

Hi everyone,

This week has been another busy one helping out all my friends at school.

This week I met Skye an 8-week-old Schnoodle puppy which is a cross between a Schnauzer and a poodle. She is very cute although obviously not as cute as I am. James from Canine assisted learning bought her into school to help with her socialisation and I was there to offer some advice to her about life at school.



Puppy socialisation is important it is about introducing a puppy to new sights, sounds and experiences. It is all about helping them to get used to the world, and teaching them to be confident in new situations. For a puppy like Skye who will be, working in a school environment it is even more important. She has to be confident around lots of different people and other dogs. She has to learn that new smells and noises are ok and not something to be afraid of. Skye is only 8 weeks old but the sooner she gets used to people other animals and different places the more confident she will become. It is important not to force a puppy to socialise though and when I went in with Skye mum said it was important that we could both move away from each other if we wanted. I really like Skye though and I even let her sit on mum's lap for a few minutes. I am sure we will all follow her progress as she goes through all her training to become a Canine Assisted Learning dog.

Love

*Chester*

