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Dogs

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Archie

Final stages
of training

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Archie

is preparing for the final stages of his training!



“ Hello, it’s Marco here, Archie’s Trainer. I’m preparing Archie in his final stages of training to be matched with his new owner. ”

Archie is a willing and clever boy and is always ready to train! Archie didn’t struggle at all with his transition into advanced training, and his ability to adapt to new situations will help him when he potentially becomes a fully qualified guide dog.

Continuing training

Once we resumed taking dogs onto public transport it was vital for me to test Archie’s reaction to travelling after a period of no practise due to COVID-19. I closely observed his body language to assess if he let out stress signals and if he was a good traveller. Archie was initially a bit wary when we took the bus for the first time – but on the way back after a free run he settled well. By the end of that week, he was happy to lie down resting his head on my foot for the whole bus journey... praise and treats helped!

Archie also loves travelling in my car and doesn't mind sharing the space with his friends, fellow dogs-in-training Violet and Idris. Soon, I'm hoping to take him to central London for a train ride and a dog-friendly ice-cream.

Onwards and upwards

One of Archie's best qualities is that I know what to expect from him. He puts his harness on without hesitation, waits for me to get ready, and his attention is easy to maintain regardless of what distractions are around him. Now that he gets a regular working opportunity in a harness, he has a better understanding of what it is expected from him in that situation. Archie knows that he will get rewarded in food and praise during a walk and time to relax or play just after it. The consistency of his speed has improved, and it is such a nice feeling having a dog who is sound in every situation and is alert when the streets get crowded or we go to a brand-new destination. I am so happy with the progress Archie has shown in his training.

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See how much Archie has grown in his own video:
guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-archie

With regards to finding the right match for Archie, I am looking for someone who can go out twice daily, offer a good variety of fixed routes and be fit enough to walk at Archie's favourite walking speed! As Archie is happy to travel on a variety of transport, he will potentially suit someone who wants to travel or needs it for their daily commute. Archie is a willing and bright dog and will suit a confident and positive handler who will have a reliable and consistent approach. I have no doubt he'll make an amazing guide dog!

Thank you so much for sponsoring Archie. Look out for an update on Archie's new chapter with his owner.



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