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Dogs

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Billy and Marley

**Marley has qualified
as a guide dog!**

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The perfect match!

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Hello, I'm Billy, and I'm pleased to tell you that I have been partnered with Marley. I can't thank you enough for your support of Marley in his journey to become a guide dog. Marley is incredible and has helped me feel more confident being out on my own.

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A little bit about me

I'm a film and television scriptwriter and used to work in television production. I love my career and enjoy using my creativity to write exciting scripts. I live with my wife and two young children, who all adore Marley. We are an active family and enjoy going for long walks in the local area.

I have hearing loss and an eye condition called retinitis pigmentosa. This is a progressive condition that causes the retinal cells that process light to break down over time, leading to gradual sight loss. My night vision and peripheral vision are affected too, which can also impact my balance, so it takes a lot of effort to do everyday things.



Discovering Guide Dogs

I would describe myself as very independent and sociable. I used to use a white cane to get around, but I was never comfortable with it because it would get stuck on fences, walls and pavements. It was also tiring to use, and my arms and wrists would get sore.

Two friends of mine have guide dogs and had been encouraging me for a while to look into this option. They told me how much confidence and independence their dogs had brought them. I'd never had a dog before, so I was hesitant at first, but with their encouragement I decided to register my interest.

Around two years ago, when I first made contact with Guide Dogs, I was visited by a Guide Dogs staff member and a beautiful yellow Labrador called Zeus. I learnt more about what having a guide dog would be like and even experienced my first ever guided walk. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the wait for my own dog was longer than usual, so when I got the call to say I had a potential match, I was overjoyed.

Welcoming Marley

My family and I were very excited to welcome Marley into our home, and the children had great fun picking out lots of new toys for him! Having never owned a dog before, I wasn't sure exactly what to expect when Marley arrived, but he settled in beautifully and curled up in his new bed in the living room straight away. Before long, it felt as though he'd always been with us; we can't imagine life without him now!

Life with Marley

Marley is incredibly loyal and attentive; he's always looking at me to ensure I'm okay. We're the perfect partnership because we both walk very fast! Each morning, Marley and I walk my daughter to school – she rides her bike so she can keep up with our fast pace! During the day, Marley tends to sleep on a bean bag in my office; he's claimed it as his own. When I've been working for too long, he'll come and put a paw on my leg to let me know it's time to take a break.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Marley. He has given me freedom, independence and confidence. Not only that, but he's also my constant loyal companion and I trust him implicitly. I can't wait to find out what the future holds with Marley by my side.



Meet Billy and find out about the difference Marley has already made in his life. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or go to:
guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-marley





“ Marley is my constant, loyal companion and I trust him implicitly to keep me safe. ”
Billy, Marley's owner



Thank you so much for sponsoring Marley!

Around two million people in the UK are living with sight loss that has a significant impact on their daily lives. Of those, around 180,000 find it difficult to leave their home alone. Our aim is to help people with sight loss to live the life they choose.

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