

## Meet Gillis

So I got a new cellmate. He moved in on December 2. His name is Gillis. He's black, snores a lot, weighs 70 lbs., is just over 2 feet tall, and loves to eat.

As you probably know, I have been in the NEADS dog program since March. For more information, check it out at [www.NEADS.org](http://www.NEADS.org) but basically, we train service dogs. It took a little longer than I had hoped but I finally got my own dog.

Gillis is a black lab who turned 1 on December 23. He had been at another institution getting trained. Some kind of nonsense occurred which I won't get into, but the point is he got moved out of there and in with me. He came to me fairly well trained. He's super smart and his demeanor is perfect for a service dog. As long as I work hard and there are no medical issues, there should really be no way that he doesn't graduate the program. It's a lot of work, but fun and rewarding. We are working on perfecting all of his basic commands and getting him to stay with them. In the meantime, I am teaching him a lot of cool new stuff. I'll keep you updated.

Until next time...

