



Hello, I'm Lizzy, Molly's Puppy Walker. I'm so excited to be a part of Molly's journey to become a guide dog and update you on her progress.

Puppy walking has been brilliant for us as a family. It has helped us understand the responsibility of owning a dog, and the importance of doing something for charity. I've spoken to so many people that I otherwise wouldn't have, as everyone always wants to talk to you when you have a dog!

## Part of the family

Molly is the second puppy that we've raised for Guide Dogs and it didn't take long before she became a part of the family. Molly shares her home with Aaron, the first puppy we raised, who came back to live with us after he retired from training. Molly adores him, often picking up her rope toy and bringing it over to him to start a game of tug of war!

Molly is a very confident and self-assured pup, which will help her adapt to new environments and situations easier; a crucial trait for a future guide dog. She can sometimes









become a little overexcited whilst playing, and so I'm spending time encouraging her to remain calm and not get too boisterous.

## Fast learner

I've been taking Molly to regular puppy classes to teach her basic obedience skills. She's a little distracted by the other puppies at first, but it doesn't take long before she settles down and focuses on me. Molly is a very bright puppy and a

fast learner - she has already mastered commands such as 'sit', 'down' and 'stay'.

I've also been teaching Molly to have good food manners, asking her to sit and wait for the whistle noise before she eats her food.

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She's very patient, not taking food or treats until she is told to do so.

## Venturing out

We've been exposing Molly to lots of different sights and smells. This is known as 'socialisation' and is helping to build her confidence further. We've visited lots of public places, such as supermarkets and cafés. Molly has become auite the travel companion. travelling confidently by bus, car and train. Even the loud. unfamiliar noises of the Tube didn't worry her in the slightest. One of Molly's favourite places to go is a beautiful woodland near our house that she loves exploring. She never strays too far from me and always comes back when called.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Molly. Look out for vour next Pupdate in October.



## See how much Molly has grown

We have been taking pictures of Molly since she was born so you can see just how much she's changed.

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