

New “Monthly Update” Format – Give it a try!!!!

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New activities:

- 10/7/08 Went to work with dad, loved the attention at both the plant & the office.
- 10/7/08 4-H Open House, PUPPY was nervous at first but settled in. Lots of children, people, & several dogs from the dog obedience club.
- 10/11/08 Started using a training collar, responds very well, gives us lots of control.
- 10/12/08 Miniature golf puppy trip, did well waiting at each hole & other people holding her when I took my turn to putt.
- 10/14/08 Club meeting, PUPPY did well with new member working her in the training circle.
- 10/18 to 10/23/08 Stayed with Millie while we were away. Got into some mischief – chewed a candle & dug a hole in the yard. But got along well with Millie’s 2 other dogs. Ate well the entire time.
- 10/25/08 County Dog Show New member worked PUPPY in the ring. PUPPY was very distracted by the dogs in the obedience ring, but did do the commands for the handler.

Concerns:

- Some improvement with the paper chewing.
- Does not like to be groomed (brushed, ears cleaned, or nails clipped). We try to distract Puppy & do a little at a time.
- Has taken “things” (pen, pocket calendar), brings them to her crate, & chewed them.
- When we leave the house with PUPPY, she is confined by a baby gate to the foyer & laundry room area with our family dog. PUPPY has started to jump over the baby gate. One day she took the newspaper from the kitchen table, jumped back over the gate, & tore the paper up in her crate.

Strengths:

- Eliminates on leash without problems using the parktime command, had one accident in the house during the past month.
- Walks well on leash, steady pull for most of the walk, likes to walk fast.
- Enjoys rides in the car or truck, rides sitting on the floor. She jumps right in & sits.
- Can wait alone in the car for a short period of time when we run into the store.
- Knows sit, rest, & stay back commands.
- Sleeps on bed chain next to our bed.

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Please send a monthly update incorporating the below information for my files. Much thanks and appreciation for taking such good care of your puppy.

Kathy

Any problems with elimination? Housebreaking, eliminating on route, marking etc.

Does your pup eliminate on leash, using the word park time and being touched occasionally while eliminating?

How is your pup doing with leash work?

How is your pup doing with commands? Sit, down, rest, come.

How is your pup with stairs, with traffic, in new situations, with people and other dogs?

Does your pup have strong natural instincts like barking or chasing?

What are you working on?

What do you have concerns about or problems with?

What are some positive attributes about your puppy?

What new experiences has your pup had this month?

Are you having any medical problems? If female when did she come into season?

Anything else you would like to share or discuss?

Most importantly... are you enjoying your puppy?

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