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Dear Diary,

Guess what? **I've been training really hard lately and learning so many new things – I hope our wonderful sponsors are impressed!**

Before we leave the house, I always put on my special blue and yellow puppy training coat. I can target where my head goes every time now, and I've quickly learned to match "working" time with wearing my coat.

I am so proud to show how well I can focus on my tasks! I do a great job ignoring tempting things like leaves, birds, and other dogs passing by. Even with traffic noise and lots of pedestrians, I stay calm and steady. My trainer and carer are super proud of me – yippee!

I thought walking on different surfaces like grass, gravel, and even wooden bridges were interesting – but how about water? On my last adventure, I went sailing! I was one of 30 puppies-in-training on a ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliff, and I saw my friend Edie. She's a sponsored puppy just like me! We all settled really well, even though having so many friends on board was extra exciting!! We all did our best and got lots of praise and love when we got back home.

Did I tell you my brother Laksa is a university puppy? With two young adults in his family, he's learning all about how to behave during study time.

Laksa gets lots of practice at being patient, calm and quiet. He is exceptional at sitting under the seat during classes and study time, and toileting on cue when asked to between lectures. I'm so proud of him!

Laksa told me he enjoys getting on public transport. He knows just how to find a safe, out-of-the-way spot and tuck himself neatly under a seat. Learning to travel like this isn't just about his safety. **It's also about helping his future handler, a person who is blind or has low vision, feel comfortable and confident on their journeys too.**

It's not all quiet time for Laksa though. He just returned from a week at a Phillip Island beach house for a study



I have so much exciting news to share!



Laksa handles study life and travel like a true pro.





*Latte goes everywhere,
even the pharmacy.*

vacation. He loved bouncing on the soft sand and swimming around in the ocean!

Oh, the beach is one of the best places in the world. It teaches us to feel comfortable with unusual sights and sounds. I remember I didn't understand waves when I was small. It looked like they were chasing us!

My sister Latte is a very well-travelled puppy. She told me she goes along to soccer, ballet, taekwondo, doctors and dentist appointments, and had some close encounters with animals that look nothing like her!

She went on a trip to Werribee Zoo, where all the wild animals live. Those unusual looking zebras weren't too sure what Latte was! Meeting all kinds of animals helps us stay calm and focused no matter what is happening around us.

One day, that focus could help us safely guide a person who is blind or has low vision!

I'm so proud of Libby, too. She recently experienced public transport for the first time, and took THREE different trips – bus, train and tram. Even when it was crowded and noisy, Libby stayed calm and confidently got on and off the bus and train. She did really well around other dogs and wasn't bothered by busy cafes and walking in unfamiliar places along the way. Libby is such a star!

Time for a play in the yard now. I have a little friend staying with me, so it's time for some fun!

That's all for today,

Lyric xox 



*Libby is a calm,
confident traveller.*

Lyric and his siblings are here



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