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a Puppy



Comet

Comet is perfecting
his skills

Pupdate 2

Welcome to your June Pupdate

I hope you are well and enjoying the start of summer. I'm sure you are looking forward to finding out the latest update from your sponsored puppy.

Your support is vital to help our future life changers complete their training and support a person with sight loss. We're proud to create so many partnerships through our guide dog and buddy dog schemes, and to be continuing this throughout 2022.

We really appreciate that the past few months have been really challenging in lots of ways, so we are so grateful that you have continued to support us by sponsoring a puppy. On behalf of everyone at Guide Dogs, I'd like to say a huge thank you.

Because of you and your amazing ongoing support, we can continue to make life-changing partnerships possible!

Yours sincerely,



Chris Allum

Puppy Sponsorship Manager



Getting out and about



**“ Hello, it’s
Bridget here,
Comet’s
Puppy
Raiser. ”**

Comet has grown so much since your last Pupdate, and he is now entering his young adult phase. He’s still lovable, friendly and has a lot of potential but can be little bit challenging at times. Having raised 14 puppies, I know this is common – he’s just a bit like a mischievous teenager.

Comet’s progress

We’ve been spending lots of time getting out and about visiting new places and Comet has been fantastic! Over the past few months, we have been working on settling in different environments. When we go out for coffee or dinner, I bring Comet’s blanket with me; as soon as it’s laid on the floor he lies down beautifully and quite often he falls straight to sleep – sometimes I even hear a little snore!

Comet loves going to the supermarket with me. He is great at walking around and sitting patiently while I shop. He’s very inquisitive and watches me very carefully to see what I pop in the basket. I think he is hoping some treats will be put in there too! He is great with meeting people and loves all the attention he gets from people he meets.

For lying down under a chair or table, I have taught Comet the ‘under’ cue. This is great for travelling if there isn’t much room on buses or trains, and in smaller cafés or restaurants.

Big changes

We're about to move house, so we've been living temporarily near the coast and have been travelling back and forth a little bit. The journey is about two hours in the car and Comet has been fantastic. He relaxes, looks out the windows and watches the world go by. Comet loves the beach, so I know he will enjoy being down there more.



We have been walking a lot on coastal paths and when Comet sees a pool of water, he always dances around it. His little hops make me laugh! I think he doesn't like putting his feet in the cold water. Hopefully in the summer with the warmer weather he will venture in for a paddle a bit more.



Future training

As Comet has grown up, he has become more distracted by other dogs and his recall isn't as great as it previously was. To help overcome this I have come up with a new game for us to play when we are out. He has one toy that is specific for our free runs and because he doesn't get to play with it unless we are out, he absolutely loves it!



Find out how Comet is adapting to different environments.
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guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-comet



He's good at fetching his toy and coming back to me when I call. Pairing this technique with lots of tasty treats is really helping Comet to focus more on me and not the other dogs around. It's a work in progress, and we'll continue with this over the next few months.

Look out for your next Pupdate! I can't wait to update you on what we have been up to.



Behind them every step of the way

A guide dog puppy's training journey could not have been possible without our fantastic volunteer puppy raisers. They do an incredible job of building the best foundation for our puppies before they head off to Guide Dogs Training School. One of the best parts of puppy raising is knowing that when the pup moves to training school, they will hopefully go on to change the life of someone with sight loss.

To find out what a day in the life of a Puppy Raiser is like, listen to Kirsty and Phil's experience at guidedogs.org.uk/puppyraiser



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