

Student Sample

Fieldwork Reflection Logs

October 10, 2005

This was my very first Guide Dogs of America meeting. I arrived at 6:30 and was a bit nervous to meet everyone. Everyone at the meeting nice and friendly, especially my mentor Melinda and the group leader Nancy. This was quite a fun meeting because it was their annual Halloween costume contest. So the dogs were in costume and ready to be judged by the group leaders. Some of the most unique dog costumes wear a water polo player and a boy scout. Most of the dogs participated and the winners were given a prize, which was a dog treat of course. After the contest Nancy talked about upcoming events for GDA such as the November meeting where we are going to have a guest speaker. After her brief comments and explanations, the meeting adjourned and I left the meeting at 8:30 pm. Going to this first meeting was a good experience because I was able to see what training a guide dog really means, and got a chance to meet more people who are involved in the same effort. I also got to see that not only is this dog a dog, he will grow up to carry an important role, which the puppy raisers such a me help him achieve.

Total Time Spent: 2 hours

November 14, 2005

I arrived at 6 pm. During this Guide Dogs of American meeting we had a guest speaker from The Braille Institute of Anaheim come in. He first talked about what the Braille Institute does and how they assist blind individuals ranging from young kids to elders and those who are born blind or those who lose their eyesight. After that, he asked for a volunteer to explain a simulation exercise we would all be doing eventually. Yvonne, a fellow puppy raiser, volunteered, she put on a blind fold and continued to do everything the Institute representative said. Then we all got into groups of two and I started off by being the guide the person who helps the blind person.

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