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# Murphy

**Murphy's journey  
has begun!**

**Pupdate 1**

# Thank you

## for sponsoring Murphy



**“ Hello, it’s  
Shirley and  
David here,  
Murphy’s  
Puppy  
Raisers. ”**

Murphy is the eighth puppy we have puppy raised. Six of our previous pups are now fully trained! Casper, our most recent dog before Murphy, had to be taken out of the training programme due to health issues so we rehomed him. Casper is a great influence for Murphy.

Puppy raising has given us a lot of pleasure. Although it can be hard work at times it has so many benefits. One of the best things about being puppy raisers is that it enhances your social life; we’ve made so many new friends. Everybody talks to you when you’re out and about, it’s lovely.

Murphy is a very calm pup – he’s a lot calmer than previous puppies we’ve had! Murphy is extremely enthusiastic when working or going out on a free run – although he does have a cheeky side to him, which is typical for retrievers! One lovely aspect about Murphy is that he is very gentle. When we’re walking and we stop to talk to people, he’ll very patiently lay down and wait until we’re ready to start walking again.

## Murphy is a laid-back pup

When Murphy first came to us, he took around two weeks to settle fully, which is very quick for young pups. He sleeps through the night and seems to have completely settled into the routine. In addition to our rehomed dog Casper, we also have a pet dog called Harvey. Harvey is great with the puppies and lets Murphy cuddle up to him. Harvey is a very relaxed dog and is a sense of calm in the house, acting as a mentor for young pups.

One of Murphy's favourite things to do when he's tired is chew on the side of his bed until he falls asleep. It's very cute to watch! Murphy is a very sociable pup. We try to meet up with other people with dogs when we can, and Murphy loves to free run with them.

## Murphy's training

Every two weeks we attend a Zoom puppy class with Murphy. He is doing very well and seems to pick things up very quickly. He's very good if there's food involved! He'll 'sit' and 'stay', and 'lie down' very well. Recently we've been working on food manners with Murphy. This means that he's learning to not pick treats off the floor until he's told to, which is important as there can be food on the floor when out and about.

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See how Murphy has grown in his own video:

[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-murphy](https://guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-murphy)



Murphy picks up skills quickly and we have no doubt he'll master everything he attempts.

## New sights and smells

Despite lockdown restrictions earlier this year we've been able to experience lots of new things with Murphy. For example, we were lucky enough to take him on an empty bus that was parked at the bus terminal. This let him investigate what a bus looks like.

We've taken Murphy in a lift, and also up and down some stairs near a canal. The canal has some geese - although Murphy can get a bit distracted when he sees them, he doesn't pull on the lead at all, and just takes an interest in watching them. It's important for him to get used to not getting distracted by animals.



**I love watching Murphy take everything in his stride and can't wait to update you on his progress in your October Pupdate.**

## See how much Murphy has grown

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

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