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Dogs

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Molly

Molly's enjoying
training school!

Pupdate 5

Molly

is on her way to becoming
a qualified guide dog



**“Hi, I’m Paul,
Molly’s Trainer.
I’m continuing
to train Molly
on her journey
to becoming a
life-saver!”**

Due to COVID-19, we had to temporarily suspend training for all dogs at Redbridge Training School, which meant that Molly spent some time with her previous Puppy Walker Jane. The reunion was lovely, and Molly was very excited to see Jane again. Despite the pause in her training, Molly continued to learn core skills that are vital in becoming a fully-fledged guide dog.

Altering training

Whilst staying with her previous Puppy Walker, Molly practised her lead work skills in a variety of different locations including Camden town. Camden was less busy than usual, however practising lead work in different locations will help Molly to adapt when she is partnered with her future owner, as she will have to get used to following different routes and locations. Molly even made a new friend on one of her walks; two-year-old pet dog Lacey. Both pups behaved perfectly and sat in the shade whilst Jane and Lacey’s owner had a chat.

When travel restrictions were eased, Molly's Puppy Walker took her on the train to see how she would cope. We were worried that the break in practise on public transport would make Molly slightly wary, and possibly lose her confidence. However, this was not the case! Molly remembered all her training and wasn't fazed at all.

Returning to training school

Molly was very excited to be reunited with fellow pup in training, Quincey at Training School. They had a lot of fun splashing around in the paddling pool to cool down during summer and have continued to have fun together during their free time.

Molly initially found it a little bit difficult to get back into the routine of things when returning to training school, however this was to be expected after the break due to COVID-19. To combat this, we have slowly reintroduced basic training to Molly, in order to help her improve her confidence at a rate she is comfortable with. We've already seen a lot of improvement and are really proud of her.

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Looking ahead

My main focus now is to continue to help Molly combat her dog distraction as this is something she struggled with prior to lockdown. To do this Molly will continue training here at Redbridge until she's confident with all her basic skills. Then, I will slowly introduce her to the more advanced guiding work. Molly has already accomplished so much and I'm looking forward to seeing her continue to progress on her journey towards becoming a guide dog.

**Thank you for sponsoring Molly.
Look out for her next Pupdate to
find out about her progress.**



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