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Rosie

Preparing for
training school

Pupdate 3

Thank you

for sponsoring Rosie



“ Hello, it’s Edith here, Rosie’s Puppy Raiser. I’ve been preparing Rosie for Guide Dogs training school. ”

Rosie has been progressing nicely on her journey towards becoming a guide dog. I’m so proud to have witnessed her grow from a little pup into a lovely young lady. Rosie has become a lot more mature and I know she’ll soon be ready for the next step.

Sociable pup

Rosie often meets up for walks with her best friend, border collie Sammie. They always have so much fun rolling around together and licking each other’s faces – they really do love each other! Because of Rosie’s affectionate nature, she would sometimes get too excited around other dogs, but she’s gotten so much better during lockdown as she has had a lot of opportunities to practise walking past them.

Another milestone I’ve reached with Rosie is her happily staying downstairs by herself. I used to put up a stair gate at the bottom of the stairs to teach her this skill but now I don’t have to do that anymore!

Adjusting training

Throughout the year I had to adapt Rosie's training to the latest government guidelines, and she has coped really well. We've done a lot of lead walking and, being unable to visit new places, I tried to vary our routes to the town centre so that she can experience a change in environments.

We've practised a lot of obedience training in the garden, which includes retrieving toys. Funnily enough Rosie's not a very keen retriever – she'd fetch the toy a couple of times and get bored, so I end up fetching it myself!

Before we returned to using public transport, I was a little concerned how Rosie would react to trains because she hasn't seen or heard them for over six months. Turns out I needn't have worried as she seemed to continue from where we left off. First, we simply sat and watched the trains on the platform and then went on a short journey – Rosie didn't even blink an eye!

We've also resumed visiting cafés for a cuppa which is a great opportunity for Rosie to practise settling down. Previously, she'd sometimes get a little restless and like to keep an eye on the surroundings, but now she easily settles under the table and is so well behaved.

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See how Rosie has grown in her own video:

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

Bright future

Rosie has such a lovely temperament and is quite an adaptable dog, so I think she'd be a well-suited guide dog for almost anyone! She loves being petted and staying close to people which makes her the perfect companion. The house will definitely feel empty once she leaves, but I know this is part of her journey and she's going to achieve great things!

Thank you so much for sponsoring Rosie. Look out for your next Pupdate in June to see how she is progressing at training school.



Next step for Rosie – training school

Your donations could go towards helping pay for costs of a puppy moving to training school.

Training school items could include:

- £8** A collar for a working guide dog.
- £18** A harness handle.
- £25** An hour's training for a guide dog.



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