

Digger



Thank you for the invitation to update you on our new pup. We did change his name from Nathan to Digger; in honor of his breed and my partner's grandfather.

You see, her family is Australian and her grandfather's nickname was Digger because he worked for the rail road (R.R.) in the Outback (Australia). He was the one who would dig out R.R. Lines after a dust storm. Naming our new pup Digger was perfect since he is a "he" and an Australian Cattle dog.

Digger is now a little over 7 months old. He graduated from Puppy training last Saturday from Petsmart. The instructor said he was one of her best students. He passed all tests, prior to graduation. He still has more learning to do but he is always eager to learn something new. He has learned the following commands; sit, lay, stay, wait, leave it, and come. Prior to his training course Digger was crate trained which made potty training a breeze. He is highly motivated for food. His favorite toy is his squeaker chicken.

He loves to go camping. His first camping trip was when he was 3 1/2 months old. He thought it was the best ever and absolutely loved the inside of the tent. He loved being able to play constantly since we were outdoors from dusk to

about midnight every night. It was so cute because he would get to that point where he wanted to stay awake but couldn't although he tried. He just pooped himself out by playing hard. That trip did come with one incident...while on a hike, we stopped at a bench and Digger being as curious as ever laid on his belly to get under the bench. The next thing we knew, he was jumping around; concerned, I picked him up to discover he was covered in fire ants. Poor thing had them all over. We were successful in removing them all.

We have discovered that he loves the water... whether it is from the spigot, sprinklers, water gun or the rain; he absolutely loves to bite at it. It has become a challenge to keep him out of the rain. Other challenges we have endured with him are not leaving foreign objects alone. After some incidents our trainer helped us to teach him the "leave it" command which is usually not part of Puppy training course.

I do have a word of advice which I hope you will share with all new parents to be, "don't give your puppy or dog Nylabones". They are too dangerous and the vet visit isn't cheap.

Words from Digger: I love my new home. My mom's have given me a huge back yard to run and play with my chicken, Holey Roller ball, rope and Kong. My new best friend is a cat named Minnie. I let her chase me but sometimes her claws are sharp. But for the most part, we get along great! And they have this thing called Christmas where they bring a tree in the house and I got a stocking filled with treats and toys! I have attached a photo of me and Santa.

Sincerely,
Celeste, Felice, Minnie and Digger