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# Finn

Finn takes everything  
in his stride

Pupdate 3

# Thank you

## for sponsoring Finn



Finn is a sociable and loving pup. He is a natural with people and loves interacting with everyone. Finn has continued to grow in confidence; he really doesn't seem to be afraid of anything.

### Adjusting his training

Puppy training classes were unfortunately cancelled during lockdown. So instead, we met a few other local puppy raisers in a nearby field to train our pups while socially distancing. These mini training classes were useful as it gives us a chance to practise with other dogs. Finn has been top notch during this – we can't fault him!

We've also set up obstacle courses in our garden again, similar to what we did during summer. We have a grooming table for Finn to jump on, obstacles for him to work with and chairs for him to lay under. This will prepare him to move out of the way of other people and dogs if needed. Prior to lockdown we frequently took Finn to cafés for him to experience lying under tables and by our feet whilst we have a coffee.

“ Hello, it's Bob and June here, Finn's Puppy Raisers. We've been preparing Finn for Guide Dogs training school. ”

## Visiting new places

Previously we mentioned how we were hoping to take Finn to the Lake District, and we were very happy to be able to do this prior to lockdown. Finn was really good and behaved perfectly in the hotel. He also came into the restaurant bar with us and laid down by our feet whilst we ate and drank. It was great to see him keeping quiet and not interfering with other people while they ate.

Finn also experienced revolving doors for the first time and wasn't fazed at all! Finn really enjoyed the Lake District and had a lot of fun going on long walks. He even met some sheep and kept completely under control, which was lovely to see. He took it all in his stride, like he'd done it his whole life.

## Future plans

Although Finn is great with dog distraction when at his puppy class, he can still get a bit distracted by dogs and people when out and about in normal environments. To combat this, we're trying to replicate what we do with him at class. He now understands the difference between work and free time really well, which means when he's in class he behaves great around people and other dogs. Finn is still young, so we're sure he'll continue to grow out of being dog distracted.

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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)

Finn looks assured at everything he does. He plays the part of an upcoming guide dog well and takes ownership of his role. Once his blue coat goes on, he knows he's working, and he is very easy to take out to shops and restaurants. The thing we'll miss most about Finn when he goes to training school is his character. He's got a real personality and is a lovely pup.

**Thank you so much for sponsoring Finn. Look out for his next Pupdate in June!**



## Next stop for Finn – training school

Your donations could go towards helping pay for costs of a puppy moving to training school.

### Training school items could include:

**£8** A collar for a working guide dog.

**£18** A harness handle.

**£25** An hour's training for a guide dog.



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