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Dogs

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Eve

Finishing touches
to training

Pupdate 6

Eve is getting ready for partnership training!



Eve was able to resume regular training whilst still boarding with Sophia during the evenings and weekends. She's such a clever dog, I always had a feeling that she'd be absolutely fine once she returned to training school after lockdown, and I wasn't wrong! Eve got straight back into it and remembered everything she'd learnt before.

Training under the 'new normal'

When the lockdown restrictions began to ease, we were quite limited on where we could go, so we kept practising guiding routes in the local area. Eve was so keen to put her head through the harness and start working! Her obstacle avoidance is really good, and she always gave me a lot of space when we walked down the road.

“ Hello, it's Rachael here, Eve's Trainer. I've been preparing her to be matched with a new owner. ”

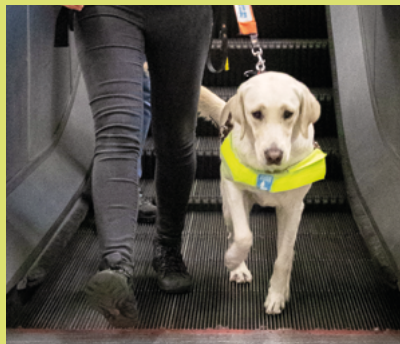
Once we were allowed to get back to using public transport, I started taking her on the Tube again to Kings Cross station and the surrounding areas. Eve is quite a London dog – she has no sensitivity to loud sounds and isn't fazed by travelling on public transport at all!

As part of her training, I introduced Eve to the traveller. Most dogs don't like them because of the uneven surface under their paws but I was so impressed with how Eve handled it! She's also practised going up and down a proper escalator and had no problem with it. Eve has been getting used to seeing people wearing face masks as well. At first, she'd give me a cautious stare when I put one on but now she doesn't seem to notice.

Onwards and upwards

Previously, Eve used to struggle a bit with dog distraction and could be quite vocal around other dogs. I'm so pleased to see that lockdown has actually helped her overcome this; she spent a lot of time in the park playing with other dogs and even made a new best friend, Benji!

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See how much Eve has grown:

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Eve has now finished her training and is in the process of completing partnership training with her potential new owner. This will be carried out in their home and involves getting to know each other, learning core skills and practising local routes together.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Eve. I hope you have enjoyed following her journey and I have no doubt she will make an amazing guide dog.



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