



Koko Smith

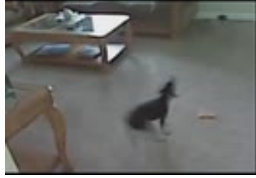
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“Koko was a very special angel from above. We got Koko, a purebred miniature pinscher in Feb. 2005. After having this cute, intelligent little dog only 3 months, we lost our 14 yr old son in a tragic accident. This rocked our world and we are still reeling from that loss. The worst pain imaginable. But, this little bundle of joy, I truly believe, helped us tremendously through our grief. She has licked many tears away and when I felt at my lowest, she would do something so silly, like running through the house with a sock in her mouth, that was such a distraction, I would forget my sorrow for an instant. I think she knew whenever I needed "cheering up" and she sure did!

My husband taught her so many tricks. She was so smart and picked up on them very fast. One was to bring me a coat hanger when I needed to hang something up out of the dryer. I would just tell her to bring me a hanger and she would set out on a mission to find one. One time she couldn't find one so she just brought me one that had a shirt hanging on it!

Another one was to turn circles. She would turn circles so fast it would make your head spin. She also learned the sound of the printer and if we didn't hurry, she would jump up and pull the paper off and rip it to shreds!

She had tons of toys, naturally, and she learned about 10 or 12 of them by name. You could tell her to go get K9 (stuffed dog), pig, red ball, purple ring, etc. etc. and she would always get it right. Unfortunately, after she began aging, she could no longer hear or see well enough to do that, so we just kept one toy out for her to retrieve.

One of Koko's favorite things was to EAT!! She would let you know when it was time to eat (yes, twice a day) and you would drop what you were doing and feed her or you wouldn't get any peace until you did. She would go get her empty bowl and drop it at your feet and make as much noise as she could. She would NOT be ignored!

One tragic day, I was washing some grapes and dropped some. If you ever dropped anything on the floor, it was gone. She would grab it so quick. So, of course, we panicked, knowing grapes can be fatal to dogs. Of course it was after hours, so we took her to an emergency clinic. I was a basket case! We had to leave her overnight so they could watch her and make sure she was ok. The next morning, they called and said we could come get her that she was going to be fine and she was hungry. She had picked up a food bowl and dropped it at their feet!

Fast forward about 12 or so years, that is one of the things that I knew deep down that if she ever did not want to eat, that she was near the end. And, that is what happened on New Years Day, 2020. She had been building up fluid for a few weeks and the meds were not helping. Finally, she was gasping for breath and not eating or drinking. I knew it was time. Of course, I didn't want to let her go but I couldn't stand for her to suffer.

We said our goodbyes on Jan. 2, 2020 and my life will never be the same. I will miss her and think of her every day for the rest of my life.

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