

An unbreakable bond

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## Life together

I couldn't wait to update you about my journey with Rupert! Since the beginning of our fantastic adventure, my confidence has grown massively. He's my lovely little guide, and I can trust him completely.

Rupert has become an essential part of the family. He's always by my side, not only for long, energetic walks but also for restful moments together. We've built a close relationship, and he's bonding with my husband Simon, too. If Simon gets up earlier than me in the morning, Rupert will follow him downstairs to greet the day and wait for me to join them later.

Rupert's amazing, and his presence relaxes me very much. Even if things sometimes go wrong, I know everything will be fine because he's by my side.



## Out and about

Rupert's a very relaxed dog who can fall asleep easily, settling wherever I go. Yet, when he needs to wake up and start guiding me, he shifts gears instantly! He's very reliable on all our walking routes, always eager for me to teach him new ones. He guides me perfectly, and I know I can always rely on him.

Rupert has already saved me from a bad accident! We were at a pelican crossing, and the light was green for me to cross. I didn't notice that a bike was whizzing past so fast, so I gave the cue 'forward' to ask Rupert to start crossing. But rather than moving off as usual, he stayed focused and kept me safe. His amazing training has prepared him to make the right, lifesaving decisions.

One of the best things about having Rupert is that I can pack a lot of activities into one day, from having lovely walks to going to the gym, and the theatre, volunteering, running errands, and visiting friends. I can go everywhere, and he's not fazed.

Rupert and I often meet people on the street who stop for a chat; they always comment on how handsome he is. A friend of mine declared him the best guide he's ever seen walking with Rupert feels like strolling hand-in-hand with a celebrity!

## **Holidays with Rupert**

Rupert, Simon and I have travelled a lot together. We explored London for a weekend trip, and experienced the crowded pavements, bustling theatres, excellent restaurants and leisure centres.

Rupert has also bonded with my extended family in the North, as we've visited Manchester and Leeds. One of my favourite memories is our visit to Leeds with my sister Anna, who shares my genetic eye condition. She also has a guide dog, Finn, a friendly six-year-old German shepherd. We had a day exploring the historic Kirkstall Abbey and its museum together. What a great time we had! Rupert and Finn get along really well, which is lovely. My next trip will be to Wales to visit my parents and their two pet dogs. I can't wait!

Despite all our adventures, Rupert's true joy always lies in a good free run. He's zoomed through parks all over the country, happily getting as muddy as possible!

Thank you for sponsoring Rupert. Words can't express how grateful I am to have him by my side. He's my loyal companion, filling every day with joy and warmth. He's enriched my life beyond measure!



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Jane, Rupert's owner















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