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a Puppy

A close-up portrait of a golden retriever puppy. The puppy has light golden fur, floppy ears, and is looking upwards and to the left with a gentle expression. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting foliage.

# Ruby

Ruby's journey begins

Pupdate 1

# Thank you

## for sponsoring Ruby



**“ Hello, it’s Richard, Kay and Scout here, Ruby’s Puppy Walkers. We are excited to update you on what Ruby has been up to. ”**

We are a family of Puppy Walkers and our love for dogs emerged a few years ago whilst looking after our friends’ pups. Once we heard about Guide Dogs and got involved in puppy walking, we were amazed by how much professional support and guidance we’ve received. Ruby is the third puppy we have raised for Guide Dogs; her affectionate nature fits right in with us.

### **Finding her feet**

It took Ruby a few days to familiarise herself with the new surroundings, but she has settled in very well and quickly found herself at home. Although she absolutely loves being around people, she’s confident in her own company. Ruby has quite a playful personality and enjoys playing with her favourite toy – a blue dinosaur – as well as free running outside.

We live in an area where there is plenty of space for her to let off steam. Ruby has excellent recall and never goes far from us.

Ruby often attempts to help with the laundry by taking the socks out of the washing basket and running away with them - she thinks it's a game! We are trying to distract her with treats to prevent any further loss of socks and will let you know how it goes!

## Confident pup

We have been taking Ruby to regular puppy classes, where she's learning basic obedience skills such as 'sit' and 'stay'. We've noticed that she's a lot more confident with learning new commands than the previous dogs we've puppy walked, which is really promising! Recently, Ruby has been learning the 'heel' command, where she is taught to walk nicely alongside her handler.

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See how Ruby has grown in her own video:

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## Exploring the world

As Puppy Walkers it's our job to expose puppies to as many different sights, sounds and smells as possible which is known as socialisation.

Unfortunately, due to the impact of coronavirus and social distancing guidelines, we've had to overcome some extra challenges and adapt our training routine. But before the restrictions were put in place, we were taking Ruby with us everywhere including local shops, pubs and cafés and nothing seemed to faze her!

We also took Ruby out in the car on a number of occasions and she became the perfect travel companion.



Over the coming months, travel restrictions permitting, we will be introducing Ruby to buses and trains and we are confident she'll take it all in her stride.

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

## See how much Ruby has grown

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

To see your exclusive video, please visit **[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-ruby](https://guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-ruby)** and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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