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a Puppy



# Rosie

Rosie is progressing  
at training school!

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# Rosie is on her way to becoming a guide dog



“ Hello, it’s Graham here, Rosie’s new Trainer. I’m pleased to tell you that Rosie is making good progress at training school! ”

I have been a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor since 1977, but took a short break in between, coming back last year. Over the years I’ve probably trained around 300 dogs. I enjoy being outside and working with both dogs and service users. Seeing a person with sight loss qualify with a guide dog is the best part for me.

Rosie is a little pocket dynamo once she gets going! She always keeps her focus which is a really nice thing. When she moved to advanced training in our London office, she settled really well. The environment is much noisier and busier - at first she was looking around a few times, but then she got used to it.

## Life at advanced training

Rosie has now mastered skills that she had been learning with her previous trainer, Emily. This includes kerb walks, visits to the café and harness walks. She has a very focused attitude to her training.

Currently, I am teaching Rosie to avoid solid obstacles, such as lamp posts, and on pavement blockages, such as roadworks or cars parked on the pavement. In busier places, I'm teaching Rosie to acknowledge that there's more people, so she needs to slow down, and when it gets less busy, she can speed up. Rosie is very responsive when I communicate with her; she understands and has a great willingness to learn new things.



Rosie has already been on a staycation in Surrey, where she experienced being around younger children. She was fantastic around them, which is really handy to know when looking for her potential owner. Rosie has a very excitable personality and always wants to be near you. I have a feeling that she will be with someone who is a fast walker. Rosie enjoys doing a lot and staying active, so someone who has a quite demanding commute would be great for her.



## Future plans

Rosie has had quite a few experiences on the Tube around central London, and she is good on them. The Northern line can be quite loud and rattly, so I'm going to focus on travelling quieter routes before reintroducing her to the noisier ones.



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Walking on and off escalators is another area I will need to focus on in the future, as she is not too sure about them yet!

Because we give the dogs choice, sometimes they can stop mid route. When this happens with Rosie, I try to come up with a strategy to overcome her uncertainties, such as varying the routes to the destination. I'll also be teaching Rosie to move around pavement blockages. Once she overcomes this behaviour, she'll be flying to her graduation!

**Rosie is a friendly, excitable dog. Look out for your next Pupdate to see how Rosie gets on with being matched!**



## 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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