

Ginger's journey has begun!

Pupdate 1

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Mike and Di here, Ginger's new Puppy Raisers.

Ginger came to us after spending some time with her first Puppy Raiser Jayne. She learnt a lot of great skills with Jayne and was ready for a change in environment. Puppy raising is a really lovely experience and it is rewarding to know that what you're doing is going to help someone who needs it. As most dog owners will tell you, it's also lovely having a dog around all the time!

Ginger has settled in with us well. The first night that Ginger spent with us she slept all the way through – which can be rare for new pups. But nothing seems to faze Ginger and her confidence has continued to increase.

Ginger is a loving pup

We like to describe Ginger as a bit of a princess, as she is certainly aware of how gorgeous she is! People are drawn to Ginger when we're out and about on walks, and she loves the attention. She is an extremely loving pup and responds very well to praise – she always aims to please and loves to be by my side.

Ginger's training

Ginger has multiple favourite toys. In particular, she loves to play with a cuddly soft toy dog that has a squeaky leg, and a pink flamingo. All other pups I've had enjoyed playing with kong toys, which are rubber toys that have a hollow centre which you can put treats in. However, Ginger has never liked kongs and much prefers her softer toys.

So far, we have been going through all the basic commands with Ginger and she has already mastered the 'sit' and 'stay' commands. Lately, Ginger has been practising whistle feeding and going to her bed on command.

New sights and sounds

Prior to lockdown we tried to introduce Ginger to a range of different locations, to help her experience new sights and sounds. We even visited Sidmouth promenade, to give Ginger the experience of visiting the seaside – she loved sniffing all the new scents. Ginger has also loved visiting National Trust grounds when out on free runs.

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It's lovely to see Ginger run like the wind! We're going to be practising recall with Ginger in the future, as sometimes she can be a bit stubborn when she wants to do somethina.

We can't wait to introduce Ginger to more experiences; I'm hoping to introduce her to public transport when it's safe to do so. Ginger has taken everything in her stride so far, and we're really proud of all the progress she's made with her basic commands. Ginger really is a joy to be around!

We love watching Ginger take everything in her stride and can't wait to update you on her progress in your June Pupdate.



See how much Ginger has grown

We have been taking pictures and videos of Ginger since she was born so you can see just how much she's changed.

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