

Molly

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Molly is growing up

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Hello, it's Jane here, Molly's new Puppy Walker. Welcome to her second Pupdate!

Molly was ready to experience some different environments and so she came to live with me before training school begins. Molly is the fourth dog that I have puppy walked for Guide Dogs. After seeing first-hand how a guide dog can give their owner so much independence, I wanted

to be part of the story. It's always hard to say goodbye to the pups when they move on to training school, but it's so rewarding knowing that my family have played an invaluable part in raising a dog for someone who needs them so much.

Adaptable pup

Molly settled into her new home seamlessly, slept through the night and immediately adapted to life with us. Guide dogs will experience many places in their early years, as it's important that they can adapt to change easily. Molly has proven that she will be ready for any new environments that lie ahead of her.



Enthusiastic girl

I have been taking Molly to fortnightly puppy classes which she enjoys as she loves making friends with other dogs. She is such a willing pup and her basic obedience is very good. I've already seen a great improvement in her learning to walk up and down the stairs by my side.

Molly is by far the most enthusiastic puppy I have

had, particularly when she knows she's going on walk. When I get her collar, lead and puppy jacket ready, her entire body wags with excitement!

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She's great at free running as her recall is brilliant – in fact, she always stays close and seems to like having me in sight.

Door and dryer challenges

One thing we are currently working on together is door control: learning not to bark when someone is at the door, and not pulling to be the first through the door.

I recently took Molly into the disabled toilet in a supermarket

– she may be a confident dog, but she did not like the hand dryer noise at all! This is something that Molly and I can work on together and turn into a positive experience for her. I enjoy taking on these little challenges and seeing my pups mature and grow in confidence.

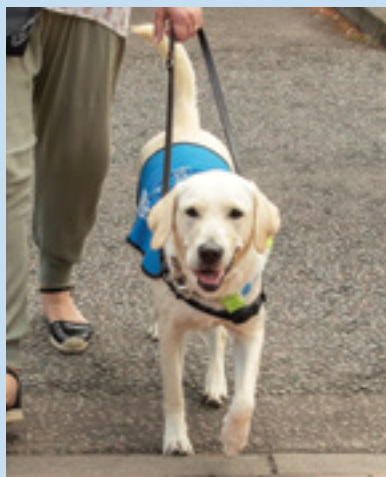
Thank you so much for sponsoring Molly. Look out for your next Pupate in February.

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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