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Dogs

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a Puppy



# Cooper

Cooper is always  
eager to work!

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# Thank you

## for sponsoring Cooper



**“ Hello, it’s Margaret and Dave here, Cooper’s Puppy Raisers. We’ve been preparing Cooper for Guide Dogs Training School. ”**

Cooper is such a loving and willing pup; he is always ready to go out and work and is always pleased if we are! We would usually like to be out and about with Cooper all day every day, but due to lockdown restrictions, it’s all been about keeping Cooper’s mind active and stretched.

So, we’ve been visiting our local shop, the train station and high street to ensure Cooper remains familiar with all these sights and sounds. In the shop, he is still so good at sitting by the till waiting for me, and even knows which direction he must travel around the store now!

### **Cooper’s training**

Recently we’ve been working on Cooper’s recall, lead work and taking him out at night so he gets used to headlights and traffic noise when it’s dark. Previously, we’d been concerned about Cooper’s dog distraction, but we have no concerns now;

Cooper has learnt to remain focused on us whenever we walk past a dog now, and even if he's on a free run and sees a dog on a lead, he knows to keep a respectful distance.

Cooper has also been learning how to find a spare seat; this involves me putting a treat on the back of an empty seat and Cooper resting his head across it; this will enable his future owner to find a spare seat on a bus or train. The one thing we have both been missing during lockdown is puppy classes. Being able to mix with 20 dogs or so in a hall provides a really good testing environment, so we're looking forward to returning to these.

## Cooper's character

Cooper is a very loving and willing dog; he's so easy going. He's a dog who wants to work and has bundles of energy. He will certainly want to be kept busy in the future! He also has a lot of patience with our grandchildren and will put up with any number of cuddles!

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See how Cooper has grown in his own video:

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

## Moving on

We are taking in a retired guide dog shortly who needs some additional care.

Cooper will be able to meet her which he'll love but once Cooper moves on to training school, I think we'll have a short break from puppy raising to ensure the new dog is settled before taking on a new pup.

We will miss Cooper hugely when he moves on as he is such a loving, happy boy and will be missed by all the family. However, I'm looking forward to seeing him progress and transform someone's life.



**Thank you so much for sponsoring Cooper. Look out for your next Pupdate in October to see how he is progressing at training school.**

Thanks to your amazing support, you are helping puppies like Cooper move to training school and learn from our guide dog trainers, who will teach them the specialist skills they need as fully qualified guide dogs.

**Your sponsorship donations contribute towards equipment for a new pup in training, costs which can include:**

**£18** A collar for a working guide dog.

**£18** A harness handle.

**£25** An hour's training for a guide dog.

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