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Dear Diary,

Guess what I did today? I wore a working harness – just like a real Seeing Eye Dog. I've been dreaming of this day for so long, and my dream finally came true!

Oh, there's such wonderful news to tell our special sponsors. I've passed the special In-For-Training (IFT) assessment to officially begin training at Seeing Eye Dogs HQ. And not just me, EVERYONE passed – Libby, Latte, and Laksa as well! Yippee!

I'll never forget the moment my instructor slipped the harness over my head for the final test. I felt such a thrill, from the top of my nose to the very tip of my tail, and I just knew I could do it. The thought of how much our wonderful sponsors care about our success helped me so much!

When I caught up with Libby, Latte and Laksa later on, they all said the same thing. All the different challenges we had to face were familiar and comfortable! We just had to concentrate and show we absolutely knew how to be the best of the best.

The IFT assessment is the most challenging test we've faced so far. There is a range of different walks to see how we perform under pressure, and no room for error! Our instructors need to know we can cope with anything and lead out in front with confidence.

During the special tests over three weeks, we wore the guiding harness for the first time, and it felt just fine!

We walked on busy streets, up and down stairs, and rode on a train, tram and bus. We navigated our way past shops, cars and even a market. All of the different environments and real-life situations test how a Seeing Eye Dog in training reacts when navigating around traffic, other dogs, new sounds and different surfaces. We've also had some special health checks to make sure we can have long and healthy lives as working Seeing Eye Dogs.

During our walks, we each had a challenge we were proud to have overcome.

Libby is In-For-Training!



Woof! I have such exciting news to share!





**Latte is the best
of the best!**

- 🐾 When I was smaller, I wanted to say hello to everyone I met, but I have mastered perfect, laser sharp focus!
- 🐾 Libby didn't always like walking past other dogs. Now she proudly walks past, ignoring them all!
- 🐾 Laksa once told me he wasn't too keen on stepping over gutters. Now he walks straight across them, head held high. Go Laksa!

But I'm secretly MOST proud of my sister Latte. Sure, she aced her assessment, but she also showed everyone she has something extra special. The instructors decided Latte had all the paw-fect traits to join the breeding program.

Latte now has a big responsibility. She's going to help grow the next generation of Seeing Eye Dogs, so there will be even more puppies to change lives!

Do you know what that means? She is truly the best of the best. **I can't wait for our wonderful sponsors to hear the news! They've been right there by our side, and we are so grateful.**

Libby, Laksa and I are now at Seeing Eye Dogs HQ. It's a busy, fun place with lots of other clever dogs to work with and talk to. Our instructors are spending lots of time getting to know us and our personalities, so they know the right match for each of us, when that happy day arrives.

Well, I better get some shut-eye. Another big day of training tomorrow, and I know we are going to practice at the train station. It's a huge, exciting place with lots of people – just the way I like it. One day soon, I could be taking a train with my very own handler who will love me best of all. I can't wait!

Signing off with the happiest-ever tail wags,

Lyric xox 🐾

Lyric and his siblings are here →



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