

Since the last update, life has gone a little crazy! The diarrhoea that started with Miss Purple became serious and went through the whole litter. The testing of Miss Purple's poo sample revealed a Salmonella infection. All but Strawberry remained active and well hydrated through the ordeal and the vet did a blanket treatment of antibiotics on ten of them. Strawberry however, went to hospital and required surgery for a complication of the diarrhoea called an Intussusception (in-tuh-suh-SEP-shun). Fortunately, her bowel did not need to be resected, just corrected. After a few days on an IV she is back with her littermates and as feisty as ever 😊

On Friday January 8, the litter had their microchips implanted, were wormed and vaccinated (except Strawberry) and thoroughly checked over by the vet. All came through with flying colours and absolutely no sign of any Neospora symptoms YAY. I just love their strong back legs ♡
Over the following two days 8 of the 11 began a socialisation journey with wonderful carers. As you read through this report you will see the updates that I have received from the carers over their first week. Life is much easier for me here, having only Miss Purple, Miss Aqua and Strawberry to care for and socialise. These girls have now had a swim in the dam and have been on adventures around our 20 acres covering all sorts of terrain.

Yesterday Strawberry had her vaccination and her stitches removed and an extra thorough vet check which she passed with flying colours. The most pleasing thing with her is that she has really made up for the weight that she lost and has gained 1.6kg in a week.

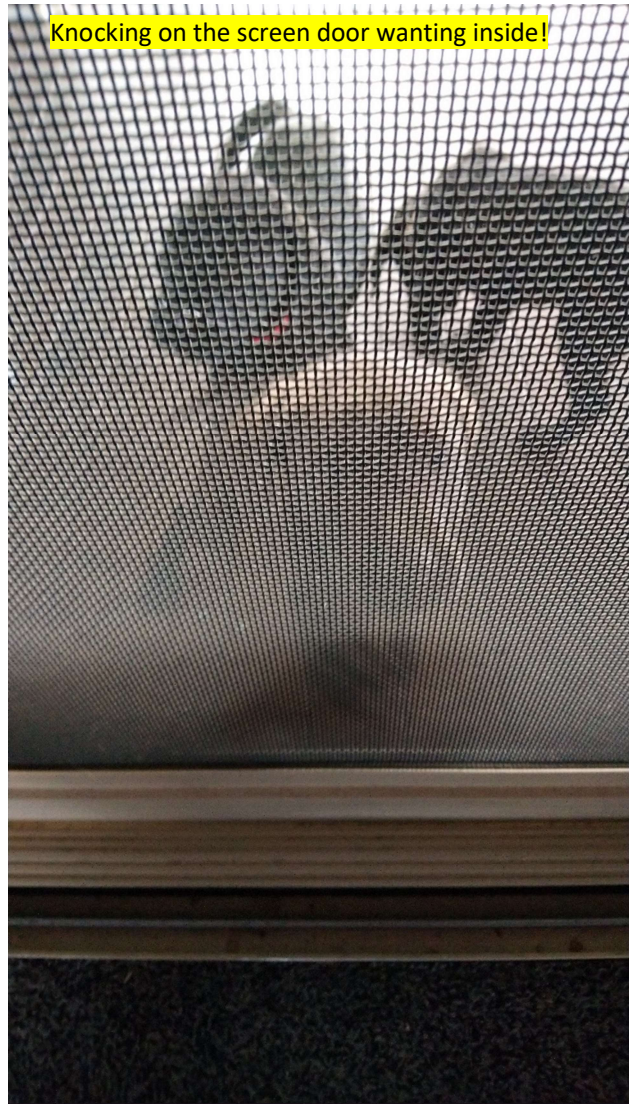
I'm now at the point of screening buyers, a more difficult task than usual as any buyer needs to be aware of the Neospora issue with this litter. For those that are interested I have placed the ad on my Facebook Page as well as DogzOnline or on my website on this link https://kuvenlabradors.com/black-labrador-retriever-puppies/?fbclid=IwAR1TD-g4DZ_qBTZmFt9OA3o_uVFB2vIJg_ydkf-HMFpwKluOb5o8k-cx7Bo



Strawberry home after her surgery



Knocking on the screen door wanting inside!

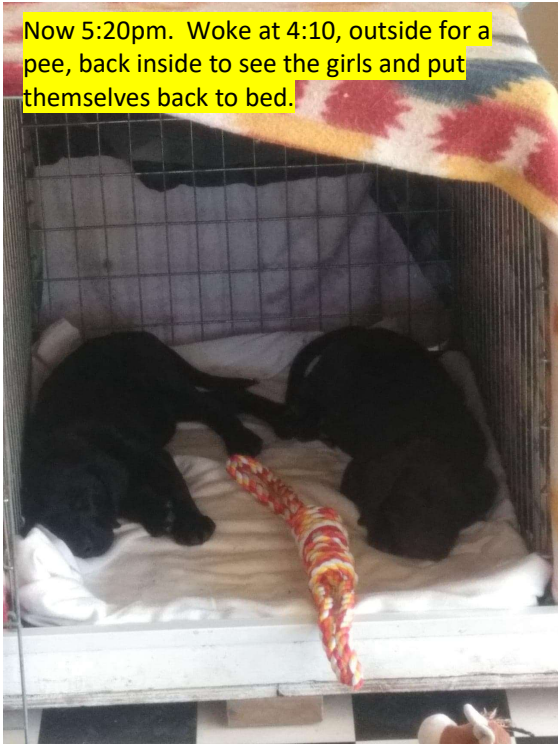


You can see how tall Miss Purple is, in comparison to little Strawberry. That's Disco in the kennel next door

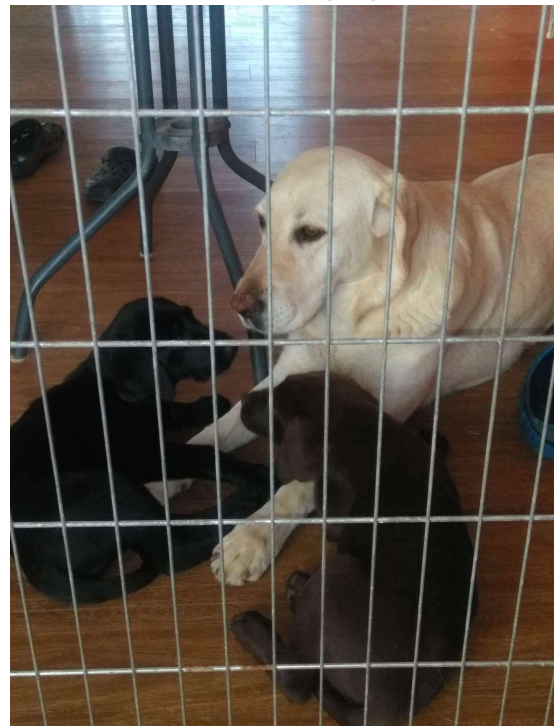
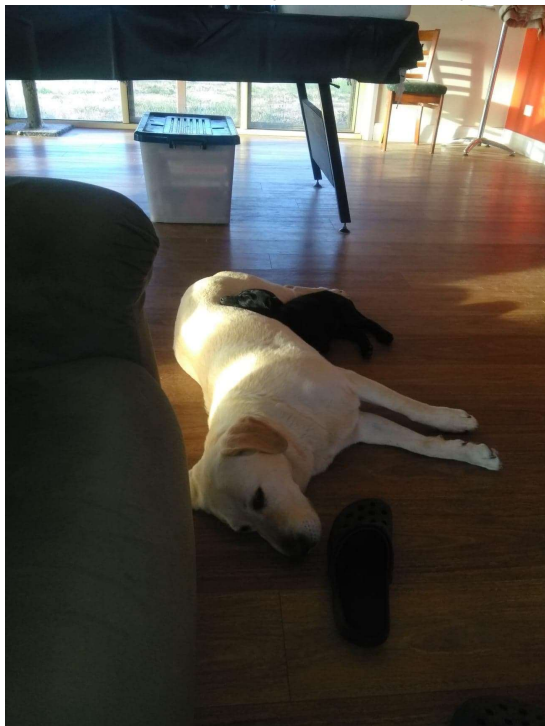


Dodge and Miss Orange have been on their socialisation journey with other Kuven Labrador owners and their two girls Corky (Kuven Maple Cork) and Millie (Kuven Archies Luckychance).

Now 5:20pm. Woke at 4:10, outside for a pee, back inside to see the girls and put themselves back to bed.



Corky is Ruby's little sister and is really enjoying these kids, Millie not so much. That in itself is good for them to realise that just because they think they are cute and likable not all other dogs agree.



Home safe and sound. They weren't too bad in the car, even had a 10 minute quiet time. Dodge was the most vocal. Had some water and big pees. Have met the girls through the fence, Dodge bolted

over himself and Miss Orange followed pretty soon after, with no encouragement from us. They have checked their bed and run out and are having a little explore. Dodge has just had a poo, nicely formed.

They're doing really well. We had a great first night with them. No crying or barking. Took them outside a couple of times over night for the toilet. Dodge will even go to the sliding door and yip to go outside for a pee during the day. They were introduced to the vacuum this morning, both came running out of their bed to see what it was and had a good sniff of the vac foot. Not put off at all. Miss Orange is firing up, she is quite a little bully and will pin Dodge down, though he can get under the couch, were she can't quite fully fit, so Dodge has little escape plan, for the moment anyway. Drinking, eating, peeing & poeing all good 😊

We've kept everyone in the same area, I'm currently sitting in a make shift 'crate/run' with Millie on the big girl's couch, the other 3 have been playing and running around. The pups have gone past and Millie has gotten off the couch to see them, she has also had a wander around the puppy area with not much issue. Currently she is sleeping on the floor one side of the fence Dodge about 600mm away.

They are really well behaved overnight. They came exploring this evening to visit the cows. Miss Orange was quite interested; Dodge didn't think they deserved more than one glance before he was off back to the house. Millie has shown a little more interest in them, and has come up to them to sniff their butts, she still doesn't want to know about the other end.

The kids are doing fine. We've all had a day inside today as it has been very hot here. We were both at work so Miss Orange & Dodge had a day at home by themselves yesterday, I think they handled it quite well. We have been onto Millie for any aggressive behaviour from to get go, I don't know if its wishful thinking, put she seems to be a little more interested in them (in a good way, not an 'I'm going to eat you' way). We keep everyone within view of everyone else while they are inside with us. I am still keeping the room divided with our puppy run fencing.

Poos are good, nicely formed. Can't believe the voluminous quantity that comes out of two very cute bums, lol. Both the kids are curious and confident. Dodge likes talking, Miss Orange is not so much of a barker. She is also more boisterous and doesn't mind hanging off some part of Dodge's body. Dodge is the one to get upset if we go through the inside gate and he's sitting in the family room, Miss Orange waits calmly, but change it around to food time and Miss Orange can't contain her excitement. They both are slowly picking up on the sit and wait at meal times. There are really good with Corky. Both are still jumping at and nipping us, but we're working on that. They seem to be doing just what little pups do. They don't appear to be fazed by Millie.

Are their poos ok? How would you assess their temperaments?

Dodge is going to my son who has 3 daughters, 7-year-old twin girls and a 2 ½ year old. One of the twins is mostly in a wheelchair, she has Cerebral Palsy that affects her mobility. Is there any chance you can borrow a wheelchair to give Dodge some exposure to one?

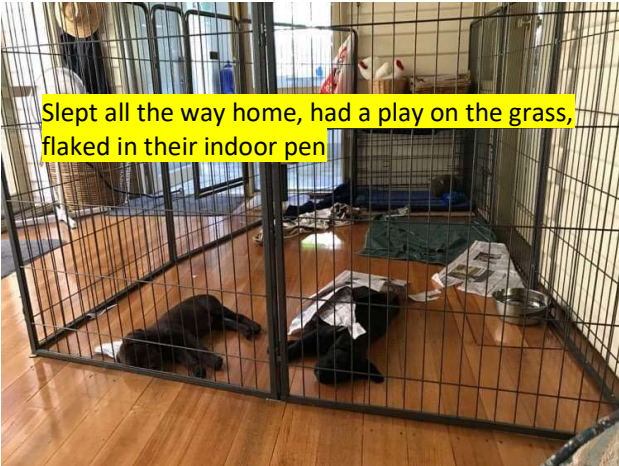
Yep, I should be able to get one from work.

Thank you ❤️

Licorice and Mr Grey with new friend Gemma (bred by Brad Watts at Nativehut kennels), Precious cargo on the road trip to Gemma's house



Slept all the way home, had a play on the grass, flaked in their indoor pen



After a swim at the beach, rinsed off in a wash basin and now ready for a nap



They have plenty of room both inside and outside They seem happy with it! There is a big outdoor run too all from when I got Gemma and lived on a farm with no fenced yard and too many stairs inside. Glad I kept it all and glad it's being used This backyard is so sandy, they will have fun digging and they can't hurt anything! They have been SO good!

Mr Grey and Liquorice had their first minutes at the beach. Mr Grey is a sook but he seems to have found his voice with Aunty Gemma. She is amazing, if she hears him whinge, she goes to see him, or if they disappear under a bush, she checks it out. They stand tall when I lift their front feet - and jump up against the cupboard when I am getting their food!

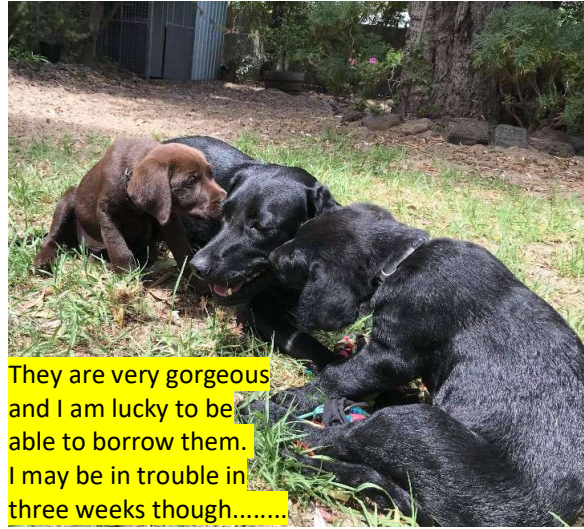
Gemma is bossing them a bit, the first time she growled Mr Grey ran to hide under my legs! he seems to be a sensitive boy, wants to stay close to me 🐶 and the louder whinger of the two, but not for long. They slept well last night, I took them out about 3 as they had woken when I got up, but they had a wee on the grass and went straight back to sleep. Licorice is the more adventurous and was not bothered at all by the low flying aircraft, whereas he ran to me. I think it's good that they have each other. Oh and poo is soft but formed - she had runny poo last night but not squirty and its fine this am. I will mash some pumpkin up to add to their dinner - little guts aren't they. I hope you had a good night with your three remaining pups - it must feel like a but of a holiday!!

Gemma is allowed to boss them; she will help teach them how to be a dog 🐶

Yep, I am letting them sort it out, supervised of course and telling Gemma she is a good girl, reminding her to be gentle



Unmasked for sit while I prepare their food! AND it took ONE DAY to figure out where they get fed!



They are very gorgeous and I am lucky to be able to borrow them. I may be in trouble in three weeks though.....

Miss Brown is also with a great carer from Delatite Veterinary Services and getting to explore the world.



Miss Brown had a big day of introductions yesterday (she quite likes the ducks 🦆) and everyone loves her. Got up a few times during the night but after a cuddle each time she settled quickly.



She has definitely settled in and learned everyone's routines. Tried staying in the crate overnight but decided it was easier to move her bed next to mine so she can get a cuddle whenever she wants and that made her happy ❤️ She also has become quite good at going up and down the steps. Had a few loose stools in between normal ones but looking hydrated and bright. Chased Benjamin the rabbit around the yard this morning and now exhausted from all the fun 😊



Miss Yellow has not only worn herself out 😊



Bryn (Kuvén The Hunters Choice) being a great babysitter



Here she is again yesterday. Loves the water.

She's going well; mostly solid poos. She fits in perfectly; she's currently following me and the other 3 dogs around the garden while we water. She's a sweetheart.



Mr Red and Miss Lime are enjoying the shade with Penny (Kuven Ice Penny)

All good here. No diarrhoea from Mr Red. Had lots of social interaction with people and 2 dogs yesterday. Ms Lime is very good with the dogs. Penny has told them off a few times. Making sure we give Penny attention as well.

No poos or wees in the pen again. Admittedly I am taking them out at 6 and the going for a little walk in the paddock where there are lots of interesting smells. Gave them some cooked vegies with rice and dry for brekky. Will give them some baked beans in the mix tonight. They are happy to explore. They met a greyhound cross this morning. No problems. Miss Lime loves niggling Penny. Penny is great with them.

In Ringwood for 2 days.... different sounds. No poos in Pen again as long as I am up when I hear them wake up. Gave them a taste of a sardine in their food this morning. It went straight through them. They are certainly good puppies. Met my sister's dog and adjusted quickly. Just feeding them rice and vegies with either baked beans or sardines.

The video link features a collection of videos. Most have been received from some of the wonderful carers. Strawberry is at the start, then a lot of Licorice and Mr Grey (their carer is having the time of her life with them) and finally of Miss Yellow (the other black puppy you can see swimming is slightly older and from a Paddy Litter). <https://youtu.be/fuAEjz2lyYc>

*To the wonderful carers
Thank you from the bottom of my heart
Your support and help makes you worth
your weight in gold*

