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Pupdate 5

Berry continues training

Preparing for a new owner

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Hi, I'm Kat, Berry's trainer. I'm preparing her to be matched with a new owner!

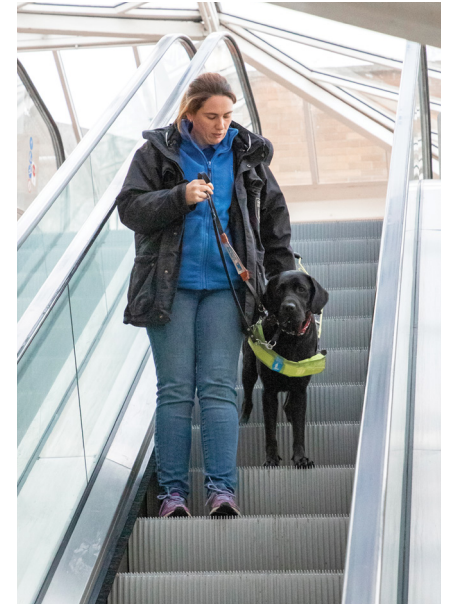
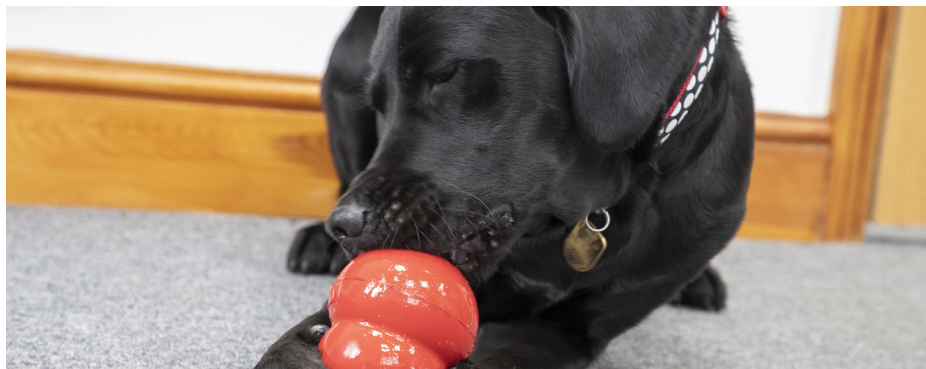
Berry has been such a pleasure to take through guide dog training. She's such a happy girl and is so willing to learn new skills, especially when a food reward is involved!

As Berry is coming to the end of her training she has now mastered the skills needed

to be a successful guide dog. She can negotiate all obstacles in our path, both high and low, and is brilliant at signalling kerbs. This makes her very reliable when crossing busy roads. I'm so proud of her and can't wait to see her become a qualified guide dog!

Hustle and bustle

I've been exposing Berry to busy environments to develop her confidence further. She isn't fazed in the slightest by the hustle and bustle of the busy London Underground – no easy feat for anyone! Many dogs tend to rush through the crowds, but Berry remains calm, takes her time and will make sure I'm keeping up with her. She is a brilliant



travelling companion, guiding me successfully on both the train and bus.

I've also been focusing on improving Berry's food manners as sometimes she can be so excited that she grabs the treat quite quickly. I'm teaching her to be more patient and to take the treat gently.

New skills

Berry has mastered using an escalator, which not every dog can manage.

I first introduced Berry to a stationary one so that she could get used to it slowly. I then spent time building a positive association with them, praising and rewarding Berry with lots of food treats before asking her to guide me on a moving escalator.

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She loves her food so much that she looks forward to going on them as she knows she will get something tasty!

The perfect match?

Berry is confident in busy environments and could suit a variety of lifestyles, which can be hard to find in a dog. We have been looking for the perfect match for Berry and we think we have found a potential owner, which is very exciting! Soon they will begin partnership training to evaluate whether their partnership could be a success.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Berry; she will be

changing someone's life very soon and she couldn't have achieved this without your support. Look out for your next Pupdate in October to meet her new owner.



See how much Berry has grown

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

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