



Picture 1: Overview Cork City

## My Life in Cork

As you already know, part two of my adventure started 3 months ago on the 29<sup>th</sup> January. Since the end of January, I have been in the city called Cork, which is located in the south of Ireland at the river Lee.

I started out living with a host mother Sabrina and her dog Harry. She lives in Ballincollig, a small village outside the city. She was incredibly sweet and always took me everywhere. For example, we went shopping together and so on. However, after three weeks I had to change my host family because I was only living with her temporarily. And do you know who my new host family was? Her sister Cora and she was just as lovely and helpful as Sabrina. Cora is a nurse and has travelled almost all over the world because of her work. It's always exciting to hear her stories and experiences as travelling is a big passion for me. The best part is that Cora always cooks specialities from different countries. By the way, she cooks incredibly delicious food!

Like everyone from KV+, I am also doing an internship and I work with Nils and Jean-Philippe at Irish Guide Dogs. Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind (IGDB) is Ireland's national charity dedicated to enabling people who are vision impaired and families of children with autism to achieve improved mobility and independence. For over 40 years they have worked with their community of Breeders, Puppy Raisers, Home Socialisers, Temporary Boarders, Trainers, Staff, Volunteers and supporters to change as many lives as possible. On the very first day, I was fascinated by how motivated all the staff are and how passionate they are about their job and the business. Especially their passion for dogs and supporting people with disabilities. I personally work in the Human Resource department together with my boss Eileen and am therefore responsible for all employees. I am available to answer their questions and organise and prepare interviews, answer emails, make phone calls and do a lot more. Sometimes I am also allowed to be present at the training sessions for the dogs and have even been allowed to help with the training myself. Apart from the HR, I am also responsible for the puppies and get to play with them and look after them when they come to us for their placement test. They are so incredibly cute, you can hardly imagine!



Picture 2: Puppies



Picture 3: Dublin City

Besides work, I love to explore Ireland. Even though it's a bit difficult to travel by public transport in Ireland, but there are still quite beautiful places to visit in the Cork region. For example Cobh, Kinsale, Youghal, Spike Island, Ballycotton and many more. Outside of Cork, the capital Dublin is an absolute MUST! I was in Dublin with some friends over St Patrick's Day and it is an incredibly beautiful city. There are so many beautiful places in Dublin and above all it's a big student city and popular with exchange students and

therefore very multicultural. It's a perfect place to get to know new cultures and different people from different countries. Definitely worth a visit. Besides, Galway is also a beautiful city. And when you are there, you must do a day trip to the famous Cliffs of Moher. Just breathtaking.

So now I hope that you got a little insight into my life in Ireland and maybe one day you will make a trip to Ireland and enjoy the beautiful nature. Cheers and have a lovely day!



*Picture 4: Cliffs of Moher*