Subject: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by b_twin_1 on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:19:13 GMT
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Puppy Story continued

Pics:
Puppy, himself

More puppy

Even more puppy

Just way too frelling cute...

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ancientharp on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:24:48 GMT
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That's lovely (: Good for you. James Herriott (or whatever his real name is/was) would strongly approve.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by b_twin_1 on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:25:42 GMT
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Oh. **sigh** Puppies are cute. Almost too cute to be legal.

And yes I want another... but I do like my dogs obedient. And obedient takes time. So I guess I am with Southdowner on this as well. You can have a real relationship with grown-up dogs. :)

My sheltie is about to turn 13 (in a week or so) and as she swans around in ala Duchess-mode I wonder if she could cope with another puppy ..... ;)

Hmmm ... but .... the day I got Belle home she was 8 weeks old, she had howled all the way in the car and as soon as I let her out in the garden she was happy. The first time I called her Belle (I was still unsure of the name) she came to me straight away. I figured it was meant to be. :)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by AJLR on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:27:16 GMT
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Oh... *happy sigh* And lovely pictures, too.

May they all have many happy years together.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ssshunt on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:30:07 GMT
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Wonderful story. Made me tear up there a wee bit (being so NOT British). You're a good neighbor. Well done.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by shalea on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:47:31 GMT
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Robin's blog postI’m the sort of pathetic person who kneels down in the street to talk to strange puppies.

But doesn't everyone do that?

I know I'm a nutcase 'cause I have to pat all dogs whose owners approve the interaction, but puppies? Certainly everyone needs to pat puppies. :d

And yes, the subject puppy is entirely, entirely too cute.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:59:53 GMT
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Beautiful puppy, and happy ending - Daisy sounds like a perfect puppy owner. I'm sure this will help make life feel better again, there's nothing like clearing up the trail of destruction from a puppy to make you smile and look to the future :)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Lianne on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 23:00:20 GMT
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I’m the sort of pathetic person who kneels down in the street to talk to strange puppies.

Why is this pathetic? I kneel down in the street to talk to just about any (and every) dog. Less threatening than looming over them, and I love to say hello. When I was wandering around Sparks, Nevada while waiting for someone to get out of a conference, my highlight of the day was meeting two strange dogs: an English Springer spaniel on the street, which prompted a nice chat with the lady walking her, and a yellow Lab mix in a little museum. They were both formerly abused dogs who'd been rescued. The second was more cautious than the first, though she liked the petting, but she decided I was a really good person after her owner suggested I feed her a treat of turkey. :> After I'd looked round the museum and was about to leave, she perked up her ears and positively LEANED into that goodbye scritch.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Robin on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 23:03:00 GMT
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Yes. As Diane in MN said somewhere in some thread recently, there's nothing like a puppy to ground you in the here and now (as she is no doubt experiencing with great vividness right now!) PUppies! Shudder! Loved 'em! Glad it's OVER! (Maybe I should say WISH it were over!!
--Well, they destroy fewer socks than they did a year and a half ago. . . .)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ChrisW on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 23:26:27 GMT
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The puppy cuteness is blinding.

"I’m the sort of pathetic person who kneels down in the street to talk to strange puppies.†"

Me too. Although, I'm more typically the person that puppies are sneaking up behind to chew my shoe laces and beg for treats. I have sucker written on my forehead.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued

Posted by Black Bear on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 00:59:37 GMT
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Never having had a puppy, may I just say....

OMG WTF SO FRIGGIN CUTE GAHHHHHHH

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by jmeadows on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:00:26 GMT
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Oh, he is so adorable. Lovely color, too.

And I'm VERY glad Daisy was open to receiving him and ready to start taking care of him. What a lovely thing you did!

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by b_twin_1 on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:00:37 GMT
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Summed it up beautifully! LOL

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ssshunt on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:04:25 GMT
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Duh! I just now figured out where THE PUPPY pics were, and oh, I just want to eat him up! What a sweet puppy! (Until he eats that carpet.)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:04:58 GMT
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i totally agree that he is absolutely adorable.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by judith on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:16:27 GMT
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Quote:But in truth I’m with southdowner on this one: puppies are darling but dogs are better. I want something I have a relationship with, and you don’t have that with a puppy: it hasn’t been alive long enough yet.I quite agree. Puppies are adorable -- and puppyhood is also hell, and when I'm going through it with one I can't wait for it to be over! I really don't understand people who keep puppies until they grow up and then want to give them to the pound; they've paid their dues and are about to get their reward, for heaven's sake! Old dogs just get richer with age.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ssshunt on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:23:24 GMT
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Oh man, Mesquite was such a biter as a puppy. My hands were always bleeding. And none of the dominance things worked. We had to negotiate everything. It was like the Cold War. But it was worth it. (Mesquite, not the Cold War.)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Maren on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:37:19 GMT
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Quote:Although I sometimes think the puppies are doing fine and it’s the humans that need the socialisation.

:) Lola and I usually take our evening walk on the college campus where I work. Lola gets petted a lot (which sends her into ecstasy every time) and students who miss their family dogs (but can't always admit it because they're adults now) get a little stress reliever. It's a win-win for everyone!

Now I just need to convince the administration to let me keep her at the Reference desk, at least during Finals.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Vikkik on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:37:31 GMT
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Oh the CUTENESS!!!

He is just utterly adorable and I'm so glad Daisy fell in love with him!

(You're right about the carpet though, it doesn't make a good contrasting background for the little guy!)

Oh, and you do realise we will need updates on how he's settling in and growing up? ;)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Melissa Mead on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:39:16 GMT
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Oh, how CUTE!

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Mori-neko on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:45:46 GMT
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Very cute puppy!

I'm much agreed.... baby animals are cute (though I'm much less fond of baby humans), but when I go to adopt, I'll always go for an older pet. I like a (cat, in my case) that has a personality developed already, rather than a bouncy kitten. Not to mention that more often the older an animal

is, the harder time it'll have getting adopted, 'cause most people want a kitten.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by southdowner on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:55:10 GMT
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judith wrote on Tue, 11 November 2008 01:16Old dogs just get richer with age.
Old dogs and cats are just delightful. We adopted one cat aged ten and she was such a sweetie, a tortie called Okie, who could wrap humans round her paw with ease. Yet she'd had an awful past and always wanted endless amounts of food, after years of on-off starvation...

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Angelia on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 02:07:50 GMT
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I haven't seen a cocker puppy in years. . .adorable!

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by skating librarian on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 02:31:49 GMT
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Daisy is so lucky to have a very fine puppy, and folks in her life to who arrange such a wonderful gift. Your pictures make me think "yes, dog." However, two cats are enough for a two room house.

Gouda and Puck came from a shelter where they had lingered a long time 'cause they came as a pair. Puck is a carrier of feline AIDS, so they have to be in kept indoors and away from other cats for the rest of their days.

Puck can drive us (Gouda and I) wild because she seems to lack a sense of "this is me, that is you" so she has a habit of walking all over her sister and I while we are asleep, or relaxing over a book. She is also imperious about being petted RIGHT NOW.

Gouda gets cranky and snarls and snaps at Puck, while I moan and tell her she's an idiot. But all in all, we get along fine because Puck is always eager to have somebody to cuddle with, very convenient in a cold climate.

Gouda is quite the opposite. Sensitive to those around her, smart, she makes eye contact whenever one is having a conversation with her, verbal or physical. She very much understands

the difference between you and me, and sometimes wants her space. I feel so blessed having them to love.

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Posted by Lianne on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 02:41:35 GMT
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This made me think of the organizations that bring dogs into senior centers and hospitals. When my grandmother was in the hospital, it was right around Christmas, and several rounds of dogs came through. My grandmother wasn't aware enough (and wasn't enough of a dog-person) to notice or care, but her roommate did. I don't think I've ever seen such happiness as when a dog was lifted up onto her bed. Her family wasn't around much, so I made sure to ask them to bring the dogs in. And it did me a world of good, too. And the dogs? Grinning from ear to ear at all of the attention.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Maren on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 04:47:13 GMT
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Oh yeah, I think Lola would be a natural at that because she is very cuddly but also calm, but she'd need to have Canine Good Citizen certification first. I actually looked into it because I would LOVE to take her to participate in this* program which warms my little dog-loving librarian heart, but I'm not sure if she could pass the CGC test because she is a bit skittish about loud noises and even more so about being separated from me, hooboy.

*I just noticed they quote William Ayers on that page made in 2006-07. Those innocent-looking dogs are obviously pallin' around with terrorists. (Or even better, the SNL version: cavorting with terriers.)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by cgbookcat1 on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 05:21:46 GMT
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What an incredibly cute puppy!

I tried to adopt a middle-aged, small, cat and ended up with a fifteen pound fluffy guard cat in a state of perpetual kittenhood (even at the age of 3). I'm not sure how that happened.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by L.R.K. on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 07:33:54 GMT
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We had been thinking about getting a kitten and then my mother told me about Sassi. She and her brother were about to become homeless, and mamma was taking the brother. What decided us was hearing that she's the kind who neeeds affection. Both my husband's and my reaction was "Aawww!". And it's true, too; she does. We believe she must have been eight months or so when she came. We don't know and neither does anyone else, because they were given food and not much else in the way of socialising -Sassi's mother was quite wild and they were never accustomed to human contact as kittens. When I picked her up the first time she thought her last moment had come! That was nearly ten years ago, and we now have special rituals for when and how one is allowed to pick her up. She's very shy with strangers and under the bed is her refuge during stressful situations. (Which makes me extra angry with the burglars who had dragged the bed from the wall! May they...)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Diane in MN on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 09:15:48 GMT
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This puppy is obviously very good at looking like butter wouldn't melt in his mouth. It would be interesting to know how long it takes, after he settles in, for the halo to slip. Of course, he may be like MY puppy, whose halo has barely budged. :)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Mrs Redboots on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 10:27:11 GMT
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Beautiful puppy - and looks as though he will grow into a lovely dog, too. Does he have a name

yet?

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by AJLR on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 11:05:49 GMT
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Posted by L.R.K. on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 11:41:57 GMT
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It was in the summer of 2006 (I always expect something nasty to happen in the summer...). They took money and my jewelry (my wedding jewelry and I believe [I still hope against hope that I'll find them somewhere] my paternal grandmother's ear-rings). What makes one so cross is that somebody just barges into your home and throws your things around (the place was a mess). Luckily they didn't touch Sassi or my books or I would have wanted to hunt them down personally... as it is I content myself with wishing nasty things to happen to them...(I'm not of a forgiving disposition). Thanks for asking and sorry about the lengthy answer! But I'll never forget how I came home from work and found the door open (we live in a flat on the sixth floor, by the way), and I found my husband in the hall; "Why is the door open?", I asked - "It isn't open, we've been burgled" he answered and just for a moment my brain utterly refused to believe it. Sassi poor dear was rather nervous - and no wonder! Luckily she is very sensible and not likely to run off...

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Erika in Colorado on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 15:28:46 GMT
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My apartment was robbed in 1997 while I was at work. My roommate called and I got there as soon as I could (she wasn't there at the time it happened either). They had broken my window and stepped in by way of my bed (and my wonderful roommate had already cleaned up most of the glass). They took my stereo, but apparently, they did not like my taste in music as they left the CD that had been in it (and didn't take any other CD's after rifling through the case). They also stole my leather jacket but didn't want the mints I had left in the pocket, so those were on the closet floor. They took our tv and a few other things, but we got off lucky.

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Posted by Jeanne Marie on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 16:18:27 GMT
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"puppies are darling but dogs are better. I want something I have a relationship with, and you don’t have that with a puppy:"

Yes. In spades. Having had a good long cuddle with my now 5 yr old Cece (lab-AmStaff-boxer-et al) last night is a perfect example! And the lovely, cheerful, "hey wasn't THAT fun!" looks that 2 year old Charlie gives me over his shoulder just wouldn't exist without that relationship!

Yay, Robin! Well done, you good friend, you!
Smiles,
Jeanne Marie

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Posted by L.R.K. on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 17:51:23 GMT

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Thanks, Erika! Yes, idiot thieves! We had very cheap second-hand cars in the beginning - well, actually, we were too poor to have any car at all, really! - and both of them got stolen, driven around and found and had to be towed back again...In one of them, there happened to be a roll of toilet paper - and they took it! Now that I do find funny! (Oh, and the burglars did have a look at my husband's fishing-gear, but didn't take anything...)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Stephanie on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 18:38:09 GMT
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ancientharp wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 17:24That's lovely (: Good for you. James Herriott (or whatever his real name is/was) would strongly approve.

I'm appalled to note that although I can't remember to take
the diaper bag with me when I go to the grocery store, I can
remember that James' real name was Alf Wight. I have to say
I prefer the pseudonym.

I too loved the puppy story - it sounds like your friend really needed one. Did the puppy ever get a name?

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Susan from Athens on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 18:47:13 GMT
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Posted by SoItGoes31 on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 22:03:59 GMT
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Speaking of puppies....

Quote:Asked that question in his first news conference since being elected, Mr Obama said there were two priorities: to have a "hypoallergenic" breed that sheds less hair, because daughter Malia has allergies, and to have a rescue dog.
The problem, he said, was that lots of rescue dogs are "mutts like me" - a reference to his mixed ethnic background - rather than specific breeds.
"Whether we're going to be able to balance those two things, I think, is a pressing issue on the Obama household," he said.
Hypoallergenic options could include a labradoodle - a cross between a Labrador and a poodle - a schnoodle (schnauzer and poodle), or a cockapoo (cocker spaniel and poodle).
Malia, however, is rumoured to favour a goldendoodle - a poodle crossed with a golden retriever.
In an American Kennel Club survey of 42,000 people this summer, a pedigree poodle came out as the top choice for a new First Dog.

Here's the whole article- it has some interesting stuff about talking to a rescue center and other presidential pets: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/us_elections_2008/771448 0.stm

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Posted by Maren on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 22:39:10 GMT
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LOLOL

Make the pie higher!

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ssshunt on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 22:41:48 GMT
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HA! Snork!

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I had a break-in to a mini I drove years ago - they made a terrible mess, and left everything lying around in the road, but the one thing they took was a lungeing whip, a whip which is nearly 10 metres long - what in heavens name were they going to DO with IT? The mind boggles...

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Posted by Susan from Athens on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 23:41:08 GMT
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Posted by Diane in MN on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 06:17:14 GMT
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Posted by L.R.K. on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 07:54:40 GMT
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Yes, it's my home (with the proper Victorian emphasis); that's why the car-thing didn't bother me so much - it was a nuisance and cost money we couldn't really afford, but it wasn't a personal insult! (And I believe we regard personal insults in the same - proper! - unforgiving light :))

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Really - you too? (Salutes back.) I do enjoy it - which I should not considering I have vertigo! - the funny thing is that this is our second home - we had a one-room apartment for half-a-year or a little more - and that was on the sixth floor, too. Lots of advantages - not many creepy-crawlies for one thing...

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by L.R.K. on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 08:00:29 GMT
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Well, Hazel WOULD say that...

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Laura on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 18:52:47 GMT
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We would expect nothing less from Hazel.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Kitty M Darling on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 20:05:15 GMT
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I was going to adopt a senior kitty from the MSPCA and now? I think I MUST adopt a puppy.

Nothing heals the heart like a needy, chirping puppy!

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Posted by Susan from Athens on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 20:56:09 GMT
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Hazel says "Terriers rock!"

And we dutifully repeat, in fully mesmerised tones: 'Hazel, you rock! Hazel you are queen. Hazel we will follow you'.

This is how those evil terriers work... ;) Beware their subversive propaganda!

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Susan from Athens on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 21:02:04 GMT
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L.R.K. wrote on Wed, 12 November 2008 09:54Susan from Athens wrote on Tue, 11 November 2008 19:47
Anyway, I wanted to salute you, fellow sixth floor dweller! It's nice to be high (but not high in the instep ;))

Really - you too? (Salutes back.) I do enjoy it - which I should not considering I have vertigo! - the funny thing is that this is our second home - we had a one-room apartment for half-a-year or a little more - and that was on the sixth floor, too. Lots of advantages - not many creepy-crawlies for one thing...

Well I have vertigo too, on the second step of a ladder, but not on my balcony. I should, of course, explain that our flat is what they call rétiré, which means it is pulled back off the edifice, so if you drop a stone off the balcony it won't fall onto the innocents walking down on street level but on the innocents sitting on the fifth floor balcony. So this helps. And our back balcony, which is a straight drop, has a shoulder-level railing, so even I cannot imagine I can fall over. Plus familiarity breeds familiarity.

As to the creepy crawlies, I fear we have them. We are in an ongoing battle with the ants and the cockroaches. But our apartment building is now almost forty years old, and we have A LOT of plants. At least no mice or rats :)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ssshunt on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 22:41:44 GMT
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I can't do cockroaches. I CAN'T. *shudders*

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Susan from Athens on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 23:02:43 GMT
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The following is a shocking cockroach story not for the faint of heart.

Toggle SpoilerI can't do all out chemical warfare and continue to live here. So we go the old fashioned way: flip flops squash them very satisfyingly. Way back when I was in grad school, you had to TA one course a year, even if you were on a fellowship. And the biology division saw fit to put me (with no biology at all and an undergraduate degree in Chemistry) to TA Organismal Biology. This included one lab with live cockroach dissection. The TA had to order the cockroaches and prepare the samples by reaching into a tub for one cockroach, while not letting

the rest escape, grabbing it and placing it back-down onto warm wax, where it stuck for undergrads to dissect. This was a horrible experience.

But not as horrible as the TA the year before, who forgot to order any, and had to spend the night before the lab, trying to find and catch live cockroaches in the wind tunnels and corridors of the Institute.

Or two years later, when the company from which we ordered the cockroaches shut down. And we were not allowed to import them from the only other company that supplied them, as they were out-of-state and you weren't allowed to import pests. So I had to go over to the Neurobiology Labs, where they had locusts, to beg for some crickets for the lab. They said, sure, catch your own: and put me in the locust cage (I have an acute dislike of insects landing on me and a wince reaction to all and any fluttering around my face). I had to catch 32. I still have nightmares about that.

I can deal with a few midnight cockroaches.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ssshunt on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 23:10:25 GMT
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I couldn't help myself. I read it. GAK. See, that's why I was an English major.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by judith on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 23:23:43 GMT
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Quote:I couldn't help myself. I read it. GAK. See, that's why I was an English major.Ah -- but the joy of having expertise in chemistry is that one is friendly with all those things one can brew up to do in the nasty little beasties. >;->

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Susan from Athens on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 23:40:35 GMT
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My imagination has always been vivid and I've always had a very colourful and mostly gothic dream life, but there are some images from those years that come back very strongly indeed when my sleep is troubled.

And Judith, some other time, I will have to tell you the time they had to evacuate the Chemistry building because of me and a couple of others...

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Susan from Athens on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 23:42:03 GMT
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ssshunt wrote on Thu, 13 November 2008 01:10I couldn't help myself. I read it. GAK. See, that's why I was an English major.

Now, really Shelley, that whole spoiler thing was there so that you didn't ***looks innocent, while knowing that curiosity killed the cat***

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Guest on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 00:03:29 GMT
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southdowner wrote on Wed, 12 November 2008 12:12L.R.K. wrote on Tue, 11 November 2008 17:51Yes, idiot thieves! We had very cheap second-hand cars in the beginning ... In one of them, there happened to be a roll of toilet paper - and they took it! Now that I do find funny!
I had a break-in to a mini I drove years ago - they made a terrible mess, and left everything lying around in the road, but the one thing they took was a lungeing whip, a whip which is nearly 10 metres long - what in heavens name were they going to DO with IT? The mind boggles...

I have a lunge whip and no horse. However I *used* to have a horse which was the first reason for the lunge whip.

The second reason for keeping it was they make the BEST cat toys eva!

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by judith on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 01:52:28 GMT
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Susan from Athens wrote on Wed, 12 November 2008 18:40And Judith, some other time, I will have to tell you the time they had to evacuate the Chemistry building because of me and a couple of others...Uh oh ... were you doing something naughty? :)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by L.R.K. on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 05:40:19 GMT
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Susan - re your cockroach story, may I offer a sincere and heartfelt "eeewwww"?

Luckily I have absolutely no cockroach-experience at all - when I was in Pakistan and cockroaches were mentioned, I asked "What are cockroaches?" - "Don't you know? Haven't you seen them crawling on the walls?" No, I had not - the blessings of visual disability! All clouds do indeed have silver linings! :)

(Oh, and cockroaches are generally called cockroaches - probably because the Urdu word is a real tongue-twister: tirrchith. I know that doesn't do it justice, and the "th" signifies the harder Indian "t".)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Diane in MN on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 06:13:05 GMT
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Susan from Athens wrote on Wed, 12 November 2008 15:02
As to the creepy crawlies, I fear we have them. We are in an ongoing battle with the ants and the cockroaches.

Have you tried either borax or baking soda on them?

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Diane in MN on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 06:20:13 GMT
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Susan from Athens wrote on Wed, 12 November 2008 17:02The following is a shocking cockroach story not for the faint of heart.

That story goes beyond shocking, it's a horror show. You are a better woman than I am, Susan, no doubt about it. And a lab where they dissected cockroaches, oh yuck. I guess that's where they would separate the entomologists from the rest of the world. :)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Susan from Athens on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 13:05:09 GMT
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Judith: I NEVER did anything naughty. And I will will stand by that ;)

Diane: we have tried everything except nuclear weapons and biological warfare. Nothing is final, it is just an ongoing battle, you gain the upper hand, then you lose it again.

LRK: you are right - I have a pact with the spiders: if I don't see you (and you don't bite me), I won't come after you. And in Greek cockroach is katsarida.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Melissa Mead on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 01:51:15 GMT
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Have you tried diatomatious (sp?) earth on the ants?

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Diane in MN on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 06:55:41 GMT
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Susan from Athens wrote on Thu, 13 November 2008 07:05
Diane: we have tried everything except nuclear weapons and biological warfare. Nothing is final, it is just an ongoing battle, you gain the upper hand, then you lose it again.

It is, I know, almost impossible in an apartment to really truly get rid of them. Maybe a pack of geckos patrolling the place? :)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Susan from Athens on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 08:46:19 GMT
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Diane in MN wrote on Fri, 14 November 2008 08:55Susan from Athens wrote on Thu, 13 November 2008 07:05
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It is, I know, almost impossible in an apartment to really truly get rid of them. Maybe a pack of geckos patrolling the place? :)
Well we do have a couple of geckos on the balcony, which we occasionally see, and in the summer one usually moves into the kitchen (easy meals). A couple of weeks back, though I found the recent remains of one of them: they were being stripped bare by ants. So guess who won that encounter?

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by L.R.K. on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 13:39:24 GMT
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Susan from Athens wrote on Thu, 13 November 2008 14:05

LRK: you are right - I have a pact with the spiders: if I don't see you (and you don't bite me), I won't come after you. And in Greek cockroach is katsarida.

And in Swedish "kackerlacka" - somehow their names seem to fit their - er - personality, don't you think? :)

And yesterday I was given a demonstration of one of the other advantages of living on the sixth floor - the postman left our post hanging more out of the door than inside - I actually had to open the door and pull it out, including a book (- of course I have more books coming - I do not want to give the erronous and shocking impression that I'm capable of ordering only one book in a month! Heavens! How could I show my - or Sassi's - face here again?!)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ssshunt on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 20:06:43 GMT
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Heh. I just got three books in the mail not 8 minutes ago. It's a sickness.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by L.R.K. on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 20:32:15 GMT
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Yes, absolutely - and one from which I don't wish to be cured! :)

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ssshunt on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 20:34:49 GMT
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I don't think there is a cure. For books OR puppies.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Susan from Athens on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 20:51:10 GMT
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Well so far, I've been able to avoid puppies, or at least hand them back. Books I can't and won't avoid, and always have great problems in handing back.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by ssshunt on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 20:55:48 GMT
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I NEVER give a book back. Once it's mine, it's mine. Mwahahahahaha! (Unless I give it away...)

But I have had to say no to puppies because I'm afraid Mesquite might eat them--he is very territorial.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by erica_an on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 23:42:44 GMT
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I needed a good puppy story, and the pictures are just the best kind of icing on the cake.

I've been jonesing for a kitten lately, but my 11-yr-old and 8-yr-old cats have informed me that they're not sharing their people with any young whipper-snappers, thank you. Then I remember their own days of kittenhood when my hands and arms were covered with tiny scratches, and I agree with them.

Subject: Re: Puppy Story Continued
Posted by Melissa Mead on Sat, 15 Nov 2008 01:52:23 GMT
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Sometimes it's hard to forget. I still have scars from some not-so-tiny scratches!