

Monty

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Pupdate 1

The adventure begins

Monty finds his feet

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Hello, it's Joanna and Kezia here, a mother and daughter team, and Monty's Puppy Walkers.

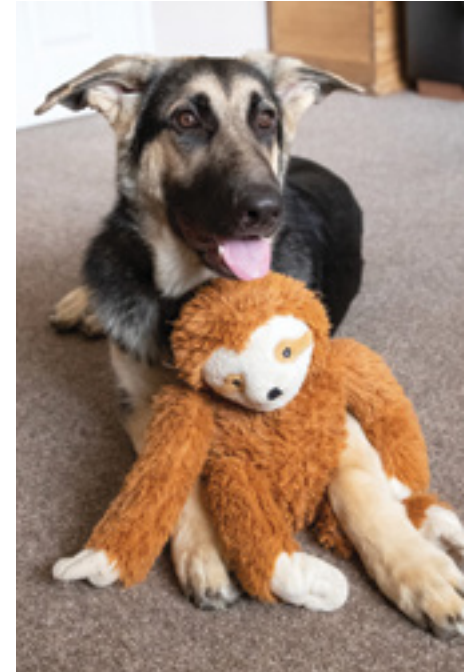
Monty is the sixth puppy that we have raised for Guide Dogs and we love having a puppy as part of the family. Puppy walking brings lots of social opportunities that we enjoy, such as talking to members of the public about Guide Dogs or sharing our amazing experiences with other volunteer puppy walkers. Knowing our hard work will change a life one day is very rewarding.



Part of the family

Monty is such a playful and affectionate dog and is always looking for companionship or cuddles. The first couple of nights at home Monty was very noisy, but by the third night he was totally settled. He shares his home with two other dogs, another guide dog in training Hugh, and pet dog Nala – who both helped him settle and learn the ropes. Monty and Hugh love to play tug of war together and they always want what the other one has – a bit like toddlers!

Monty's favourite toy is a big cuddly toy sloth that he carries around with him everywhere. He also loves to lay on his big cushion bed and have a snooze.



Learning new skills

We've been taking Monty to regular puppy classes where he has been learning basic obedience skills. He's mastered the 'sit', 'stay' and 'wait' commands already and we practice these regularly at home.

During class he can get a little distracted by the other dogs, but he is just getting used to the new environment

and we will continue to work on improving his focus.

He has great recall, always coming back to us when called and we're very proud of how he is progressing so far.

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The big wide world

Monty has visited all kinds of new places such as cafés, supermarkets, and the train station to help build his confidence in new environments. We recently took Monty on a family trip to the beach, where he had a fantastic time playing in the sand. He has even had the chance to say hello to some friendly ostriches at a local farm!

All of these experiences will prepare Monty for his future as

a guide dog, as he will be able to guide his owner confidently, remaining unfazed by new sights, smells or animals!

We're very excited to be spending Christmas with Monty. He'll have a stocking full of presents and will be very spoilt! We can't wait to watch him continue to improve and grow into a life changing guide dog.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Monty. Look out for your next Pupdate in February to see how he is progressing.

See how much Monty has grown

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

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