

A story for strange times

My owner was weirdly awake late this morning and I didn't know why so I went to go jump on their bed to wake them up, but they were on there computer doing work and making phone calls. They didn't go out at all that day or the next, in fact they only went out to go to the shops. Once I got used to it, I liked this new way of life, sitting on the bed all day helping them work. It has been going on for a month now and there has been a lot of pictures of dogs on the computer, I think I might be getting a new friend. This did happen and they're the same age as me, his name is Arlo. We get along nicely, but he had a hard time getting used to us. At first, he just lay on the floor of the living room not getting up at all, then he eventually started to walk around the house, but dragging his tail. I did my best to cheer him up and play with him, he eventually started to play with me and soon felt at home with us.

After that, he seemed to fit in perfectly and we formed a new routine. It was sleeping and getting pats all day and only getting up to get fed. Rosa is getting a bit stressed though, so we tried to cheer her up. We tried and tried, we even did a bunch of cute puppy dog eyes, but nothing would do it.

"What should we do?" Arlo asked

"What if we leave her alone and let her be?" I responded hopefully.

"Ok, we'll try that" Arlo said with a bit of hope.

We tried this but it didn't help.

"Hey, Pimento I had an idea. What if we support Rosa by trying to get her to feel happy and think about patting us instead of thinking about all the stressful things?"

"That's a good idea, Arlo" I responded, "We could start this when she gets back from the shops!"

"Rosa's back!" Arlo called out

"Ok we will stay out of the way whilst she brings the bags in and when she has finished unpacking the groceries, we will try to comfort her," I responded in a calm manner.

A short time later when she had gone back to work.

"Ok we'll move in now and lay on the bed quietly, we will then lay on each side of her comforting her. And that's the plan." I told Arlo as we walked into the bedroom. We then lay on each side of her, I saw a small smile on her face as we lay there. We kept on doing this every day until one day I saw she was up early and in her work clothes.

This was not good she was going to go out to work today and this would be Arlo's first time with no owner in the house for a whole day and he is going to be stressed out. He is quite stressed out and it's my job to comfort him, so I did the same as we did with Rosa and it worked. I kept on doing this every time Rosa left the house and he soon got used to it.