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100 Women Who Care Oceanside



To everyone at 100 Women Who Care Oceanside,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to reach out with an update on **OCEAN** who celebrated turning 18 (months!)! She is awesome.

Ocean had a busy kickoff to 2022! Her Puppy Raiser shared some of her adventures. Enjoy the read ...

*Ocean is now 18 months old and has grown into a beautiful and delightful pup. She has a great personality...very playful, confident, and intelligent. She learns her guide dog skills quickly, enjoying regular training drills, and does well in her formal training sessions.*

*Ocean loves her off-leash "down time" at dog parks where she eagerly engages with other dogs, enticing them to a fast chase game. She also enjoys her off-leash hikes. She loves exploring the forest, running back and forth across the path ahead, and "usually" returns when called.*

*We've trained her to behave around our geriatric cat and participates in daily cat feeding. They've gradually learned to tolerate each other, and now regularly touch noses...always humorous to see!*



*We recently met with training guide dog pups from Washington State, visiting Victoria for a day trip. Seven pups in all were "tourists" in busy downtown Victoria. This outing included lunch in a downtown restaurant, where all pups calmly slept under the tables while us humans chatted and ate.*

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*I routinely take Ocean to a weekly social gathering at a local mall food court. She quickly settles under the table and stays calm and undemanding while I engage with my friends. I've taken her on a few busy cross-town bus rides where she calmly sits close until we rise to exit. She's also good at walking busy city sidewalks and has learned to "sit" at each crosswalk and intersection until told to proceed.*



*I take her with me to my barber when I need a haircut...at first just stopping in briefly when the shop was quiet, then gradually progressing to the full barber shop experience. She calmly stays close while I wait my turn in the busy shop, then lays down nearby while the barber works on me.*

*I recently took her to the dentist. Ocean remained calm amid the new unfamiliar sounds and smells. She also has regular outings to supermarkets, hardware stores, and shopping malls. We're very proud of her escalator ability, as she was initially very afraid of them. It took a lot of work for her to ultimately become confident to ride up and down.*

On behalf of everyone at BC & Alberta Guide Dogs, we want to thank everyone at 100 Women Who Care Oceanside for your support. Ocean is being set up to make a big difference in someone's life!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole Langton".

Nicole Langton, BPR

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