

"A Letter Home"

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Editor's Note: Parents always like to hear from their children when they are away from home. Leora Cope shares a letter she received from one of her "Min Pin " children away at training camp to become a show dog. I knew Min Pins were smart, but I didn't know they could write home!

Dear Mommy Leona,

I know that you are missing me and I nearly miss you. I sometimes wonder why I am at Camp Cashion's but I am being a good girl and learning a lot. Aunt Sandy said that she is teaching me to be a Special, but what she doesn't know is that I am already special, so I just pretend to be learning.

Gee, Aunt Sandy is sure bossy! In the first part of the tape (about two weeks ago) I still wanted to run faster than her, but I can't do everything right the first time. In the second part of the tape, you will see that I am learning to stay, stack and go around the ring at a sensible speed. Aunt Sandy said that I will be showing next week. Do you think that I am ready? Well, if I show, I hope that Aunt Sandy wears something besides those floppy shoes and covers up those ugly legs of hers. In the second part of the tape notice that right in the middle of her working me, I sit down. I just did this because I don't want her to forget that I really am the boss! Please watch my tail wag, that means that I am happy and like to work with Aunt Sandy. In the second part of the tape it was a hot day and I think I did pretty good. Well, I was making Aunt Sandy sweat anyway! In the third part of the tape you can see Sissy, well this is my kennel mate. Ain't she pretty, she thinks she is so smart cause she is black, but I have her thinking I am boss so she ain't so smart.

Aunt Sandy said that you should pay attention to the hand signals that she has taught me. Index finger out means I must stack, full hand out means I should stay. When she pulls the lead left or right, I need to move a foot to be in a perfect stack. Gee this is hard work. Aunt Sandy said that you will come and get me soon! Gee, Mommy I miss you and all my friends at the Cope house!

Do you think that I am ready to show next week? I am so pretty and I think that the judges will like me.

I hope that you don't mind that I kiss Aunt Sandy. I also like to sit on her lap and gnaw on her arms and mess up her glasses. But it is just because I need to love someone until I can get home so I can love you again. Please Mommy let us know how you think I am doing.

Did you know that my sister lives here? She is still bossy and wants to beat up on everyone. She never did scare me but Aunt Sandy keeps her in the pen next to me. So I bark at her and pretend that I ain't so scared. I don't think that she will ever grow up and behave. I like the Dobermans but they sure are big and I kiss them sometimes. Barney is so cute but Aunt Sandy said that he is too big to be my boyfriend . Well, I must go now cause everyone is barking and I must go and straighten them out. Gee, can't a person get a nap around here. See you soon Mommy and give Daddy a kiss for me.

Love your special girl,
Bear-Bear

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