

# Bolt

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**Hello my name is Lesley and I'm Bolt's new Puppy Walker. I've trained 13 guide dog pups now, and I'm delighted to say that Bolt has settled in really well and is taking everything in his stride.**

## Discovering new places

When Bolt first arrived we started with training trips to the supermarket. Now he's visited garden centres, coffee shops and has made regular trips with us to the hospital, which is quite testing for a new pup due to the different floor surfaces they come across.

Bolt has also got used to travelling on the bus, where he loves being fussed over! Soon, we are going to take him on a trip to our local airport where he'll encounter lots of new sights and sounds which will be good training



for him. At the moment, the sound of loud music and the Hoover are the only things that have bothered Bolt, but he is learning to get used to them.

## New training skills

Bolt has learnt the basic obedience skills such as 'sit' and 'stay', and to walk on the left hand side. He has also learnt to whistle feed (where he waits to eat his dinner until he hears

the whistle). This will help him to understand whistle commands later on in his training. One crucial skill Bolt needs to get the hang of is walking in a straight line, and to stop meandering in between our legs!

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This may be a skill that people take for granted but guide dogs need to learn to walk in a straight line so they don't trip up their future guide dog owners.

### **Bolt's personality is shining through**

Bolt is a confident and playful pup which is lovely to see, especially when he's with other dogs; he doesn't even have to know the dogs to want to play with them! He is such a cuddly, laid back pup and always likes to be close to us. He loves his free runs and on his first one, he got so filthy I had to hose him down afterwards. He'll sometimes now use the paddling pool to cool down after a free run too!

Bolt is doing so well and happily responds to commands, especially when treats are involved, so I'm looking forward to updating you on his progress in your next Pupdate in February.



### **See how much Bolt has grown**

We have been taking videos of Bolt since he was six weeks old so you can see just how much he's changed.

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