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Hello, it's Janice and George here, Charlie's Puppy Walkers. We have been preparing Charlie for Guide Dogs Training School.

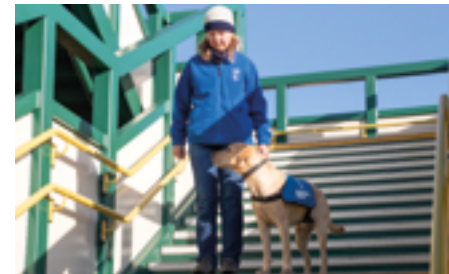
Charlie has come a long way since he first came to live with us at six weeks old. It has been incredible to watch him grow from a tiny ball of fluff to an intelligent and bright dog. He has now reached his teenage stage and will soon be ready to take on the new challenges that training school will bring. We have loved every moment of puppy walking him and we can't wait to see him progress further on his journey to become a life-changing guide dog.

Refining skills

Over the last few months, we have been refining everything Charlie has learnt so far to prepare him for the next chapter. We are so proud of how far he has come and he can even demonstrate basic obedience skills from a distance, which shows how obedient he is!

One command we've been working on is 'chin rest', where Charlie places his chin on our hands to enable us to check his eyes, ears and teeth. This is a valuable skill to master so that his future owner can easily perform regular health checks easily to keep him happy and healthy.

We took Charlie to London for his first Underground experience. As expected, neither the noise or people startled him. He laid calmly next to our feet and took it all in his stride. Remaining calm in new situations and environments is a vital characteristic of a guide dog and it's great to see Charlie has this quality.



Overcoming challenges

One of the challenges we've encountered with Charlie is that he likes to follow his nose when he comes across an interesting scent. This means he sometimes pulls on his lead and goes on a sniffing mission. We will be spending time encouraging him to ignore these temptations by rewarding him for remaining focused on us; we are sure it won't take long before he realises that we always have the tastiest treats!

Charlie is showing great improvement in dog distraction, although sometimes he's still eager to say hello. Once we get him to focus his attention on us, he's usually not bothered about the other dogs and focuses on the task at hand.
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Looking to the future

Over the coming months we will continue to work on the few areas Charlie needs to improve on and continue to build his confidence by exposing him to as many different environments as we can. By the time he starts training school he will be ready to tackle any challenges that come his way. Due to his affectionate nature,

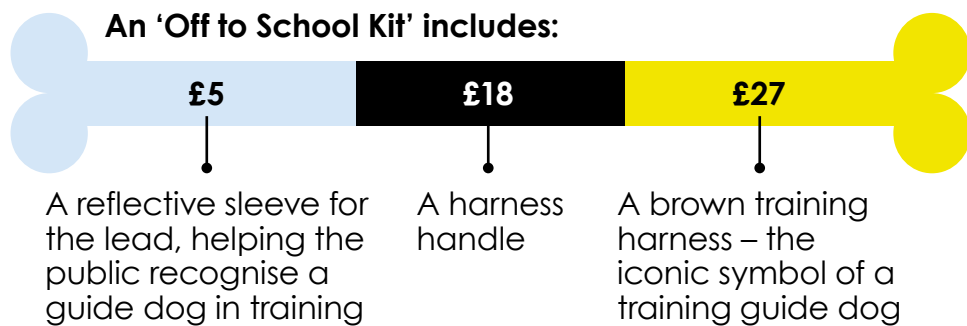
we feel Charlie will make a great companion as well as a guide. Just a word of warning: Charlie loves cuddles, so his future owner will have to be prepared to give him lots!

Thank you so much for sponsoring Charlie. Look out for your next Pupdate in June to find out how Charlie is progressing in Training School.

Next stop for Charlie – training school

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