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Second Pupdate

We can hardly believe that Billy is now over six months old and around halfway through the puppy walking stage with his Puppy Walker, Craig. We recently caught up with him to find out how young Billy has been getting on since we last updated you.

Craig told us that Billy is working well for his age and is showing signs of calming down a bit, which is great to hear. Billy regularly attends Guide Dogs puppy classes; he has lots of fun there and his Puppy Training Supervisor is pleased with his progress at this stage. Billy is good at his obedience training and responds well to commands, which is great to hear.

Busy towns and crowded places are not a worry for confident Billy, and he is also happy to walk past busy main roads and by heavy traffic without a fuss. Billy is a big lad and growing fast, which gives him confidence so that he does not get fazed by the noises and smells in shopping centres. He is quite focussed and happy to walk on when Craig asks him to, and is also calm and relaxed when working.

Since we last wrote to you, Billy has been introduced to lifts, which he likes travelling in and settles nicely, and stairs, which he originally had problems with. Until a few weeks ago, Billy was all right going up stairs, but seemed scared to go back down again. Craig worked very hard with him to overcome this fear and with lots of practice, he is now fine.

Billy has now also been introduced to train travel, and Craig told us that he has taken to it with great ease. He is unfazed by the noise of the engine or the air brakes, and is not at all concerned about jumping over the gap between the platform and the train, which is great.

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