



Cally's adventures continue...

We went to visit Cally a couple weeks before her move to training school to find out what she had been up to with her puppy walkers Lorna and Stephen. We think that Cally is going to turn out to be a great guide dog!

We went to the supermarket with Cally and she was very much on her best behaviour. "Cally is a superstar. Stephen takes her to the shops once a week and every time if he says to her 'wait' and puts the lead down next to her, she will stay in that position," smiled Lorna.

Cally has been very lucky as Lorna is a trainer at Guide Dogs puppy classes so Cally has had the best of training: "I always bring my dogs with me to class and Cally loves being around the other dogs. She gets excited but she is really calm also," said Lorna. Lorna has walked over 25 puppies for Guide Dogs and always has two dogs at a time so Cally has furry friends to play with when she is not training.

"If someone was to ask me who Cally would be best paired with I would say someone who is possibly older, who likes to pop to the shops but in the afternoon likes to relax by the fire. Saying that though, she is such a lovely dog she would be suited to any owner," said Lorna.

We are so proud of how Cally is progressing and we cannot wait to hear about all the new things she will have learnt at Guide Dogs Training School in her next Pupdate.



My best skill... obedience

"Cally is so obedient, when we say a command she will always respond and she is always alert," smiled Lorna. This is a great skill to have and will be important when Cally is paired with her guide dog owner.

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Buddy dogs haven't quite made the grade to become qualified guide dogs, but they can still help young people by increasing their confidence and communication skills.

Five-year-old Oliver has complex disabilities including a visual impairment and mobility problems. In 2013 Oliver was partnered with buddy dog Lucy, she's already had a big impact on Oliver's life. His mum, Sarah, explains "Due to his disability Oliver wasn't able to express his love for anyone. On the day that Lucy arrived he hugged her and said 'I love you Lucy, you are my sweetheart'. We feel privileged to witness this remarkable friendship grow and watch Oliver's personality unfold."



Oliver and Lucy

My Guide

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Tim and his My Guide Richard

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Puppy walking continues



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