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Finn

is off to a flying start

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“ Hello, it’s Bob and June here, Finn’s Puppy Walkers. ”

We’ve been puppy walking since 1999 and Finn is the 22nd puppy we’ve looked after. We love being Puppy Walkers and we find it so rewarding as you really feel you are giving something back to society. We’ve made so many friends through puppy walking, and feel we belong in the Guide Dogs family. Finn goes everywhere with us and when we’re out with him, people always want to stop us in the street to say hello!

Being part of the family

We don’t have any other pets so each time we start training a new puppy, they become part of the family immediately. When Finn arrived, we still had another puppy in training, Meri, living with us before she went into training school. Meri helped Finn to settle in straight away and showed him all the ropes.

Finn adores cuddles and meeting new people and dogs. He's bright and intelligent and being a labradoodle, whenever we brush him, he still looks gorgeously scruffy!

Finn's training

Finn doesn't have or need a favourite toy yet as he is generally into everything; he particularly likes to pick up our shoes and take them away! We have been taking him to regular puppy classes which do tire him out but at the end of the day, he likes to run around the lounge to let off steam.

Finn has been excelling in all areas of his training and is one of the best-behaved pups in his puppy class and even the class above! He is a quick learner and doesn't get distracted by what is happening around him. He has already mastered some basic obedience skills, such as 'sit', 'down' and 'stay'. We've also introduced Finn to the 'wait' command and within two weeks, he knew he had to be patient and wait for the whistle sound before enjoying his food.

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See how Finn has grown in his own video:
[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-finn](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-finn)

New sights and sounds

The recent impact of coronavirus has meant we've needed to find new ways of ensuring Finn has continued to progress in his training, given that travelling to public places hasn't been possible. Before the social distancing guidelines were introduced, we took Finn to pubs, restaurants, supermarkets, railway stations and even the Birmingham Symphony Hall! Nothing fazed him and he was very confident in all environments.

We're looking forward to taking Finn to the Lake District, travel restrictions permitting, where we normally stay at a hotel that is always welcoming to pups in training.



We've taken our previous pups there – it's a great opportunity for them to experience the new sights and smells and go on long walks with us that they love!

We love watching Finn take everything in his stride and can't wait to update you on his progress in your next Pupdate.

See how much Finn has grown

We have been taking pictures of Finn since he was born so you can see just how much he's changed. To see your exclusive video, please visit guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-finn and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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