

Four-Legged Riders Have a a Doggoned Good Time on Metro Rail

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Saturday, June 10, was a nice dog day - or we should say a nice puppy day - when a dozen pooches from the South Bay Guide Dog Puppy Raisers boarded the Metro Rail System with their handlers as part of the group's annual training on public transportation.

The trip, which was very instructive for puppies who - as mature dogs - one day will serve as eyes for the blind, began at the Long Beach Metro Blue Line Transit Mall and ended at Union Station.

The puppies and their handlers met other members of the South Bay Guide Dog Raisers at Olvera Street where they held a demonstration and had a grrrreat lunch before riding Metro Rails back home.

This was the Fifth Annual Puppy Walk, but for some it was the first time using public transportation. Bob Johnson, a Metro Blue Line supervisor, led the group and helped to coordinate the adventure with Daphne Easton, project leader for the Puppy Raisers.



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