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My journal of raising a poodle puppy

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Raising a poodle puppy is a joyful experience. On May 12 2024, my family welcomed Doudou, known as Si Kacang. At first, she was tiny and fluffy with a pair of small eyes. Because of her small eyes, we named her Doudou, which means 'bean' in Chinese. Doudou's arrival marked the beginning of an adventure filled with love, learning, and growth.

The first day Doudou arrived, she was playful and curious about everything. Now, she has settled in nicely. One of the biggest challenges is house training. We spent almost two months on it and currently she is doing very well. Accidents still happen, but she learns quickly. We have established a feeding schedule, but sometimes, she is picky about her food. Surprisingly, she loves durians but it is only permissible sparingly due to her indigestion problem. Her favourite toy is a duck-shaped soft toy which she always hugs while sleeping.



Doudou sleeping.



Doudou hugging her favourite toy.



Doudou's first visit to the vet was a significant milestone. She was a bit nervous, but the vet was very gentle. She was supposed to get her vaccination and a general health check-up. However, she was underweight and quite weak at that moment. Thus, we scheduled another appointment a month later. We worked hard to help her gain weight and finally she was fit to receive the vaccinations. We are now relieved that she is in excellent health now.



Doudou sitting on the floor, waiting for her food.

Doudou is a fast learner. She has mastered "sit," "hand," "come," and "stay." We are still working on "wait" and "down" now. Her grooming routine is becoming more regular. We brush her coat every morning to keep it from matting. Every Sunday she gets a bath and she would look so fluffy and adorable afterward. We recently took her to a professional groomer for her first haircut, and she handled Doudou with experience with grace.

Doudou is growing fast! She is more confident now and loves exploring. From her arrival into my family on 12 May 2024 to her current two-month milestone, every moment has been filled with love and learning. We have learned a lot together and look forward to many more adventures. Watching her grow and develop has been an incredible journey.