

Alfie

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Pupdate 1

The first steps

Alfie is eager to learn!

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Hi I'm Isobel, Alfie's Puppy Walker. Welcome to his first Pupdate!

Over the next year and a bit, I'll be helping socialise and train Alfie as he grows from a tiny six-week-old pup to a well-adjusted dog ready for early training. Alfie is such a happy and confident puppy. You can see the Retriever in him from the wiry and wavy hair on his back. He is a very handsome boy.

Settling in

Alfie has settled in nicely and is very well behaved in the house. He loves playing tug of war and does very well with the command 'leave it'. He really makes us laugh with his funny antics. He will often rush around chasing his tail, and likes to lie on his back and hold toys between his front paws.

Alfie lives with our German pointer, Otto, and wire-haired Vizsla, Jaffa. The three of them love playing together and go charging around the living room. Alfie is quite a bit smaller than them at the moment, but still stands up for himself! His sister, Poppy, also lives just down the road and he loves playing with her and going to training classes together.



Learning new things

Alfie is also doing very well in basic training and is consistently responding to 'sit' and 'down' commands. We are now working on 'stand' and his recall. We are very pleased with his progress. The other day during his free run on the common, he went over to meet another dog but came right back when called!

We have started taking Alfie out and about and I try to take him to lots of varied places. He has been on a train into town and a few bus rides. He is always very well-behaved.

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Alfie often comes out with me when I go shopping and has been to our local pub! I also like walking along main roads so he is accustomed to traffic, as well as going to the seafront where there are lots of dogs to practice his focus. It's important that Alfie is focused and confident in all circumstances so that he can safely guide his owner in the future.

Alfie has started fussing a little when he is left alone and we are continuing to work on his distraction training, but we are confident that he can overcome these as he continues to grow and learn!

Next time

Thank you so much for your support! We love Alfie so much, and are really pleased with his progress so far. We can't wait to update you about how he's getting on in his next Pupdate in October!



See how much Alfie has grown

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

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