



## Hi, it's me - Gulliver! And guess what? I have the BEST news!

Hi Friend,

My pack has reached the final stages of training! Can you believe it? It feels like just yesterday we were tiny pups!) Now, thanks to you, we're all grown-up Seeing Eye Dogs in training, ready to take on the world.

Gator, Gabby and I were all invited to take a special trip into Seeing Eye Dogs HQ for an 'In-For-Training' assessment. It was so exciting!

We had a health check and did four different assessment walks in busy areas, where we showed our skills around multiple distractions like other dogs, loud noises and traffic.

And guess what? We aced it! We passed our assessments and were told we were officially In-For-Training! Yippee!

## You've been with us every step of the way. Your kindness and generosity helped us reach this incredible milestone. Woof-woof!

Our new instructors, Steve and Mal, are guiding Gator, Gabby and I through the final stage of training. They said to tell you we are lovely, sweet dogs. (Aww, aren't they the best?)

We now wear the guiding harness and are also learning about targeting! This is where we have to indicate the correct place to stand to cross a road. Every day, we get one paw closer to

meeting our paw-fect match – the person who will rely on us to guide them safely and with confidence.

Now, you have something wonderful to look forward to. You're about to meet a brand-new litter of puppies and your new spokes-puppy, Umeko! (Although they couldn't possibly be as cute as me - right??)

To say thank you, I've included a little magnet of me – so you can remember me and how far we've come together.

It's been so much fun to be your special friend and sharing all the adventures of my pack. We will never forget you and your support, kindness and steadfast belief in us. Thank you for helping us achieve our dream to become world-class Seeing Eye Dogs!

With puppy hugs and kisses for the last time,



Gator is on his way to helping someone in need of his skills!

P.S. Your next adventure is about to begin! Turn the page to meet your adorable new spokes-puppy, Umeko.

## Woof! Hi Friend! I am super excited to meet you.

My name is Umeko, and I'm one of four girls in our pack of eight little Labrador puppies. My brothers Unagi, Uganda, Udin and Ular, along with our sisters Ulyssa, Una and Ula, make a pretty special team. Everyone says "woof!" (That means "nice to meet you!").

Guess what? Out of the 200+ pups born at Seeing Eye Dogs HQ this year, we have been picked as your new sponsored pack. Yay!

I was chosen to be the "spokes-puppy" and leader of the pack, which means I am the puppy that will write to you and share our training journey as we progress towards becoming Seeing Eye Dogs. Our litter will be named "Umeko's Pack" – how cool is that?

We were born on February 3, 2025. Our mum Keitha, looked after us during our first eight weeks, in the Seeing Eye Dogs puppy centre. There we were observed and assessed, while exposed to new activities and situations. Our friends at Seeing Eye Dogs took notes on everything about us, from our reactions to navigating obstacles, walking on different surfaces, excitement levels, food preferences and sleeping habits.

At four weeks, we joined the socialisation program. We learned desired behaviours, like wearing a collar, what is ok to chew, and how to properly introduce ourselves to other pups and people.

And at five weeks, we took on the puppy confidence course which shows how good our problem-solving skills are, as well as our ability to navigate different surfaces.

Me and my pack with our mum, Keitha. The humans at the centre were like puppy detectives, closely monitoring how we reacted to sudden movements and sounds. They checked for sensitivities, like how we felt about our ears or paws being touched.

We've now settled into homes perfect for us, thanks to the careful attention and support we received. We're living with carers who are helping us to learn basic obedience and how to be calm and confident in public places to give us our best shot at graduating as Seeing Eye Dogs. And when we're out and about we wear an official puppy training coat with "L" plates on it, this allows us to go almost everywhere our puppy carers go.

Thank you for sponsoring my pack and coming on this journey with us. You are now part of the pack and part of our Seeing Eye Dogs family too!

Little tail wags and puppy kisses,





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