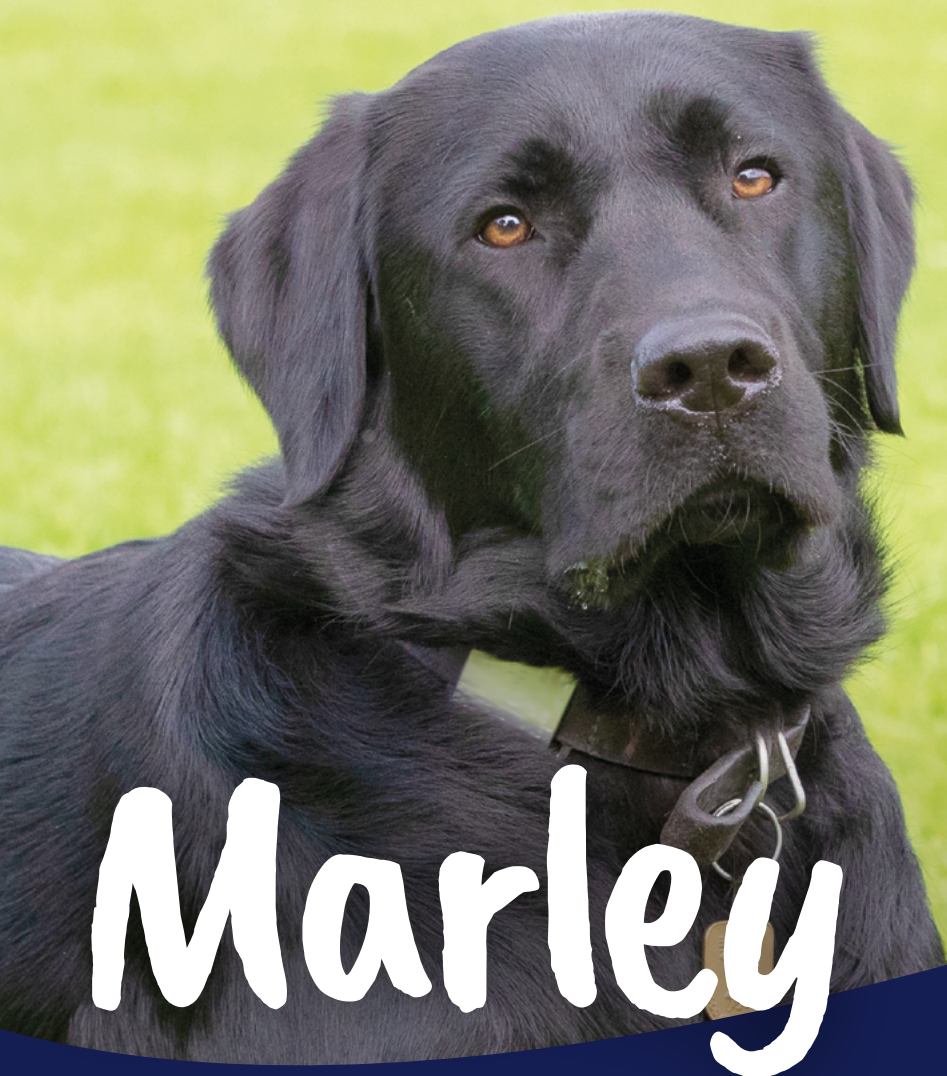




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Marley

**Marley takes everything
in his stride**

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“ Hello, it’s Linda here, Marley’s Puppy Raiser. I’ve been preparing Marley for Guide Dogs Training School. ”

Marley is a brilliant boy. He’s so easy to handle and is excellent on a lead and confident in new environments. I can’t wait to see what’s in store for him!

Home life

Marley hasn’t just been good in his training, he’s great to have at home too. We recently got a lovely kitten called Luna and she is quite energetic compared to Marley, who is a very chilled out dog. Despite how much larger he is, Luna and Marley play together so gently, even when she’s jumping on his tail! They have become best friends. It’s great for Marley to be able to get used to another pet in the house alongside our retired guide dog Grace. They’ll snooze together in his bed and it’s lovely to see how wonderful he is both in and out of training.

Advancing his skills

Over the last few months, Marley has been progressing brilliantly. His ‘sit’ and ‘wait’ cues are great, and I have taught him to wait to get in and out of the car boot.

We have walked around a few National Trust gardens, and Marley really enjoyed visiting these places and lying down in different areas. Especially when practising skills outside, I have a little square blanket that I carry with me when I'm out. I used to train Marley with this when he was younger, as a 'target' for him to practice with. The moment that I place it on the floor, Marley lies on it instantly.

I have been refreshing his recall skills when free running too. Marley's taken back to it like a duck to water, and as soon as I call for him, he'll come racing back. Even if there's another person in the park, he has no trouble listening to me. I'm pleased to say that he's improved leaps and bounds when meeting other dogs when we're out on our walks. Previously, he got a little bit distracted when saying 'hello', but he's improved a lot and now stays focused on what we're doing together. Marley is so calm and I'm proud of how well he's doing.

(Continued overleaf)



See how Marley has grown in his own video:

guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-marley

Future plans

In our last few months together, I'm planning on strengthening the skills he's learned already, such as making sure that Marley's completely confident with getting out of the car when parked alongside a busy road. He's so intelligent and picks up new skills quickly, so I know he'll do well when he moves on to training school.

I've been a Puppy Raiser for over 30 years, and Marley has been one of the best for how well he picks up new skills. As I've been teaching him the essential guiding skills from such a young age, he's learnt early on how to behave in different environments, and I have no doubt at all about his ability. He's been a gold-star pup and I've loved every minute of having his calm, solid personality by my side.



**Thank you so much
for sponsoring Marley.
Look out for Marley's
next Pupdate!**

Thanks to your amazing support, you are helping puppies like Marley move to training school and learn from our guide dog trainers, who will teach them the specialist skills they need as fully qualified guide dogs.

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