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# Bailey

Preparing for  
training school

Pupdate 3

# Thank you

## for sponsoring Bailey



**“ Hello, it’s Janice and George here, Bailey’s Puppy Walkers. We have been preparing Bailey for Guide Dogs Training School. ”**

Bailey has been progressing really well on his journey towards becoming a guide dog. Despite COVID-19 Bailey has continued to learn new skills and experiences. One of the skills Bailey has mastered is finding the chair – he’s fantastic at demonstrating chin rests! Whenever we’re on a training walk and we see a bench we always practise some chin rests. Bailey even does it on his own, with no prompting!

### **Bailey loves an adventure!**

Bailey is a very sociable pup – when we’re on free runs he likes to go up to people to say hello! He’s quite an adventurer and even paid a visit to a fisherman one time. This isn’t a problem though, because he has good recall and will always come straight back when called. Bailey is fabulous with other dogs and loves to instigate games on his free runs. We’ve boarded a few dogs recently and Bailey settled in with them all nicely.

In particular, he loves going up to our other puppy in training, Pancho, and will nudge him to be chased. Both Bailey and Pancho love bouncing through long grass – it's very funny to watch!

## Adjusting his training

Despite COVID-19, Bailey has had fun experiencing a variety of different things. He participated in clapping for the NHS by wagging his tail, attended a Guide Dogs Virtual Tea Party, and starred in a video to help find more volunteers for Guide Dogs. Bailey and Pancho have been getting used to doing virtual puppy classes through Zoom, the last one they did was about food manners. Although we haven't been able to practise going on public transport, I'm sure he'll pick it up very easily, as he loves sitting in the car! We've kept Bailey busy by setting up an obstacle course in our garden; it's amazing watching him jump over hurdles and navigate through different obstacles by weaving around them.

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See how Bailey has grown in his own video:  
[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-bailey](https://guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-bailey)



I think Bailey would be suited for a young or active person, mainly due to the fact that he loves his free runs and has a lot of energy. Bailey will definitely make such a positive impact to someone's life. The thing I'll miss most about Bailey is that he always looks happy, as if he's smiling – it really brightens a room when he's in it. I definitely plan on taking on another pup once Bailey goes on to training school.

**Thank you so much for sponsoring Bailey. Look out for your next Pupdate in February to see how he is progressing at training school.**



## Next stop for Bailey – training school

Your donations can help to pay for an **'Off to School Kit'**, which costs £50 for a puppy moving into their first stage of training.

### An 'Off to School Kit' includes:

- £5** A reflective sleeve for the lead, helping the public recognise a guide dog in training
- £18** A harness handle
- £27** A brown training harness – the iconic symbol of a training guide dog



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