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Biscuit's 10 Month Pupdate

Biscuit is now 10 months old so we have been in touch with her Puppy Walker, Karen, to find out how she has been getting on.

The main area that Karen is currently working on with Biscuit is her phobia of butchers. A few months ago, Biscuit visited a local butcher's shop where she saw a large plastic pig stood in the doorway that scared her and made her bark. Since this incident, Biscuit will bark and look worried whenever she is near any butcher's shop. Karen has been advised by her supervisor to avoid going to any butcher's shops in the coming weeks in the hope that Biscuit will forget about her fear and her apprehension will subside. Hopefully with some help and support from Karen, the young pup will grow out of this phobia soon.

In other areas of training, Biscuit is progressing excellently. She has now mastered all of her basic commands to a high standard and is continuing to progress well at her puppy training classes. She can also now walk in the correct guiding position which is in front and to the left of Karen, with light tension on the lead. As well as this, she has an established spending routine now and rarely needs to spend on training walks, which is great to hear.

Socially, Biscuit continues to behave well around other dogs and has grown very used to other types of animal too. Karen takes Biscuit on regular trips to the local pet shop where she has met everything from rabbits to goldfish. We are told she shows interest when she meets another animal, but walks on when told to and doesn't get over-excited. She also recently met some sheep when out on a training walk which she responded to well.

When Biscuit is taken to a quieter place such as a café or a restaurant, she can sometimes become a bit fidgety when she has been sat waiting for a while.

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Karen is working on this with her so hopefully this behaviour will reduce soon. Now that Biscuit is a little older, Karen has been leaving her at home by herself for short periods of time to ensure she gets used to her own company. Biscuit seems to be quite happy with this and is not vocal or destructive when left, which is good news.

Biscuit recently experienced her first season, which she responded to well, although Karen says she did become slightly more attention-seeking during this time. It has not yet been decided when Biscuit will leave Karen and move to one of our National Training Schools to continue her training, but as soon as we hear anything we will be sure to write to you and let you know. In the meantime, we hope you have enjoyed her latest pupdate and we look forward to celebrating her first birthday with you soon.

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