



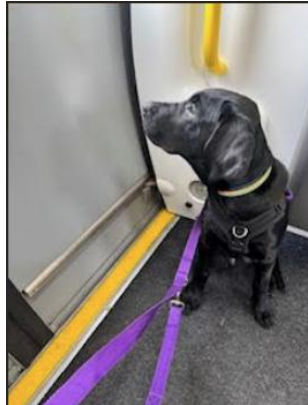
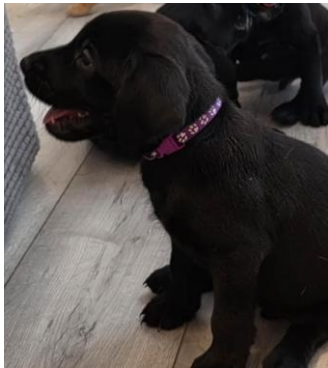
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a really good summer – it is so lovely to have you all back with us again and welcome to all our new families.

I just wanted to give a bit of a Bodhi update, he is now 5 months old and, as you can see, has done quite a lot of growing during the six-week holiday. He has also found his bark and it is rather large! If he is a bit scared or unsure of something or someone then he is tending to bark at it/them. He will get over this phase, it is just part of him growing up, but I am very mindful of the fact that we need to help him to regain his confidence and I don't want the behaviour to become established.

I went around the classrooms today to explain to the children that, although he will be in school, they might not see as much of him for the next few weeks until he gets properly comfortable again. I also reminded them that they could help him out by giving him space and waving hello from a distance.

It would be great if you could just ignore him if you see him out and about with me – it really would help him out. It won't last forever and by being patient and careful now we will have a happy and confident therapy dog for many years to come.

Thanks,

Tina