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– My Lockdown Puppy –

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Cali on the 30th of September 2020



Cali on the 19th of February 2021

In August, I heard some life changing news: I was getting my second puppy! I got my first puppy when I was 5 and sadly she got run over by a car when she was only 4 / 5 months old. Now, 5 years later, I have a new light to my life (in the form of a puppy) called Cali.

Cali is a Sprocker Spaniel mix. She is part Spaniel, part Cocker Spaniel. We had the idea for her name after our trip to California in 2019. Then we got the idea for the breed of dog from my godmothers who have a brown-coloured Sprocker called Indie.

I interviewed my family to see what impact Cali had on their daily lives.

The questions I asked them:

Q1.What was your first reaction to Cali?

Q2.How much on a scale from 1-10 has she changed you/ your life?

Q3.Do you agree with Lucy's Law?

Q4.What would you change about Cali?

I had 3/3 responses, here are their answers

Mum: How small she was, 10, yes, To stop being silly

Dad: How small, 10, Yes, To stop biting

James: excited, 7, yes, nothing

If you don't know about Lucy's Law, here is a summary of the law and what it does. Lucy's law was put in place on the 6th of April 2020 to prevent kitten and puppy farming. Lucy's law means that you have to buy directly from a licensed breeder or consider adopting or rescuing them from an animal shelter. If a breeder does not have a license and starts selling they can face unlimited fines and even 6 months in prison.

Why was this law put in place you ask? As of the first COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in the UK, the search for 'buy a puppy' has gone up by an astonishing 166% and the price of puppies and kittens have nearly doubled. All of this wanting a dog made it way easier for pet farming as pets were in high demand and as everyone knows pets don't grow on trees.

I have written this the report to get you to think about how much a puppy can affect your life, and also to go buy one! I mean who wouldn't want to buy a cute puppy? Then think about any pets you have at home; where did they come from and why did you get them? Every pet deserves a home where they feel appreciated and loved.

