



# Betty

**Betty's journey  
has begun!**

**Pupdate 1**

# Welcome to your October Pupdate

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I'm pleased to share your sponsored puppy's latest Pupdate with you and I hope that you enjoy reading it.

Yours sincerely,



**Chris Allum**  
Puppy Sponsorship  
Manager



# Thank you

for sponsoring Betty



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**Hello, it's  
Geraldine  
here, Betty's  
Puppy Raiser.**

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Betty is the third puppy that I've raised for Guide Dogs and she's an absolute delight! When my husband moved into a care home, I found myself with a lot of spare time on my hands. I've always enjoyed being busy so when I stumbled across a TV ad recruiting puppy raisers, I applied almost before the ad had finished! I love the challenge of puppy raising and it's wonderful to know that my efforts will make a huge difference to someone's life in the future.

Betty will stay with me for around 12-16 months, and with the support of my Puppy Development Advisor, I will teach Betty essential skills including loose-lead walking, recall, food manners and more! I will also introduce her to a variety of different environments and experiences, all whilst providing her with a loving home. Once ready, Betty will leave me to attend Guide Dogs Training School, where she will further develop these skills in addition to learning new skills specific to her future role.

## Welcoming Betty

When Betty first arrived, she was slightly nervous and, for the first week, slept by my bed. She soon overcame her nerves though, and now sleeps in her puppy crate, which I leave open within an enclosed run in the living room. She settles well in this environment; this is her safe space where she can rest and take time for herself.

I have a pet dog, an eight-year-old cocker spaniel called Zoe. Zoe is like her older sister; Betty absolutely adores her and Zoe tolerates Betty! There are lots of other animals around as well. I have chickens and ducks outside. Betty is very curious about them and will stare at them from the other side of the fence!

## Betty's personality

Betty is a happy and curious pup. She's a lot calmer than my previous pups but still gets excited! I live in the countryside and Betty loves to explore her surroundings. When she comes across something new, she will stop and stare or spend ages investigating.

Betty's very playful; her favourite toy is a rope toy that she loves to retrieve. I can keep her entertained for hours with it. She also loves to snuggle up with her bunny toy.



Learn more about Betty's personality by scanning the QR code with your smartphone or going to:

**[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-betty](https://guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-betty)**





## New skills

Betty's picking up basic skills well. I've been teaching her the cue 'place'. She has her own mat and knows that this is her place to relax; she'll go and lie on it without me even asking her to! I've also spent a lot of time helping Betty to feel comfortable in the car as this is a really important skill and she's taken to it well. She's not yet big enough to jump in herself but she has learnt to put her front paws up on the open boot and I then scoop her in. She's happy in the car and settles calmly whilst travelling.

Over the next few months, I'll continue to work on Betty's skills and introduce her to lots of new and exciting experiences. Betty is a pleasure to have around and I'm excited to update you on her progress in your next Pupdate in February.





## See how much Betty has grown

We have been taking pictures and videos of Betty since she was born so you can see just how much she's changed.

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