

Tyson Update

Day 1-3:

Tyson was pretty skittish when he was first brought home and would go off to sleep on his own in his bed. He was not very active but still very friendly and happy to see us. We just gave him his space to get acclimated and he would come to us when he was ready to come out of his shell a bit. He did really well to not use the bathroom in the house, even though he was completely unfamiliar with his surroundings.



Day 4-7:

He started to be more active within the house and made one of our downstairs couches his personal safe space. We let him claim the couch without hesitation and bought him a little pad to reduce the amount of fur that went onto the couch. With how stressed we thought he might have been, it was only fair that he got to choose his area of comfort.



He was also very good at going to bed when it was time. He would crawl right into his bed and would wait for us as we would get ready. He would lay in his bed and wouldn't follow us into the bathroom or closet. He loves fluffy blankets and to bed covered up or buried under the blankets.



We had to kennel him while we were at work, but we would walk him in the morning and give him a Kong filled with peanut butter to occupy himself until we got home. He was and still is very good inside his kennel. He does not whine, cry, or bark, but instead just rests and waits for us patiently like a very good boy.

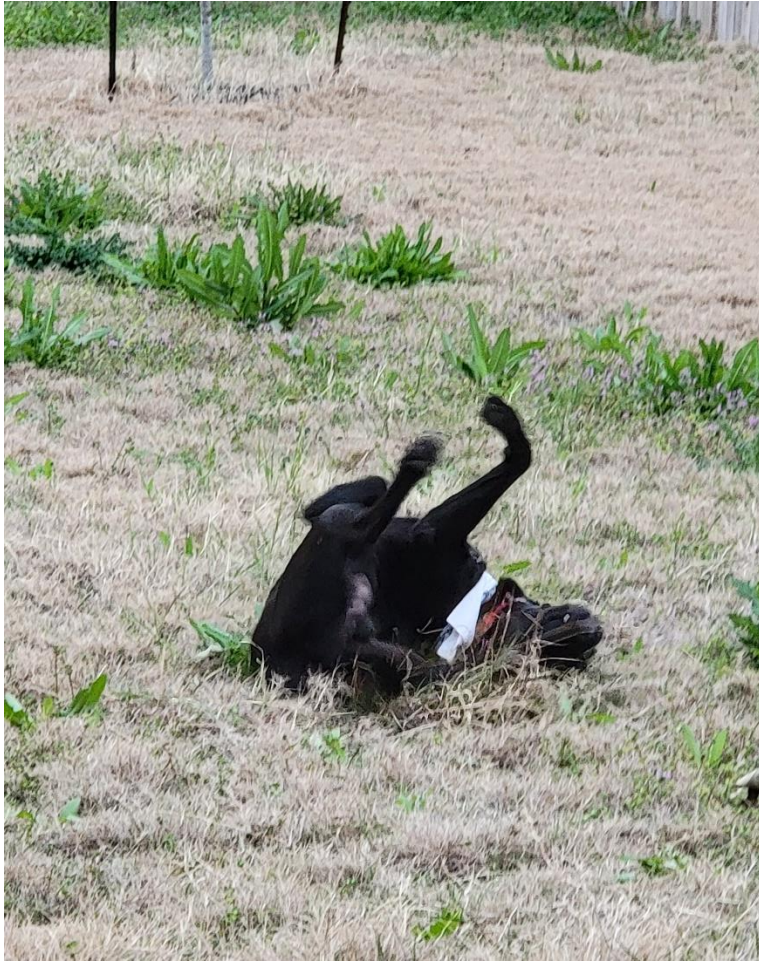
Day 7-13:

He is very food driven and will do anything for treats and snacks! He listens to commands and is learning very quickly. We have given him chew toys, balls, and other dog toys but he pays no mind to them. He would rather have actual food and play with us for a bit. We tried longer-lasting edible chew sticks, and he absolutely loves them. He likes to eat it all in one sitting, so he is supervised when he gets the bigger ones.



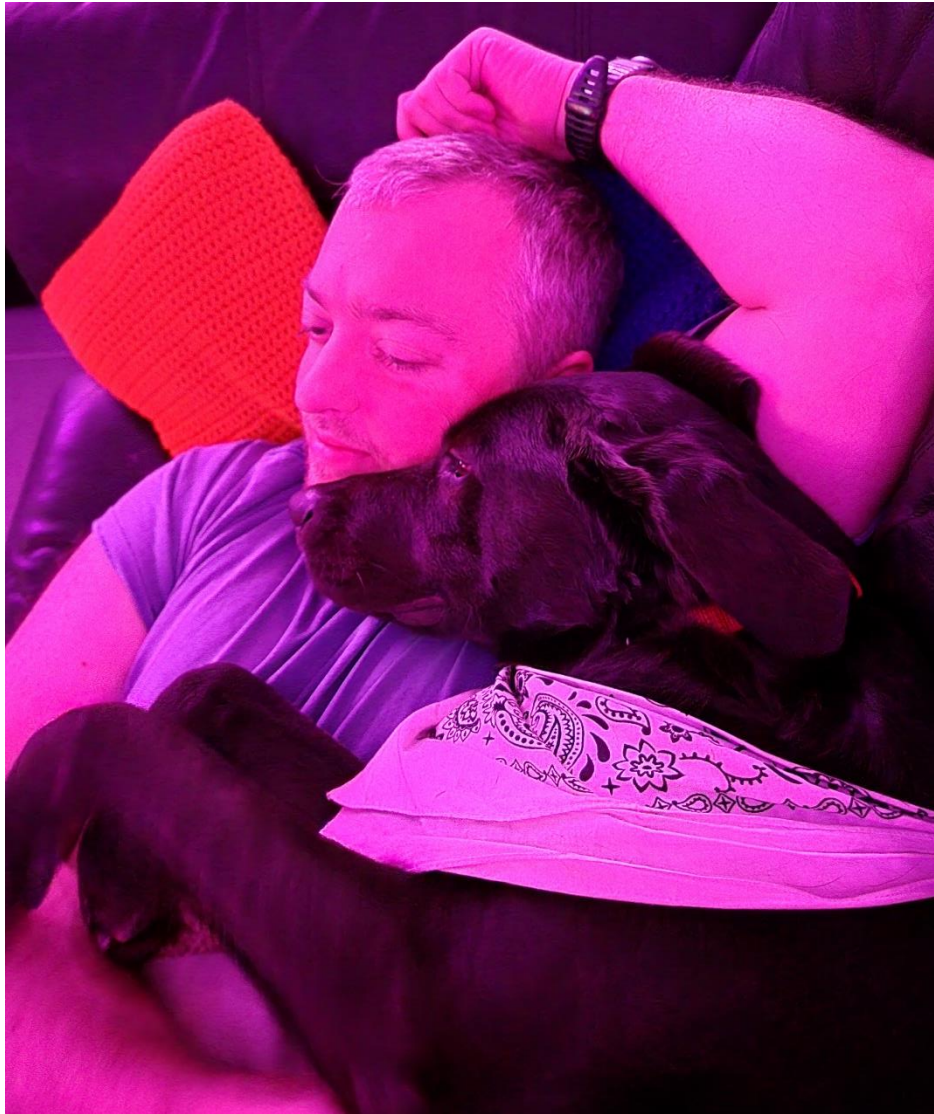
He is not as play oriented as other dogs. He will run around a bit and has only given a handful of the lightest and tiniest of play bites. There are two physical activities that he truly loves: walks and rolling around in the grass. Any time he is given the opportunity to go outside in the backyard, whether just to go out there or to use the bathroom, he makes rolling around in the grass his top priority. Right after his walks, he will go straight to his bed to gather up a bit more energy since he puts so much of it exploring the neighborhood. He is not the greatest with other animals at the moment, as he tends to be weary and protective of us, but we are working on slowly socializing him so that he can be trusted with any dog

in the neighborhood that will play nice with him. Unfortunately, this is one of the very, very few flaws this good boy has but we make sure to remind him just how good he is every day.



Day 14-20

When we were told he likes to cuddle, it was an understatement. He loves to cuddle! He will sometimes accidentally smother with love but most of the time he respects the concept of elbow space and being able to move around a little bit.



He is so very well behaved when it comes to bath time. He will not run or even attempt to run away and lets us move him around to whatever stance he needs to be in to get all of his washing done thoroughly. Since he rolls around in the grass so much more, he tends to get a little smelly quicker and quicker with each passing week. We noticed he may have minor allergies and some dry skin flakes on his fur, so we got him a really nice smelling shampoo that helps hydrate his skin. He now also has a deodorant spray that is moisturizing, to help reduce the outside smells he brings after he's done playing in the grass.



He is very good on a leash and hardly pulls anymore, except when he is super excited like when he has to go to the vet and is surrounded by people and other animals. He will look for clues on which way we are pathing when going on walks and makes sure to turn around quite often to make sure no one is being left behind. He gets so much more comfortable and caring as time passes. Right now, he's testing his limits on what he can and cannot get away with at home, but we're making sure that he knows right from wrong. There are some instances of stubbornness when he does not want to get out of a comfy spot on the couch, but it is all part of the process of learning. He is very well behaved with other people; both the local vet and the VCA offices love how good he is. Two out of the three "3s" are now down: 3 days and 3 weeks. We are anxiously waiting to see what he starts doing after 3 months. He is very loved, and we are all very happy.