



29th October 2019

Dear Christine,

**Visit by GDP Ernie to meet you and your colleagues, as his Sponsors, at your Company Office in Cardiff on Monday 28th October 2019**

On behalf of Guide Dogs I would very much like to express my sincere thanks to you for allowing GDP Ernie and his Puppy Raiser/Walker to visit you and your colleagues at your Office yesterday and for making our party all feel so welcome.

It was so nice that GDP Ernie and his Puppy Raiser/Walker Sheila were given the opportunity to meet you all, as his Sponsors, who clearly enjoyed the whole experience, as did Jacquie Hughes-Jones, Deborah Rees and I and hope that everyone present during the visit enjoyed meeting GDP Ernie too.

Such events play an important part in training of a guide dog puppy as we strive to ensure that our guide dogs are well socialised and can integrate into society at large. It is still very early days in the development and training of GDP Ernie, but he clearly enjoyed all the attention during the visit and I am sure you will agree, behaved impeccably.

Your decision to Sponsor a guide dog puppy through one of Guide Dogs "Name a Puppy" schemes will help Guide Dogs to continue making a real difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted people across the UK.

Once GDP Ernie's enters formal training, you will be given the opportunity to get reacquainted with him and meet his GDMI (Guide Dogs Mobility Instructor).

Kind regards,

Peter

**Peter Thomas**

*(Volunteer NAP Ambassador, Puppy Walker and Speaker for Guide Dogs for the Blind)*