



# Hello, it's Sylvia and Michael, Berry's Puppy Walkers. We're here to update you on the beautiful Berry.

Berry has a fantastic and loving nature. She's settled perfectly into our daily routine and her confidence has grown tremendously. Whatever new challenge or situation comes her way, she embraces it and goes with the flow.

Berry adores people and is always ready for a cuddle.

People always call her beautiful and comment on how soft and shiny her coat is and of course, she absolutely loves the attention. Whenever she sees people her entire body wriggles in excitement - she is a popular girl!

## Improving concentration

Every day we run through the basic obedience skills such as sit, down and stay; and I'm pleased to say Berry is mastering them all and has now progressed to the older puppy training class. We are currently working on improving Berry's focus and concentration when other dogs are around, as she loves other dogs and can become easily distracted by them.









#### Sights and smells

As well as visiting lots of supermarkets and cafes, we've been exposing Berry to many different sights and smells. This will help build her confidence for when she comes across new situations in the future. We've visited Dover castle and the beach, where Berry loved chasing the seagulls! We also came across some horses whilst walking in a country park and Berry wasn't fazed at all. She's a great travel

companion and has got the hang of travelling in cars, buses and trains. We are hoping she will continue to take everything in her stride as she moves into early training.

Berry's also become a bit of a fundraiser for Guide Dogs! (Continued overleaf)



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She comes with me to all the fundraising events I take part in and meets lots of people during the bucket collections.

### Berry's little quirks

We haven't had a puppy for a few years and Berry really has reawakened us to how cheeky and funny puppies are! She can be a bit crafty and when she thinks you aren't looking, she will wriggle her way across the floor to another dog or toy, which makes us laugh.

Berry still loves her teddy bear and the rubber chicken toy is another one of her favourites. She runs around with it in her mouth, luckily for us it doesn't squeak anymore!

#### **Exciting times ahead for Berry**

Berry will soon be going off to training school to continue her life-changing journey. Thank you so much for sponsoring Berry, look out for her next Pupdate in October.

# Next stop for Berry – early training

Your donations can help to pay for an 'Off to School Kit', which costs £50 for a puppy moving into their first stage of training. An 'Off to School Kit' includes: £5.50 £26 £14 £4 A whistle A stretchy A training A grooming adjustable to teach lead and kit and collar plus recall a health yagug a leather and other walking record buckle collar commands lead book

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