

Monty

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Pupdate 2

Experiencing the world

Monty is growing up

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Hello, it's Joanne here, Monty's Puppy Walker. Welcome to his second Pupdate!

Puppy walking is such an important thing to us as a family. We love the knowledge and experience it gives us and it's so rewarding seeing our dogs overcome challenges. We are having a blast with Monty and love having him as part of our family.

Pampered boy

Monty loves being groomed and when he sees the grooming brush he will run over and lie down straight away. He will sit calmly whilst we give him a health check, making sure his eyes, ears and teeth are healthy – he really does love being pampered! He also still loves his cuddly sloth toy, which has now been sewn up quite a few times! He always likes to have a toy in his mouth and runs around showing it off proudly.

Patience and confidence

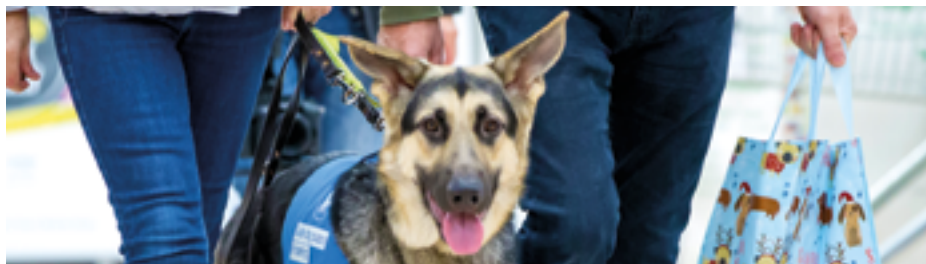
Monty is progressing nicely at his puppy classes and is much better at ignoring distractions around him and remaining focused on the commands we are giving him. We have been practicing good food



manners by whistle-feeding Monty, where we place his food down, ask him to 'wait', and then blow the whistle to let him know he can have his food. This develops his patience and ensures he doesn't get overexcited when he sees food.

We've spent a lot of time exposing Monty to so many different sights, smells and noises and I'm pleased to say our efforts are paying

off, as his confidence has soared. We've seen great improvement in Monty's patience too, for example when we stop at a café he now settles much quicker so we can enjoy the break before we continue our day. (Continued overleaf)



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Monty can still be a little nervous around noisy traffic, but we are continuing to work on overcoming his fears by spending time sitting and watching the world go by. This will help get him used to the noises and learn there is nothing to be worried about.

Sand and sea

We recently went on a family holiday to the seaside and Monty joined us. We did lots of walking together and he

loved exploring the sand and sea. We even came across some livestock and Monty wasn't fazed at all, he just sat and watched them for a little while before carrying on his adventures. He's such an inquisitive boy and is always very alert and interested in the world around him.

We can't wait to see Monty progress on his journey to become a guide dog. Look out for his next Pupdate in June!

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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