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Growing and maturing

Getting ready for training school

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Hello, it's Jill here, Fletcher's Puppy Walker. I've been preparing him for the next chapter in his journey – training school.

It has been an absolute pleasure to be Fletcher's Puppy Walker. He has such a curious nature which has taught me to notice the small things, such as a bumblebee landing on a flower or a plane in the sky. I've loved seeing the world through his eyes and watching him experience things for the first time.

Noises? No problem!

Fletcher has now mastered all the basic obedience commands that he learnt at puppy class. I've been spending time refining them and building his social skills, such as making sure he doesn't jump up at guests when he greets them. It has been wonderful to watch him mature and start to make decisions for himself. For example, when we approach a pedestrian crossing, he will slow down, waiting for my command.

I'm pleased to say Fletcher is slowly overcoming his sensitivity to strange noises. The odd motorbike or car engine can still worry him, but when this happens, I distract him to keep him moving and reward him for doing so.



We recently stayed in a cottage with an enclosed garden next to a main road. Fletcher took a little bit of time to get used to the noise but after a few days he was lying out in the sun unfazed by the traffic whizzing past.

I'm sure that his confidence will continue to grow and he will take the challenges of training school in his stride.

Word hard, play hard

Fletcher still loves tug of war but has developed a new love for retrieving toys. He'll sit patiently by the toy box, waiting for someone to throw a toy for him!

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My grandchildren love playing this game and he's so gentle with them. Developing his retrieving skills will be useful for his future owner, as he can bring objects back to them directly, when required.

Travel companion

It's important our dogs are confident in all modes of transport so that they can provide total freedom to their future owner, no matter how they choose to travel.

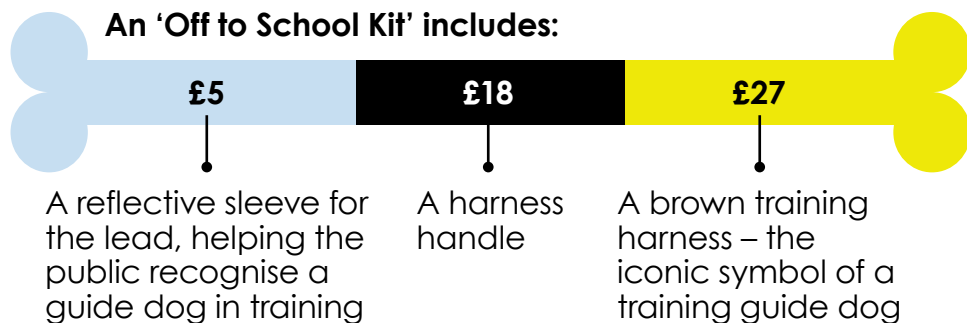
I've continued to expose Fletcher to buses and trains and we recently took him on a 4-hour coach journey; a valuable experience as this was a new mode of transport for him. He was very well behaved and loved all of the attention from the coach driver and passengers!

I'm so proud to have been a part of Fletcher's journey. Look out for your next Pupdate in February to see how he's getting on at training school.

Next stop for Fletcher – training school

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