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# Lola

Lola's journey  
has begun!

Pupdate 1

# Thank you

## for sponsoring Lola



**“ Hello, it’s  
Dianne here,  
Lola’s Puppy  
Raiser. ”**

Lola is the 15<sup>th</sup> puppy I’ve puppy raised, which means I’ve experienced lots of early mornings! But it has been truly worth it, just knowing I am raising dogs to be potential life-changers. I’ve found that it adds to your social life too, as when I walk Lola, people want to stop and speak to you.

Lola is a lovely young pup with an excitable nature. All dogs I’ve had have been completely different and each have their own personality. However, Lola is quite a lively dog – unless it’s me getting older! At the moment, Lola is going through her teenage phase and can be headstrong when she wants to be, but overall, she is an extremely clever pup with a sweet nature. She is also very intuitive; she can recognise that if a particular show comes on TV it’s dinner time. Nothing gets past her!

### **Lola has settled in**

Lola was really good when she first came to stay with me. She didn’t have any problems at all. Most pups find the nights a bit difficult when they are young and take a while to sleep through the night on their own. However, despite having a little whinge on her first night, Lola has been great at sleeping on her own. This is brilliant as you can face anything after a good night’s sleep!

One of Lola's favourite things to do is free run with my daughter's black Labrador Sam. Sam is a fantastic influence for Lola and she has learnt to respect him.

## Lola's training

Lola is doing well in her basic obedience training. Sometimes she can have selective hearing when we do certain commands which is definitely down to her young age; however, when I rattle her treat bag, she is all ears!

Lola has learnt to wait patiently for her food which is a good trait for a young pup as food manners is important for future guide dogs. It is lovely to see Lola practise her recall, as she loves to run like the wind! She's doing really well at coming back when called and I am pleased with how she has progressed so far.

One thing that I am going to focus on when training Lola is her dog distraction. Since she is a very sociable pup she can put on a bit of speed when I'm walking her past another dog. To help with this, I am now using a canny collar with Lola to help her learn not to pull when walking on the lead.

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



## New sights and smells

Due to lockdown restrictions earlier this year, I haven't been able to take Lola to as many outdoor places as I would have liked. When restrictions ease, I will be taking her on public transport to experience travelling on buses and trains. We will also visit shops so Lola can practise walking up different types of stairs and using lifts.

Overall, Lola is doing really well with her training so far and is great with every new person she meets. In particular she loves spending time with my grandchildren and has a lot of fun playing with them in the garden.



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

## See how much Lola has grown

We have been taking pictures and videos of Lola 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-lola](https://guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-lola) and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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