

Jack

Puppy Partner – Bradley Stoke Town Council End of Socialising Update October 2023



Jack is now 19 months old and his socialisation period has come to an end. On the 2nd October he returned to Banbury to meet his trainer, Jess. The last few days were difficult for socialiser Sarah and her family as the time for saying goodbye approached but, of course, they are proud of the important part they have been able to play in Jack's early development.

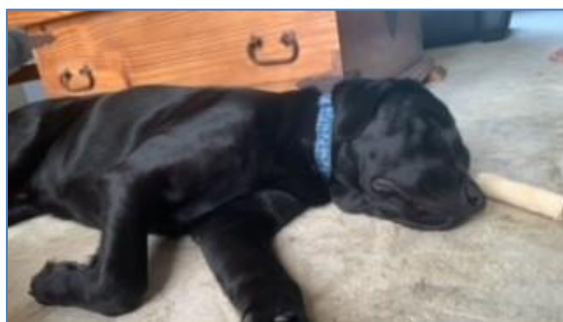
"Jack moved in with us in March after his second socialiser was taken ill unexpectedly. We are boarders, and agreed to have Jack for 2 weeks, whilst his socialiser recovered. That two weeks became a number of months until he left us to start his training!

To begin with Jack was a little bit needy and was a very early riser. As time went on he became more confident, content and happy. Jack likes company and if the sun was not calling him, he would sleep at my feet as I worked from home. He occasionally joined me at my office in Oxford, where he was a very welcome member of my team. Although he liked the additional treats that he was given, he didn't really like the work environment.

He loves food, although he behaved well in the kitchen and when we were eating. Like most of us, Jack needed to go on a diet. Dogs for Good wanted him to be at an optimal weight before training, so for a few weeks he was given special diet food and we stopped giving him normal treats. He quickly reached the required weight before he started his training.



Whilst with us Jack went on holiday to Cornwall; he played with another dog by the campfire, slept in a shepherds hut, dug holes on the beach and swam in the sea.



Jack loved his toys but could be a little over-enthusiastic with them and he managed to destroy a number of teddies. But, he fell in love with his octopus toy and would love to show people it when they visited our house.

He love, love, loves to walk and never seems to run out of energy. We tried a number of times to play fetch and he would enthusiastically run for the ball, look to show us where it was and then run off. We lost a number of balls that blended into the grass!

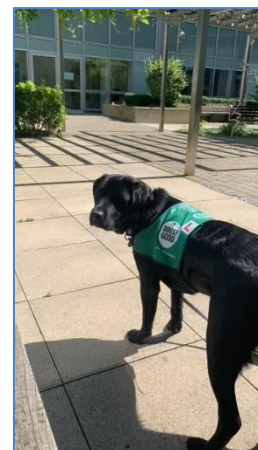


Due to a family illness, Jack spent quite a bit of time visiting the hospital. We would take it in turns to stay with Jack in the foyer of the hospital. He was a credit to the charity as he was well behaved and unintentionally offered a lot of emotional support to strangers who were having bad days.

He loved cuddles and would cheekily tell us to sit on the floor so he could snuggle right in.

Jack was a complete pleasure to have and a big part of our life is empty now that he has started his training. ”

Sarah, Socialiser



And a few words from *Helen, Puppy Coordinator*:

“I was Jack's coordinator from when he was 8 weeks old and he was a pleasure to supervise. During his time with the puppy team he had to have a number of home changes due to his socialisers' circumstances. He always took this in his stride and although we had a few behavioural needs to address he coped well with these changes.

Jack has lived in a variety of homes including as an only dog and with pet dogs and a cat. He does have some sensitivities which he may require extra support with especially when in busy environments when he is expected to settle. In these circumstances Jack can become vocal and demand attention so this will need to be further worked on while in training.

He is a super handsome boy who loves attention, cheeky at times, but can always be forgiven due to his beautiful eyes and appealing expression. I wish Jack well in his formal training and look forward to following his progress.”

I hope you are enjoying following Jack's progress on the journey towards becoming a fully trained assistance dog. Your support helps us create more incredible partnerships between people and dogs.

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