know I have to work hard to become a successful service dog, but I like to have fun too! Mom lets me play with my foster brother and sister which I love to do, and sometimes I get to go stay with my brother Cadet and there I play with other dogs, horses and cats.

Well, I need to sign off and go work on "go to your mat" now. Love to all! Chelan and Tami

Watch for another C-litter pup
update next month.

LET IT SNOW!

What do Summit dogs do when we get a couple feet of snow on the ground?

While most people were trying to stay inside and keep warm, some of the dogs were enjoying the great outdoors (well, Eddy might not have been enjoying it so much). Check out these photos.



Eddy with snowball stuck to leg.



Gracie after 3 mile hike.



Chelan w/Summit snowdog.



Cruz wondering what to do now.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

Watch for your invitation to attend a volunteer brainstorming session in your area. We look forward to getting together with as many of you as possible and hearing your feedback and ideas.

NEXT MONTH

Watch for an update on our newest puppies.



To the following volunteers for their assistance over the past month:

- Nannette & Addie Cardon - Baking dog cookies
- Andrea Crispin - Bagging cookies and cleaning office
- Pat Essig - Relabeling envelopes and transporting a puppy
- Jan Hemme - Assisting with PC setup
- Joanne Moen - Baking dog cookies
- Becky Novelli - Assisting with PC backup system
- Peggy and Eric Overbey - Staffing booth at Christmas Fair
- Grant and Jeanne Richardson - Staffing booth at Christmas Fair
- Sue Spencer - Relabeling envelopes
- Wes Taylor - Assisting with PC backup system



We apologize if we inadvertently missed anyone.