

Guide Dog Puppies to Ride the Metro Rails

(May 31, 2002) They'll be four-footed and maybe a little clumsy, but the group of 20 puppies will be welcome guests this weekend aboard Metro Rail trains.

The puppies and their trainers from the LA Southwest Guide Dog Puppy Raisers and similar organizations from the South Bay, Lakewood, Riverside and Orange County will be participating in the seventh Annual Olvera Street Puppy Walk. The purpose is to train guide dogs how to use public transportation.

The group will board the Metro Blue Line in Long Beach, Saturday morning, for downtown Los Angeles, where they'll transfer to the Metro Red Line. Disembarking at Union Station, they'll visit Olvera Street.

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Visit the L.A. Southwest Guide Dog Raisers website at www.guidedogpups.com



Guide dog puppy in training rode Metro Rail from Long Beach to Union Station to hone his canine obedience skills and get used to a public transportation environment. Below, the group that included 12 guide dogs and 25 trainers arrive at Union Station as part of the annual Metro Rail excursion in 2001.

