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Sprout

Sprout's journey
has started!

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“ Hello, it’s Chrisi here, Sprout’s Puppy Raiser. ”

Sprout is the fourth puppy I have puppy raised. Being a Puppy Raiser brings you a tremendous amount of joy. It’s very rewarding as the pups can go on to change somebody’s life, so you get to see the difference your time and effort has made.

Sprout has a lot to live up to as our previous pup in training was a glorious dog who had a lot of character and went on to become a qualified guide dog. However, Sprout has been off to a great start, and I’m sure he’ll go above and beyond.

Sprout’s personality

Sprout is a very polite pup, which is a lovely trait to have. Although he has his excitable moments, he is generally very calm and good-mannered. When Sprout meets new people, he very rarely jumps up to say hello – which can be common for young pups. Instead, he shuffles on his bottom excitedly, as if to say, ‘I’m very happy to meet you!’.

When Sprout first came home he settled in very quickly. Like many puppies he would wake up early in the morning and bark as he wanted some company. However, he quickly got past this stage, and has continued to grow in confidence each day.

Sprout has a few favourite toys. Of course, he loves his sprout toy as it squeaks when he plays with it! He also loves any toy he can tug on. Lately, his new favourite toy is a squeaky squirrel; he loves all its different textures and enjoys playing tug of war with me.

New sights and sounds

Sprout's progressing nicely with his basic obedience skills; we've even been able to practise some of them in public spaces where we can. He's mastered the 'sit', 'down' and 'wait' commands. During trips to the supermarket he lies down nicely straight away when we're waiting in a queue. Sprout walks very well on his lead and doesn't pull at all; it really highlights his polite personality.

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See how Sprout has grown in his own video:

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Prior to lockdown we were able to take a trip to the Lake District. We were initially worried about Sprout travelling in the car, as it is quite a long journey, but he travelled really well.

This trip allowed us to introduce Sprout to new sights and sounds. He was able to see sheep, cows and swans for the first time!

Although Sprout has been on the village bus and has seen trams and trains go past, we're hoping to practise travelling on public transport more when it is safe to do so. Sprout's taken everything in his stride so far, so we're sure he'll be fine with everything he tries.

We can't wait to update you on Sprout's progress in your June Pupdate.



See how much Sprout has grown

We have been taking pictures and videos of Sprout since he was born so you can see just how much he's changed. To watch your exclusive video, please visit guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-sprout and if you'd like to hear more from Sponsor a Puppy, why not visit our social media pages.



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