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## Pupdate 5

Daisy prepares for her new owner

Mastering crucial skills

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**Hi, I'm Hayley, a trainer at Guide Dogs. I'm preparing Daisy to be matched with a new owner!**

I began my guide dog training career in South Africa and have now been working in the UK for around 3 years. I love the feeling when you've partnered a dog with their owner, and you see them walking independently together.

Daisy is a loving girl with such an affectionate personality and adores cuddles. It's so rewarding getting to work with dogs like her and I can't wait to see her changing someone's life.

## Advancing through training

Each morning I take Daisy for a harness walk in a quieter place where she can focus on developing her guiding skills. I'm pleased to say she has mastered stopping at kerbs and has also started to learn 'find the box', in which she uses her nose to signal the pedestrian crossing box. This is a valuable skill as it will allow her future owner to locate the button and cross the road safely.

I have learnt that Daisy is a sensitive girl and so, to bring out the best in her, I made sure to build a strong bond with her before I began advancing her training. I also give her lots of time to get used to a new command and this ensures she can take everything in her stride. I'm starting to see Daisy make her own decisions when navigating obstacles in her path, which is brilliant and shows how far she has come.



In the afternoons I take Daisy for a free run to let off steam. She loves running around with her fellow puppy pals, especially her favourite, John the golden retriever.

## Overcoming challenges

Daisy still dislikes travelling by car sometimes and so I've been spending lots of time teaching her that the car is an great place to be.

I make it really cosy with her duvet and bring along lots of her favourite toys. We've found she is a lot calmer when travelling alongside (Continued overleaf)



another dog and so I've recruited other members of the pack to help build her confidence in the car. I'm looking forward to seeing Daisy overcome her car worries once and for all.

### Looking to the future

Daisy would suit a partially sighted person who can offer her some support and reassurance, someone who is gentle and will give her lots of praise. She would also benefit from someone who

loves cuddles just as much as she does and can treat her like a princess!

Thank you for sponsoring Daisy. Look out for Daisy's final Pupdate in June to meet her new owner.



## See how much Daisy has grown

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

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