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## is on his way to become a guide dog



**“ Hello, I’m Charlotte, a trainer at Guide Dogs. I’m pleased to say Milo has started training school in London! ”**

I’m still learning to be a mobility instructor myself and Milo is my last dog before I complete my training – I couldn’t have asked for a better dog to finish this with! I am currently working with Milo to help him refine his skills and become a fully qualified guide dog. My favourite part of this job is seeing the pups grow in confidence and Milo has been no exception.

### **Cheeky pup**

Milo has a gorgeous personality and has everyone at training school completely smitten – his playful nature makes him cheeky at times. Milo’s love of food can mean he often tries to get his nose in the food bag and have a good sniff for potential treats! Altogether, there really is nothing bad to say about Milo and he truly is a joy to be around.

In the short time he’s been at training school Milo has already made lots of progress. He is now wearing his harness, which he has completely accepted and was confident from the first time he tried it on. He even wagged his tail the whole time he was wearing it!



## Developing new skills

Milo takes everything in his stride and has been learning basic guiding cues, including stopping at kerbs, finding crossings and walking safely. My focus is now teaching Milo to have better food manners. Milo can find it hard to resist food on the floor, so we have been leaving piles of treats out and rewarding him for ignoring them. He's improved massively and loves getting praise when he's done well!

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See how Milo has grown in his own video:  
[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-milo](https://guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-milo)

## Looking to the future

I am planning on introducing Milo to the obstacle course soon. This will teach him to guide his owner safely around obstacles in the street. I am certain Milo will be absolutely fine as he has picked everything else up really quickly.

Unfortunately, due to the impact of coronavirus and social distancing guidelines, we've had to overcome some extra challenges and adapt our training routine. Once the travel restrictions have been lifted, we will resume travelling on a range of public transport to make sure Milo is comfortable in a variety of different settings. I know Milo will enjoy this as he has bundles of energy and loves exploring new places.



**Thank you for sponsoring Milo.  
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## The matching process

Every person and dog is unique, so matching a guide dog to an owner is a complex and carefully managed process. Our trainers take into account a person's needs including lifestyle, walking speed and height.

Once a match has been made, our trainers spend several weeks training the guide dog owner and dog together, learning their common routes and making sure their partnership is a success.



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