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Dogs

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a Puppy

Archie

Archie is enjoying
training school!

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Archie is on his way to becoming a guide dog



Archie is a lovely boy; he is quiet, clean and a joy to have around. I've loved getting to know Archie's character, it has helped create a bond between us.

Archie's made new friends

When dogs come to training school, we mix them gradually with all the other dogs here; this helps them settle in and get comfortable with their surroundings. Archie has a best friend called Romeo who is a fellow pup in training. They both play very similarly and love a bit of rough and tumble – it's very entertaining to watch! Archie's personality means that he has his excitable moments but can also be calm and relaxed. It's the best of both worlds.

Life at training school

I'm pleased to say that lockdown hasn't affected Archie's training. One of the main areas I was concerned about was travelling in vehicles, as there's less need for Puppy Raisers to do this during lockdown, so pups can have long gaps in experiencing this.

“ Hello it's Sam here, Archie's Trainer. I'm pleased to tell you that Archie is progressing really well at training school! ”

However, Archie has settled in vehicles very nicely. He's great at jumping in both the van and car!

During the day I've been focusing on doing lots of harness walks with Archie. Archie is fab at putting his head through the harness. Since he is a typical lab, he loves his food. This means he's caught on quickly that he'll get a treat when wearing the harness. I'm currently teaching him how to manoeuvre around solid obstacles in the environment, so we've been practising with lots of obstacle courses.

Fine tuning skills

Although it is great that Archie loves his food it can create a few challenges when training. He can find it difficult to ignore bits of food on the floor. To combat this, I'm teaching Archie to recognise that if he sees food on the floor and he chooses to ignore it, he'll get a treat. I have no worries that Archie will pick up food manners very quickly.

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Taking in new surroundings

I've managed to take Archie on a train, and he was absolutely fab; he is a curious pup and takes interest in looking at new things. I'm hoping to take him on some buses once it is safer to do so. When out and about Archie and I visit local supermarkets and shops, although I do try and avoid busier areas. Overall, Archie is a very responsive dog, and you can tell he just wants to please everyone. I can't wait to see who Archie could be partnered with next year!

I can't wait to show you how he has progressed in your next Pupdate.



See how much Archie has grown

We have been taking pictures of Archie since he was born so you can see just how much he's changed. Please visit guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-archie and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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