

Bolt

GUIDE
DOGS



Pupdate 3

Training School

The next stage of training

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Hi I'm Sam, Bolt's Early Trainer. I'm pleased to say Bolt has made it to training school and we are having a blast!

My job is to make training an exciting experience for my pups and that's not difficult when you have a dog like Bolt! This loveable boy has such a laid-back nature and is the cuddliest dog I've ever had.

Making impressions

I spent the first few weeks visiting Bolt to build a bond.

After lots of cuddles, toys and feeding him, it didn't take long for him to associate me with lots of fun. Now when I arrive his tail wags so much I think it might fall off! It's great that Bolt associates our time together training as something so positive. It helps to ensure that we are as productive as possible.

Bolt's made a big impression on everyone here, especially on one of our retired guide dogs who had developed a slight fear of other dogs. Bolt's easy-going attitude helped build her confidence and she's now found a new home as a result!

Venturing out

Bolt took to wearing the guide dog harness quickly and loves the obstacle course. We've been out and

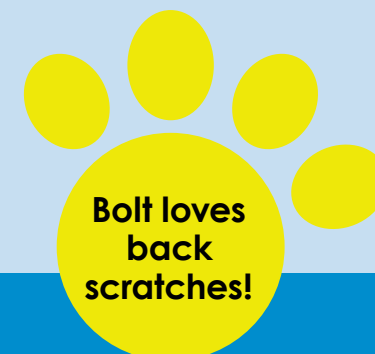


about to residential areas, cafes and supermarkets.

The world is such an exciting place to Bolt and he can lose focus easily. I'm working on developing his concentration as other dogs, cats and even plastic bags can distract him! When he is focused he is very bright and picks things up quickly and so I keep our training sessions short and sweet to make the most of these moments.

I'm also teaching Bolt to sit at kerbs by giving him lots of praise when he sits next to one. Bolt is fantastic on buses and trains, and we will soon try the tube for the first time.

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I'm looking forward to seeing this cheeky chap develop his skills.

A day in the life of Bolt

Our morning starts with a harness walk to practice Bolt's skills. At lunchtime, we relax together in the office where Bolt snoozes and listens to the radio. By the afternoon we are raring to go again and we tackle the obstacle course together or go through basic obedience. I also reserve some time for free runs

and cuddles - it's important not to be all work and no play! Bolt adores his kennel mate Rowley, the black Labrador. They love playing and racing around together.

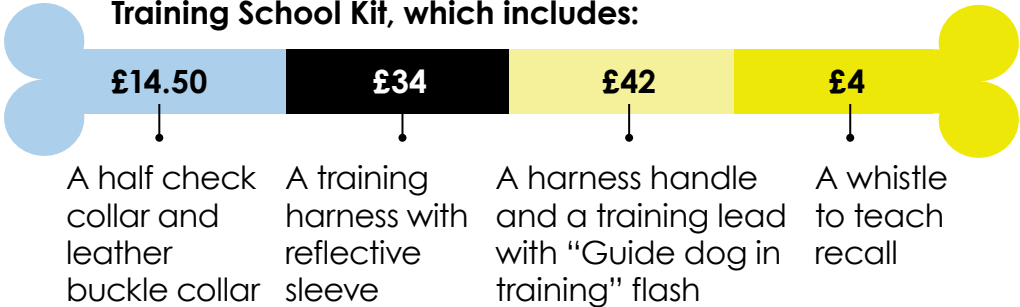
Thank you so much for sponsoring Bolt.

Bolt is such a joy to train and I'm delighted to have him as part of my pack. Look out for your next Pupdate in October!

Next stop for Bolt - advanced training

The cost of training a guide dog is **£34,100**. Part of this cost is an **Advanced Training School Kit** which costs £95; this enables our trainers to teach pups the skills they need to become a guide dog.

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