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Marley

Marley's journey
has begun!

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“ Hello, it’s Linda here, Marley’s Puppy Raiser. ”

I have been a Puppy Raiser for 33 years and have had around 40 pups in total. Being a Puppy Raiser brings a lot of satisfaction to your life, it’s lovely knowing my hard work with the pup will help change someone with a visual impairment’s life. I get a buzz every time I see a qualified guide dog working, even if it’s not a pup I’ve necessarily worked with!

Marley is a very good pup. I’ve had black Labradors before and sometimes they can be more boisterous than other breeds. However, Marley is calm and chilled about most things. When out and about it is fairly easy with him; he is very confident already and isn’t fazed by loud noises such as traffic outside.

Marley loves affection

Marley absolutely loves a cuddle and being stroked. He can get a bit soppy when you give him affection and will lie on his back with his paws in the air! His tail wags like crazy when he’s happy.

It's great that Marley calms down so easily as it means I can take him to different places with no worry. He comes to church with me each week with no problems.

Marley's life at home

When Marley first settled in, he found nights a bit of a struggle. He didn't like to be left on his own in his cage and wanted to follow our other three pet dogs to their beds. However now he is completely fine and has continued to grow in confidence. Our retired guide dog Grace is a great influence on Marley and can show him the ropes on what he should do in the house. Grace is only two years old so she and Marley have a great time amusing each other. They love playing tug of war together!

Marley's training

Marley's training is going well. Prior to lockdown we went on one trip on the bus, which went surprisingly well for his first go – he didn't bat an eyelid! We were also able to visit a National Trust property when it was open. Marley had a great time and loved taking in the beautiful scenery.

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See how Marley has grown in his own video:

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Lockdown has helped with Marley's training in a way, as it has given us a chance to practise working on obedience skills in our private cul-de-sac where there are no other dogs. Marley has mastered the 'sit' and 'down' commands and walks very nicely on his lead. We are now practising working on his dog distraction as we haven't had a chance to see many other dogs during this time. But I have no doubt that Marley will continue to do well in his training.

I love watching Marley take everything in his stride and can't wait to update you on his progress in your June Pupdate.



See how much Marley has grown

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



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