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Lily

Lily takes everything  
in her stride

Pupdate 3

# Welcome to your February Pupdate

**I do hope you and your family had a lovely Christmas and New Year.**

As we try to return to normality and adapt to the new world that we find ourselves in following the turbulence of the last two years, our wonderful trainers and volunteer Puppy Raisers have dedicated themselves to helping our puppies on their journeys to become life-changing guide dogs. They continue to learn and progress, and we're so proud of how they have been doing in their training so far, and we're excited to find out where they'll go next. I hope that you enjoy your Pupdate, finding out what your wonderful puppy has been up to for the last few months.

I'd like to thank you so much for supporting us by sponsoring a puppy. We need people like you to be able to change the lives of people with sight loss, and we couldn't be Guide Dogs without you.

Yours sincerely,



**Chris Allum**

Puppy Sponsorship Manager





# Thank you

for sponsoring Lily



“Hello, its Carole here, Lily’s Puppy Raiser. I’ve been preparing Lily for Guide Dogs Training School.”

Lily is the first German Shepherd puppy I have raised and by far the most loveable and affectionate. She adores people and they can’t help but fall in love with her!

## Life at home

Lily is a pleasure to have around. She loves to play in the garden with my retired guide dog Ursi but when he has had enough, she is more than happy to play on her own.

There were some fireworks in our area recently, and after investigating the noise, Lily settled herself and went to sleep. For most pups this can be a daunting experience, but Lily took it all in her stride!

Recently Lily has been in season, so I’ve been spending a lot of time at home with her practising her obedience skills, keeping her mind active by playing enrichment games, and having play time. Lily’s favourite enrichment activity is her Kong toy; once she works out how to get the food out it makes her so happy! One of her favourite toys to play with is her purple octopus soft toy – she will happily play fetch with it all day. Before her season, Lily and I were going out lots and now that she’s finished, I will be gradually getting her out and about once more.

## Getting out and about

Since our last Pupdate, Lily and I have been able to explore new places and encounter unfamiliar smells and sounds.

I took Lily to a large, outdoor event which had live music, market stalls and lots of hustle and bustle. She was amazing, nothing seemed to faze her!

Over the festive season I had a lot of fundraising events and Lily loved it. She loves meeting people, especially when it means she gets lots of fuss and attention – her favourite!

Lily is great when travelling. She is confident on the bus and settles nicely in the car. I haven't taken her on a train journey yet, but she has been practising getting on and off a carriage. Lily was completely unfazed by the gap, getting on and off without any issues. I'm hoping to take her on a train journey soon and I'm confident she will take it all in her stride.



See the progress that Lily has been making using public transport:

[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-lily](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-lily)



## Looking ahead

Lily's dog distraction is something I have been working on with her and she has made great progress. She is no longer distracted by dogs on the opposite side of the road, and I'm working on keeping her focused when dogs are on the same footpath. I am pleased with the progress we are making.

Recently Lily has been struggling with sensitivity on her back, meaning sometimes she is unable to wear her puppy coat. I will be working on this over the next few months, ensuring she is happy and comfortable.

**Find out how Lily is progressing in her next Pupdate!**






Thanks to your amazing support, you are helping puppies like Lily move to training school and learn from our guide dog trainers, who will teach them the specialist skills they need as fully qualified guide dogs.


**Your sponsorship donations contribute towards equipment for a new pup in training, costs which can include:**


**£8** A collar for a working guide dog.

**£18** A harness handle.

**£25** An hour's training for a guide dog.

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