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Well, it's been a while and I wanted to drop you a line. We are having the best time with Fudge! He really seems happy and is really starting to adjust well! I'm sorry I don't have any new pictures --- we can hardly keep up with him - any pictures we take would show little more than a brown flash... we do have some pictures and I will send them as soon as I get around to it.

We have renamed him Shiner and he's starting to learn his name (when it is convenient for him - he doesn't recognize it at all when I'm trying to get him out of the cat's food bowl).

The first few days with him were great and we were wondering if he actually was a puppy, as he had little energy and just lay with us all the time. He woke up a few days later and was a ball of energy. He was teething real badly so we both have some scratches and bruises, but he is settling down now. He goes on walks twice a day and we play fetch at night which he loves and is really good at. He loves training class at Petsmart. Sundays are always his best days - he loves being around the other dogs in class and we hope to get him out to the dog park a lot once he stops teething (he's really nippy!). He walks on a loose leash, sits, will watch us... just overall behaves really well! We're having a great time and I think he is too ... :)

Update February 7, 2007

Melissa,

Good to hear from you! I sent you three sets of pictures from another e-mail address, I hope you got them! Shiner is doing great! In fact, until I started writing this message he was sitting right next to me... I was petting him and he was passing gas. Which is how we spend most nights. I've never heard an animal... well nevermind. We'll just say that he's very happy and very relaxed around here!

He's been great and has been wonderful to have around. There's nothing I love more than coming home and seeing him waiting for me. He can hardly contain himself when I come in the door - tail wagging like crazy, whining, pacing back and forth... it's an awesome feeling. As soon as I get to where I can pet him, he usually runs off to grab a toy to bring me. He won't greet me without bringing me a Kong or a sock or something.

He's been really well behaved and both Marea and I are extremely happy to have him. The cats are getting used to him too - they still don't like him, but they're getting more used to him and coming around a lot more and spending time with the family which is nice to see. We got him in July and they still barely tolerate him, but they are starting to see that he isn't trying to hurt them, I think they are just intimidated by his size. Even though it is taking a long time, it's getting better. I think in another year everyone will be getting along fine.

We hang out outside, walk together, and take him to doggy day care to play with the other dogs a lot. We feed him at the same time every day, and he's ALWAYS ready for that :) Most nights he sits around with us, and I throw Kong toys, which he retrieves - he can play fetch better than any dog I've ever seen, and he catches it in the air much of the time...

Anyway, so it's going so well! I hope you all are doing well, we sure are enjoying our little (big) boy!

Sincerely,
Mike & Marea