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Dear Mrs Leverett,

**Thank you for following Lola's journey!**

Welcome to Lola's final Pupdate! I hope you and your family are well and enjoying the lovely warmer weather. We can't thank you enough for your ongoing support and for helping people with sight loss to live the life they choose.

We hope you've enjoyed following Lola's journey over the past two years. Whilst we have a world-class breeding and training programme with one of the highest partnership success rates in the world, for some of our four-legged family, guiding is simply not the right career for them. Since your last Pupdate, we've made the very difficult decision to take Lola out of the guide dog training programme. This isn't a decision we take lightly, but we hope you understand that her well-being and the safety of our future guide dog owners are our top priorities.

Lola's trainer Liz previously explained that Lola is a sensitive girl and had some confidence issues when out on training walks. Although Lola had made some improvements, she still lacked the motivation and confidence to guide consistently. Liz also found that Lola had become increasingly distracted by noise during her walks and would lose her focus whilst guiding. If she were to continue training and be matched to a person with a visual impairment, we're not confident that Lola could keep them safe whilst out and about.

Lola was carefully considered for an alternative career as a buddy dog, but as she is a quiet dog who prefers things on her terms and can take some time to form a connection with people, it was felt that a buddy dog career wasn't going to be right for her. Although this isn't the news you were expecting, this is the best decision for Lola. She is currently living with her wonderful fosterers, and our rehoming team are vetting rehoming applicants. We're confident she will have her forever home soon, and we'll send you an update as soon as she's settled with her new family.

For more information about Sponsor a Puppy, visit us online at [guidedogs.org.uk/puppy](https://guidedogs.org.uk/puppy). From everyone here at Guide Dogs, thank you again for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

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