

Hi Nancy,

I meant to write you sooner. Here is a quick up date. It took a few days we finally decided on a name for the puppy. We chose Wolfgang. It seems to suit him. When he went in for his second set of shots. He weighs 22 very heavy pounds. Lol My vet could not believe how much ha had grown in a week. Wolf weighed 19 and 1/2 pounds and he was 15 inches at the top of his shoulder. The next visit we went to this week. He weighed in at 32 very heavy pounds. I have not been able to get him to stand still long enough to get a height at his shoulder yet but the picture will give you a good idea how big he is.

We are still working on house breaking him. He does good at going outside most days. He is a character. He loves to shake paws and we are working on stay. His favorite activity is jumping in our many piles of leaves and rolling around in them. Everyone who meets him just loves him.

My vet did notice this week that there is a problem with wolf's ears. I am sure you will understand what he said better then I do. He said that the cartilage in wolf's ear "broke backwards" and that his ears will never look like a German Shepherd's. I don't know if this is genetic or not. I thought it is something you did needed to know about in case it is. Has this happened before? My vet said we could try taping his ears but he did not think it would help. Do you think it is worth trying it? Does it hurt the puppies when it is done? Could you let me know what you think when you can.

thanks Tina

Tina Kreske

Sent: Fri 11/22/13 5:36 PM

To: Nancy Nothstein (calicobiz@hotmail.com)

Hi Nancy,

Yes he is getting huge the girls at the vet's think he might weigh almost 50 pounds on his next visit in December. I finally got him to stand still to let me measure him. He is 17 1/2 at the shoulder. lol He is already walking me.

I like to feed all of my pets a mixture of different kibble. I have been feeding him Parina One puppy chow for large breeds, reg. Parina Puppy chow and Eukanuba German Shepherd Puppy chow. I just added that last one recently at Pet Smart. He also get a half a can of wet puppy food (eukanuba) mixed in his dry for breakfast and dinner. Then I leave all of the dry mix out in between. So he always has something to nibble on. I give him treats and those are made by Blue and Nutra. He also is still getting the supplement I got from you.

I have been worried about his joints because he has been growing so fast. He has had a problem of his joints buckling out from under him. It does not happen often maybe twice or three times a week. Different joints give out at different times. Mostly his wrists and elbows. I talked to the Vet on Tuesday and he said it was from him growing so fast. He said try not to let him run a lot or play any tugging games with him or any activity that might put stress on his joints.

As far as his ears go the way the vet said about the cartridge braking backwards. I got the impression the he meant that it is normal for the cartridge to brake. Wolfs is just breaking in the wrong direction. Maybe in layman's terms he meant bending? I don't know. I did not have him tape his ears yet. I wanted to talk to mike about it first and ask for your advice first. Wolf's ears

are going up and down for about 3 weeks. This week they have been more up then down. They are leaning into each other mostly. So it looks like he has a tee pee on his head. lol So I thought his ears were progressing normally. So I was surprised by what the vet said. I have had puppies in the past and their ears moved around pretty much the same way as wolfs have been doing. I am not sure I am going to say this right. On the inside edge of his ears that face towards the center of his head. I can feel the cartridge and it does bend like a L. I cant remember if that is normal or not. When he bends his head down to eat his ears do fall apart and they look like a regular shepherds ears then. Do you think I should get them taped or should I just give him more time and see how they progress?

He does have one weird habit lol He will only go out in our back yard if he has company. He is such a cutie. He has finally walked up the stairs to our second floor. He still hops down them though. I am thinking of changing his name to bunny lol He kept trying to steal my throw from me so we got him his own blanket.

take care

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1/11/14

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Hi Nancy, Wolfgang is growing like a weed. He is getting so big. He now weighs 50 pounds. He surprised me a couple of weeks ago when he was able to put his paws on my kitchen counter. lol I will send you a new picture soon. His coloring in his face looks a lot like his mom's. He is so smart. I keep catching him walking in our yard with his nose to the ground. I have never had a dog who tracks before, it is something to see. take care

Tina

From: **Tina Kreske**

Sent: Wed 1/29/14 3:41 AM

To: Nancy Nothstein (calicobiz@hotmail.com)

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Hi Nancy,

Wolfe has grown so fast it is amazing. He is getting his adult teeth now. His back molars are huge. No kidding my collies teeth were half or one-thirds smaller then the size he has coming in. He seems to be having some pain with his new teeth coming in. So I try to keep him dis-tracked as much as I can. He really likes getting cold carrots and strangely enough lettuce to chew on.

He is already pretty close to being big enough to stand on his hind legs and look me in the eye. To do it to Mike, he has a bit more growing to do. He still thinks he is little though and his favorite thing is to curl up on mikes lap when he is in his recliner. I wonder how much longer that is going to last before the chair gives out. He loves to cuddle so much.

His face and head is getting redder and his tummy is getting more black hair. The big surprise is his hair is curly. Its mainly on his back and hips. It is coming in so shiny and soft. He made it a bit difficult to get a picture of it, but I was able to get some of his back for you to see. He is growing into such a beautiful dog. He really is a stunning to look at. Everywhere we take him people think he is just gorgeous. I find myself torn on one hand I can't wait for his birthday to get here and of course on the other I want to him to stay young and playful and some what small would have been nice. I will send you more pictures soon

Stay warm

Tina

8/01/14

Hi Jim,

Tina Kreske has just posted a comment on your blog post, [Esther 4:13: Be still for a while and praise God for His favor, His grace and His Awesomeness](#). God is able to do the impossible and is always near. He loves us unconditionally.

Hi Nancy, Wolfgang is doing great. He is 11 months old now and about 90 pounds. The scary thing is, he is all skin and bones. lol He recently started eating more than usual. So hopefully he will start filling out. He learns everything so very fast. It is getting hard to find new things to teach him. He has such a endearing way of tilting his head when we talk to him. He has started blowing his coat. It always makes me smile to find his little curls on my floor

9/08/14

Hi Jim,

Tina Kreske has just posted a comment on your blog post, [Wolfgang](#), and you need to approve it:

Hi Nancy, Wolf is still growing and growing. We took him on a car trip to Chicago last month. He loved the car ride up there and our family loved meeting him. My future sister in law is a dog walker and she couldn't believe how deep his bark is. It seems like he was a baby a long time ago. He is so loving and such a sweetheart and he gets more handsome everyday. He looks so much like his mother. He is about 28" at the shoulder and over 90lbs now. Yep, He is my monster now. I am sending you some new pictures of him to your email. Take care

From: **Tina Kreske**

Sent: Mon 9/15/14 12:59 AM

To: Nancy Nothstein (calicobiz@hotmail.com)

5 attachments (total 183.5 KB)

Hi Nancy,

Here are some resent pictures of Wolfgang. He is a sweetheart and we love him dearly. He is getting bigger and stronger every day. He has a very deep bark. People don't like to ring our door bell when they are making deliveries. He really scares them. They don't know what a sweetheart he is.

He has really bonded with Mike, he follows him every where. We constantly get compliments about how handsome he is. Recently I have referred a couple of people to you. Hopefully you will hear from them. I only have one problem with him. He unfortunately likes to chase one of our cats and she loves to tease him. It makes for some frustrating times. Other than that he is a very good puppy. He looks so much like his mother now. He sometimes even sits like her. I am

attaching some recent pictures. The first one is one from his birthday. He is about 90 pounds now. lol I call him my monster. The next one is when we brought him home.
take care Tina

From: **Tina Kreske**
Sent: Wed 4/15/15 10:36 PM
To: calicobiz@hotmail.com

4 attachments (total 7.3 MB)

Hi Nancy, I am not sure you remember Michael and I. We purchased a puppy from you. He was from Calinda's Aug. 20th litter. We called him Wolfgang. He is almost 20 months old now, 92 pounds and about 29 inches at the shoulder now. He is the sweetest puppy still. He thinks he is still tiny and loves to be in Mike's lap as often as he can. Which is everyday, multiable times everyday if he can manage it. Here are some new pictures for you to see him.