

Puppy Peace – Training Notes – November 28, 2025

Puppy Peace has been with us for training since November 17, 2025.

In that time we have come to know him as an adorable, brave, connection driven, smart, willing to learn, affectionate puppy.

The foundation skills we have been working on with Puppy Peace have included:

Crate Training

- House Training Started
- Good Manners (no jumping up)
- Basic Commands (Sit, Stay, Down, Come, Off, Leave it)
- Leash Training
- Grooming Introduction & Maintenance
- Socialization (Car rides, puppy play dates, participate in daily family routines)
- Vaccinated to age appropriate vaccines

Crate Training: Puppy Peace is doing very well with his introduction to crate training. He now willingly goes into his crate when directed, and can stay quietly and settled in his crate for periods of time while awake and asleep. He will still sometimes fuss for a minute or so when crated, but settles and stays settled for periods of time while there. Puppy Peace is fed in his crate, will sleep in his crate, and will play quietly and willingly with safe toys in his crate while awake. Puppy Peace will sleep or be quiet and settled in his crate for around 6-7 hours at night at this stage of training.

If he needs to void in the night, it is a quick and business only outing. The command he is familiar with to go into his crate is 'Crate'.

House Training: Puppy Peace is getting the concept of going outside to empty his bladder and bowel. At this point of training, he has gone from being introduced to the skill under two weeks ago, to willingly and with increasing frequency making it outside to empty bladder and bowel. During awake time, I am taking him outside every hour or so as well as each time he gets up from a nap, and each time he gets out of his crate. He needs to go outside immediately, with no fuss / distraction as this is still a very new skill for him. Sometimes he dribbles on his way to the out door, but we just keep going so he had best chance to void outside and get praised for peeing/pooping outside. In the past couple of days, Puppy Peace has started to understand the door bell and has begun ringing the bell to request going outside. Sometimes he is asking to go outside to pee, and sometimes to play, but he is trying. The past four nights he has been dry in his crate for 6 hours at night which is great progress for him! Word to the wise though, when he gets out of his crate after a few hours in, scoop him up and walk quickly to the outside door as he needs to pee right away. At this stage, any delay will mean that he voids accidentally on you or on the floor. He is working so hard at it though, and is doing really well for this soon into house training.

Good Manners (No Jumping Up): Puppy Peace is working hard at learning the importance

of staying off and not jumping up, but it is a challenge for him. He so wants attention and to connect with people, that he needs reminders to stay off, and to not jump. However, his desire to get attention and affection is a strong motivation for showing the good manners he is learning.

With Puppy Peace it is worth noting that he is so happy for any contact with the people he loves that any contact is positive reinforcement, so try really hard not to gently and kindly touch him while giving the 'off' command. Ignoring him or turning away until he has four feet on the floor or is sitting settled at your feet is very effective. Puppy Peace is a very sweet puppy and wants to please, and loves affection, so is a great learner.

Basic Commands (Sit, Stay, Down, Come, Off, Leave it): Puppy Peace is a smart, willing learner. He is doing well with the concepts of sit, down, come, off, and leave it.

STAY: His stays at this point are measured in seconds with support. This is consistent with his age and stage of training.

SIT: Puppy Peace has a very strong sit, and will willingly and easily sit when asked.

DOWN: He is learning to down, but still does best with some gentle physical prompt (fingers gently on his shoulders to lower him to floor and/or tangible reward (like access to a toy, a wee bit of kibble) to down. Word to wise, if using kibble to train/reward, be aware of your fingers as Puppy Peace still has lancet sharp puppy teeth and does not always measure his distance or bite strength accurately.

COME: Puppy Peace has a very strong recall, and will come when called when addressed by his name ( Comes to Puppy) and not too distracted. He has the very strong Puppy Culture (that Jenna trains with from very early days) recall to a high pitch 'puppy puppy puppy' call.

OFF: Puppy Peace has been well introduced to the concept of off, and is doing very well with responding well and quickly to being told to off. We train that 'off' is used for anytime that any part of him is touching something that it shouldn't, like if his paws are on our legs, his paws are on our arms without invitation, his head or mouth are touching something he should not be touching.

LEAVE IT: Puppy Peace is getting the concept of leave it well, and with lots of practice. He is an active engaged, excited with the world energetic puppy. He still requires close observation as he is still learning what is his to play with and what is not his to play with or touch. Another part of the leave it training here is learning the 'show me' request so that if he has something in his mouth that he should not have, he learns to be willing to show us and to trade for something else. Puppies with things in their mouths that they should not have can be very fast, so I tend to not try to outrun them, but have them come to me to show off their treasures. OVERALL, for this stage of his development and training, Puppy Peace is doing an amazing job learning and being willing to work at learning his foundation skills. Leash Training: Puppy Peace is learning how to walk decently and safely on a leash, but it is still a very new skill for him. He likes to mouth his leash, so we continue to work on the skill to leave the leash alone while walking. At this point, Puppy Peace is still doing on leash wee wander walks rather than any expectation of a mature heel on loose leash. He has

adjusted to wearing a collar though, and is getting more comfortable with walking on leash for short walks.

Grooming Introduction and Maintenance: Puppy Peace has had a solid foundation start to grooming and maintenance during his time with us. He is brushed for a few minutes daily, has a few nails trimmed daily (so he gets used to the sensation and expectation), is learning to allow me to touch his ears, mouth, teeth, toes, and belly at my request. These are all foundation skills for life success with grooming. Puppy Peace is learning that he does not get to squirm or fuss his way out of grooming time which will be a great life skill for him. Puppy Peace does best if I do the grooming and maintenance when he is already a bit tired rather than when he is full of energy and wiggles. Puppy Peace has been able to wander in and out of the shower while with us, so is comfortable with water. While with us, Puppy Peace has had his feet washed a few times, and a bath once as he played in mud that wasn't all mud and needed a bath LOL

Socialization (Car rides, puppy play dates, participate in daily family routines): A huge part of the foundation building work we do with the puppies who spend time with us training is multiple daily meaningful socialization opportunities. Puppy Peace has been on several car rides with us. He now rides calmly and decently with his car harness and tether on for the duration of the ride now. He has had daily puppy play dates with puppies and dogs of his own age, and of different ages and stages (all in good health and fully/ appropriately vaccinated) so he has chances to learn great social play skills. Puppy Peace has been a full and welcome participant in all aspects of our daily family routines as ready to participate safely and decently in them. As an example, Puppy Peace is still too young to have good food/meal manners, so he was crated while we ate meals rather than being expected to sit or lay quietly and appropriately at our feet as our older dogs do. He has been part of puppy and skills class here at least three times, a day, regular outside play, regular inside play, full access to bins of dog toys, open access to his own crate, access to the other dogs crates, lots of skill development time, lots of attention, oodles of cuddles, and frequent praise and affection. Puppy Peace has been a welcome and treasured part of our home and family for the days he has been able to spend with us working on his foundation skills and training.

Puppy Peace is a sweet, energetic, brave, lovely puppy and we have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of the days of training time he has been able to spend here with us.

Hope this foundation skills update is helpful to you about where Puppy Peace is now and what skills he is currently working on.

Sincerely,  
Lana