



## Carol & Tess

Tess is a 1 & 1/2 year old chow, who I got as a 8 week old puppy. Unfortunately she had multiple medical problems. Instead of being properly socialized and obedience trained when she was a pup , she spent much of her time at vet offices and recovering from various surgeries. When we finally got her health straightened out, I knew I needed help with her to make up for lost time. I turned to Jeff and with his help Tess has gone from a fearful, growling, nervous pup to a confident friend who can come with me pretty much anywhere. Its so wonderful to see the



change in her, and we owe it all to Jeff. 'Thank you' doesn't even begin to cover how much I appreciate all of his help.

Sincerely, Carol

(Note: Below is an email that Carol gave me permission to put up...I am so proud of Tess, she did great with her training.)

Jeff,

just had to tell you of mine & tess's 4th of july party experience. you may remember that i mentioned i was considering taking tess to a house party where she has never been before and would know no one but me. (possible set up for a disaster i know - actually i was half prepared to leave after 10 minutes if she freaked & i couldn't calm her down). there were probably 30 people there, 3 other dogs & 2 cats. when i walked in i announced that tess was shy & i brought her here to socialize

her, & you were all part of my experiment. i asked everyone to please ignore her. i kept her on leash the whole time (4 hours!!!!!!!!!!!!) - in case i needed to control her quick-but just let her drag it around. i stood in groups talking, walked around, sat at tables, went in & out of the house- she followed me around but not stuck to me like glue or anything. she sniffed alot of people's legs, hands and even approached a few on her own. still shy about being petted on the head, but no panicing, occcasionally cringing nervously for 2-3 seconds if someone startled her but that's it. NO GROWLING AT ALL !!!!!!!!!!! after a while i started telling people to not look at her, but as she walked by just reach down and stroke her anywhere from the shoulders back. it surprised her at first, but for more than one person she would actually just stand there and let them



continue to pet her!!!! it was really amazing to watch. when i was sitting at a table she would just lay down (and often on the other side of the table between the chairs of strangers) and just watch what was going on- very confidently. no whining or restless behavior either. i could not believe how far she has come with your help. THANK YOU SO MUCH. i will continue to expose her to new experiences as you suggested. i feel we are well on our way to transforming her into a more outgoing confident pup. Thanks again. Carol