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Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise
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Attention: Debbie Samsom

Dear Debbie & Rotary Club Members,

Sunrise is almost a year old now and still a bundle of puppy fun. I have enclosed a few photos of her for your viewing pleasure.

Due to COVID-19, we had to adapt our obedience lessons to a video conferencing format, but with the easing of restrictions, these very important classes have returned to in-person learning, in smaller groups while adhering to physical distancing. Our Puppy Training Manager is also holding one-on-one meetings again with the volunteer Puppy Raisers.

"Sunrise always dashes to her food bowl when the dinner whistle is blown. One afternoon, she accidentally put her paw on the lip of the bowl that was filled with water and doused her head with the water. For several days after that unexpected 'face wash,' she would dart forwards and then backwards towards her bowl of food for close to a minute before her fear was overshadowed by her hunger. She is now back to gulping her food down in 30 seconds flat.

Sunrise is doing well at remaining calm and focused on me when we practice mall walks. She will wait patiently in a line up at the grocery store and settle down quickly when I'm looking for an item on a shelf. She has gotten good at walking right past trash or bits and pieces of produce without trying to eat it.



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We are practicing staying calm and being able to walk past other dogs without pulling towards them and barking at them. Sunrise still needs work on her recall skills-- where she will immediately come to me when I call her or blow a whistle.

Sunrise won our obedience class agility competition last week, finishing the course with the fastest speed at 32 seconds. She won a huge chew bone for her efforts!" Sunrise's Puppy Raiser

Once again, our heartfelt thanks to the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise for your wonderful support. Your donation is providing Sunrise with the best possible opportunity to become a life-changing dog for someone who is blind or visually impaired, a child with profound autism, or perhaps a Veteran or First Responder living with an Operational Stress Injury.

Sincerely,



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