

About Patience

She came to us on 14th November, 2023, very thin and timid. Prior to us, we know that she was beaten, starved and abused as form of punishment for unwanted behaviours. We know that she had lived with a 7year old girl, I am unsure if the man that owner her or the child have hit Patience with a scooter, because she is reactive towards the noise of scooters.

Since Patience has been with us, she has been taught all basic discipline, she can do "spin, sit, through (between legs), between (return between legs and flush to body looking up at owner), heel, freeze, touch (her nose will touch your fist), Box (give her an item to put her paws on for a reward, down stay, find it (hide treats around the house for her to find), indication (indicate owner to a treat under an item), sit, down, stay" and a few more bits. She does however have poor impulse control so unless her handler really enforces the rules of the game / activity, she will take the Mick and "break" from her instruction, "break" being another release indicator we have taught her. Her command for praise is "yes" and she knows this in Swedish too "Platz, Fuss" etc.

Patience LOVES an ear scratch, and will do literally anything to be with or around people, she wants all the attention she can get. She can be very calm when her environment is, but if there's things going on, she can get quite stressed.

Patience is not crate trained, but she does have an area which is gated, and when at the vets to be spayed she had no problem with the crate so a little work and we know she will adjust brilliantly.

She is a sucker for a blanket, she loves to suck a blanket, we have brought two with her that she sometimes drags with her!

When it comes to people coming in the house, she can be very vocal – if it's her owners she typically doesn't do this, only visitors she barks at although this is absolutely a façade because she would lick them to death (unsure on what she would do if it was someone she didn't recognise).

Patience when out on the lead can be brilliant if her handler sets those rules, but if they don't, she will likely be a total nightmare and will take her person for a walk! She responds best on a slip lead or a French collar but harness is a total no go. Patience also hates things being on her face, such as a dogmatic. She will scratch her face severely and will not stop until it comes off, we have never tried her with a muzzle but it would take some training, that being said, if there is food at the end of it she may be more inclined to learn.

Patience cannot be off the lead, she has a high prey drive but she is very responsive on the long line as she associates it with training.

When out with Patience, I typically do training with her, she has an abundance of drive and is very responsive to "working" – her parents were both working dogs and her bloodlines upward also speak to this.

Both of her parents were imports, I have provided a copy of the certificates the original breeder gave to us, but important to note, Patience was never KC Registered.

Part of Patience's history that we learned was that she was involved in a car crash and has been found by the dog warden more than once, she has an inevitable fear of the car and as such, for longer journeys, she may require sedative to help her with the journey.

Toys wise, she loves the ball and a Rabbit Fur Squeaky chaser (Tug-E-Nuff are her favourites). If you have a ball / toy / she will more likely focus on you rather than another person or dog whilst out. That being said, if a dog comes near her they will 100% have her attention.

Whilst out, she will bark at dogs, but will happily engage with them if introduced correctly, although I would discourage interaction with large intact males as it's likely that she may get rather upset – this is what's been happening at home. She has become rather aggressive towards intact males over recent 4-5 months which is what is so difficult for us to manage in a house with a toddler, I cannot risk our daughter getting in the way of two large dogs having a dispute.

At home, she can be very vocal if she is either locked out, can hear people but cant see them or is locked in a crate / area for a longer time. She will bark, whine and it can be relentless – she gets stressed when she doesn't have human companionship.