



We bought Zxaar almost 12 years ago as a lively 8 week old puppy. He was our first and only dog for 10 years and so he was the unchallenged Alfa male of the house. We took him to puppy socialisation classes when he was young but other than that he never really had much opportunity to socialise with other dogs. Because of this he was aggressive and socially inhibited towards other dogs when he encountered them on his walks. We were unable to let Zxaar off lead when out with us as he does not do recall a typical trait of the Husky breed, but he was particularly aggressive with dogs if they were off their leads if they came near him, and because of this behaviour we strived to walk him in quiet areas at times that would minimise him meeting other dogs.

We got an advertising card through the door a couple of years ago for the Woodland dogs walks and because of the opportunity for him to have walks off lead we thought we would give it a go and see how he got on. The first couple of times he went we were very worried about how he would be socialising with the other dogs on the walks but as time went on and he got used to going out with lots of different dogs he became more and more relaxed and confident about going. The change we saw in Zxaar's behaviour as a result of this is that now when he goes out with us he is happy to meet other dogs and is no longer aggressive towards them. This has made going out with Zxaar more enjoyable for both us and him.

