



Alfie

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Pupdate 6

The perfect match

Michael and Alfie

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Hello, it's Michael here. Welcome to Alfie's final Pupdate. We are loving life together and I can't thank you enough for your support!

I've been registered blind since birth, and I have no vision remaining at all. My previous guide dog retired a couple of years ago and as

I had to wait a little while for Alfie, it reminded me of how life-changing and invaluable having a guide dog is. I couldn't have wished for a better guide dog than Alfie.

The world is my oyster

Thanks to my wonderful Alfie, I can now get out and about confidently. My wife no longer worries about my safety if I venture out on my own and I can't put into words how incredible it is to have my independence back. So many people comment on how great we look together – they say 'Oh! Such a beautiful boy!' – and so I ask them if they mean me or the dog, ha-ha!



Alfie and I have been practicing my regular routes, walking around the shops and through the local town. We both enjoy the exercise and it gives us both a good stretch! I've been very careful not to overwhelm Alfie with lots of new routes so far, but soon we will start to venture out on more bus journey's together so that I can meet family and friends who live further afield.

It's such an incredible feeling knowing that I can wake up in the morning and have the opportunity to go anywhere I want. Thanks to Alfie, the world is my oyster again!

Funny quirks

Alfie has such a great personality and it has been wonderful getting to know him. He loves his toys and we always enjoy a good game of tug of war together. For his birthday I bought him a squeaky rabbit which became a firm favourite and he started to take it to bed with him every night!

One evening my wife went downstairs to make a drink and Alfie seemed a little unsettled, so she let him out... he ran straight into the living room and grabbed his toy rabbit, which he had clearly forgotten to take to bed with him! I love all the different traits and quirks that make up my Alfie, I wouldn't change him for the world.

Family dog

Alfie has a way about him that draws people in, and everybody adores him. I have been overwhelmed with the love my family and friends have for Alfie. We recently visited my daughter's house for a big family get together, there were lots of people, noise and plenty of food but he settled down, enjoyed the attention and remained calm throughout. His cheeky side came through though when he sneakily stole the toys from my daughter's pet dog, which made us all laugh!

**For more photos and a video of Michael and Alfie,
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I recently went on a family holiday to Center Parcs, but I decided that Alfie should also have a holiday and a break from guiding. He stayed with my daughter whilst we were away, and he



got spoilt with lots of free runs and cuddles.

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Broadening our horizons

I can't wait to start exploring further afield with Alfie and broaden our horizons together. I'm excited to start learning more routes and using public transport a lot more. I have complete faith that Alfie will get me from a to b.

I hope you've enjoyed following Alfie's journey and watching him grow from a tiny puppy into an incredible life changing guide dog. Thanks to Alfie, your ongoing support, and Guide Dogs I have complete independence again and I can't thank you enough.



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