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# Charlie

**Pupdate 1**

**The journey begins**

**Charlie settles in**

**SPONSOR  
A PUPPY**





**Hello, it's Janice here, Charlie's Puppy Walker. I am excited to update you on what he has been up to.**

Charlie is the fifteenth puppy I have raised for Guide Dogs. I love the challenge of teaching new skills to a puppy, and experiencing the joy when they master them. Everyone always wants to talk to you when you have a puppy with you and so puppy walking has been a great way to make new

friends; although, you don't get anywhere fast when out and about!

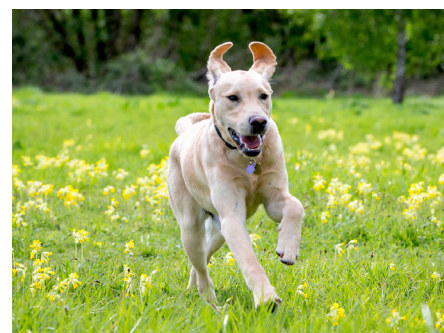
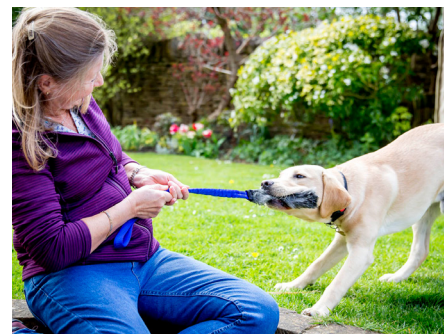
## **Finding his feet**

Charlie settled into life with us quickly. He shares his home with another trainee guide dog called Castle and they get on brilliantly, sharing their toys and often cuddling up to each other for a snooze. Castle even tolerates Charlie's snoring, which is no easy feat.

Charlie is such an affectionate dog and loves cuddles. Another way to his heart is with toys; he has a whole menagerie of them including a crab, crocodile, rabbit, bear and an elephant!

## **Valuable skills**

Charlie has been attending regular puppy classes where he has been learning



basic obedience skills. He's progressing well and is particularly good at the 'sit' and 'down' commands. He has also learnt 'stand' on command; this will be useful for his future owner when they want to put his harness on him.

Charlie has brilliant recall, always coming back when called, but can be a little dog distracted. I am

spending time encouraging him to remain focused on me, even when other dogs are around. I'm looking forward to seeing his focus improve over the coming months.

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



## The big wide world

Charlie is a great travel companion and isn't fazed at all when travelling by bus or train. He can now jump into the back of the car himself as he used to be too tiny and we would need to lift him in; I can't believe how quickly he has grown!

I've been exposing Charlie to as many different sights and smells as possible. This is known as 'socialisation' and helps to build confidence. Charlie has visited lots of exciting environments and even represented Guide Dogs at Crufts, attracting lots of people who wanted to learn about his

journey. He wasn't bothered by the large crowds of people and loved all the attention!

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



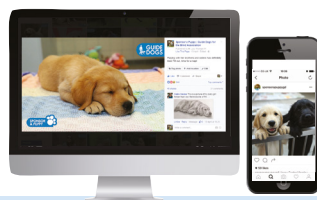
## See how much Charlie has grown

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

To see your exclusive video, please visit

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