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A close-up portrait of a German Shepherd puppy named Lily. She has large, upright ears, a black and tan coat, and is looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a dark collar with a metal ring. The background is a soft-focus green field.

# Lily

Lily's journey  
has begun!

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# Thank you

## for sponsoring Lily



**“ Hello, it’s  
Carole here,  
Lily’s Puppy  
Raiser. ”**

Lily is the 12<sup>th</sup> dog I’ve puppy raised, and it has been a joy so far. I absolutely love being a Puppy Raiser as each stage gives you satisfaction. It can be hard work but the end reward of seeing a qualified guide dog with their owner makes it all worth it. When you get the call to hear that a dog you looked after has qualified it feels like being on cloud nine and makes you so proud.

Lily is a quick learner; she is the first German shepherd I’ve had and it was interesting to see her differences compared to previous pups I’ve raised. Lily is a very loving dog, and always wanted me beside her at the start, so she took a bit longer to settle at night. Through some trial and error in her sleeping arrangements, we soon found out that she felt a lot more comfortable when sleeping in her crate. She’s been as good as gold ever since.

### **Lily loves a cuddle**

One word I can describe Lily as is lovable. She has a gorgeous personality and adores to be cuddled. We have a retired guide dog called Ursi who is brilliant with Lily, their favourite things to do together is play and sleep. It’s so lovely to see them cuddled up together in bed.

Lily can have her excitable moments that all young puppies have, but she will settle down really easily and will happily go to her bed when asked.

## Lily's playful nature

Lily is a fan of any toy that makes a noise. We've even had to hide one once! Her favourite is a long green snake that makes a bit of a weird sound. She'll run around with it in her mouth for ages, squeaking away. She also has a squeaky toy sloth which she shakes like crazy. Her playful nature is so fun to watch and really brings positivity to the house.

## Lily's training

Lily is getting on quite well with her basic obedience training. She 'sits' and 'waits' well. Her 'downs' still need a bit more work, however younger pups tend to need to work on this more. Currently I am getting her to stay down while walking away. I have no doubt she'll continue to thrive with her training.

Lily is great while walking on the lead. She can get a bit excited when seeing other dogs but this is to be expected. When I'm walking her and stop to talk to someone, Lily is fantastic – she will sit down straight away and be very patient.

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See how Lily has grown in her own video:

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Lots of people have stopped me to say how well behaved she is! I've also been training Lily to sit in the back of the car. Like many pups, Lily can be nervous when travelling in cars. To combat this I've put some of Lily's kibble in the back of the car to help her associate car rides with a positive experience. She's doing a lot better and is gaining in confidence each day.

Despite lockdown, Lily has experienced lots of useful things that have helped her in her training. For example, the other day while on a lead walk, Lily saw her first lawn mower. This was great as it's useful for young puppies to get comfortable with experiencing these types of noises. One of the more unique things Lily has seen is a bouncy castle in a neighbour's garden! Lily stopped and I let her investigate it. She was wary but coped very well.



**I love watching Lily take everything in her stride and can't wait to update you on her progress in your October Pupdate.**

## See how much Lily has grown

We have been taking pictures and videos of Lily since she was born so you can see just how much she's changed. To watch your exclusive video, please visit [guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-lily](https://guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-lily) and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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