



Hi, it's Milly here, Libby's owner. Welcome to her final Pupdate! I'm excited to tell you what we have been up to.

I was born with a genetic condition, causing my sight to gradually deteriorate over time and today I only have some central vision remaining in my left eye. Before Libby came into my life I used a white cane to get around which I found quite difficult and my family would worry about me if I ever travelled anywhere by myself.

I now have so much confidence when venturing out on my own, knowing that Libby is right there by my side. Now, my mum can relax when I'm on my way to school or the gym, and I love having my own independence.

My family has been such a support to me and I am so thankful to them. We are quite a big family as I am the youngest of four children and Libby loves this as there is no shortage of cuddles for her!

An incredible bond

I didn't think it was possible, but over the last few months I feel that the bond Libby and I share has grown even stronger. Libby is much cheekier than she was at first though, as she knows she is cute and can use it to get away with anything. Libby has even charmed one of our cats and I often find them cuddled up in the dog bed together which is so cute.

Out and about

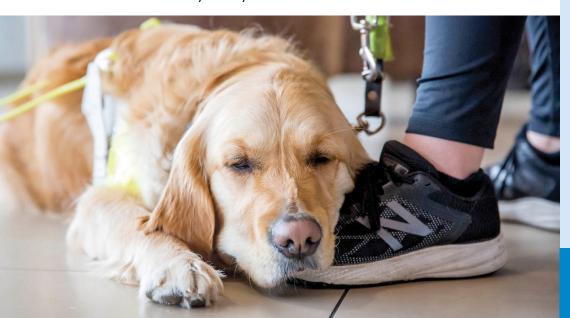
Libby is so used to coming to the gym with me that every time we leave the house she assumes that is where we are going! She lays patiently next to the equipment whilst I train and is as good as gold. I recently tried cycling in the velodrome in London in which I went on the back of a bike with a guide. I absolutely loved it and I've added it to my list of future aspirations as a Paralympian!

Libby recently came with us to the beach for a family day out. We found it very odd as she doesn't usually like water but she loved the sea and rolling about in the sand. We brought a frisbee for her to play with but she couldn't figure out how to use it!

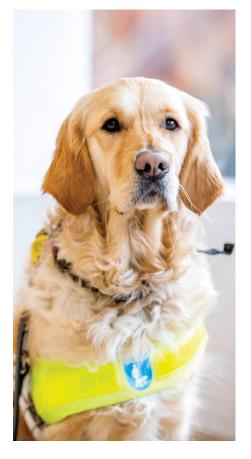
The next chapter

I'm off to college in September and Libby will be coming with me. We've spent a few weekends there to get Libby used to the new environment. She really enjoys her visits and I know she will be able to guide me confidently around campus. Libby will be the best sidekick to have with me and a great way to make new friends, as everyone always wants to say hello to her!

I don't let my sight condition hold me back. It's part of me and it's who I am as a person. I wouldn't choose any other life than the one I have today as then I might



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not have Libby and she truly is my best friend. I am so thankful to have her in my life.

I hope you've enjoyed following Libby's journey and watching her grow from a tiny, fluffy puppy into an incredible life-changing guide dog. She has changed my life for the better and I can't thank you enough for your support.











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