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Pupdate 2

Making strides

Alfie is discovering the world

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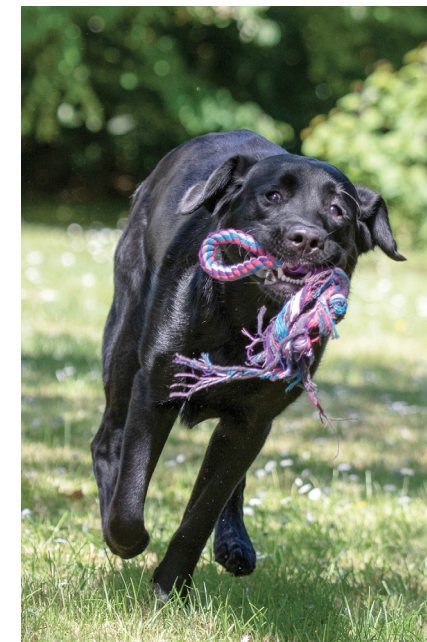
Hello, I'm Isobel, Alfie's Puppy Walker, welcome to his second Pupdate! I am excited to update you on his progress.

Alfie is such a relaxed and laid-back dog. He is very in tune with how people are feeling and is always calm and well-behaved. He has come on leaps and bounds in his obedience, taking on more responsibility and responding to my commands with less prompting.

Mind the gap

Alfie is an absolute joy to walk on the lead and doesn't pull. He also isn't overly distracted by other dogs which means he stays focused on me when we are out and about. A while ago we went on a train and Alfie didn't like the big gap between the train and the platform. Now we take the train once a week to help build his confidence and it really shows how far he has come. He is much calmer when boarding and settles well once we are moving. This will be key for his future owner if they ever go on train journeys!

We went on an adventure together down to the pier at Clevedon recently. The pier has wooden planks that you can see through,



and despite initially being hesitant, after investigating, Alfie walked over them wonderfully. He is very enthusiastic to try new things and we are very proud of him.

Playtime

After a day of training, Alfie loves to play and relax, although he tends to be keener to play than my two pet dogs, Otto and Jaffa! We often go on free runs

down by the river where Alfie loves paddling in the water, but he isn't too sure when his feet can't touch the bottom! Tug-of-war is still Alfie's favourite game although he is very strong so he often wins the game quickly!

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Building confidence

I am happy to say that Alfie has been doing much better when left alone and settles nicely. He's going through a little chewing phase and chews the side of his dog bed, but we are confident that he will improve on this and we can already see he is growing out of it.

We are beginning to take Alfie to busier places and are hoping to go to Bristol town centre soon. This will continue to help him grow in confidence. He really is

such a joy to puppy walk and I take great pride in his training.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Alfie. He will soon be heading off to early training, so be on the lookout for his next Pupdate in February.



Next stop for Alfie – early training

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