



Pudding

Pudding's confidence
is growing

Pupdate 2

Welcome to your June Pupdate

I hope you are well and enjoying the start of summer. I'm sure you are looking forward to finding out the latest update from your sponsored puppy.

Your support is vital to help our future life changers complete their training and support a person with sight loss. We're proud to create so many partnerships through our guide dog and buddy dog schemes, and to be continuing this throughout 2022.

We really appreciate that the past few months have been really challenging in lots of ways, so we are so grateful that you have continued to support us by sponsoring a puppy. On behalf of everyone at Guide Dogs, I'd like to say a huge thank you.

Because of you and your amazing ongoing support, we can continue to make life-changing partnerships possible!

Yours sincerely,



Chris Allum

Puppy Sponsorship Manager



Out and about



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

Pudding’s confidence has grown over the past few months. She’s much more comfortable in busy environments but will look if there’s a sudden noise or large vehicle. She loves being out with my daughter’s dog Arden – they just go crazy together!

Being Pudding’s Puppy Raiser

Puppy raising is so rewarding especially when you see the new partnerships. Every pup is different and needs personal attention. You work at their speed. From the first time we went out together, Pudding has been really good. Even after some time out from training outside of the home when she was in season, I’ve not seen any set back in her progress.

A day in the life of Pudding

Generally Pudding will give me a nudge around 6.30am to say it’s time to get up! When it’s time for breakfast she sits and waits until she’s told it’s OK to eat. During the day, if we go shopping, she walks alongside the trolley; she’s really good in shops. We then may do a street walk or go for a free run. In the evening she’s really calm and will just lay down whilst we eat our dinner, normally on our feet! She likes to have some contact with us so she knows where we are and feels secure.

Pudding still loves to chase leaves, and generally isn't fussed by other animals except for squirrels and pigeons. She once went nose to nose with a squirrel the other side of the patio door! She tries to creep up on them slowly but they'll always get away easily.

New skills, sights and smells

Pudding has been learning new skills and experiencing new sights and smells too. When we go to the supermarket, Pudding now prefers the fish counter to the meat counter, following several trips to the local fish and chip shop! She will do some training at the supermarket and then gets some social time with the staff – they love her!

We often go on walks around town visiting various shops, where she is now very well known by locals. Pudding has been practising crossing roads and has also been practising lift and stair work which she has taken to really well.

Pudding has become a confident train traveller too. We tend to use the priority seats as there is more space. Before the train starts to move, Pudding will lie down and settle. She's also very happy in the car; she'll happily just jump in herself now.



Discover how Pudding is learning to navigate the supermarket. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or go to:

guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-pudding



I'm working on encouraging Pudding to be more patient when out and about. She's a very intelligent dog and enjoys mental stimulation; this means that she can often get bored and will bark.

In the home, I keep her entertained with stimulating toys but this is not always possible when out. We'll continue to work on this over the next few months.

Next steps

I'm really enjoying being Pudding's Puppy Raiser. I've just bought a National Trust annual pass so I'm looking forward to taking Pudding to some lovely grounds.

Thank you for sponsoring Pudding and I look forward to updating you about her progress in your next Pupdate!



Behind them every step of the way

A guide dog puppy's training journey could not have been possible without our fantastic volunteer puppy raisers. They do an incredible job of building the best foundation for our puppies before they head off to Guide Dogs Training School. One of the best parts of puppy raising is knowing that when the pup moves to training school, they will hopefully go on to change the life of someone with sight loss.

To find out what a day in the life of a Puppy Raiser is like, listen to Kirsty and Phil's experience at guidedogs.org.uk/puppyraiser



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