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Welcome to your October Pupdate

I hope you're enjoying these beautiful autumnal months.

Thanks to supporters like you, we can provide our incredible life-changing services. It's estimated that six million people in the UK live with sight-threatening eye conditions, and more than two million of these are living with sight loss that has a significant impact on their daily lives. At Guide Dogs, we want to support as many people as possible through these life-altering changes, providing the right services to help everyone.

Did you know that training and partnering our wonderful guide dogs isn't all we offer? We also provide support to adults through our My Sighted Guide service which partners trained volunteer guides with a person with a visual impairment. For children and young people, we offer a fantastic range of support, from companion dogs via our buddy dogs scheme to personalised, large print books through CustomEyes Books. Our expertise means we can make life-changing differences to those affected by sight loss, enabling them to live actively, independently, and well – however they choose. Thank you for helping us to do this with your generous support.

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

Yours sincerely,



Steph Potter
Puppy Sponsorship Manager



Thank you

for sponsoring Olive

Olive's growing

Olive's had her first birthday and she's growing more and more into a kind and sweet girl. We're also amazed by her height, she's growing in stature as well as personality!

Olive's still the lovely and affectionate girl she's always been. She likes to play with her toys, and she has a knitted scarecrow that she loves. At night she likes to gather all her toys one by one, and put them into her bed to sleep with.

We've started playing hide and seek with Olive in the garden – she enjoys it so much and she'll always find us! Sometimes we hide her toys too, she's amazing at locating them! Olive's a lot more confident while out and about now. She observes the world around her, and she's inquisitive and curious. Olive's learned to be patient, which is very helpful when teaching her new cues.

New skills

We've introduced Olive to a gentle leader. This doesn't hurt her, and is used alongside her lead and collar. It helps Olive to walk calmly and sensibly. With this she's doing really well on loose lead walking. Olive's mastering the cues 'sit', 'stay' and 'down' very well, and her food manners are excellent. We're also teaching her the bucket game.



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**Hello, it's Liz
and Rob here,
Olive's Puppy
Raisers.**

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When she focuses on the bucket of food, it means she's letting us groom her; when she looks away from the bucket, it's her way of saying 'stop'. This will be very helpful during vet checks.

Olive loves training, and she wears her puppy coat very proudly. When she has it on, she's so calm and walks perfectly. The puppy coat helps Olive to learn when she should focus on her training. It also helps her get used to the body sensation of wearing a future guiding harness, and having it fastened. She's great during walks in town, and now she also recognises the route we usually do. It's funny she'll always sit and wait outside the pet shop!

Olive is not food motivated, but she loves playing with toys. When practising recall, she'd much rather come back to me and be rewarded with a toy than tasty treats. When I call she comes straight back as she knows we will have some playtime.



New places and experiences

Olive's fantastic at settling wherever we go. We've been to supermarkets, cafés and shops. She's even learnt how to travel in lifts.

We went on holiday to Dorset for a week recently, and took Olive with us. She enjoyed walking on coastal paths, running on the beach and playing in the sand. She's not too keen on splashing in the water. She'd rather stand and watch the other dogs playing in the sea!



Find out more about Olive's progress by scanning the QR code with your smartphone or going to:

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Looking forward

During the next few months, we will perfect Olive's recall and work on her distraction when meeting new dogs.

We really enjoy puppy raising, focusing on dog-centred training and seeing Olive's achievements. This experience is giving us an incredible sense of pride, especially when seeing how far Olive's come. We are so proud of what she can now do.

Thank you for sponsoring Olive. Find out how she's getting on in your next Pupdate in February!



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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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