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Dogs

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a Puppy



Hope

A willing and eager
pup in training

Pupdate 3

Thank you

for sponsoring Hope



**“ Hello, it’s
Helen here,
Hope’s Puppy
Walker. I’ve
been preparing
Hope for Guide
Dogs Training
School. ”**

Hope continues to be a happy and willing dog. Due to the restrictions caused by coronavirus, we’ve had to adapt Hope’s training, but she has adjusted really well and is willing and eager to learn at every opportunity.

Adjusting her training

Recently, we’ve been navigating obstacle courses around the home, and ignoring food when left on the ground. We’ve also been reinforcing Hope’s ability to stay calm and focused when we’ve had barbeques with friends by keeping her close to us rather than getting distracted by the other dogs. She’s even gotten used to us wearing face masks!

Last time I mentioned that Hope was a bit excitable on the lead, but I’m pleased to say she has greatly improved. She is very good at knowing that when I put her training jacket on it’s time to work, so now when she’s wearing the jacket she doesn’t pull at all!

Future plans

When the restrictions began to ease, we took Hope to the supermarket again where she remembered the skills we'd been working on previously, such as settling under the checkout area whilst I packed. Hope really made us laugh as the only thing that bothered her were the two metres distancing stickers on the floor; she'd obviously not seen them before so kept stopping at all of them! In the next few weeks, we'll hopefully start visiting busier supermarkets to help build up her confidence and possibly walk to the local train station so she can familiarise herself with the noise.

Hope's beautiful nature

Overall, Hope is a very happy and content pup and she's always willing to practise something over again until she masters it. She loves to curl up in her bed and rest her head on her soft toys like a pillow; although we recently found her resting on my husband's guitar having a snooze! She always looks like she has a smile on her face and is sociable with every person and dog she meets.

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See how Hope has grown in her own video:
guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-hope

Looking ahead...

In the future, I see Hope being partnered with a reasonably active person who likes to work but also gives Hope a variety of places to visit. Hope enjoys family, children and social situations so a busy and happy household environment would suit her. I'm confident Hope will become a fantastic guide dog and a totally trustworthy companion.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Hope. Look out for Hope's next Pupdate in February!



Next stop for Hope – 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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