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Bailey's adventure begins

Settling in

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Hello, it's Janice and George here, Bailey's Puppy Walkers. We are excited to update you on what he has been up to since he came to live with us.

Bailey is the sixteenth puppy we have raised for Guide Dogs. We love the challenges that puppy walking brings, and there is nothing more rewarding than seeing the pup you have cared for become a life-changer to someone living with sight loss. We have been quite lucky to look after calm-natured pups and Bailey is definitely one of them.



Bailey makes himself at home

We had a smooth start with Bailey as he settled very easily into life with us. He has a very laid-back and cuddly personality and often attempts to give his love to Edmund, our pet cat, who he adores but the feeling is not quite mutual! Bailey also shares his home with older puppy in training, Charlie. Being a typical toddler, Bailey always follows him around and tries to get him to play!

Bailey's signature move is to empty the whole toy box to dig out his favourite soft toys, which are the ones with big, floppy ears – perfect for chewing! Rope toys are also cherished by Bailey and he will spend hours undoing the knots.



Learning new skills

We have been taking Bailey to regular puppy classes, where he is making great progress learning basic obedience skills. He has mastered the 'sit' and 'down' commands and is now learning the 'touch' command, which he will use later in his training to identify objects such as the button on a pedestrian crossing.

We are currently working on Bailey's traffic awareness as

he can get a little nervous and pull in towards us when he sees a large vehicle approaching on a narrow footpath. We are spending time building his confidence by sitting and watching cars and lorries go past.

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Expanding his horizons

We've been exposing Bailey to lots of different environments, including restaurants, cafés and hospitals. He settles quickly in any environment, laying down under our feet and is as good as gold. He's a brilliant travel companion, comfortably travelling in a car as well as on the bus. We've also been on a few trains and although he gets a little nervous of the gap between the train and platform, he settles nicely once onboard. We will keep practicing getting on and off the train to help Bailey overcome his worry.

Over the coming months, we will continue building Bailey's confidence and practicing his basic obedience to prepare him for his future as a life-changing guide dog.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Bailey. Look out for your next Pupdate in June to see how he is progressing.



See how much Bailey has grown

We have been taking pictures of Bailey since he was born so you can see just how much he's changed.

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