

Milo

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Pupdate 2

Growing up

Milo is experiencing the world

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Hello, it's Josie and Noel here, Milo's Puppy Walkers. Welcome to his second Pupdate!

We are absolutely loving having Milo as part of our family and watching him grow has been a pleasure. The Guide Dogs community are so supportive, and we thoroughly enjoy being a part of it. Puppy walking is such a rewarding experience and we are excited to continue to welcome trainee pups into our home.



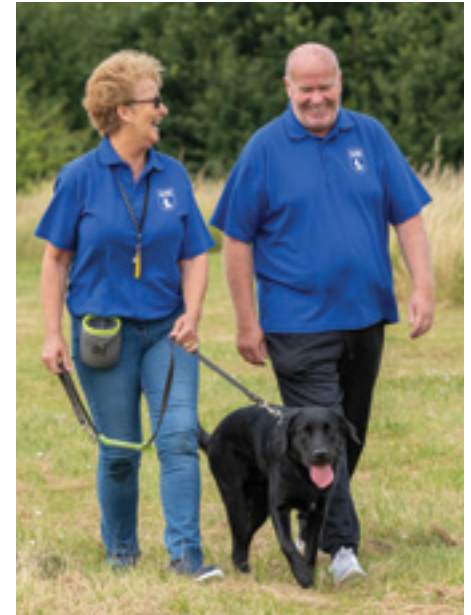
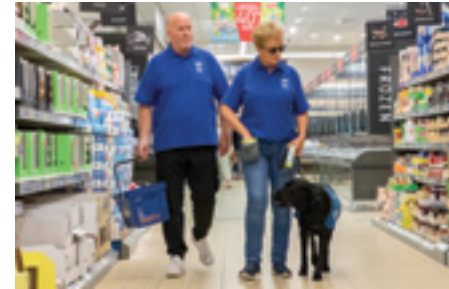
Growing and maturing

Milo's personality has really shone through as he's gotten older – he's such a cheeky boy and is always making us laugh. His confidence grows day by day and it's wonderful to see his character develop. He sleeps a lot better at night time now, whereas he used to get up a couple times a night, this shows he's maturing and feels at home with us now.

Milo's favourite toy is still his monkey! He's always running around with it trying to get us to come and play.

Mastering skills

Milo has continued to progress in his training classes. His 'stay' and 'leave' commands have improved



greatly and we are very proud of his progress. We've also been teaching Milo skills that will be valuable to his future owner such as 'find the chair', where he will locate any empty seats in shops, cafés or at the park. He hasn't quite perfected this skill yet but with more practice we are sure he will.

We've taught Milo 'chin rest', in which he rests his head on our lap on command so that we can carry out health

checks. This will be really useful for his future owner to make sure he remains happy and healthy.

Milo tends to get very excited when he sees people and can sometimes jump up to greet them.

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We're trying to discourage that behaviour by using the command 'down' and distracting him with a toy or treat. We are confident he will improve in this area soon.

Out and about

Milo has been on many adventures over the past few months. Recently he was introduced to many different animals at a small farm. He got on well with the donkeys but wasn't so keen on the goats – to be honest they weren't keen on him either!

Milo travels well in the car and we've been going on the train lots to get him used to travelling this way. He isn't fazed at all by the loud noises and crowds of people.

Experiencing new sounds and smells like these will help prepare Milo for his future as a guide dog as he will be able to stay calm in new situations and guide his owner confidently no matter where they choose to go.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Milo. Look out for your next Pupdate in February.

Training – Puppy to qualified guide dog

It takes around 20 months of training to transform a newborn pup into a qualified guide dog.

The pups learn basic commands and are introduced to new surroundings with their Puppy Walker.

They then venture on to Guide Dogs Training School, where they learn

the foundation tasks required of a guide dog. The final stages of training focus on their partnership with a new owner, where they learn specific skills tailored to their owner's specific needs.



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