



Moose

**Moose's journey
has begun!**

Pupdate 1

Welcome to your February Pupdate

I hope that you and your family are well and had an enjoyable start to the year.

Thank you so much for supporting Guide Dogs by sponsoring a puppy. We can't thank you enough for your continued commitment and support. At any one time, we're responsible for over 8,000 puppies and dogs, and are one of the only organisations worldwide that breeds and nurtures them throughout their lifetime. Without you, we couldn't train life-changing dogs like your sponsored pup – you truly are making a huge difference.

Did you know that one in five people will live with significant sight loss in their lifetime? We're committed to providing the support needed to ensure that everyone with sight loss can live their life exactly as they choose. By sponsoring a puppy, you're helping to transform the lives of both adults and children with visual impairments. Thank you.

I'm pleased to share your sponsored puppy's latest Pupdate with you and I hope you enjoy reading it.

Yours sincerely,

Steph

Steph Potter
Puppy Sponsorship Manager



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for sponsoring Moose



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**Hello,
it's Sandra
here, Moose's
Puppy Raiser.**

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I started volunteering with Guide Dogs after my children had left home. I was in the waiting room at the doctor's and started talking to a lovely lady who was waiting with her guide dog Crumble. Hearing how Crumble had changed her life inspired me to sign up to become a Puppy Raiser.

Moose is my third puppy. My first was Bailey, a golden retriever who was taken out of the training programme at 10 months old due to a heart condition – we rehomed him after that, so he lives with us now. I'm a volunteer speaker too, so Bailey joins me on visits to schools and local events as an ambassador for Guide Dogs. He's also a fantastic role model to other guide dog pups like Moose!

Settling in

Moose is such a confident pup – he's really outgoing and not afraid of anything, so it didn't take him long to settle in. We planned to keep Bailey separate at first so Moose wouldn't feel overwhelmed. But after 10 minutes in the house, Moose was ready to meet him – he jumped right on top of Bailey and started

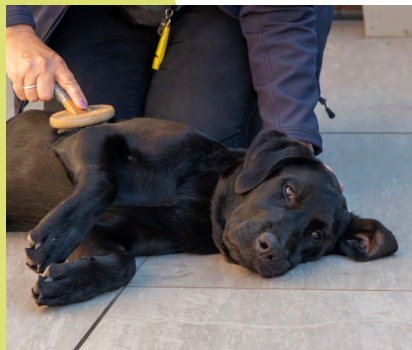
nibbling his ears! Moose is really playful and loves all toys, but his favourite thing is playing with Bailey.

Moose sleeps separately from Bailey, but he has a soft toy dog which he loves and cuddles at night. Depending on how he's lying, Moose is also a real snorer! It made my husband John and I laugh when he first arrived – we couldn't believe such a loud sound could come from such a tiny pup!

Out and about

Now that Moose has had all his vaccinations, we've been able to take him out for free runs. We live on the edge of the National Forest; Moose follows Bailey and together they sniff out the fresh new smells. We've been working on Moose's recall recently, so I always keep some chicken in my pouch to use as a reward when he comes back to me.

Moose has also been to his first puppy class. I thought he might be a bit distracted as there were 11 other dogs around him, but he did so well! There was an assault course which all the pups were having a go at, and Moose did it without a lead – he got a big round of applause! I can't wait to take him to his next class.



Find out how Moose has settled in with Sandra by scanning the QR code with your smartphone or going to:

guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-moose



New skills

Moose is really food orientated so I've been working on his food manners. We put his food in a maze which turns dinnertime into a game; he has to navigate the channels to get the food out. He's been really enjoying it as it keeps his brain busy too. We've also been working on 'sit', 'down' and 'touch', where I hold my hand out as a focal point for Moose to come to; this has been really helpful when working on his recall.

Mischievous Moose

Moose is quick to learn but he can be a bit mischievous sometimes, as the green beans in my garden discovered! I call him my 'monkey Moose' but he's just inquisitive really, and that's a great personality trait for a trainee guide dog.

Thank you for sponsoring Moose. I hope you have enjoyed his Pupdate, and I look forward to updating you on his progress in June!





See how much Moose has grown

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

To watch your exclusive video, please visit guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-moose and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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