



# Pudding

Pudding's journey  
begins!

Pupdate 1

# Welcome to your February Pupdate

**I do hope you and your family had a lovely Christmas and New Year.**

As we try to return to normality and adapt to the new world that we find ourselves in following the turbulence of the last two years, our wonderful trainers and volunteer puppy raisers have dedicated themselves to helping our puppies on their journeys to become life-changing guide dogs. They continue to learn and progress, and we're so proud of how they have been doing in their training so far, and we're excited to find out where they'll go next. I hope that you enjoy your Pupdate, finding out what your wonderful puppy has been up to for the last few months.

I'd like to thank you so much for supporting us by sponsoring a puppy. We need people like you to be able to change the lives of people with sight loss, and we couldn't be Guide Dogs without you.

Yours sincerely,



**Chris Allum**

Puppy Sponsorship Manager



# Thank you

## for sponsoring Pudding



“Hello, it’s  
Eddie here,  
Pudding’s  
Puppy  
Raiser.”

I began my voluntary work with Guide Dogs as a Fosterer, and in 2018 became a My Sighted Guide and Puppy Raiser. Pudding is the third puppy that I’ve raised, and I absolutely love it! I can’t imagine life without a dog at home.

When I was told that I was going to be Pudding’s Puppy Raiser, I was delighted! I couldn’t wait to get started, and she immediately settled into her new home. I was so impressed with how she handled the move to start her training; she adapted so well.

### **Pudding is a social pup**

It was important to me that Pudding had other dogs around so that she knew how to act around them, and it’s been a blessing to have our pet dog Arden to act as a big sister to Pudding. Arden now lives with my daughter, Natalie, and she and Pudding are like two peas in a pod! They have so much fun running and playing on free runs and will cuddle up together for a nap once they’ve tired each other out. This socialisation means that when I take Pudding out training in public, she doesn’t get distracted by other dogs. She never pulls to try and greet them, and even if I’ve stopped for a chat with another dog owner, she just calmly lies down!

## Puppy classes

Because of Covid-19 restrictions easing, Pudding and I have been able to go to in-person puppy classes together. She's been doing brilliantly – she picks up new behaviours so quickly and, although I might be biased, I think she's top of her class! She's already mastered the 'OK' cue before eating which is great. However she can sometimes be a bit impatient when we're waiting our turn to try a training task, as she's excited to learn! We're working on this by encouraging her to settle on a blanket in between tasks.



## Out and about

We've been exploring some busier environments, such as shops. Pudding has done very well so far and we'll be practising more together to make sure she's used to them. She's even gone on a bus for the first time! It's important for guide dogs to be comfortable in many different environments, so I'm glad she's taken to them so well for her age.



Find out how Pudding got on at puppy class:

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

## Play time

I try to make sure that the pups are engaged at all times, so I made Pudding a knotted pull rope, where we loosen the knots and put treats in. Once she has that, she's entertained for hours! She also loves to collect items and blankets to make her own little nests to nap in. She never chews on things she shouldn't, so I trust her wholeheartedly and it's sweet to see her sleeping so peacefully.

**Pudding is doing so well already, and I can't wait to update you on her progress in your next Pupdate.**





## See how much Pudding has grown

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

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