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Cooper

Cooper's adventure
has begun!

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**“ Hello, it’s
Margaret here,
Cooper’s Puppy
Walker. ”**

I’ve been a Puppy Walker for around 10 years now and Cooper is my ninth puppy so far. Puppy walking is hugely rewarding, experiencing the unconditional love that a dog gives you is beautiful. The social aspect of being a Puppy Walker is fun too and I have made a great extended circle of friends.

Cooper settled in amazingly; he is the first pup I’ve had that slept through the night straight away with no issues. We have a cat who is 16 years old, and Cooper gets along great with her. Introducing a cat to a new pup is a good learning opportunity as puppies always want to play with them. But Cooper lets her do her own thing – he even lets her drink from his water bowl and sleep in his bed!

Cooper loves a challenge

Cooper is a confident yet cheeky pup. He loves a cuddle and will sleep on my feet when he wants to be near me. Pups in training all show a strong willingness and capacity to learn and Cooper is no different. He's always up for new challenges and is great at retaining new information.

Cooper's training

Cooper has a few favourite toys he loves playing with, especially his squeaky donkey, soft bedtime bear, and a soft Labrador teddy. When we're playing in the garden, Cooper loves to chase a blue rubber bone on a string – it's a great way to get his puppy energy out. So far, Cooper is fine with all his basic commands; he was whistle fed from the moment we had him. We've been teaching Cooper more and more skills, to keep him entertained – he's been moving on a bit further than a pup his age usually would!

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Cooper loves his free runs

We've introduced Cooper to a variety of different places. We're lucky that there are lots of country parks and large open spaces where we live, which means Cooper gets lots of time off the lead and can practice his recall.

Cooper's had interactions with different pups on his walks and we even organise puppy playdates with a Puppy Walker friend of mine's golden retriever pup – who Cooper gets along brilliantly with.

Although we've not been using public transport yet due to COVID-19, I've been taking Cooper on trips to the train station to introduce him to the noises of the trains coming in; this gives Cooper time to take in the new surroundings and build up his confidence.



So far Cooper has taken everything in his stride and hasn't been fazed by new experiences. I couldn't be more proud of him!

We love watching Cooper take everything in his stride and can't wait to update you on his progress in your February Pupdate.

See how much Cooper has grown

We have been taking pictures of Cooper since he was born so you can see just how much he's changed.

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