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# Ginger

Ginger takes everything  
in her stride

Pupdate 3

# Thank you

## for sponsoring Ginger



**“ Hello, it’s Jane here, Ginger’s Puppy Raiser. I’ve been preparing Ginger for Guide Dogs Training School. ”**

It’s been fantastic having Ginger around. She has a lovely personality and definitely has a bit of character – she’s quirky but also so sweet. Ginger has a quiet presence around the house but whenever we’re sat together, she’ll give me gentle nudges as if to say, ‘I’m here!’. I can see how much she’s developed already, and I can’t wait to watch her progress.

### **Adjusting Ginger’s training**

Despite lockdown restrictions, we managed to make the best of out of the situation. Not being able to go out and visit places often meant that Ginger and I have spent many hours walking together in quiet areas and learning to bond as a unit. Before, Ginger didn’t walk too well on the lead, but now, after some time working together and gaining her attention, she’s an angel on the lead! She’s even accepted walking with a headcollar which I’ve found helps keep her focussed when we’re out and about. Distractions like squirrels and other dogs are not a problem anymore!

She's headstrong but her attention span has certainly improved, and I know she'll listen to me. I've noticed a positive change in Ginger; she's calmer and more focussed. When learning together, it's like a lightbulb moment happens and she's thinking 'This is what you want me to do!' – it's fantastic to watch.

## Getting out and about

Ginger is not fazed with loud noises when we're out and about, she takes it all in her stride. She's mastered public transport like trains and buses without any issues and settles down easily.

Whenever we pop into town together, she's an absolute dream. In shops, she walks beautifully and if I stop to browse or pay, she'll sit down or stay by my side nicely. People will walk by and compliment her, but she doesn't get distracted or pay them any attention. But she is fascinated by escalators as peoples' heads suddenly appear at the top; it's precious to see her reaction!

When lockdown restrictions eased, we were lucky to be able to visit and stay with family. This meant long car journeys were on the cards, but it was never a problem for Ginger.

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See how Ginger has grown in her own video:  
[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-ginger](https://guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-ginger)



She'll happily jump into the car boot without any hesitation – she really loves being a part of the gang!

## Looking forward

Now that most lockdown restrictions have eased, we'll continue focussing on improving her attention span and taking more long journeys to see how well she adapts to different surroundings and situations.

Even though Ginger's quiet around the house, home will feel empty when she moves on to training school. She's been fantastic to have around during lockdown and it's been a joy to watch her learning and progressing every day!



**Thank you so much for sponsoring Ginger. Look out for Ginger's next Pupdate!**

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