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a Puppy

Cookie

Building confidence

Pupdate 2

Cookie

continues her exciting journey!



“ Hello, it’s Joanne here, Cookie’s Puppy Walker. Welcome to her second Pupdate! ”

It has been a pleasure watching Cookie grow and mature over the last couple of months. She has changed so much and become much more obedient compared to when she first arrived in my home. Cookie is an absolute dream to puppy walk and I can’t wait to see her progress further!

Full of character

Every morning when I walk down the stairs, Cookie greets me with a waggy tail and a soft toy in her mouth. She’s so funny, that I often catch myself watching her shenanigans more than I watch the TV! She just cracks me up!

Cookie’s favourite toys are still the ones that make a sound – the squeakier the better. She also enjoys chewing on a solid bone that tastes of chicken which keeps her engaged and helps maintain healthy teeth. During playtime Cookie likes to pinch whatever toy our family dog Poppy has, and claim it as her own, but Poppy is very patient and doesn’t mind at all.

Steady progress

I continue working with Cookie on improving her basic obedience skills, as the more she practises the better she gets. I'm happy to say Cookie is now more patient when walking on the lead and doesn't get easily distracted. When passing other dogs, she picks up her ears to acknowledge their presence but carries on walking nicely by my side.

The recent impact of coronavirus has meant I've needed to find new ways of ensuring Cookie has continued to progress in her training, given that travelling to public places hasn't been possible. Before the social distancing guidelines were introduced, I took Cookie on a road trip to Felixstowe. She was as good as gold travelling in the car and absolutely loved running around on the beach.

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See how much Cookie has grown:

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Positive outlook

I'm looking forward to revisiting the local cafés and supermarkets with Cookie, once the restrictions have been lifted, to carry on exposing her to different environments.

Cookie has overcome every challenge she faced so far and even though she can be a little vocal sometimes, I believe it's just her character! Cookie has now become very affectionate and simply wants to please.

**Thank you for sponsoring Cookie.
Look out for your next Pupdate to see how she is progressing on her journey to become a guide dog!**



Training – Puppy to qualified guide dog

It takes around 20 months of training to transform a newborn pup into a qualified guide dog. The pups learn basic commands and are introduced to new surroundings with their Puppy Walker. They then venture on to Guide Dogs Training School, where they learn the foundation tasks required of a guide dog. The final stages of training focus on their partnership with a new owner, where they learn specific skills tailored to their owner's specific needs.



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