

# Daisy

GUIDE  
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## Pupdate 2

Developing skills

Daisy is growing up

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A PUPPY





## Hello, it's Concetta and Mario here, Daisy's Puppy Walkers. Welcome to Daisy's second Pupdate!

It has been a pleasure raising such a loving puppy and watching her grow. We've seen Daisy's obedience and focus come on leaps and bounds over the last few months and we are so proud of her progression.

It's so rewarding being a volunteer puppy walker for Guide Dogs. The community is very supportive and we've met so many inspirational

people. When Daisy moves on to training school we would love to welcome another trainee guide dog into our home as we've loved being part of such a special journey.

### Mini me

The way to Daisy's heart is still through cuddles, she will do anything for a tummy rub! Occasionally her cheeky side will come out, she will sneak onto the sofa at night time but jumps off if she hears us coming! Her dog toy called Bear is still a firm favourite but there is a close competitor, a new dog toy that we call mini me, as it looks exactly like her.

### Mastering skills

When Daisy's blue training coat goes on, she knows it's time to focus. It's been fantastic to see our hard



work pay off as we are pleased to say Daisy is no longer distracted by other dogs. This is an important skill for her future as she needs to remain focused on her handler whilst guiding.

Daisy has now mastered basic obedience skills such as 'sit' and 'down'. We've also seen a huge improvement in her recall as she comes straight back to us when called. Alongside our Puppy Training Supervisor, we've started to introduce

Daisy to more complex commands. For example, when given the 'find the chair' command, Daisy will learn to locate an empty chair. This can be applied to different environments such as at bus stops, on the train, in a coffee shop or park benches.

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## Hustle and bustle

We've been exposing Daisy to different forms of public transport. It's important that she is confident guiding her owner no matter how they decide to travel, to allow them full freedom and independence.

We first introduced Daisy to trains by sitting and watching them go past so that she could get used to the noises, smells and hustle and bustle. We then began boarding the trains and she's become the perfect travel companion, settling

quickly on board by our feet.

We've been taking Daisy to lots of fun and interesting places, with new sights and smells for her to experience. We've been to nature reserves, hospitals and fundraising events. These experiences are so important as they will build Daisy's confidence so that she is prepared to experience new environments when she begins Guide Dogs Training School.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Daisy. Look out for your next Pupate in June.

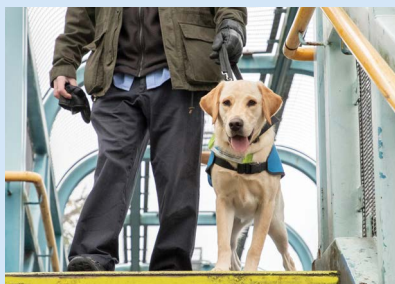
## Training – Puppy to qualified guide dog

It takes around 20 months of training to transform a newborn pup into a qualified guide dog.

The pups learn basic commands and are introduced to new surroundings with their Puppy Walker.

They then venture on to Guide Dogs Training School, where they learn

the foundation tasks required of a guide dog. The final stages of training focus on their partnership with a new owner, where they learn specific skills tailored to their owner's specific needs.



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