

Friday, September 14, 2007



To DogzDayOut,

Hi there, it's me Gina and boy have I been a busy girl! I have been doing so many cool things in my training to be a Seeing Eye Dog. I reckon it's the best job in the world.

I was staying at Camp SEDA in the breeding centre for a while, but now I have a new Mum and Dad who I love heaps! We live just out of Melbourne, on the Mornington Peninsula and not too far away from the beach. I love the beach.

When Mum and I go swimming, Dad says we are just so funny because we both walk really slowly, just dipping our paws and toes in the water, then run and do a big dive so we get wet really quickly. Mum says it doesn't seem as cold if you jump in. When we're all wet I love to show Mum what a good swimmer I am, doing the doggy paddle. It's my favorite! If I wasn't a Seeing Eye Dog, I reckon I'd be a swimming dog!

Mum and Dad have gone on a holiday, so I am staying with my new best friend Carolyn from Camp SEDA. She calls me Gina, Gina ballerina, coz I like to jump up and down a lot when I get excited and wiggle my hips. Carolyn lives out in the bush in the Dandenongs. The first time I stayed at her house I thought she was a bit crazy. She woke me up at 5am to get me ready to go to work at Camp SEDA. That's pretty early I reckon, but I'm getting used to it now! And the best bit is I get to play with all the older dogs as soon as we get to Camp. I especially love playing with Poppy. She's my favorite!

I love staying at Carolyn's house coz there is so much space to run around. I've got a new buddy who lives with me too. His name is Zeus and he is a German Sheppard, but we don't have any sheep, so he usually just plays with me. He is heaps bigger than me,

but sometimes I still boss him around and I can get away with it coz I'm a girl! We have a great time playing outside, running through the grass, creek and pot holes. Sometimes we get pretty dirty too!

My training is going really well. I can sit and stay and wait by my food bowl until Carolyn says I can eat. I walk pretty well on my lead and I always go to the toilet outside, not inside. I learnt that one pretty quickly!

Oh, some special volunteers came to Camp SEDA last week to help us get ready for our Open Day. This year the Open Day is going to be held on Sunday 18 November and I hope you can come visit me. We thought it would be good fun to have puppy paw painting, so all of us pups jumped in some paint and did paw print paintings. It was so much fun, except I got paint all over me and Lisa from the SEDA kennels had to give me a big bath!

We also had some volunteers come paint these big wooden dogs in all different colours. I got Carolyn to take a photo of me with all the pretty colours in the back ground. Do you like it?

Thank you so much for being my sponsor. I am lucky to have a special friend like you. I already can't wait until my next letter and I will send you a special invite to visit me at our Open Day, then you can come and see me and all my friends!

Love and kisses,

Gina

