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a Puppy

# Rosie

Finding her feet

Pupdate 1

# Thank you

## for sponsoring Rosie



“ Hello, I’m  
Edith, Rosie’s  
Puppy Walker.  
Welcome to  
her first  
Pupdate! ”

I’ve had a long puppy walking experience with Guide Dogs since starting in the late 1970s when my kids were still in infant school; now my grandchildren are studying at university! One of the biggest rewards I’ve gained from puppy walking is that it awakened my interest in puppy training and I’ve received several qualifications as a result. It also gets me out and about, which is the perfect opportunity to meet lots of different people whilst staying active and healthy.

### **Making herself at home**

To help Rosie settle in easier, during the first few nights I gave her a big teddy dressed in my shirt with my scent on it. She simply cuddled up to it and slept through the night with no problems at all. Rosie is a really easy puppy to live with and train. She’s very affectionate but is also great at amusing herself with toys.

Being a typical Labrador, Rosie is quite food motivated, so she's particularly fond of toys that have dog biscuits in and she has to figure out how to get them out.

Rosie has a bit of a determined streak in her and always reminds me when it's getting close to supper! She comes over and stares at me as if she's saying, 'I know it's dinner time soon'.

## Valuable skills

When it comes to training, Rosie is very keen and quick to learn – she likes working. I've been taking her to puppy classes where she has been learning basic obedience skills, such as 'sit and 'down'. Rosie has also learnt the 'touch' command; this will be useful for her future owner when finding an empty seat on a bus or train.

During her free runs, Rosie loves playing with other dogs and can sometimes get a little distracted. I've been working on improving her recall and I'm pleased to see her progress already. She runs back quickly when called and stops right in front of me – luckily her 'brakes' are very good, and she doesn't slam into my legs!

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## The big wide world

As you can imagine, I had to alter my training methods with Rosie due to the social distancing guidelines put in place to help stop the spread of coronavirus. However, before the restrictions were put in place, I took Rosie to local shops and cafés and introduced her to public transport. I'm looking forward to continuing building on these areas once we are allowed to be out and about again.

**Thank you so much for sponsoring Rosie. Look out for your next Pupdate to see how she is progressing.**



## See how much Rosie has grown

We have been taking pictures of Rosie since she was born so you can see just how much she's changed. Please visit [guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-rosie](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-rosie) and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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