

Bella

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Pupdate 1

The adventure begins

Bella settles in

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Curious girl

I have four children and they are besotted with Bella, so she is never short of company and cuddles! They like to spend time grooming her, which she adores. She is very curious and likes to be part of everything we do. We have two house rabbits which she likes to sit and watch, although I am sure she is just wanting to get to their food!

Bella has endless energy and is super playful. Her favourite toys are George the giraffe and a green fluffy hippo. Tug of war is the game she likes to play the most! We are so lucky to have such an affectionate puppy, she loves cuddling up to us or lying on our feet to fall asleep!

Hello, I'm Vicky, Bella's Puppy Walker. This lovely girl has settled in with me and my family and has started her journey to become a guide dog.

We are first time puppy walkers for Guide Dogs but I've grown up around dogs. Bella is such a good-natured girl and a wonderful first dog to welcome into our family home.



Puppy pals

We often meet up with a group of first time puppy walkers. It's lovely to have a support network around us and of course, Bella loves playing with her puppy pals! We meet up regularly with Dotty the yellow Labrador and Hayden the black Labrador; they run around together and have so much fun!

Bella walks nicely on the lead and is brilliant at recall,

always coming back to me when I blow the whistle. I've been teaching her basic commands such as 'sit', 'stand' and 'down'. Thankfully she is driven by her stomach and so will do anything for a treat!

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As Bella is so friendly her dog distraction is quite high as she loves to say hello to other dogs. We are working on this together and I praise her lots when she stays focused on me.

Experiencing the world

Bella joined me to watch a half marathon and she wasn't fazed by the crowds of people and the runners going past. She is a very courageous puppy and is never bothered by loud noises such as ambulances or busy traffic.

Bella is getting used to travelling by car and soon we will venture out to try the bus and train

together. We've walked around lots of local shops and soon we will visit a big shopping centre which will be a good experience for Bella.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Bella. I'm so excited to share her progression with you. Look out for your next Pupdate in February.



See how much Bella has grown

We have been taking pictures of Bella since she was born so you can see just how much she's changed.

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