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Welcome to your February Pupdate

I hope that you and your family are well and had an enjoyable start to the year.

Thank you so much for supporting Guide Dogs by sponsoring a puppy. We can't thank you enough for your continued commitment and support. At any one time, we're responsible for over 8,000 puppies and dogs, and are one of the only organisations worldwide that breeds and nurtures them throughout their lifetime. Without you, we couldn't train life-changing dogs like your sponsored pup – you truly are making a huge difference.

Did you know that one in five people will live with significant sight loss in their lifetime? We're committed to providing the support needed to ensure that everyone with sight loss can live their life exactly as they choose. By sponsoring a puppy, you're helping to transform the lives of both adults and children with visual impairments. Thank you.

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

Yours sincerely,

Steph

Steph Potter
Puppy Sponsorship Manager



Thank you

for sponsoring Bonnie



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**Hello, it's
Caroline
here, Bonnie's
Puppy Raiser.**
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Bonnie is growing up into a beautiful lady. I'm so lucky to be a part of her training journey. It's so rewarding to be able to raise Bonnie and know that I'm helping to train her in preparation for a incredible career. I'm really enjoying raising Bonnie, and one of the best bits is being a part of her Facebook group and seeing all your support. It makes it even more worthwhile reading your lovely comments and knowing that you are a part of her life-changing journey

New experiences

Bonnie has mastered many skills, so over the last few months, I've been bringing in new challenges by going to bigger and busier towns. Bigger towns provide the 'hustle and bustle' with lots more people, smells and sounds, adding an extra distraction for Bonnie. She's really taken this all in her stride, and I'm so proud of her progress!

To celebrate my birthday, Bonnie and I took a trip to the coast and Bonnie loved it! We spent lots of time on the beach and met her puppy pal Harvey. They loved digging in the sand and running in and out of the sea together. Even the cold weather didn't dampen their spirits!

Bonnie's progress

Recently, I've introduced Bonnie to her TTouch harness, which allows for multiple points of contact on her body instead of just her collar. Bonnie barely even noticed that she was wearing it – I think because she's used to her puppy coat, wearing a harness felt very similar. However, she's learnt to walk beautifully on a loose lead whilst wearing her TTouch harness and I'm so pleased with how well she's doing.

I've been working hard on Bonnie's dog distraction, and I'm delighted with how well she's getting on! She used to get distracted very easily by other dogs, but now she remains calm, and even though she might have a little look at what's going on, it isn't long before she turns her attention back to me for a tasty treat!

Skills to master

Over the next few months, I'm continuing to work with Bonnie on the new skills we're learning in puppy classes. For example, one of these is called 'place', which asks Bonnie to lie on a blanket. She's only just started learning this skill, but Bonnie is picking it up really quickly – I'm so impressed.



Learn more about Bonnie's personality by scanning the QR code with your smartphone or going to:
[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-bonnie](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-bonnie)



I'm also going to be working on food manners with Bonnie. The goal is for Bonnie not to eat any food she may find without my cue. This is important so she learns not to eat any dropped foods that might not be appropriate for her when she is out and about with her future owner. Progress is slow, but I'm seeing small improvements over recent weeks which is great. Bonnie still tries to pick up food from the floor when we are in our local café, so that is our focus at the moment, but I can't really blame her; the food is delicious!

Thank you for sponsoring Bonnie. I can't wait to tell you what else she's been getting up to in your next Pupdate in June.





See how much Bonnie has grown

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

To watch your exclusive video, please visit guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-bonnie and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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