

Eve

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Hello, it's Ian and Lesley here, Eve's Puppy Walkers. We've been preparing her for training school.

It has been such a pleasure to be Eve's Puppy Walkers. Our entire family are registered puppy walkers with Guide Dogs and so between the 5 of us, we can cope well with the challenges that come with raising puppies! Eve will soon be starting the next chapter in her journey

and although we will miss her happy nature and wagging tail, it's time for her to take on the new challenges that training school will bring.

Growing up

We've seen Eve mature a lot over the last few months. We have a fortnightly training session with our Puppy Training Supervisor in which we've been focusing on 'settle training'. This is when we sit on a chair with our puppy lying at our feet, surrounded by lots of other puppy walkers doing the same thing. We all move closer and closer together while encouraging our dogs to remain focused on us and ignore the other dogs around them.



As a result, Eve's patience has improved greatly and she's now much better at sitting and staying in supermarkets and settles easier in cafés.

The world is her oyster

It's vital that our dogs are confident in all types of transport so that they can provide total freedom to their future owner, no matter how they choose to travel. As well as trains and buses, Eve experienced a ferry for the first time and was very well

behaved, despite it being a new environment full of strange noises and smells. We will also introduce her to plane travel, where we visit the local airport and take her through check in, security and baggage collection – all great experiences for her!

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Challenges

One challenge we have faced with Eve is that she is very much led by her nose and stomach! This means she gets easily distracted by food scraps and smells, especially in the pet aisle of the supermarket. We are spending time teaching Eve that she will get a much tastier treat from us if she remains focused and ignores food distractions.

Looking to the future

Eve is such a loving and affectionate girl and so she would suit being partnered with someone who is looking for a cuddle buddy as well as a guide. She is brilliant in the office environment, tucking herself nicely under the desk and snoozing, so she would be perfect for someone who works in an office.

We are so proud to have been a part of Eve's journey. Look out for your next Pupdate in February to see how she's getting on at training school.

Next stop for Eve – training school

Your donations can help to pay for an **'Off to School Kit'**, which costs £50 for a puppy moving into their first stage of training.

An 'Off to School Kit' includes:

£5

A reflective sleeve for the lead, helping the public recognise a guide dog in training

£18

A harness handle

£27

A brown training harness – the iconic symbol of a training guide dog

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