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# Monty

Monty has settled  
into training school

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## is on his way to becoming a guide dog



**“ Hello, it’s Jon here, Monty’s Trainer. I’m pleased to share with you the latest news on Monty’s progress! ”**

I’ve spent the last couple of months ensuring Monty adjusts to life at training school. At early stages he struggled a little bit as he wanted to be with me all the time and didn’t want to be left behind while I trained other dogs. A change in environment can be tricky for any pup, especially for an affectionate soul like Monty. To overcome this, I’ve hung out with him in the office more and gradually seen him relax and settle in.

### **Work in progress**

Monty’s Fosterer, who he stays with during evenings and weekends, drops him off at the training school every morning and we practise different skills throughout the day. Monty was really happy to be introduced to the brown training harness and the metal handle – he looks awesome in it too!

I'm currently working on improving his guiding position and building confidence whilst guiding me around obstacles. I always try to take Monty out in the streets on bin collection days which create the perfect opportunity to practise obstacle avoidance in an everyday environment. Although this is an area for improvement, I'm pleased to see that he is starting to make decisions, such as recognising there isn't enough room for both of us and choosing to walk around a bin left on the kerb.

Monty is generally a very willing and responsive dog; he likes to engage in the tasks I present him with. I'm teaching him to remain focused on me and ignore various distractions in the background. Every time he concentrates his attention on me, I reward him with treats and then move onto the task at hand.

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## Free time fun

In between training, Monty likes to unwind with his pen pals Lindsey, Ebony and Casper. Lindsey is his favourite as she arrived at training school at a similar time to Monty and they have since become inseparable. She's quite a calm dog and a very good influence on Monty!

During the day Monty may also get a grooming session and a well-deserved free run. There are plenty of big open parks and local wooden areas nearby for Monty to explore and because he has excellent recall, I can be sure he'll always come running back when called.

**Thank you for sponsoring Monty. I'm excited to see how he matures and develops over the coming months. Look out for your next Pupdate in June.**



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