

Wednesday, December 19, 2007



To DogzDayOut,

Hi there, it's me your bestest four legged friend Gina. Heaps has happened since my last letter! Where to start?

I'm staying back at Camp SEDA for a while and my new kennel buddy is Ireland. She is also a sponsored pup and just a little younger than me, so we have heaps in common. She is a yellow Labrador with Chocolate coloured tips through her coat. She's very pretty.

We are both being assessed at Camp because our trainer Mark thinks we have all the perfect traits that make a great Seeing Eye Dog. And that we might both be Mums next year. Mark says that only the best of the best have babies, coz then their little puppies will be good too! It's funny to think I could be a Mum next year, but I guess I have grown heaps as you can see from my new photo!

My trainer Mark has been telling me all about Christmas with presents and yummy doggy puddings! I got Mark to take a photo of me with all of my presents at Camp SEDA under the Christmas tree. I just can't wait until Christmas Day, and then I can open them all! Are you getting presents for Christmas too?

You know, all us pups in the kennel have been practicing howling our Christmas tunes so we can sing perfectly for Mark on Christmas day. He said we shouldn't give up our day jobs! As if, we wouldn't give it up in a hurry that's for sure!

My training is going really well. I can find a door and a seat on the train for Mark when we go out for one of our walks. We had our monthly training session last weekend, when all us pups get together and socialize and play games like musical hoops. We walk

around and when Mark yells out 'sit'. The last pup to sit in the hoop is out! We all dress up in tinsel and Santa hats and a photographer from the paper came to visit us. I thought we looked pretty cool, but I didn't get into the paper. I think he thought the little puppies were a bit cuter than us big girls!

We are having a big Christmas dinner at Camp SEDA with all the staff and volunteers on Thursday. There will be all kinds of food and presents and games, like pin the nose on Santa to win a prize. Don't think I will be allowed to play but reckon it will be fun to watch. Maybe Mark will let us howl our Christmas carols for everyone to hear?

I hope you have a lovely Christmas. I will be thinking of you on Christmas morning when I am opening all my lovely gifts. I reckon the best bit will be running through all the Christmas paper!

Big kisses and a Happy New Year,

**Gina**

