



Sponsor
a Puppy

Kevin

Kevin's journey
has begun!

Pupdate 1

Welcome to your February Pupdate

I do hope you and your family had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

As we try to return to normality and adapt to the new world that we find ourselves in following the turbulence of the last two years, our wonderful trainers and volunteer puppy raisers have dedicated themselves to helping our puppies on their journeys to become life-changing guide dogs. They continue to learn and progress, and we're so proud of how they have been doing in their training so far, and we're excited to find out where they'll go next. I hope that you enjoy your Pupdate, finding out what your wonderful puppy has been up to for the last few months.

I'd like to thank you so much for supporting us by sponsoring a puppy. We need people like you to be able to change the lives of people with sight loss, and we couldn't be Guide Dogs without you.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Allum

Puppy Sponsorship Manager



Thank you

for sponsoring Kevin



“Hello, it’s
Kay here,
Kevin’s Puppy
Raiser.”

Kevin is the 10th puppy I have raised for Guide Dogs. When raising a puppy, I always feel like I have added another member to our family. I keep up to date with where the puppies are, and it means a lot to me knowing they are going on to help change someone’s life. One of my favourite things about being a Puppy Raiser is watching them experience everything for the first time, especially when they meet other animals.

Kevin is a confident and bright puppy. He was great when he first arrived and only took a couple of days to settle, very different to all my previous pups. It makes the early mornings that bit easier!

Kevin’s personality

Kevin is very independent and has a cheeky personality. He likes to play lots of games and tries to get into mischief, but he isn’t very good at it! He loves squeaky toys; his favourites are his penguin and badger. One of Kevin’s funniest quirks is sleeping on the floor instead of his bed. He prefers it and I will often find him having a nice afternoon snooze on our kitchen floor.

We live near a few other guide dog puppies in training, and Kevin loves to play with them. We meet up regularly and, although he is much younger than the others, he has a lot of confidence and can definitely hold his own when playing with them!

Training skills

I am so pleased with how well Kevin is doing so far in his training; he knows the cues 'sit', 'on your bed' and loves to show off how well he can do them. He's great at the bucket game, which means he stays still, and focuses on the food inside of the bucket to develop his self-control. This is useful for him as we play this game whilst I groom or examine him, to make sure he stays still.

Kevin is very confident and walks beautifully on a loose lead, unfazed and taking everything in his stride. For example, when we came across some road works in the local area, Kevin had a quick look and carried on walking, not startled by the noises at all!



Watch the basic skills Kevin has been learning:
[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-kevin](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-kevin)

New sights and smells

Kevin loves to visit different places and meet new people. So far we have been into town in the car and have tried a few short bus journeys, which he coped brilliantly with. I also want to take Kevin on a train journey and visit some bigger towns to help him get used to busier environments and see how he progresses. I have no doubt he will be fantastic!

Look out for Kevin's next Pupdate, I can't wait to update you on his progress.





See how much Kevin has grown

We have been taking pictures and videos of Kevin since he was born so you can see just how much he's changed.

To watch your exclusive video, please visit guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-kevin and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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