

# Buddy

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**Pupdate 1**

**The first steps**

**Buddy's new adventure**

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## Hi I'm Gulcem, Buddy's Puppy Walker. Welcome to his first Pupdate!

Buddy is my fourth guide dog puppy and I must say, he's the best so far! He settled in very quickly, and has been amazing from the moment he arrived. He is a very obedient boy, which makes training so much easier!

### Life at home

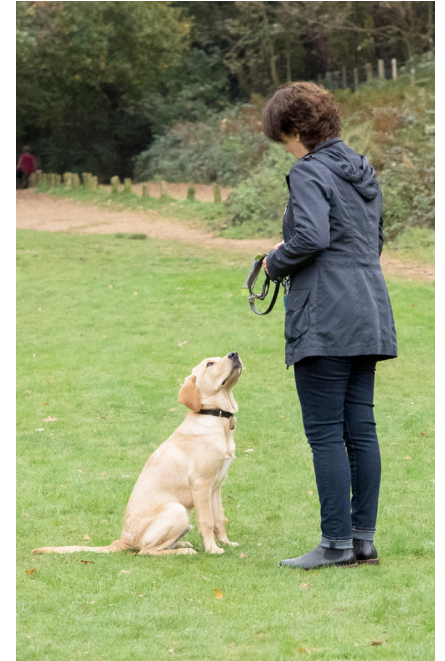
Buddy loves his comfy crate and takes himself off to it



when he wants to sleep. It's great for him to have his own space to relax and regain his energy for the next day. He makes me laugh too, as he sits patiently by his bowl the moment it's dinner time; his body clock must be spot on!

### Learning new skills

I take Buddy to puppy class every week, and so far he has learnt to 'sit', 'go down', 'come', 'take' and 'leave'. His next challenge will be to learn the 'onto the bed' command which will be very useful to his future owner. You can really tell that Buddy loves his training. His recall is particularly brilliant; he always comes back to me when he's out free running! He is such an obedient and calm boy, which are both



very important traits for a guide dog.

### Discovering new sights and smells

An important part of Buddy's training is to experience lots of new environments. This will help build his confidence when he encounters new sights and smells in the future. It also involves getting used to different modes of transport, so that his future owner can be free to travel.

Fortunately, Buddy loves the car! He's also travelled on buses and trains and settled very quickly, even with all the attention people gave him (he's quite a celebrity in our area)!

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When Buddy's out, it's important he learns to not be distracted by birds or other animals. So, as part of his training, we'll often sit at the riverside together and watch the world go by. Buddy particularly loves to watch the ducks and swans!

## Making friends

Buddy has regular playdates with other local guide dog puppies, which he enjoys very much. He's always very friendly and approachable to dogs of all shapes and sizes. He does have a best friend; a beautiful flat coat retriever cross named

Toby, and they even share the same birthday!

## Thank you for sponsoring Buddy

Your support means so much and I can't wait for you to see Buddy's progress in his next Pupdate in June!



## See how much Buddy has grown

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