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# Murphy

Murphy is continuing  
to learn new skills

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 Murphy



“Hello, it's Shirley and David here, Murphy's Puppy Raisers. We are excited to update you on his progress.”

Murphy has a very sweet, loveable personality but he has a cheeky side too! He loves meeting new people; especially when it means he gets extra fuss and attention. People just love him!

## Home life

Murphy is great to have at home. He loves to play with our pet dogs and even shares his favourite soft toys with them! One of Murphy's quirks is carrying a toy in his mouth. He loves to proudly present it to us when we have been out – it's a lovely way to be welcomed home!

He is such an inquisitive dog, one of our favourite things about him is his love for sitting at the back door and watching the birds in the garden. He could happily sit there for hours.

One of Murphy's favourite things to do is running on a hilly field near us. As soon as we take the lead off, he races up the hill, although it isn't long before he comes back to check we are keeping up. Murphy makes new friends easily; we love watching him play. His recall skills are brilliant, and he comes back with no problem when we call him – it's wonderful to see his progress.



## Advancing his skills

To prepare Murphy for training school we have been working with some local puppy raisers. They have been taking Murphy out for walks to help him learn to follow cues from other people. This will be helpful when he goes to training school as he may need to learn skills from more than one trainer. He has been brilliant, as we knew he would be!

Murphy has grown out of his teenage phase and is doing really well. To build his confidence we have been visiting different towns and cities by public transport to help him get used to the noises and busy environments. He takes everything in his stride, and nothing fazes him!

We attended a local dog show which was a great experience for Murphy with lots of distractions to overcome. He was a little excited when we arrived but soon settled and calmly took in his surroundings. He walks brilliantly on the loose lead – it's been so rewarding seeing him develop.



See the progress that Murphy has been making on public transport:

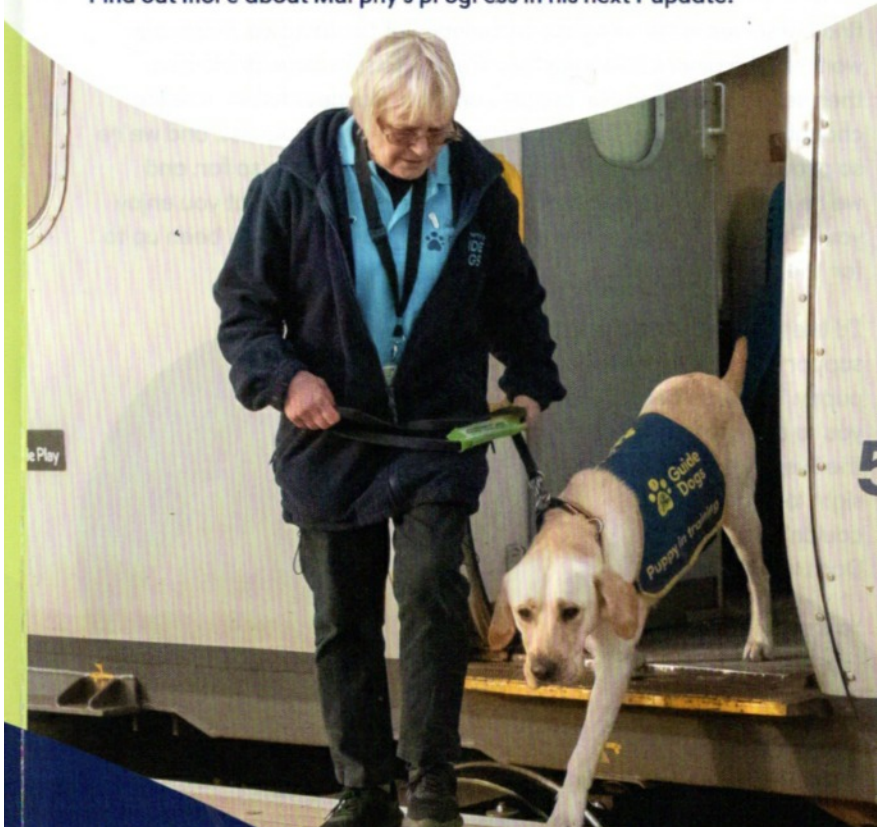
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## Looking forward

Murphy can be distracted by other animals like cats and squirrels so we will be working on this. We live near puppy raisers who have cats and have been visiting regularly to help Murphy get used to them. He has made great progress already!

Murphy is such an active dog so we think he would be best paired with someone who likes to go out a lot and has a busy lifestyle. Although we will miss him greatly when he goes to training school, we know he'll be absolutely brilliant and will make someone very happy one day.

**Find out more about Murphy's progress in his next Pupdate!**







Thanks to your amazing support, you are helping puppies like Murphy 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:**


**£18** A collar for a working guide dog.

**£18** A harness handle.

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

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