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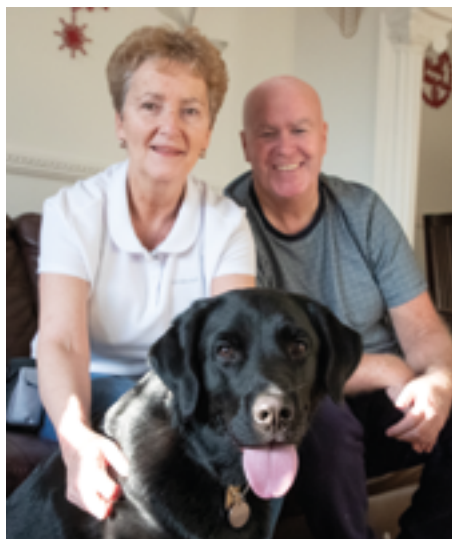
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Developing focus

Preparing for training school

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Hello, it's Josie and Noel here, Milo's Puppy Walkers. We've been busy preparing him for Guide Dog Training School.

Raising puppies for Guide Dogs requires a lot of commitment and patience, but the love the dogs give us in return makes the hard work worth it. The support network of puppy walkers in our area is fantastic and we love getting involved in the Guide Dogs community. Witnessing Milo grow from a tiny bundle of fur into a clever and obedient dog has been a real pleasure.

Focus and patience

Milo has now mastered commands such as 'down', 'stay' and 'leave' and is continuing to master 'find the chair'. He is still very reliant on food treats for this command and so our aim is to get him demonstrating this skill without the aid of a food treat every time.

The biggest improvement we've seen with Milo over the last few months is his focus. He no longer gets distracted by bikes or runners going past us when we are out and about, and his dog distraction has come on leaps and bounds. When we go to puppy class, Milo has to stay off lead in a room full of dogs and remain focused on us at all times – a big challenge for any dog. He does so well and is learning that if he remains focused on us, he will get the tastiest treats! I've started to see this training benefit everyday situations; for example, when I go shopping, I ask Milo to lay down by the trolley and he stays there calmly whilst I browse the aisles.



I've also noticed that Milo has become a lot more patient than he used to be, settling much quicker when we stop at a café. We've loved watching Milo mature as he's gotten older – although he still likes to put his head in the washing machine sometimes!

Travel companion

Milo has become quite the confident travel companion the last few months, travelling by train, bus, the Tube and even on a river

boat! He is very calm and unfazed by any strange noises, even on the Tube which can be quite loud. Soon we will be taking him on a cable car to make sure he is prepared for any mode of transport his future owner may decide to take! (Continued overleaf)



Ready for the next chapter

We can imagine Milo would suit being partnered with someone who is fairly active as Milo is a lively boy and loves having a job to do. He also gets on very well with children, so he could be very beneficial to someone with a young family.

Soon Milo will be starting the next chapter of his journey –

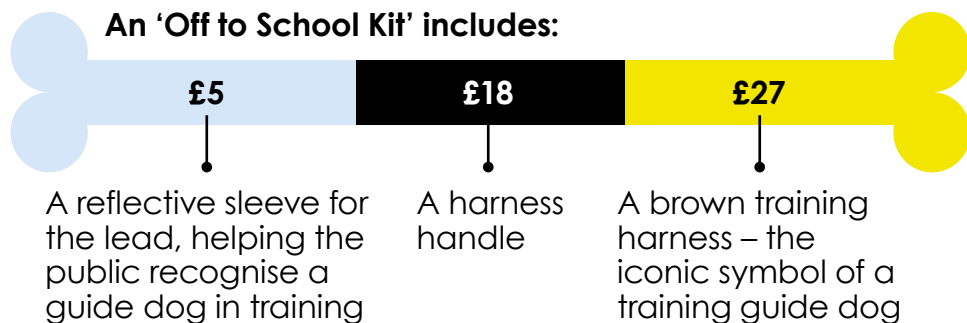
training school! We will miss his companionship and cheeky nature very much, but we will be so proud to see him wearing his brown training harness.

Thank you for sponsoring Milo. Look out for your next Pupdate in June to see how his training is progressing.

Next stop for Milo – training school

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