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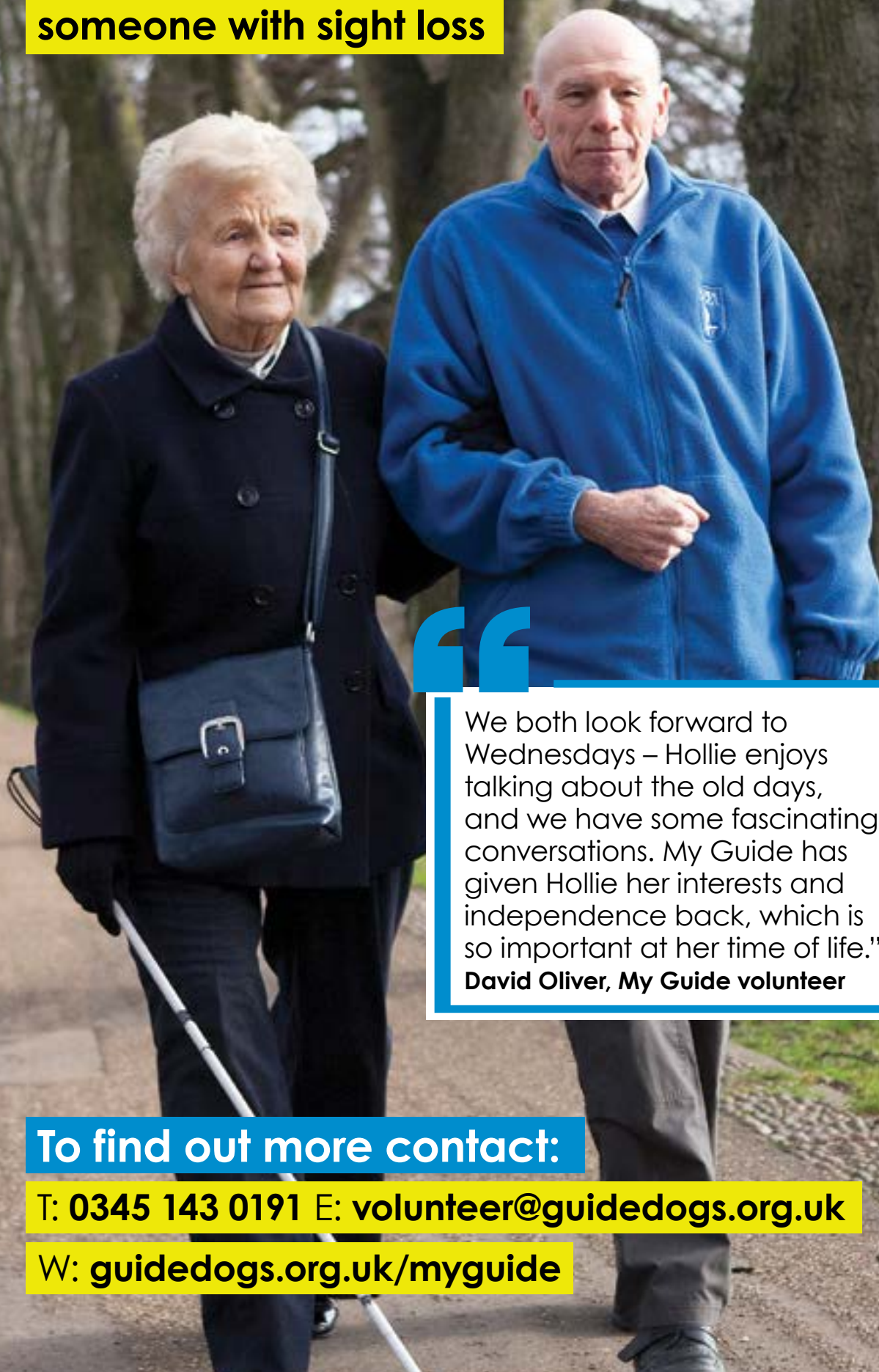
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We both look forward to Wednesdays – Hollie enjoys talking about the old days, and we have some fascinating conversations. My Guide has given Hollie her interests and independence back, which is so important at her time of life.”

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Chief Executive's welcome



Thank you for welcoming me so warmly to Guide Dogs.

I've had such an incredibly busy autumn getting to know you all that it's hard to believe I've already been leading Guide Dogs for just over two months. I've really enjoyed meeting so many staff, volunteers, trustees and some of the people who use our services at our mobility teams and training schools across the UK.

I've recognised how important it is to listen, learn and really get to understand this inspirational charity in

my first months. It has been incredibly rewarding to meet so many dedicated, passionate people, as well as gaining an insight into the things that matter to people in their day-to-day work and in their volunteering, and seeing the differences our services make. It's really helped me to understand why, when I was out on the streets with our guide dog trainers, we have 'Life changers on board' written on the side of our vans.

We're doing more now than ever before to help people who are blind or partially sighted gain freedom and independence. Learning everything I have so far about Guide Dogs reinforces my determination to make this charity the very best it can be for everyone. I hope you'll join me on my mission.

It's a great honour to write my first welcome in Forward magazine and I hope you enjoy this edition. If you'd like

to hear more from me, you can keep up with the very latest on what I'm doing by following me on Twitter – @tomwrightuk.

With best wishes,

Tom Wright CBE
Chief Executive
Guide Dogs



Tom taking Birmingham mobility team photo



Tom meeting guide dog owners

Changes to Forward magazine

With an unpredictable economy and the ongoing challenges of raising funds, we are determined to make the best use of every donation we receive. At the moment Forward magazine is sent out to all our stakeholders three times a year. From 2018, it

will be produced twice a year (summer and winter). This will save Guide Dogs around £130,000 each year in print and production costs – a huge cost saving that can go back into providing services for people with sight loss. We know how much this magazine is valued and we

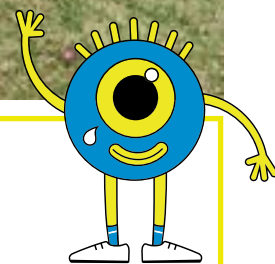
will not be compromising on quality, but we are aware that this will impact on some of the regular features within the magazine. We will be reviewing the content over the next few months and will send you an update in the Spring with more detail on the changes.

Banking on a new tactile feature

Guide Dogs was proud to be invited to the unveiling of the new polymer £10 note by the Bank of England at Winchester Cathedral in July. The unveiling took place at the cathedral because that's where Jane Austen, who features on the note, is laid to rest. This year is also the 200th anniversary of the Pride and Prejudice author's death.

At the event, three guide dog owners became some of the first people with sight loss to feel the tenner's tactile raised dots. The trio then spoke to the public and the media about how useful they find the new feature.

The new note went into circulation on 14 September and we took part in the **#FirstTenner** social media fundraising initiative, encouraging the public to donate the first new ten pound note they received to Guide Dogs.



Our guide dogs are officially Amazing Animals!

Guide Dogs appears in a new, special edition of a Guinness World Records book called Amazing Animals, which is out now. The charity holds the record for the most guide dogs trained by an organisation - **33,910** by the end of last year. We're incredibly proud to hold this record, as our iconic guide dog service is at the heart of what we do.



A sensational day out

On Sunday 3 September, Glasgow played host to the first of our new event series: **Use Your Senses 5K**. Participants surprised their senses every kilometre, enjoying live music, scented bubbles, foam and tasty treats. "We've really enjoyed launching Use Your Senses! The turnout has been fantastic and people have had a really great time – we can't wait to welcome them all back again next year," says Lorna Copland, Mass Participation Events Manager.



Congratulations to our long-serving volunteer

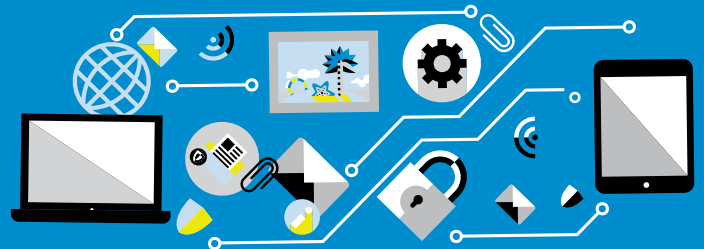


Jean Robson, 95, has been presented with a long service award for 50 years of volunteering for Guide Dogs. As the only founding member of the Darlington group in County Durham left, Jean even chairs committee meetings at her own

home to save money. Jean has organised or taken part in countless collections and events as a fundraiser, but says her favourite was a 'worst singer' competition at a pub, when a guide dog decided to join in and howled along with the winner!

Data Protection Act

The Data Protection Act is changing next May. We are busy making sure that we will be ready and compliant. Some of the work that we need to do is making sure that we have the right consents in place to carry on talking to our amazing supporters, so expect to hear from us! We are committed to making sure that we get this right so that we can continue to talk to our volunteers, campaigners and donors, as without your help we cannot deliver our life-changing services.



Getting back on the horse – thanks to a dog!

A sportswoman from Neath, South Wales, has regained her confidence to ride – thanks to her guide dog. Lesley Sayers, a former competitive carriage driver, is winning awards for dressage despite losing most of her eyesight three years ago through ill health. Lesley, and cob Murphy, received a first-place rosette for both the walk and trot test and the freestyle at Riding for the Disabled Association's national championships. Less than a year after returning to riding, she now has plans to enter more competitions and reach the Paralympics.



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Great British Dog Survey

Have you seen how your dog compares in The Great British Dog Survey 2017 results yet? Our questionnaire got tails wagging across the country and uncovered some fantastic statistics! Did you know that more than a quarter of British dogs prefer to sleep on their owner's bed, just like gorgeous Roxy here? To read the results in full please head to the news pages of our website.

Volunteer receives the royal treatment



On 1 June, volunteer Doug West attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace, along with 30,000 others who've played a big role in their communities. Doug received recognition of his 32 years fundraising for Guide Dogs' Lincoln branch. Many members of the Royal Family were present, including The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh, The Duke of Kent, The Duchess of Gloucester and Guide Dogs Patron Princess Alexandra, who Doug was lucky enough to chat to on the day.

Aisle be there for you

Scott Cunningham MBE and his wife Shelly from Larkhall, South Lanarkshire, recently said "I do" at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, with Scott's guide dog Milo as ring bearer. Milo became the first guide dog to walk his owner to the altar of the iconic cathedral to await his bride.

Scott says: "Milo is a massive part of both our lives. He was on his best behaviour on the day and took everything in his stride — in fact he fell asleep during the ceremony and I had to wake him up to fulfil his duties when I needed the rings!"



Certificate of Vision Impairment

In August, the Department of Health published a new Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI) form. This confirms someone's eligibility to be registered as sight impaired or severely sight impaired and acts as a referral for habilitation, rehabilitation or other forms of support. The new form now covers children and adults and the section for patients has information on sources of help, including Guide Dogs. The accompanying notes for ophthalmologists have also been updated. The new documents can be found online at tinyurl.com/CVIform.

Stage debut for Belfast teen



A Belfast teenager has become the first person without sight to perform at Northern Ireland's most prestigious theatre, the Grand Opera House. Chloe McCarthy (17), who has been blind since birth, has big ambitions to be a stage star. Chloe applied to be in a musical adaptation of *Oliver Twist* and was lucky enough to be selected to be part of the chorus line, joining more than 230 other young people treading the boards at the famous venue in July.



Guide Dogs in the media



Luna leaves the limelight

– for now!

In July, ITV This Morning waved goodbye to their second guide dog pup in training, Luna. The playful labradoodle spent a year on the show, experiencing the glitz and glamour of TV life, all while undergoing the early stages of her guide dog training.

Presenters Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield wished her an emotional farewell, saying how proud they were that Luna was going on to be a life-changing guide dog.

A big thanks goes to ITV for giving Guide Dogs this hugely valuable exposure. Through our time on the show, we've been able to tell even more people about the hard work that goes into training a guide dog – from puppy walking through to qualifying, and the important role a guide dog has in helping someone with sight loss to live the life they want. The two-year project created such a buzz that Clover and Luna appeared in more than 500 media articles, resulting in an incredible total of seven billion opportunities for the public to hear about our amazing work! There have also been many other ways that Luna and Clover have put Guide Dogs on a national stage.

We'll be keeping in touch with Holly and Phillip to keep them updated on how Luna is getting on with her training, and to let them know who her lucky future owner will be.

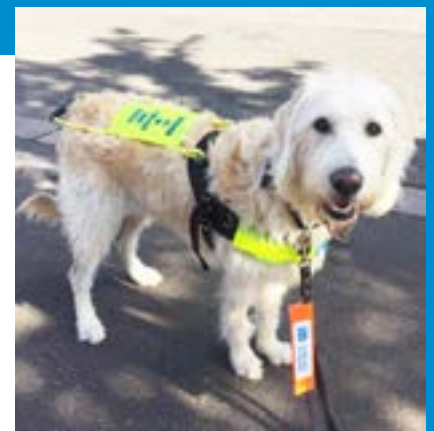
You can stay updated with Luna's training at [@TheGuidePuppy](#) on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.



Luna and Michelle then and now



Luna arrives at training school



Luna's first harness walk



Luna and her new training school pals



Luna's last day with Holly and Phillip



Close up of Luna

Guide Dogs in the media



Disability lifestyle magazine, PosAbility, wrote a piece about our National Breeding Centre, encouraging its readers to attend one of the centre's free tours and complimenting the state-of-the-art technology and training that goes into our guide dog pups.

The **Huffington Post UK** featured blogs from guide dog owners Libby Clegg and Paul King. Paralympian Libby wrote about a recent access refusal she had at a London hotel, while Paul spoke about the issues he and other guide dog owners face with pavement parking.



The One Show ran a piece on how guide dogs help students to stay calm during exam season. The piece showed pupils from a school in Manchester relaxing with some of our dogs and talking about the calming benefits they have on students before taking exams.

Star news

Libby meet Libby!



Paralympic champion and Guide Dogs Ambassador Libby Clegg came face-to-face with our latest Sponsor A Puppy – Libby, named in her honour.

Libby pup met Libby gold medallist at the running track in Loughborough where she trains.

Laura Wright feels emotional at NBC

Soprano Laura Wright became emotional after taking part in a blindfold walk at the National Breeding Centre in July.

Laura enjoyed a tour of the Puppy Block where she helped to socialise six-week-old Labrador retriever puppies before walking around an obstacle course with demonstration guide dog Upton and his

handler Mark Richards.

"I felt really nervous as I started to walk but then I began to trust Upton who was so confident in what he was doing. I got really emotional because you think how much training goes into it and how it can change someone's life which is quite overwhelming."

Lindsey Russell becomes official Guide Dogs Ambassador

TV presenter Lindsey Russell has learnt a lot about the charity since guide dog puppy Iggy joined Blue Peter three years ago.

Lindsey visited the National Breeding Centre and spent time training Iggy. She has also got to know Iggy's first owner Callum. Lindsey enjoyed being reunited with Callum and Iggy at our recent Annual Awards at the Hurlingham Club in May.



Thousands

of people Move it for Money



A massive thank you to everyone who supported Guide Dogs Week in October 2017. Thousands of you Moved it for Money to raise funds for our life-changing work.

People danced, baked, walked and even ran to raise at least **£35**, enough money to keep a guide dog partnership moving for a week.

We are grateful to everyone who donated time, money and talent to help make Guide Dogs Week a success. Here are a few highlights.

Conquering Everest

Intrepid volunteers and staff from Northern Ireland 'moved it' on a 16-day trek through the Himalayas to Everest Base Camp. They undertook a gruelling climb to 18,000 feet, battling altitude, weather and exhaustion in a bid to reach their **£25,000** fundraising target.

Quizzing in style

Pubs around the South West got people to move their minds by hosting quizzes. A total of twelve pubs, from Bristol to Penzance, joined in the fun and raised hundreds of pounds to support Guide Dogs.

Blindfold shopping

Matthew Pritchard, star of TV show Dirty Sanchez, went shopping while wearing glasses that obscured his vision to get a taste of life with sight loss. The visit to Tesco in Cardiff would usually take 15 minutes but instead took 45 minutes to complete. A collection during the blindfold shop raised **£673**.

Flash-Mob

A dancing flash-mob of 80 students from Birmingham Ormiston Academy took over Birmingham New Street station on Friday 13

October. Supporters moved their collection buckets or jumped on a static bike, raising around **£2,500**.

Schools got involved

Our younger supporters also moved it. Jack and Maddie raised **£403** by walking to school in blindfolds, while Amelia and Isabella raised **£277.50** by selling cakes at school.

Want to join in next year and get a free pair of dog ears? Go to

guidedogs.org.uk/guidedogsweek



Birmingham Flash-Mob



Leamington Training School aerobics



Everest story



A star in the making

11-year-old Amy Wright is an aspiring young actress. She's already starred in a CBeebies Radio series and would love to act on TV. She was also born with almost no useful vision and Guide Dogs has been helping her to develop the skills that mean she can get around safely and independently – bringing her one step closer to achieving her dreams.

Both Amy and her 15-year-old brother Ben were born with a hereditary condition called Leber's Congenital Amaurosis. While Ben has a little central vision, Amy's vision is limited to some perception of light and shade. As her dad Stuart says: "It's normal for her. She manages really well and it hasn't stopped her doing anything."

It certainly hasn't. Amy has tried out sports such as abseiling, archery and indoor skiing through her local Actionnaires multi-activity club (run in conjunction with RNIB). She's also just made the move from primary to high school – a big step for any child as they become increasingly independent.

For a child with sight loss, getting around independently can be particularly challenging. Four years ago, and lacking any useful support, Amy's mum Lorraine searched the internet and "Guide Dogs just popped up," she says.

Since then, Amy has been working with Habilitation Specialist Elaine Bounds, who describes Amy as having "a real get-go attitude." Elaine has helped her to use her long cane more effectively, learn routes in her local area and find her way around both her primary and now her high school. From not being able to walk and talk at the same time, Amy has become increasingly confident and independent. "By taking responsibility for her own independence, she doesn't have to rely on other people," says Elaine. "It means she can be more like her friends, relax enough to be able to get on with her education, and fully become part of her local community."

Amy's parents are delighted in the difference they see in their daughter. "It's been such a boost to her confidence," says Lorraine.



Location courtesy of Dock 10 studios, dock10.co.uk



That confidence may be one reason why she's become the star of CBeebies Radio series 'iSpy Sound Detective'.

Amy was already a keen member of a local 'little voices' singing and dancing group when she was asked to audition for the lead role. Stuart explains: "The BBC were looking for a real visually impaired girl to play the role of Aisha and they were really impressed by Amy – they said she was a natural."

Aisha is a six-year-old girl with sight loss who solves mysteries, helped by her detective dog Buster. Is Amy like her? "Yes I am," says Amy. "She's very happy and strong, so my voice had to be strong too. Buster isn't a guide dog but I'd like to have a guide dog one day."

Spending several days in the BBC recording studios at Salford Quays might be daunting – but Amy took it all in her stride. Her lines were given to her in Braille and all she said she had to do was "stay calm". "It was really fun," she says. "Now I'd like to act on the TV too!"

Inspired by her first acting experience, Amy has now joined a local amateur dramatics company. She's looking forward to appearing as one of the Merry Men in the panto 'Robin Hood'.

Watching their daughter grow in confidence has been a real pleasure for her parents. "We just want her to be happy and have the same opportunities as everyone else," says Stuart. "We are so proud of her, especially given the barriers she's had to overcome."



On the campaign trail 2017 so far

It's been an amazing few months, as campaigners up and down the country have been busy signing petitions, raising awareness with the public, meeting politicians and more. Here a few of our campaigners reflect on what they've been up to.

Pavement Parking Petition Day: 17 June

Congratulations to Sue, who took the top spot for the individual who collected the most signatures on the day, contributing towards an amazing 31,000 signatures in total. The petition called for a law in England and Wales to prevent pavement parking.

Sue said: "Pavement parking is a continual problem in my area where many use pushchairs and mobility scooters, so I was extremely happy to help. Our team of eight found nothing but agreement with the aims of the petition from both village friends and the many visitors."



Pavement Parking parliamentary reception: 3 July

More than 130 MPs attended our reception where campaigners such as Kim were on-hand to discuss the problems of pavement parking.

Kim said: "As a guide dog owner I find it a struggle to get around parked cars on a daily basis. It was great to meet so many lovely MPs who attended to listen to the problems that guide dog owners face."

Local Government Conference: 4 – 6 July

Guide dog owner Mark supported the Campaigns team at this event, speaking to 75 councillors about access to taxis

and minicabs. We were asking English local authorities to introduce a policy for all taxis and minicab drivers in their area to take part in disability equality training and to have a zero-tolerance approach to refusals.

Mark said: "It was an absolute privilege to support the team to make our issues heard and understood. Many councillors were shocked to hear our refusal statistics and happy to take away further information on how to help in their local area."

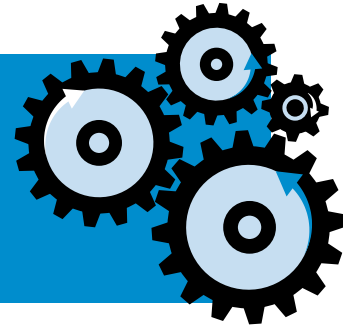
High Street Heroes Week: 4 – 10 September

Mahomed was one of more than 300 campaigners who visited their local high street to talk to shop owners about the access rights of assistance dog owners.

He said: "I was delighted to see so many of the shops I visited being welcoming of Guide Dogs' access campaign, and putting Assistance Dogs Welcome stickers up in their windows immediately. I feel like I've made a difference for other guide dog owners and helped to reduce access refusals."



A Million Hands gears up for the Big Moment



Our four-year partnership with The Scout Association, called A Million Hands, formally comes to an end in summer 2018.

To see the partnership out with a bang, the association has invited each charity partner to devise their own Big Moment for Scout Groups to focus on until June next year. And it's not too late to get involved.

We're encouraging Scout Groups to hold a Safer Street Party, which is a cross between our tea party fundraiser and our Streets Ahead campaign, between March and May next year. Streets Ahead aims to tackle some of the most common barriers to accessible streets, such as cars parked on pavements or badly-placed street furniture like A-boards. We've devised other activities for Groups to do in the months before their party, including hosting a Guide Dogs speaker, and playing a game of Street Clutter Bingo. It's a great opportunity for Scouts to make an impact in their own local community.

What is A Million Hands?

A Million Hands involves six charities partnering with The Scout Association to get young Scouts doing practical things in their communities to tackle four issues faced by society today.

The four issues are disability (Guide Dogs and Leonard Cheshire Disability), mental health (Mind), dementia (Alzheimer's Society), and access to clean water and sanitation (WaterAid). The Canal and River Trust is also on board, helping across all four issues.

We're calling on our supporters with contacts at Scout Groups anywhere in the UK to ask them to sign up to organise their own Safer Street Party. All the information a Leader might need, plus a host of downloadable resources, are available at

amillionhands.org.uk/resource

and at

guidedogs.org.uk/scouts

There's even an adorable Guide Dogs cuddly toy mascot for the first 100 groups to tell us about their party!



A best friend called Basil

When a donor chooses a name for a guide dog puppy, the inspiration behind the name can come from almost anywhere. One donor loved the herb basil so much, she named a black Labrador in its honour! Basil is now 34-year-old Mark's best friend, and he's inspired Mark's sister to raise the money to name a puppy herself.

Nine years ago, Mark suffered from a very rare type of brain tumour, which left him with mild brain damage, memory loss and pinhole vision. His sister Kim said: "It's been extremely difficult as Mark has had to learn to do everything again. But now that he has Basil, he has more confidence and is able to get out more.

"Basil is his best friend, they're always together. Basil has brought out the happy side of Mark again, and the love Mark feels for Basil is unconditional.



"Guide dogs are seriously amazing, and I love Basil to bits for changing my brother's life for the better. I want to give someone else this amazing life-changing gift, which is why I'm now fundraising for Guide Dogs."

Aussie's progress

You may remember last year we told you about Pennie Chapman's aunt Joan, who left a gift in her Will to name guide dog pup Aussie. We are delighted to be able to update you on Aussie's progress.

Pennie and her family have enjoyed following Aussie's journey in becoming a life-changing guide dog. Aussie is now qualified and has been matched with owner Yvonne, whose life has changed tremendously. Yvonne says "The best thing was when I got Aussie: I fell in love with him immediately. He's changed my life 100%. Our first walk together on our own was very scary, but after about 10 minutes, I realised I didn't have to be scared at all because he looked after me very well."

Seeing how much joy and freedom Aussie has given Yvonne, Pennie and her family

are thrilled: "I think Joan would have been extremely happy, and she made exactly the right choice in the legacy she left."

A gift in your Will helps to provide the guide dogs of the future. Request your 'Life Changers' DVD and information pack to find out more by calling freephone

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In praise of puppy walking

We simply couldn't deliver our guide dog service without the help of our tireless army of puppy walkers. People like Derek and Norma Stent, who are looking forward to welcoming an incredible 50th puppy into their home next year!

Derek and Norma took on their first puppy, Paddy, in 1980. They had a young family, knew they wanted a dog and an article about puppy walking came along at just the right time. Norma said: "Within three weeks, we were both hooked! Now we can't imagine life without a dog."

After Paddy, there was a six-week gap without a puppy. "It was horrible," says Norma. "We had a house but not a home." Since then, they have never been without a puppy, making sure there is always an overlap. "It works really well," explains Norma, "as the older one sets an example for the younger one."



Derek and Norma

Pictures by permission of Bath Chronicle/Artur Lesniak

As they look forward to their 50th puppy, they hope to give it a name themselves through our Name a Puppy scheme. Norma said: "It's such a landmark that we hit on the idea of raising the money to name a puppy in celebration of the previous puppies we have walked."



Giving back the puppy after 12 months for the start of its formal guide dog training isn't easy. "You love the puppy," Norma says. "But you know they're going on to change someone's life – and that difference is remarkable. It's a wonderful way of having a dog while helping others."

Seeing one of 'their' puppies transformed into a working guide dog brings the couple a great sense of satisfaction. Norma said:

"You get a lump in your throat and tears in your eyes when you see one of your guide dogs working. It makes it all worthwhile."

A day in the life of...

Event Demonstration Officer **Andy Guiel**

From the age of 11, Andy wanted to work for Guide Dogs. As soon as he could, he started as an apprentice Guide Dog Mobility Instructor. Now nearly 45 years later, and having worked with guide dogs both in the UK and abroad, he's in what he describes as "the best job in the world".

Andy was asked to start the Education and Demonstration Team in 2006. "I was so proud and excited to be asked to represent Guide Dogs. I was given a van," he says, "selected a dog, and off we went!"

The role started as a way to show the public what guide dogs do. "It's really snowballed since the early days at village fêtes," Andy said:

"I can be doing demonstrations at party political conferences one day, national events such as Crufts another, and then local community events the next."

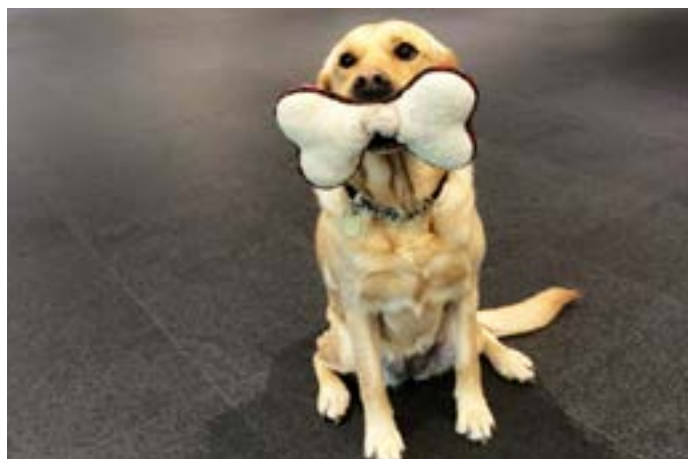
It's not just formal demonstrations with a guide dog around an obstacle course either. At our Family Guide Dog Experience Days for example, Andy gives children with sight loss as young as two the chance to take a walk with a guide dog. He can also be seen out and about with MPs or local councillors taking them on blindfold walks.

"I love doing the demonstrations," Andy said: "but what I'm passionate about is helping people with sight loss. I want audiences to get involved emotionally, so that they go



away with a lasting memory that affects how they feel about disability – and want to support our campaigns and our fundraising."

Choosing the right dog is essential. "I need to develop a deep relationship so that the dog is then confident enough to work with anyone, visually impaired or sighted, without my support," he explains. "My last two dogs have literally raised millions so are worth far more than their weight in gold."



Guide Dogs People Awards 2017



And the winners are...

The Guide Dogs People Awards celebration was held in November to recognise our outstanding staff and volunteers for putting our values into action.

Overall Staff Member of the Year – Gill Jones, Welwyn team Mobility Instructor



Gill created a booklet for people on the guide dog waiting list, to support them as they wait for news.

This amusing, informative and highly engaging booklet contains hints, tips and anecdotes written by guide dog owners in the Welwyn team's area. What started as a local solution has the potential to help all Guide Dogs teams engage with people awaiting training, and shows how truly customer-focused Gill is.

Volunteer of the Year – Alan Fletcher, Swindon volunteer fundraising group chairman



Alan's first guide dog, Joy, made a huge difference to his life. When Joy passed away in 2013, it spurred Alan to set up his 4Joy Name a Puppy appeal in her memory. He has collected £50,000, naming an amazing nine guide dog puppies. Since becoming Swindon group chairman eight years ago, he's helped raise nearly £550,000 – enough to name an incredible 109 guide dog puppies!

The staff winners in each category are:

Dedicated to Superior Quality – Michael Hiscox, Guide Dog Mobility Instructor (Welwyn)

Trustworthy – Amy John, Trainee Guide Dog Mobility Instructor (Cardiff)

Inclusive and Embracing – Newcastle Mobility Team

Customer Focused – Gill Jones

Maximising Impact – Committed Giving Team

Passionate and Determined – Sharon Pearlgood, Habilitation Specialist (London)

The volunteer winners in each category are:

Dedicated to Superior Quality – Margaret Hyslop, puppy walking mentor, Dunfermline

Trustworthy – Brenda Stevenson, My Guide, Northern Ireland

Inclusive and Embracing – Rob Fraser, assistant mobility team service user representative, Nairn

Customer Focused – Evelyn MacIntosh, My Guide, Lanarkshire

Maximising Impact – Barbara Grice, branch organiser, East Sussex

Passionate and Determined – Alan Fletcher

Congratulations to all the winners and nominees!

Thank you to our supporters

Dear supporters,

As another year comes to an end, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on all your fundraising efforts throughout 2017 and say thank you. What you do has never been more vital – after all, we rely on donations from the public to keep our life-changing services running.

Customers and staff at Sainsbury's supermarkets have always been fantastic Guide Dogs supporters, and on these pages we mention three branches who join the many over the years to collect for us. It looks like we've also made some friends who've come from across the pond. Lakenheath Elementary School's walkathon raised dollars rather than pounds – and very grateful we are for them, too!

I wish you and your loved ones a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Jayne George

Director of Fundraising and Marketing

Guide dog owner **June Jarvis** and her husband **Peter** decided to ask for donations to Guide Dogs in lieu of any gifts when they celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary with 80 of their closest friends and family, and were delighted to receive **£755**.



Emerson's Green Sainsbury's store has raised **£10,061** and has named two puppies Flossie and Toffee in memory of one of their colleagues, Jules Gillard.



The **Mayor of Felixstowe** chose Guide Dogs as her charity and, together with the East and Mid Suffolk fundraising group, held events including a 'last night of the proms' and an afternoon tea. At a civic awards ceremony, the mayor presented the group with a cheque for **£6,800**.

Nicky West is a member of the support team with the Southampton mobility team and she is also on the waiting list for her second guide dog. Together with three other members of staff and three friends, she completed a tandem sky dive during Guide Dogs Week and raised **£5,141.40**.

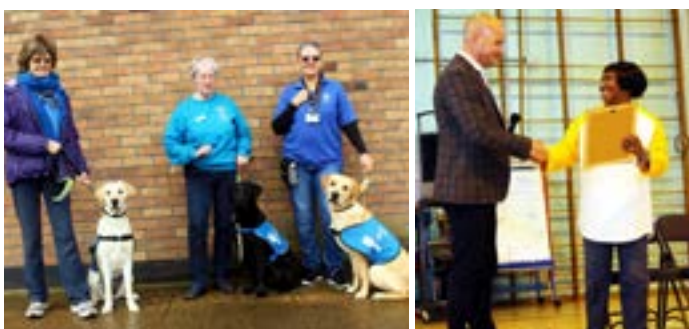




Shoosmiths law firm in Reading have already raised enough to name three puppies and are now aiming for puppy number four, who they hope to name Videre (Latin for 'to see'). The image shows members of staff meeting their second puppy, Aster.



73-year-old **Jackie Lewis** is a fundraiser and volunteer for her local Medway fundraising group. In May, she bravely completed a tandem skydive and raised **£2,500**.



Every year, local guide dog owners, puppy walkers and trainers are invited to **Lakenheath Elementary School** on the American Airbase at RAF Lakenheath for a 'walkathon'. In turn, the children come and meet the dogs and then a raffle is held. So far, the school has sponsored at least 12 dogs, and this year they raised **\$4,135**.



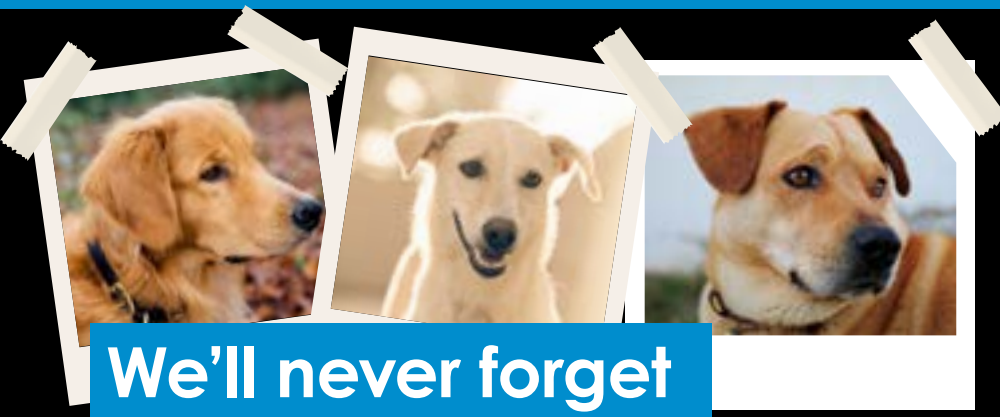
The **M&S Food Hall** at the **Mayflower Retail Park**, Basildon, chose Guide Dogs as its charity of the year and raised **£5,589**. Guide Dogs remains their chosen charity as they would like to name a second puppy next year.



Thanks to the enthusiasm of the staff and generosity of the customers, the **Bamber Bridge Sainsbury's** store has raised an incredible **£53,040** over the last two years and has named 11 puppies.

A second **Sainsbury's** store, in Medway's Pentagon Centre, chose Guide Dogs as its charity of the year and raised **£5,513**. The good news is that staff and customers have chosen to keep Guide Dogs as their charity for a second year.





We'll never forget

If you would like to pay tribute to a guide dog you have known, please send your tribute (up to a maximum of 25 words) to forward@guidedogs.org.uk or to **Forward at Hillfields, Burghfield Common, Reading, RG7 3YG.**

Arnie 20.1.06 – 8.4.17

A big dog with a big heart. Much loved and missed by Martin Mansell, family, friends and neighbours. Lost without you, see you in heaven.

Baker 23.11.02 – 7.8.17

Guide dog to Paul. Puppy walked and retired to Geoffrey and Mary. Everybody's friend. We will all miss our very much loved, handsome boy.

Bobby 20.8.08 – 21.7.17

Happy, gorgeous, loveable Bobby, so loved and dearly missed. Our everything. Soulmate and guide to Lesley, puppy walked by the amazing Patricia and David Butcher.

Bumble 27.10.03 – 25.4.17

Our beautiful girl, angel is in heaven. Run free, play well, love Mum, Jo and Dad Stan. Miss you forever.

Campbell 31.8.03 – 13.6.17

Beloved first guide to Mary. Inspirational ambassador for Guide Dogs. Sorely missed by the Rasmussen family and his many friends. His 'wind farm' tail turns on.

Connie 15.3.02 – 25.3.17

Loyal guide dog to and also retired with Richard. Run free, sadly missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace.

Dolly (Molly) 19.3.03 – 20.7.17

First guide to Margaret Fletcher. A very faithful dog. Retired to Angela and Bob Charlton. Loved and missed by all who knew her.

Ebony 2.3.04 – 11.7.17

Puppy walked and returned to the Fettes family after not making it as a guide dog. Thank you for bringing such joy to us all.

Elki 4.4.05 – 28.6.17

We were so pleased when Elki came into our lives aged six. She was loved by all, certainly one of the best, and is greatly missed.

Emlyn 20.11.04 – 22.3.17

The Rolls Royce of guide dogs to John Algar; so loving

and loyal. Retired to Jane, John and Katy. Always special, missed so much.

Ena 20.4.05 – 4.3.17

Sleep well special girl. You will be loved and missed forever by all your family, who had 12 special years with you.

Faith 14.2.06 – 28.11.16

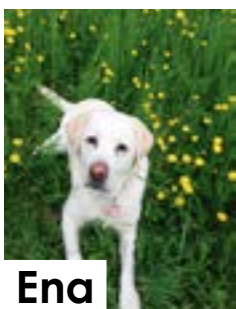
My little sweetheart, loved by all, remembered with smiles and tears. Our lovely girl, Jane Gregg.

Fran 28.2.06 – 5.3.17

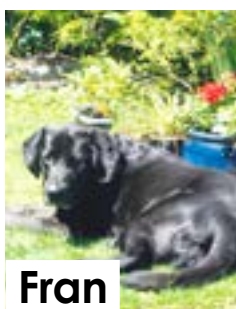
Rehomed at 18 months. Brought so much joy to all who met her. A gorgeous girl and she knew it. Greatly missed.

Fran 10.10.06 – 18.7.17

Loving and much loved guide, worldwide, to Carole Sharpe.



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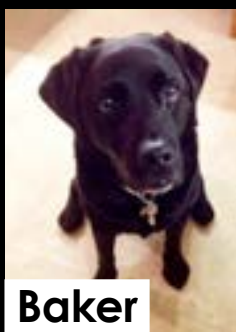
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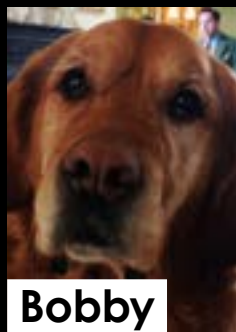
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Jack



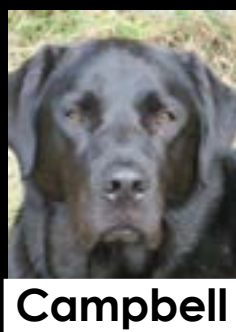
Baker



Bobby



Bumble



Campbell



Ebony



Emlyn

Retired to Val, in Worthing. Always in all our hearts. Run free, sweetheart.

Freeman 20.3.04 – 28.2.17

You were so precious to everyone, and you will be so sadly missed by all your furry friends, and by Mairi and Margo.

Hendrix 7.11.10 – 12.4.17

He was a very special boy, loved by all. He gave me back my life, for that he will be cherished always. Shine bright boy.

Hudson 7.8.04 – 26.4.17

Forever remembered as a wonderful, mischievous and comic companion by his puppy walker Laura Lacey and his owner Terry Hopkins and family. Missed by all.

Jack 8.2.05 – 5.7.17

Audrey's guide and protector. He enriched every part of our life and he will live in our hearts forever. Goodnight our handsome boy Jack.

Josh 24.5.06 – 11.8.17

Puppy walked and returned to the White family. A wonderful companion. Loved by everyone. Honoured to have you in our lives, you were so special.

Karin 12.7.07 – 23.6.17

Best guide to Hilary, loved by all, you touched everyone's heart. Retired to Jane and Brian, puppy walked by Mr and Mrs Green. Rest in peace.

Maggie 18.5.02 – 15.6.17

Lovely Maggie,

the happy years have flown past and now you have gone. You were so loved. Thank you for happening to us.

Milly 21.11.05 – 18.6.17

Very loveable dog and great companion.

Pickle 1.11.12 – 5.6.17

Outstanding first guide to David Mitchell. Wonderfully puppy walked by Shona and Brian James. Highly involved in fundraising. Much missed character throughout his life.

Questa 6.1.08 – 13.5.17

You gave me independence, confidence and so much love. I was so lucky to have you. I will love you forever Questie Bear.

Rachel 16.8.02 – 7.7.17

Much loved guide to Sandy (one). Sadly missed by Sandy (two), Isobel and Chloe. A dog with a heart of gold who brought joy everywhere she went.

Ralph 7.3.06 – 13.8.17

Ralph was my guiding light, loyal friend and special guide dog. He was simply the best. Sadly missed and loved always, Roy Taylor.

Reba (Rhiann) 24.5.09 – 24.3.17

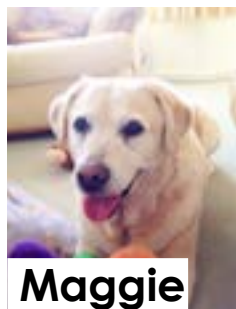
Gentle but full of fun, every day was a happy adventure with you. Wonderful Reba, rest in peace. You were the best, Clare.



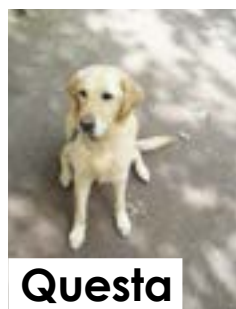
Josh



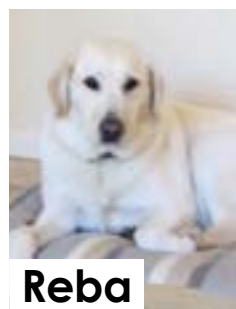
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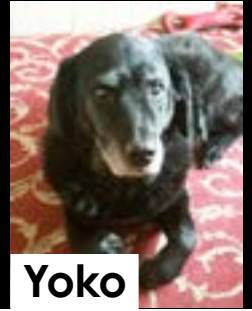
Teddy



Terry



Woody



Yoko

Ryan 6.1.05 – 24.7.17

Guide dog to Stuart, retired to Keith and Vicky, much loved and greatly missed. A gorgeous black Labrador. Never forgotten.

Solo 9.1.10 – 13.4.17

Loved by all, lived like a legend, died like a soldier. Loyal until his last moments. Will always be missed by all. Will never be replaced.

Sophie 6.11.04 – 7.11.16

Guide to Harry. Loved by Ceri, Pam and John. Amazed by your intelligence, heartbroken by your

passing. Never forget you gorgeous, you were simply the best.

Tansy 5.4.03 – 27.6.17

First guide to Veronica Whymant, retired to the MacLennan family. Helped with fundraising events. Sleep tight our beloved Tansy. A dog in a million.

Teddy 31.3.06 – 25.7.17

Taken before his time, puppy walked by Vivienne Parker. First guide to Carolyn, sadly missed by those who knew him. Sleep tight our Teddy Bear.

Terry 10.4.02 – 21.2.17

Faithful third guide to the late Joan Ingram. Puppy walkers Clive and Margaret Bushell. Retired to Kay and Ghanshyam Ketaruth. Sleep peacefully darling Terry.

Trixie 31.5.05 – 19.5.17

Everyone's best friend and universally loved. As my first guide, her sweet, unflappable nature really helped me. A well-deserved retirement with Jack and Margaret.

Troy 23.1.05 – 13.5.17

He was a wonderful dog and brought us great joy. We miss him dreadfully.

Woody 11.7.03 – 4.7.17

The most gentle and loving dog anyone could ever meet. So greatly missed but in our hearts forever, Julie, Tim, Matt, Ben and April.

Yoko (Yoko Bear)

5.5.03 – 8.4.17

So lovely and loved dearly by friends, family and puppy walked by Muriel Malone. I will never forget you and love you forever, Linda and family.

In memory

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Mark Piotr, a volunteer with the West and North Yorkshire Mobility Team. Mark was a passionate supporter of Guide Dogs and, along with wife Karen, raised enough money over the years to name three guide dog puppies. Karen recently completed the gruelling Yorkshire Three Peaks in order to raise the funds to name a fourth puppy in Mark's memory and is now embarking on further fundraising for a fifth puppy.



Mark Piotr

Guiding Stars

This Christmas, we'd like to invite you to dedicate a star and honour the memory of a loved one as part of our Guiding Stars appeal. You can write a message on one of our stars to hang on our trees at centres around the country.

Every year the generous donations we receive from Guiding Stars enable us to name a guide dog puppy. The 2015 appeal named guide dog puppy Twinkle, who has recently been partnered with Emma. The pair will be enjoying their first Christmas together this year; Emma told us: "Before I met Twinkle I was isolated and felt stuck, but now I can go out when I want and where I want. Christmas will be extra special this year, as I'll get to share it with Twinkle."

Supporting Guide Dogs with a gift in memory of someone special really will make a difference, just like it has to Emma. Whether you're remembering a person, pet or guide dog, you will be helping to provide

freedom and confidence to someone with sight loss, ensuring that they are never left out of life.

To request your Guiding Star, please call

0800 953 0113 or email

giftsinmemory@guidedogs.org.uk



Improving our guide dog service

Every day, our guide dog service gives thousands of people with sight loss the confidence to live the life they choose. We're always looking to improve and at the moment we are focusing on two important parts of our guide dogs' journey.

We're improving our training programme, so that all of our dogs will be trained using a standard step-by-step, reward-based training process. We will be training all our Guide Dog Trainers and Guide Dog Mobility Instructors in this approach over the coming years, starting with

those based in Cardiff, Coventry, Maidstone and Reading.

We're also improving our rehoming process so that we can find the best homes for our retired guide dogs, or any dogs who are withdrawn from training. If you're interested in rehoming a retired or withdrawn guide dog you can find out more at

guidedogs.org.uk/rehoming



Congratulations

to our new partnerships

New partnerships are listed by mobility team. Each listing details owner, guide dog, town, breed, puppy walker and brood bitch holder. Warm congratulations to all our new qualifiers.

Belfast

Tony Barclay & Wallace from Carrickfergus GRxGSD * Peter Meadows from Lutterworth. Mrs Anne Watson from Kenilworth

Mark Bridgeland & Cookie from Belfast LxGR, Joe Campbell from Holywood * Stephen Lines from Leamington Spa. Mr Marcus Faulkner from Warwick

David McClurg & Paxton from Newry GRxGR, Allister & Adam Baird from Belfast, Jacqui Gormley from Ballyclare * Mr & Mrs Wyatt from Leamington Spa. Mrs Ann Freeman from Banbury. Phil & Christine Gray from Antrim. Mr Robert & Mrs Celia Shaw from Holywood

Josephine McCormick & Thunder from Ballymena GRxL, Elaine Morgan from Newtownards * Katherine Knight from Rugby. Mrs Anne Watson from Kenilworth. Mrs Jolene Boral from Belfast

Rosemary McEvoy & Sandy from Craigavon GRxL, William & Sylvia Thomson from Bridge of Don * Mrs Catherine Egan from Lower Broadheath. Mr Richard & Mrs Karen Hambleton from Carrickfergus

Birmingham

Samantha Barber & Harrison from Redditch LxGR, Chloe Conway from Leigh-on-Sea * Margaret Seales from Worcester. Mrs Kim Roberts from Stratford-upon-Avon

Chelsea Barsby & Pebbles from Sutton-in-Ashfield GRxGR * Mr & Mrs Wyatt from Leamington Spa. Mrs Ann Freeman from Banbury. Mrs Helen Harban from Leamington Spa

Daniel Birch & Nancy from Chesterfield L * Ann Hubble from Birmingham

Doris Blunn & Holly from Birmingham GRxL * Jill Wassell from Warwick. Mrs Marie Morse from Banbury

John Churcher & Daisy from Birmingham GRxL, George McCaffery & Janice Boswell from Corsham * Sally Weston from Birmingham. Miss Karin Huntley from Coventry. Andy & Jo Reeves from Stratford-upon-Avon

Alan Fildes & Kirby from Birmingham LxGR * Mary Cheesman from Southam. Reverend Craig Grocock from Leamington Spa

Brian Hope & Elsa from Worcester L *

Hazel Barclay from Sutton Coldfield. Mr Marcus Faulkner from Warwick. Andrew Walling & Rebecca Clake from Warwick

Deirdre Jones & Jax from Nr Malvern LxGR, Joy Hutchison from Solihull * Ms Wendy Medicott from Coventry

Malcolm Jones & Hancock from Birmingham LxGR, Kathryn Cooper from Atherstone * Margaret Seales from Worcester. Mrs Kim Roberts from Stratford-upon-Avon

Amanda Read & Darcy from Stroud LxGR * Lisa Hall from Redditch. Mrs Ruth Weatherall from Coventry

Frances Ryan & Gina from Birmingham GRxL, Sheena Davis from Worcester * Tim Hunt from Northampton. Mrs Anne Watson from Kenilworth

David Simmons & Nicksey from Cofton Hackett L, Leonora Tromans from Kidderminster * Ann Hubble from Birmingham

Peter Wright & Oreo from Birmingham GRxL, Judith Lowe from Stourbridge * Sian Evans from Rugby. Mrs Jane Swain from Hinckley

Cardiff

Michael Boardman & Trenchard from Newport LxGR, Stephen & Janet Tolputt from Bridport * Jonathan Gadsby from Coventry. Miss Fay Keech from Coventry. Mr Alistair Fountain from Leamington Spa. Miss Elizabeth Bullimore from Pontypool

Konrad Galen-Bisping & Parker from Llandeilo GRxL, Sandra Findlay from Coventry * Stephen Miller from Chipping Norton. Miss Karin Huntley from Coventry. Mrs Janet Welsh from Warwick

Tracey Griffiths & Lara from Prestatyn GRxL * Margaret Powell from Rugby. Mr Barry Holtom from Wellesbourne. Doctor Andrew Rowe from Warwick

Sian Healey & Uri from Cardiff GRxL, Debbie & Neil Wilson from Rugeley

Clare Jolly & Charlie from Gresford L, Sue Adams from Cardiff * Ginny Turner from Leicester. Mrs Antonia Pearson from Ross-on-Wye. Samantha Curtiss from Colwyn Bay

Wendy Jones & Tansy from Flint L * Janet Klaar from Stourbridge. Barry & Liz Gilbert from Leamington Spa

As regular readers will know, the New Partnerships pages of Forward list all our new guide dog partnerships, together with their puppy walkers and brood bitch holders who have supported them. We have now extended our online edition to include stud dog holders and boarders who have supported a dog for over 10 weeks, in recognition of the vital role they play.

We need to have received your permission to give you our thanks in this way, either in print or online. If you haven't already done so, please let your staff contact know if you are happy to be included in future.

Mark Perry & Morris from Cardiff GR, Patricia Williams from Abertillery

Richard Peters & Julius from Wrexham GRxL, Beryl Handford from Caerphilly * Sally Weston from Birmingham. Miss Karin Huntley from Coventry. Mr Grahame Underwood from Colwyn Bay

Susan Pettican & Lynne from Monmouthshire GRxL, Anthony and Joanna Wareham from Clevedon * Marie Lee-Hopps from Redditch. Miss Karin Huntley from Coventry

Janice Powers & Susie from Carmarthen GRxL * Lynn Dignan from Rugby. Mrs Ann Freeman from Banbury

Ceri Robertson & Vanya from Llanishen L, Claire Mahoney from Bridgwater * Jilly Walker from Leamington Spa. Miss Amanda Hancock from Nr Daventry

Sue Stewart & Yaron from Bristol STPxL, Norah Clarke from Porthcawl * Annette Smith from Swadlincote. Mrs Joy Floyd from Rugby. Doctor Andrew Rowe from Warwick. Rod Greenhill from Ebbw Vale

Wayne Strawford & Alfie from Cwmbran CCRxL, Lynn Docherty from Rugby * Mr Adam Fincham from Leamington Spa. Mrs Carol Manley from Cardiff

George Woodland & Nala from Abergavenny LxL, David & Mavis Yale from Gillingham

Central Midlands

Emma Aris & Dixie from Northampton LxGR, Tim Jeynes & Lesley Robson from Pershore

Marie Bicknell & Bill from Solihull GRxL, Cynthia Russell from Woodside * Sandra Finn from Leamington Spa. Mr L Boylan from Coventry

Gemma Booth & Fifi from Coventry GRxL * Stephen Miller from Chipping Norton. Miss Karin Huntley from Coventry. Prof Barbel Rand from Warwick

Sarah Davison & Willow from Hinckley GRxL, Gemma Wilks from Alcester * Tracey Cooze from Northampton. Mrs Ann Freeman from Banbury. Mr Mick Canham from Coventry

Lisa-Cay Dobinson & Bloxham from Coventry GRxL, Sally Saunders from Long Itchington * David Yarwood from Birmingham. Mr Tony & Mrs Patricia Revell from Solihull. Mr Dave Allcott and * Miss Karolina Staniak from Leamington Spa

Patricia Ellis & Jaycee from Leicester LxGR, Nick & Aimie Edwards from Oxford * Lisa Partridge-Davis from Cleeve Prior. Mr Roy & Mrs Pearl Woodward from Kenilworth

Jane Hedderly & Chandler from Northampton GRxL * Linda Sheehan from Evesham. Mrs Anne Watson from Kenilworth.

Susan Ainsworth from Kenilworth. Mrs Hazel Worrall from Northampton

Penny Hefferan & Questa from Warwick LxGR * Doctor Emily Rousham from Loughborough. Mrs Margaret Hynes from Leamington Spa

Louis Jameson & Dexter from Bristol L, Judith Lowe from Stourbridge * Janette Baines from Burton-on-Trent. Mrs Sigrun Herlihy from Leamington Spa

Mahomed Khatri & Henley from Leicester LxGR, Richard & Bernadette Thompson from Leicester * Michael Spelman from Coventry

Andrew Lane & Huxley from Leicester LxGR * Margaret Seales from Worcester. Mrs Kim Roberts from Stratford-upon-Avon. Mrs Ruth Ditch from Leamington Spa

Kevin Lloyd & Warwick from Kingswinford GRxGR, Severine Godson from Banbury * Mrs Jane Swain from Hinckley. Mr Martin Oliver from Warwick

Ruth Mays & Ally from Leicester L, Jennifer Sandars from Market Harborough * Ginny Turner from Leicester. Mr John & Mrs Sian Gulliver from Leamington Spa

Christopher Medley & Troilus from Leicester GRxL, Suzanne Beechey from Stratford-upon-Avon * Adrian Newitt from Leamington Spa. Mr & Mrs Pete Williams

from Droitwich. Mr John Stanton & Mrs Barbara Sowerby from Coventry

Antony Mills & Richie from Bedworth GSD, Fionne Jones from Milton Keynes * Trudy Evans from Coventry. Mrs Wendy Adams from Leamington Spa

Philip Newbon & Flo from Rugby GRxL, Kevin & Elizabeth Webster from Leicester * Stephen Miller from Chipping Norton. Miss Karin Huntley from Coventry. Mr Gary & Mrs Nicola Small from Leamington Spa

Guy Paxton & Syd from Nuneaton GRxL * Lynn Dignan from Rugby. Mrs Ann Freeman from Banbury

Daniel Powell & Elmo from Loughborough GRxL, Dorothy Judith Anne Barrett from Rugby * Douglas Watt from Leamington Spa. Mr L Boylan from Coventry

Anthony Price & Pirate from Leicester LxGR * Ms Wendy Medlicott from Coventry. Mr Duncan McDonald from Warwick

Darran Pridmore & Barny from Nuneaton LxGR, Patrick & Irene Murfin from Bedworth * Claire Webster from Sutton Coldfield. Mr Philip & Mrs Alison Tonkin from Leamington Spa

Ashif Sindhi & Alice from Leicester LxGR, Carole Prior from Rugby * Margaret Elaine Roberts from Stratford-upon-Avon.

Emma Somerset & Twinkle

New partnerships

from Northampton LxGR * Miss Heather Gelder from Rugby

Mathew John Taylor & Venny from Swadlincote L * Mrs Wendy Truman from Stratford-upon-Avon. Mrs Joanne Careless from Leamington Spa

Peter White & Quaker from Rugeley LxGR * Doctor Emily Rousham from Loughborough. Mr Steve & Mrs Louise Bull from Leamington Spa

Edinburgh

Andrea Barclay & Yaris from Aberdeen GRxL, Brian & Wendy Cunningham from Dundee * Jill Overton from Birmingham

Jason Byers & Becky from Innerleithen GRxL, Bill & Susan Longair from Dundee * Mr Andrew & Mrs Jenifer Lovegrove from Forfar

Alec Cahoon & George from Stirling LxGR * Jackie Evans from Droitwich. Miss Fay Keech from Coventry. Mrs Lesley Cromar from Forfar

Charles Clark & Marshall from Inverurie GRxL, Lesley Murray from Kirkcaldy * Jackie Evans from Droitwich. Mr Paul Albrecht from Stratford-upon-Avon

Samantha Cumming & Ziggy from Inverurie L, Linda Ramsay from Glasgow * Claire Green from Southam. Mrs Anne Cameron Batty from Edinburgh

Violet Doig & Koko from Blairgowrie LxGR, William & Rita Wilson from Kinross * Tracy Twomey from Leamington Spa. Mrs Pauline Belton from Didcot

Paul Edwards & Roscoe from Edinburgh GRxL, Ann Fraser from Kirkcaldy * Sian Simmons from

Kenilworth. Mr L Boylan from Coventry. Chris Grieve from Edinburgh

Robert Gourlay & Wallis from Leven GRxGSD, Anne Roberts from Edinburgh * Peter Meadows from Lutterworth. Mrs Anne Watson from Kenilworth

Helen Harle & Ivan from Banchory GRxGSD, John & Margaret Gibb from Aberdeen * Amanda Turner from Shrewsbury. Mrs Lesley Cromar from Forfar. Mr Gus Smith from Forfar

Anne Hastings & Ariel from Blairgowrie L, Peter & Thelma Thornton from Carnoustie * Ginny Turner from Leicester. Mrs Lesley Harvey from Forfar

Lee Hoy & Dillon from Edinburgh LxGR, Zara Ramsay from Grangemouth * Lisa Hall from Redditch. Mrs Ruth Weatherall from Coventry

Murray Jenkinson & Charlie from Pitlochry L * Paul Rackham from Rugby. Mrs Sharon Broer from Coventry

Ashley Lorraine Miller & Rusty from Dundee L * Roger Morgan from West Malvern. Mrs Nicola Scarrott from Witney. David & Gillian Troup from Forfar

Rosalind Mitchell & Penny from Edinburgh GRxL, Geoffrey & Dawn McKeown from Bangor * Ian Hendry from Birmingham. Mr Paul Albrecht from Stratford-upon-Avon. Ms Emma Taylor from Edinburgh

Sarah Parkinson & Murphy from Dalkeith LxGR, Gary Lyon from Dundee * Debbie Waldron from Cirencester

Edward Piper & Sadie from Dundee GRxL, Sheena Clarke from

Inverurie * Tim Hunt from Northampton. Mrs Anne Watson from Kenilworth

Jodie Renton & Michelle from Dunbar GRxL * Miss Pauline McAinsh from Edinburgh

David Richards & Spencer from Forfar GRxL, Heather Gilmore from Belfast * Emma Watson from Leamington Spa. Mrs Claire Stewart from Forfar

Sheila Scott & Rosie from Falkirk GRxL, Betty Kinnear from Aberfeldy * Sian Simmons from Kenilworth. Mr L Boylan from Coventry. Mr Don Halley from Forfar

Sheanagh Swanney & Una from Rosyth GSD, Alex & Jacqy Milligan from Edinburgh * Mrs Wendy Adams from Leamington Spa. Iain Logan from Edinburgh

Phillip Taylor & Arthur from Dundee L, Fiona McKervey from Stonehaven, Andrew Hopes from Cupar * Gail Winnett from Birmingham

Exeter

Katie Ather & Hesta from Bristol GRxL, Keith Graham & Ms Karen Hyde from Sheffield * Susan Warner from Gloucester. Mr Barry Holtom from Wellesbourne. Mr Andrew Becconsall from Leamington Spa

Stephen Blood & Laurie from North Tawton GR * Jacquie Williams from Moreton-in-Marsh

Barry Butt & Vaughn from Dawlish LxGR * Sally Barsby from Buckingham

Alan Chadwick & Jonty from Helston GR, Pat Reed from Plymouth

Malcolm Chappell & Usher from Bristol GSD, Susan Chambers from Chelmsford * Mrs Wendy Adams from Leamington Spa

Karen Cloherty & Quella from Torquay LxGR, Jane Bright from Benfleet * Doctor Emily Rousham from Loughborough

Karen Cole & Molly from Bristol L, Lynda Moore from Plymouth * Caroline Dempster from Leamington Spa. Mrs Kim Roberts from Stratford-upon-Avon

Steve Cook & Honey from Saltash LxGR * Margaret Seales from Worcester. Mrs Kim Roberts from Stratford-upon-Avon. Mrs Mary Courtney from Exeter

Amanda Jane Darling & Pepsi from Torquay LxGR, Hayley Skelton from Bridport * Ms Wendy Medlicott from Coventry. Mr Peter Carswell from Tiverton

Doreen Fowler & Ginny from Newton Abbot LxGR, Angela Smith from Bristol * Helen Cookes from Nuneaton. Mr Marcus Faulkner from Warwick. Mrs Pauline Williams from Warwick

Mark Grubbe & Finn from Brixham GRxL, Judith Walling from Plymouth * Stephen Miller from Chipping Norton. Miss Karin Huntley from Coventry

John Hardy & Sidney from Bridgwater LxL * Mrs Wendy Truman from Stratford-upon-Avon. Miss Kirstie Maclening from Exeter. Mrs Claire Thomas from Bristol

Victoria Heath & Moodle from Honiton LxGR, Isabelle Matthews from Bristol

Pamela Hunter & Cody from Teignmouth GRxL, Andrew & Melissa Temple-Smith from Bath * Emma Watson from Leamington Spa. Mrs Claire McGreevy from Exeter

Lukasz Kaluza & Leo from Bristol GRxL * Mrs Sue Cox from Leamington Spa

Stuart Keens & Gromet from Torquay GRxL, Trevor & Helen Wells from Barnstaple * Nicola Wilmot from Kislisbury. Mrs Catherine Egan from Lower Broadheath

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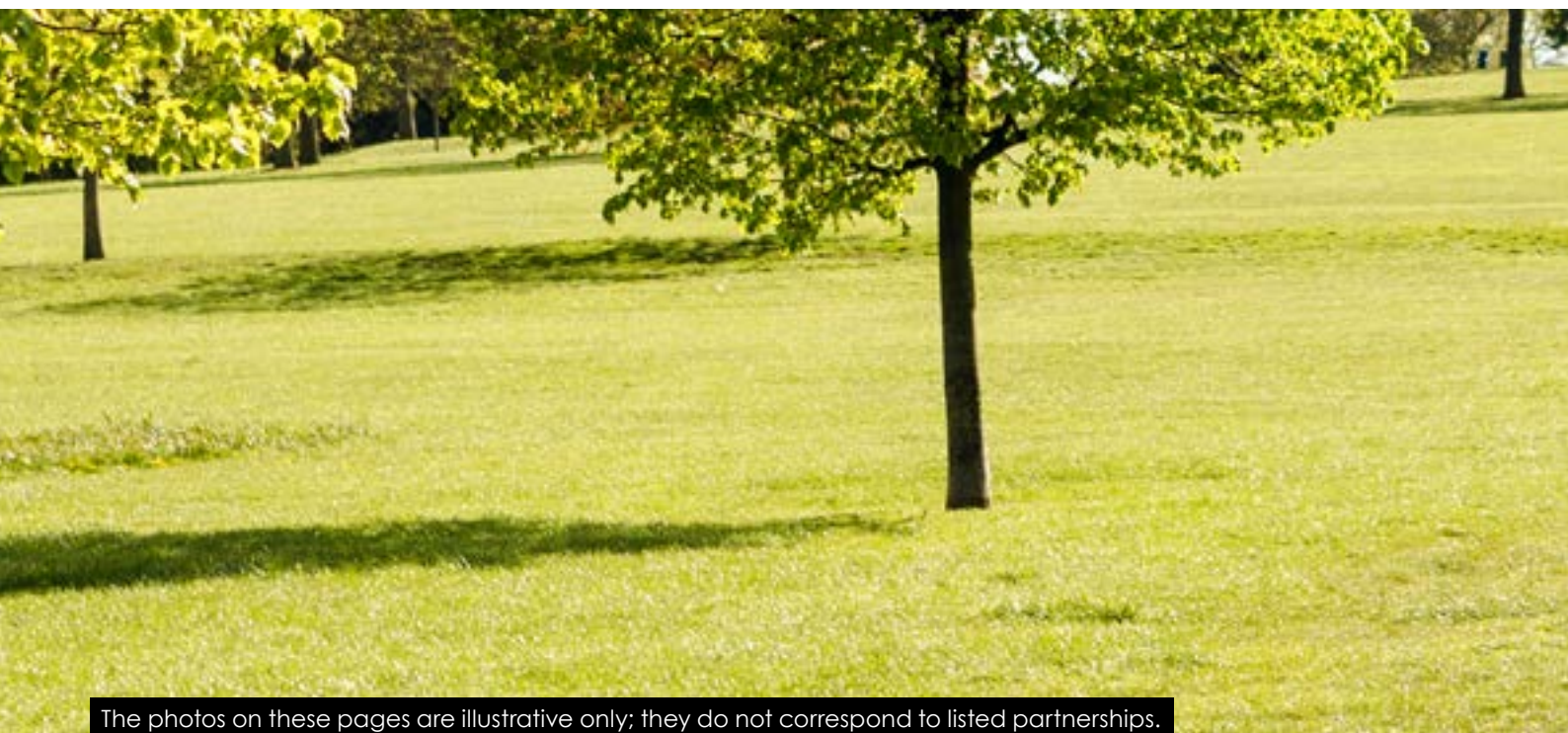
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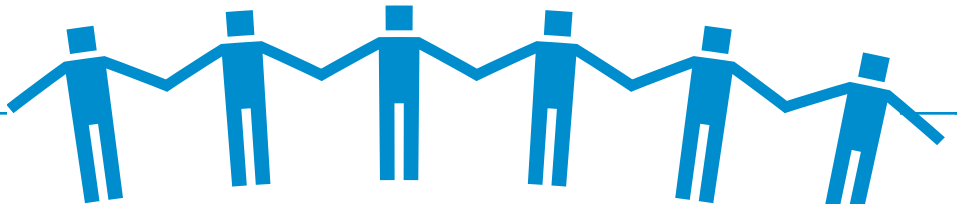
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Queenie * 15.06.17 * L * Bitch * Mrs J Evans from Droitwich. Mr & Mrs R Dickson from Dunfermline. Mrs Pamela Griffiths from Coventry

Rosha * 15.06.17 * L * Bitch * Mrs J Klaar from Stourbridge. Mrs J Wilson from Glasgow. Mrs Ruth Weatherall from Coventry

Sawley * 05.04.17 * L * Stud * Mrs S Boden from Rugeley. Reverend B Holbrook from Nottingham. Mrs Ruth Weatherall from Coventry

Sheba * 24.04.17 * GR * Bitch * Mrs T Curran from Rugby. Mrs M Chambers from Huddersfield. Mrs Ann Freeman from Banbury

Soda * 24.04.17 * L * Bitch * Mr B Mullis from Coventry. Mr A Kemp from Glasgow. Miss Amanda Hancocks from Nr Daventry

Tate * 15.06.17 * L * Stud * Mrs Field from Warwick. Mr Kevin Taylor from Warwick

Topaz * 22.05.17 * L * Bitch * Mrs C Kearney from Shrewsbury. Mrs Nicola Scarrott from Witney

Trish * 22.05.17 * GR * Bitch * Mrs T Curran from Rugby. Mr & Mrs M Townsend from Morecambe. Mrs Ann Freeman from Banbury

Zara * 03.05.17 * L * Bitch * Mrs J Paget from Rugby. Ms C Johnson from Stratford-upon-Avon. Miss Amanda Hancocks from Nr Daventry

Key:

X – Crossbreed

CCR – Curly Coat Retriever

COL – Collie

FCR – Flat Coat Retriever

GR – Golden Retriever

GSD – German Shepherd

IWS – Irish Water Spaniel

L – Labrador

SPIN – Spinone

STP – Standard Poodle

Letters

A big thank you to Redbridge Training School staff

I felt I had to write to tell you of the experience we had when our son Steven's guide dog, Thomas, went into the Redbridge Training School. Thomas needed an emergency operation on his hind leg; Steven was devastated as this was the first time he and Thomas have been parted since they were paired six years ago. As Steven went completely blind in a short space of time, Thomas is his world.

Carol, Clare and all the team were outstanding with their contact, sending

emails for Steven and photos, so we could tell him how Thomas looked. Steven could not visit Thomas for 11 weeks, but in that time the team never failed to let us know how Thomas was and his progress.

I think sometimes we forget those people in the background, who don't make a fuss but do such a sterling job. Carol, Clare and the team are some of those people. I can only thank them from us as a family for bringing Thomas back to Steven.

A heartfelt thank you,

**Barbara and Tom
Humphreys**



Caption competition

This time, our caption competition photo was taken when 11-month-old Jacko, a German shepherd dog, greeted seven-week-old labradoodle, Wilbur. Jacko and Wilbur are pups 44 and 45 for Hilary Reed, from Wiltshire, during her 35 years of puppy walking for Guide Dogs! **What do you think Wilbur, or Jacko, is thinking?** Help us caption this photograph. Send your captions to: **Forward, Guide Dogs, Hillfields, Burghfield Common, Reading RG7 3YG** or email forward@guidedogs.org.uk with your name and address. There's a £10 Marks and Spencer voucher for the winner.



The winner of the last caption competition was **Mike Finlay** from Northamptonshire with: **"I know there's work to do, but occasionally, you just have to stop and sniff the flowers."** Congratulations – we hope you enjoy your voucher.

Competition rules

This competition is open to anyone resident in the UK, except employees of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, their families and anyone connected with the competition. No purchase necessary. Proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. No responsibility can be accepted for entries delayed, damaged or mislaid or wrongly delivered. Illegible entries will be disqualified. Only one original entry is allowed per envelope. The winners will

be notified by either post or telephone and the results will be published in the next issue of the magazine. The winners must agree to the publication of their names, photographs and any publicity, if requested. In all matters concerning the competition the Editor's decision is final. No correspondence can be entered into. Entry implies acceptance of the rules.

The closing date for the competition is **31 January, 2018**.

In good company

We couldn't do what we do without our wonderful supporters, and that includes our corporate partners. We work with different companies across the UK, often building a relationship over many years. Their contribution to our life-changing work is invaluable and we would like to thank each and every one of them. Special thanks in this edition go to the following:

Packetts

Guide Dogs has been working with Packetts for more than 25 years. To celebrate, they have chosen us as their charity of the year partner and are fundraising to name a guide dog puppy Sydney, after Sydney Packett, who founded the business back in 1920. They recently took part in a 25km hike from Leeds to Saltaire and the 36 intrepid walkers were treated to a hog roast and other refreshments at Packett's HQ. Together they have raised more than **£6,600** for Guide Dogs.



Simplyhealth

Simplyhealth organised a fantastic campaign for Guide Dogs, raising money by donating £1 from every sign-up to their pet healthcare plan during the month of May. Participating vet practices across the country talked about the campaign to their customers and raised **£10,000**.



Toyota GB

Toyota GB has been busy organising a number of innovative events to raise money and awareness for people living with sight loss, with total donations to date exceeding **£100,000** since the partnership launched earlier this year. Events have included a directors' challenge to walk and cycle Hadrian's Wall (that's 85 miles!), a bike ride around France (260 miles!) and auctioning jars of honey from the bees in their office garden. Toyota GB staff have also volunteered their time to Guide Dogs, with one member of staff now a trained My Guide volunteer.



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