

Puppies are growing like crazy. The 2 tri boys are very close to being a pound, Duke, the large white boy is close behind only by .10 of an ounce. Sister Queen and Victor are also very healthy weights at just over 13 ounces respectively.

We did nails trims this week. This is an important item to learn. Many dogs are fearful or aggressive when their paws and nails are touched. The only way to avoid this problem is to desensitize the puppies while they are young. I use human nail clippers at this age since their nails are extremely small and sharp. As the puppies grow, I switch to a dog nail clipper which fits the size and shape of the dog's nails. Keeping nails short is a huge benefit to both owner and canine. Jumping dogs with long nails can cause havoc on legs, hose or other soft fabrics. Long nails can be caught on carpets or other items causing them to rip and extensively bleed. Just a hang nail on a human often becomes infected and sore, dogs have the same issues.

Jack (Full Body Tri) Jack is the first puppy to have both eyes open. It is adorable to see to dark brown eyes peering back at me as I hold him or do his stimulation. He was fairly mellow this week while doing his stimulation. He still is a bit squirmy on the scale and on some of the hand held exercises, but was much calmer when on his back with his tummy being rubbed. He and his brother Opi are still my adventure seekers. Both are often exploring the whelping area by themselves, while the other 3 hang together.

Opi (Minimal Tri) Opi continues to be my most inquisitive puppy. If Mom isn't around, he is the one looking for her. If she isn't found, he is the one calling for her. He is already very mobile. As stated earlier, he and Jack love to explore. He is also the one who will let me know if things aren't right. Just today, sister crawled onto Opi and he let out a couple of really good puppy growls. He was not going to be used as a stepping stool. He is the boss!

Duke (White with black inside ears) Duke is right up there with his two tri brothers. He isn't has adventurous, but that may change as his eyes begin to open. He is already getting a dark nose and pigmentation around his eyes. I believe he may be a Shelby puppy. Shelby has very black pigment with an extremely icy white colored coat. Duke likes to be the boss over Victor and Queen. The 2 tri brothers are a bit too much for him to handle, so he goes for the more quieter siblings. I can't wait to see how he matures.

Victor (All White puppy boy) Victor is a sweet heart. He reminds me of Telos when he was a baby. He is very docile, but is adamant about what he likes and doesn't like. He doesn't mind being held. He likes his tummy rubbed, but hates being put on the scale. He won't sit still for the life of him. He adores his sister Queen and both are often curled up together. When one moves, the other finds him or her and joins in. He and Queen stick together against the big boys.

Queen (All White puppy girl) Queen is a beauty. She is very feminine. Her mother is very rough and tumble, but she is going to be a lady. Her bone structure is very fine, and once she starts to develop, there will be no mistaking her from her brothers. She is Victor's shadow. She depends on him to keep her from being Opi's mattress or Jack's stepping stone. I'm curious to see if she develops Telos' temperament which is very laid back and calm, or Choo's temperament which is "I'm the boss of the world! Fear me!" At this time, I see her as a little Telos.

The first couple of weeks there isn't much to report. Temperaments change, abilities start coming out and puppies start exploring the world around them. Next week we will end the neuro stimulation, but we will introduce other forms of mental stimulation.