

**Mario Carines**

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*Untitled, Don Holmes*

Hi, for the past five years I've been raising puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Puppies are like little toddlers. They need constant attention and supervision.

As my observational skills improve, my appreciation for my limited environment has also increased. I spend more time walking in grassy areas or looking at the ground for things to avoid, or for things to use as training tools.

Shapes, colors, oddities, beauty and many other observable qualities are more present in my mind. Equally important, are the people who interact with me and the puppy.

I hope that my art reflects not only what I see but also how I feel about it.