



**Guide
Dogs**

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A close-up portrait of a black dog, Milo, with its mouth open and tongue hanging out. The dog is looking directly at the camera. The background is a blurred green field with some trees in the distance.

Milo

Milo loves training!

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Milo's journey so far



**“ Hi, I’m Sarah,
Milo’s Trainer.
Milo’s picked
new skills up
very quickly! ”**

Altering training

Due to COVID-19, Redbridge Training School was temporarily paused for all dogs in order to comply with safety regulations set out by the government. However, during this time Milo boarded with me, and we continued to train at home!

Milo is a lovely boy and settled very well into training at home. He showed some progress with his loose lead walking and is very easy to take out on obedience walks in a variety of environments. Milo loved spending time with my pet dog Boo, and I have been able to set up training sessions for them in the garden. During this time, Milo was able to practise the ‘bed’ and the ‘chin rest’ commands.

When out and about on walks I have been focusing on his dog distraction and scavenging, as he does love his food and occasionally tries to pick things up off the floor! I've seen a big improvement and Milo is now showing reduced distraction levels when he sees other dogs.



Returning to training school

When restrictions were eased, we were able to return to training school. I started by re-introducing Milo back into familiar residential areas, in order to ease him back into training gradually. Milo has progressed positively with his kerb work and is so eager to learn.



Milo has really enjoyed being back in training and particularly loves spending time with fellow pup in training Jumble. Both Milo and Jumble have adored going on free runs together. Milo has great recall skills which is really great to see.

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Looking ahead

Currently, I am focusing on practising lead work with Milo and continuing with basic training in order for him to master the skills needed to become a fully-fledged guide dog. Milo is a quite a character and has a brilliant personality; he often chooses to sleep under the table even though there are four dog beds to choose from in my house! Milo is an energetic and bright pup and has continued to learn things very quickly. He truly is a pleasure to train and brings joy to everyone he meets.

**Thank you for sponsoring Milo.
Look out for his next Pupdate to
find out about his progress.**



See how much Milo has grown

We have been taking pictures of Milo since he was born so you can see just how much he's changed. Please visit [guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-milo](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-milo) and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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