



Moose

**Moose's
adventures**

Pupdate 2

Welcome to your June Pupdate

I hope you're enjoying these warmer and sunnier months.

Thank you so much for supporting Guide Dogs by sponsoring a puppy. Did you know that in 2022 nearly 100,000 people were told they were losing their sight? This kind of news can have a huge impact, both practically and emotionally. Thanks to puppy sponsorship from our generous supporters, we're able to be there every step of the way for those who need us, delivering life-changing services, advice and support when it's needed most.

At Guide Dogs, we believe people with sight loss should live actively, independently, and well – however they choose. We're dedicated to educating, campaigning, and of course training incredible dogs like your sponsored pup. None of this would be possible without people like you; 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



Thank you

for sponsoring Moose



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

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Our mischievous Moose is still as inquisitive and cheeky as ever. However, he is definitely maturing and beginning to calm down. His confidence has grown so much. He's much more sure of himself now and struts around the house like he owns the place! Moose is a typical teenager and enjoys his independence but still loves the occasional cuddle from me. His favourite toy is his red Kong, but like any younger sibling, he wants whatever our pet dog Bailey is playing with! He plays so nicely with Bailey, and I love watching them together.

Moose's progress

Moose's learnt lots of new skills at puppy class. He picks things up very quickly – his brain is like a little sponge! I'm working on the skill 'extended sit'. This means asking Moose to sit, and then to stay there until I give him the 'release' cue. Moose is fabulous at this and will sit there patiently as I take off his lead and walk away from him. He only moves once I give him the signal – what a little star!

I'm still working on his dog distraction and recall, mostly when out on free runs. In puppy class he isn't deterred by the other pups around him. He's made great progress with his food manners too; he now sits and waits patiently and doesn't try his luck sniffing around Bailey's food bowl anymore.

New places

Since your last Pupdate, Moose has visited many new environments. He often comes with me to the beauty salon when I get my hair and nails done. He's very popular with the ladies and loves the fuss they give him. He's amazing when it comes to settling, he lies nicely on the floor beside me and entertains himself happily. He's also been to cafés and restaurants and will happily settle there too. After a long morning walk and free run, he loves to snooze at the pub while the rest of us tuck into our Sunday lunch.

Moose also accompanies me to fundraising events. He behaves really nicely and people love to see him looking so smart in his puppy coat. He does well in supermarkets and shops and stays by my side, being the perfect shopping buddy.



Find out more about the new skills Moose has been learning by scanning the QR code with your smartphone or going to:

guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-moose



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Moose has also been to bingo, and they loved him there, the table was even reserved under his name! He wasn't fazed at all by the calling of numbers or the people around him – he just watched patiently.

Looking forward

I'll continue to work on Moose's recall and dog distraction but I'm feeling positive with his progress. When the time comes for Moose to go to training school, I'll miss his company and seeing him play with Bailey. But I'm also so excited to watch him progress through this incredible journey he's on!

Thank you for sponsoring Moose. I'm really enjoying watching him grow. Find out how he's progressing with his training in your next Pupdate in October!



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What is PREP?

Puppy Raising for Excellent Partnerships (PREP) is our bespoke puppy-raising programme that guide dog pups follow while living with their puppy raisers. PREP was designed in consultation with volunteers, staff, training behaviour consultants and canine research staff. It's based on Positive Reinforcement Training (PRT) which focuses on rewarding good behaviour and creating positive associations with new experiences. PREP treats each pup as an individual and helps to support their physical, behavioural, and emotional development.



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