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# Coco

Coco takes everything  
in her stride

Pupdate 3

# Thank you

## for sponsoring Coco



**“ Hello, it’s Fran here, Coco’s Puppy Raiser. I’ve been preparing Coco for Guide Dogs Training School. ”**

Coco is a sociable and happy pup, and it is lovely seeing the effect she has on people when out and about. Coco puts a smile on everyone’s faces. Coco makes me laugh and smile every day and I can’t wait to continue to see her grow.

### **Adjusting Coco’s training**

Coco has progressed really well despite lockdown restrictions earlier this year. Recently Coco stayed with another Puppy Raiser to see how she reacted to being in a different family house situation. She passed with flying colours and settled in well with the other family, even at night. The other Puppy Raiser said she enjoyed having Coco stay and emphasised how loving she is. It’s lovely to see that Coco has confidence when she’s away from me, which means she should adapt well when going to training school.

Previously Coco used to jump on the sofa but has gotten a lot better. Coco reminds me a bit of a lamb, one minute she's on the floor the next she's springing up!

## Visiting new places

Coco is fine when around loud noises such as trains and building work. Recently I took her into Newbury, and she was fine around the buses and lorries. Instead of being nervous, Coco is more curious and likes to take a look at her surroundings. When staying with the other Puppy Raiser, Coco experienced being around builders with scaffolding. Coco entertained the builders and loved following them around!

Although I've been restricted in the places I can take Coco, she's enjoyed lots of nice walks around the village. We've explored different routes on our lead walks which has provided a great opportunity to experience new things such as waste skips outside of houses, and people working on their garden.

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See how Coco has grown in her own video:

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



## Future plans

I'm planning on working on Coco's dog distraction skills as she hasn't had a lot of opportunity to train with other dogs due to lockdown restrictions. I will also reintroduce her to travelling on buses and trains. I have no doubt that when Coco goes to training school, she will do really well.

Coco has such a loving nature; she sometimes feels like my shadow as she's always by my side. She is the epitome of a waggy tail and enthusiasm and lights up every room she is in. One of my favourite things is when Coco lies on my feet, which was especially handy during the colder months! Although I've raised quite a few dogs, Coco is a special one – she is just a joy to be around.



**Thank you so much for sponsoring Coco. Look out for Coco's next Pupdate in October!**

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