

December 29, 2023

Regarding my experiences with Astra and Zoey

To Whom It May Concern,

By visiting my sister and my brother-in-law, Rudy, and Monika, for 3 weeks for a Christmas vacation with my 9-year-old daughter, I would like to make some comments about our experiences with the puppies Astra and Zoey, being the owner with training experiences of German Shepherd dogs.

When we reach out to the dogs, we are invading their personal space. We force an interaction between the dog and ourselves without giving them a chance to decide if we are safe, or if they are comfortable with the interaction. We proceeded (myself and my daughter) to sit on the sofa as both puppies approached us and started to sniff, there was no barking more of a careful timid approach. We proceeded to talk among ourselves ignoring direct attention to the dogs as they proceeded to lay down. My daughter began petting them as they rolled on their backs, seemingly enjoying it.

The first 2 days they kept their distance from us observing our moves but quickly accepted us as part of the family. I took them for walks on the leash alone and my daughter quickly became a playmate to the puppies as we videotaped this on many occasions. With her taking their toys out of their mouth and jumping on them, we never at any time seen a retaliation from the puppies. We accompanied them at one of their training sessions and saw no aggressive behaviour towards the other dogs either.

I wrote this statement as I know how much Rudy and Monika care for and love their dogs, they are part of the household, and sleep with them in the bedroom. In my experiences and the actions they have taken, I see no concern with both Astra and Zoey in the future.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janka Arpasi', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Janka Arpasi