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# Ernie's

## Third Pupdate

As Ernie continues to progress through the puppy walking stage, we've been in touch with his Puppy Walker, Sheila, one last time, to find out how they've been getting on. Sheila was so happy to tell us that Ernie has been making great progress and he's doing everything that's expected of a pup of his age. He has long since mastered all the basic obedience commands and demonstrates them enthusiastically whenever he's asked to do so.

Sheila has been focusing on Ernie's lead work, as he did have a tendency to pull. With the introduction of a special collar, his walking has really improved, and often he maintains the basic guiding position, which is in front and to the left of Sheila, keeping just the right amount of tension on the lead. This is a great skill for the pups to learn as it teaches them to be a secure and steady guide. Off the lead, Ernie's recall is often very good, and he comes back as soon as he's called.

Prior to the lockdown, Ernie was a brilliant companion in busy towns, as well as in quiet places such as cafés, where he settled quickly and quietly with his chew toys. Being a sociable boy, Ernie has not been so keen on being left alone at home for short periods of time and has a little cry about it to begin with. Sheila said that he never gets into any mischief, and settles down after a few minutes, but it is something they will be practising, so that Ernie feels completely relaxed when he's home alone.

Sheila said that Ernie is such a big character and a 'joy and a pleasure to live with'. She has puppy walked 15 pups but said she is going to find it particularly difficult to say goodbye to Ernie when the time comes, as she will really miss him. Even though Ernie is a good lad, he does indulge his cheeky side on occasion, and his favourite hobby is sitting on the furniture, particularly Sheila's reclining chair, which he likes to use as he can look out of the window!

We hope you have enjoyed Ernie latest pupdate and following him through the puppy walking stage of his training. We're sure that you are as proud of this spirited, sweet and smart young lad as we are, and we'll be in touch as soon as we know Ernie has made the move to 'big school'.

