

Hi Michael,

I thought you might enjoy an update on Lucy and some pictures. Lucy is doing so well and impresses so many people that you really should have sent some of your business cards with us when we picked her up! I don't know how many people I've had ask for your contact information; we should just plaster your website to a banner on her side!

Where to begin? Lucy loves everybody, period. Being only 5 months old, she's still a wee bit exuberant in her initial "Hello." However, that passes after a minute or two, and she's perfectly happy to just lean up against whomever seems most interested in petting her. We were amazed at how calm she was with all the company we had over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Once she made sure to welcome everyone, she just went over to her bed, relaxed and watched for falling crumbs. Remember we talked about all the rowdy teenage boys in and out of our house? Doesn't faze her a bit. In fact, she can be eating and one of them will come up behind her and hug or pet her. After a quick kiss, she'll just go right back to eating, although she'll continue wagging her tail the whole time they hang on her. (Side note: I make sure to caution the boys generally about approaching eating dogs, other than Lucy or their own dogs.) She also loves all other dogs. In fact, I'm taking her to doggy-daycare a few afternoons each week just to satisfy her urge to play with other pups, continue her socialization, etc. She loves it!

Lucy's so smart that training's been lots of fun. She's got "come", "down", "sit", "stay" and "shake" down pat. (I can even leave the room and she'll hold her "stay" till released.) She's got drop-it and leave-it down as well, unless the item is unbearably enticing (like something really stinky or yummy.) Then she needs a little more encouragement but always complies. She walks very well on leash, although a reliable "heal" is still a work in progress. Not bad for 5 months old!

As you can see from the pictures, Lucy was blessed with a wonderful coat; better than we even hoped for. It's not only a lovely red color with big, loose curls, but it's soft as cashmere, and doesn't mat or shed at all. Invariably, the first words out of someone's mouth when they pet her are "Oh my gosh, she's so SOFT!" As far as size, at 5 months old Lucy weighs about 35 or 36 pounds. So the vet is guessing she'll be around 60 pounds when she's full grown. So far she's showing all the potential of a first rate therapy dog, and I plan to try and get her certified when she hits the one year age requirement next summer.

So, there you have it. As one of my law partners put it, Lucy and our family are a match made in heaven. Thanks!!

Maggie