

Hi Merna

Thank you so much for allowing us to take Prince on a trial and to have a go at giving Prince a second chance. Our biggest goal was for Prince and our existing dog, Smokey – a very very small toy poodle to have a try at being “buddies”. As you know we have 2 x rabbits and 5 x guinea pigs, 2 x birds that we also have in our family and 2 young children.

I am pleased to announce that we have decided to ADOPT Prince and make him a permanent resident of our family, (although he did this in the first couple of days).

I thought you and Karen would like a little update. He had obviously never been walked on a lead before and over the last couple of weeks, we now having him walking twice a day (morning and night) on a lead, walking with us being the pack leaders. We still have a few little issues to iron out, however, we are hoping this will be accomplished as we start dog training, this weekend. Prince is very gentle around our toy poodle Smokey, and has never shown any aggression towards him or at all for that matter. Although socialising is a slow but rewarding process, we have both Prince and Smokey walking on leads together.

Prince has made wonderful friends with our other pets, the rabbits and the guinea pigs and we will often see him kissing/licking the rabbit's noses and the rabbits will do the same in return. Prince is very gentle and loveable towards our 2 children. Prince took an extra special liking to my eldest son, who until we got the toy poodle was quiet afraid of dogs. They are now best friends. Prince is learning everyday and we have confidence in him that he will progress at a very fast rate. It helps that he came to us, with a very gentle nature, especially for a young dog.

I call him Prince, but personally know him as Prints (as he has made a paw PRINT on our family, forever). He is a very loving, loyal dog, especially for a younger dog.

He joins us each night inside the house, learning that this is quiet time. Quite a funny scene as Prince will come in and lay down and go to sleep, so the toy poodle will get on his pillow and go to sleep as well. We have big dog and little dog sleeping only a small distance away from each other, it is quite a funny sight.

Prince loves his many many many toys, his night kennel and his day bed and of course he loves his time inside with the family on his lay pillow.

We have also taken him to our family's homes for visits and is often found just looking around and laying close by.

We have been working with him every day allowing him to understand that all will be okay for his future. He is great walking on the lead but is wary at times of other noises, so we are slowly exposing him to that and he is coming through it with flying colours.

Merna, I dearly want to thank both yourself and Karen (previous foster mum), for being honest with us about Prince, allowing us to give it 100%. We obviously appreciated the trial period to enable us to ensure that this was the best possible outcome for both our family and for Prince.

Like many others, we dearly wanted another dog, but we both work fulltime, we have other family pets, young children, and realised it wasn't fair to have a puppy as we just did not have the time for a new puppy. We now have quality time with our new boy, and look forward to having him in our lives FOREVER !!!!!

Often people say you are meant to have a certain dog and for me personally, Prince makes me calm, I will often come home from work and just sit with him on the back step, having a cuddle.

We, like many others have always had pedigree dogs but being able to give Prince a second chance I hope others will consider adopting as well. Often people look for dogs by the way they look instead of what is inside these many beautiful animals that I am sure appreciate their second chance.

I am vastly 'spreading the word' about adopting our beautiful Prince (Prints).

Kim, Richard, Zac and Beau
& Prince xxxxx

Smokey, Desmond, Belle, Holly, Harper, Bon Bon, Fluffy, Usher, Atom and Zeus (the other animals)