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**Hi I'm Sandie, Libby's Early Trainer. I'm pleased to say Libby has made it to training school.**

My job is to make training a fun and enjoyable experience for my pups. I spent the first few weeks building a bond with Libby and helping her settle. After lots of cuddles and plenty of playtime with her favourite toys, she has begun to focus on training. The squeaky pheasant is her favourite toy and it comes along to all of our training sessions!

Libby is a beautiful dog, with such a gentle nature. She trains with me during the day, but in the evening she goes to stay with her boarders, Liz and Barry. They absolutely adore Libby and have even mentioned that—within the ten years that they have boarded—she is their favourite!

## Venturing out

As Libby has just started early training, we haven't yet ventured out on to public transport and instead are focussing on basic obedience. Fiona, Libby's Puppy Walker, did an amazing job socializing and training Libby and it really shows. Libby's recall is brilliant, she is very sociable and settles nicely in public places. She has also adjusted nicely to wearing



her harness. At first, she was not too keen, but would follow her squeaky pheasant toy into the harness! She is now accustomed to it which is great.

Libby has also mastered the step command, which is when a guide dog puts their front paws on the first step to indicate to their owner that they have reached stairs.

## A day in the life of Libby

I pick Libby up from Liz and Barry's at 9am, to go to the

training centre. Our morning starts onsite where we practise 'house obedience' by walking through the building, recognising door entrances and stairs.

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We also try the obstacle course, which helps Libby learn how to bend left or right to avoid obstacles.

At lunchtime, Libby relaxes with another Golden Retriever in-training, Lucy. They have become great friends and I often find them lying together. By the afternoon we are raring to go again and we head off-site to walk around the quieter residential streets. Afterwards we enjoy a free run at a nearby common, which has the most

beautiful open space. Libby loves her free runs and enjoys playing with her toys too! Finally, Libby goes back home to Liz and Barry for a well-deserved rest and lots of cuddles.

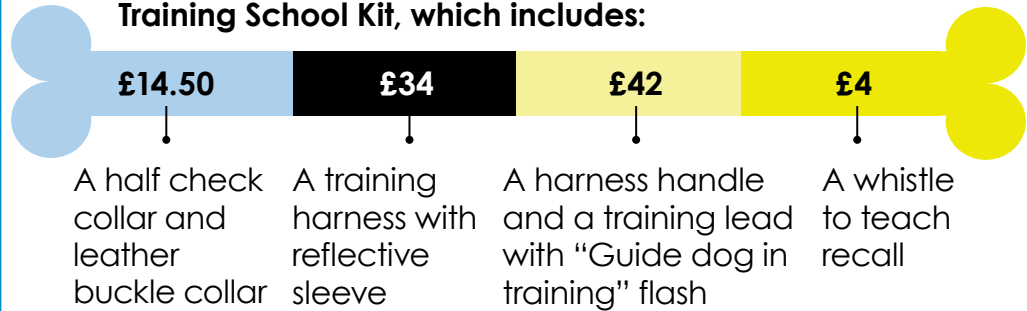
**Thank you so much for sponsoring Libby.**

Libby is such a gentle, playful and attentive pup. It won't be long before she progresses to advanced training, so look out for your next Pupdate in October!

**Next stop for Libby - advanced training**

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