



Margo

**Margo's learning
new skills**

Pupdate 2

Welcome to your February Pupdate

I hope that you and your family are well and had an enjoyable start to the year.

Thank you so much for supporting Guide Dogs by sponsoring a puppy. We can't thank you enough for your continued commitment and support. At any one time, we're responsible for over 8,000 puppies and dogs, and are one of the only organisations worldwide that breeds and nurtures them throughout their lifetime. Without you, we couldn't train life-changing dogs like your sponsored pup – you truly are making a huge difference.

Did you know that one in five people will live with significant sight loss in their lifetime? We're committed to providing the support needed to ensure that everyone with sight loss can live their life exactly as they choose. By sponsoring a puppy, you're helping to transform the lives of both adults and children with visual impairments. Thank you.

I'm pleased to share your sponsored puppy's latest Pupdate with you and I hope you enjoy reading it.

Yours sincerely,

Steph

Steph Potter
Puppy Sponsorship Manager



Thank you

for sponsoring Margo



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**Hello,
it's Richard
here, Margo's
Puppy Raiser.
I'm excited
to update you
on what we've
been up to.**

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New skills

Over the last few months, not much has changed with Margo's personality. She is still as lively, confident, and sassy as ever... just a lot taller! She's such a happy pup and loves to meet people - her tail never stops wagging! When anyone wants to say hello to her, she's so pleased and celebrates with an excited bum wiggle.

I've been training Margo to sit and wait for her food. After hearing the cue 'yep', she eats. This helps to keep her calm and, in the future, will allow her new owner to move out of the way before she dives into dinner. She's picked this up so quickly and is fantastic at it.

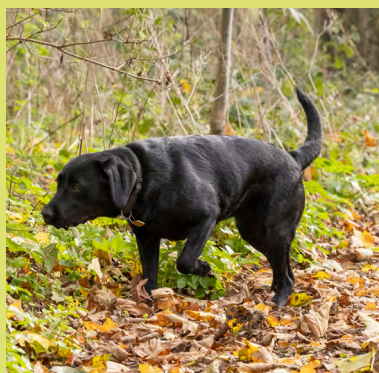
Margo has a lot of energy, and we help her use some of it with toys such as Licki mats and snuffle mats, which keep her mind active. These toys encourage her to follow the scent and find the hidden food. It's important that Margo is mentally stimulated as well as physically exercised, she loves playing these games. She's also now

big enough to jump into the back of the car and loves it. I always let Margo jump in the car first otherwise she might squash Vinny, our rehomed guide dog.

New places

I'm pleased to tell you that Margo and I have been able to visit many new places since your last Pupdate. One of the first places we went was to the supermarket; Margo was so curious. She was fascinated with all the new sights and smells and loved all the fuss she got when meeting new people. She's now a regular at our local supermarket and something of a celebrity in the coffee shops in our village. She's mastered self-settle when we are out and I'm so proud of her progress.

Margo's Puppy Development Advisor came with us on her first visit to the city, as some pups can be wary in busy places. However, we didn't need to worry as she was fantastic during the car journey and loved being in the city. She took everything in her stride – even the loud sirens from the emergency vehicles! We were so happy with her progress that we took her on a longer road trip to the beach, and she loved it! Some pups can be wary of the waves, but Margo ran straight into them. She loved digging in the sand and running in the sand dunes. She really has no fear!



Learn more about the new places Margo has been visiting by scanning the QR code with your smartphone or going to:

guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-margo



Future

In the coming months, I will work with Margo to help her keep calm when meeting new people. She is also very 'speedy' when taking steps and stairs. So, I will teach her to walk up or down slowly, using lots of fuss and treats to reward her when she does it correctly. Taking stairs at a slower pace is an important skill to learn to ensure Margo's future owner doesn't trip. I'm really enjoying raising Margo and will miss her when she goes to training school, but I'm excited to follow her journey to become a life changer.

Thank you for sponsoring Margo. Look out for your next Pupdate in June for an update on Margo's progress!





See how much Margo has grown

We have been taking pictures and videos of Margo 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-margo and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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