



Hello everyone,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and managed to grab at least a little sunshine in between the icy blasts, thunderstorms and rain. The last few weeks certainly have been strange with some very big ups and downs. It seems that as soon as we rehome one dog, several more come our way and it's not just the older dogs being given up for rehoming. Like most rescues, we are struggling to find enough good homes for the ever increasing number of dogs coming our way. We stay committed to doing what we can during these tough times.

On a very negative note, this month we were targeted by an unwarranted, unsubstantiated but very malicious attack on social networking sites which was aimed primarily at myself but GSDR also. A civil dispute between owner and breeder was quickly turned into an opportunity (by the usual suspects) to attack me and the rescue. Another GSDR volunteer and her family were subjected to a common assault with intentional infliction of emotional distress by the breeder and a group of thugs. My daughter and my volunteers children were also targeted on Twitter. Shockingly, Facebook pages set up for this attack are being administered by trustees and directors of another relatively new GS rescue. They certainly showed their true colours and no doubt supporters of this rescue must be seeing their real agenda, it certainly isn't about helping dogs! The actual content published on these pages has little to do with the subject matter but instead is a rather vicious attack on myself with the stated aim of destroying GSDR, a rescue that has helped thousands of GSD's since its inception, many of whom would have been put to sleep otherwise. They did eventually get the spelling of my name right which was about the only factually correct information on their hate filled pages. I am pleased to report that the Police have been very supportive on this matter. If anyone thinks they can publish unsubstantiated information on Facebook and Twitter, think again. The Police are increasingly using the malicious communications and harassment acts to punish the culprits. At the time of writing, one individual has already been cautioned and a second will shortly be receiving a visit from her local police. Shame on all those that have participated in this vile campaign which was designed to incite hatred towards myself and undermine the work of the GSDR. It has contributed nothing to rescue and it has not helped a single dog. If anyone could enlighten me as to what benefit these disgusting individuals perceive in destroying GSDR, please let me know. I have been in rescue over 20 years and things certainly have changed. There are some very unpleasant people in rescue these days but thankfully, the nice, caring people still outnumber the nasty ones.

On a wonderfully positive note, this month has given us a massive high and I am delighted to say that finally our Scooby aka Chopper finally found his forever home after spending years in kennels. His new mum and dad love him to bits and can't imagine life without him. Not only that but two of my fosters found their forever homes. Chubbs Chenko having been with us since November 2012 also went to his new home to a lovely couple who saw the potential in this beautiful dog. Sweet little puppy Rosie also found her new mum and dad after a shaky start to her short life. I thank all those loyal volunteers and supporters of GSDR who have stayed focussed on the really important tasks - rescuing and rehoming German Shepherds.



"The truth is incontrovertible, malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end; there it is."

Best Wishes , *Jayne*

Our Little Coco is living her dream thanks to GSDR.



I thought it was about time that we had an update on Coco, the little girl who fought so hard for her life last year against all odds. She's living happily with her Mum & Dad and her GSD family who adore her. Her Mum says "Coco is the most amazing little girl, she's feisty, funny, loveable, affectionate but above all she's living her dream thanks to GSDR". Here's some new photo's taken at a recent North East group walk at Holy Island of the little Minx living life to the full.



Our Vollies Out & About



Heighley Gate Garden Centre, Morpeth was the venue for a recent fundraiser held by Eileen Welsh & Chrissie Garbutt. The ladies raised £121.63 with a prize every time tombola and Eileen's fabulous face painting. They're booked to go back again on the 1st June. Well done ladies, great result.



Three or four times a year the Hockley Woods Walk Group holds a picnic followed by a raffle to raise funds for GSDR. On Sunday 6th April they held their 'Spring out of Winter' picnic at Walton on the Naze, they had great walk along the beach followed by the legendary picnic and raffle. All prizes are donated by the group members and the winning tickets are picked by the children. All had a great time and they raised a staggering £120 with Gift aid this came to £150. Organiser Christine Merritt says "not bad for a group of codgers on a wonderful day out with their dogs". I couldn't have summed it up better myself! Thank you all for your generosity.



And over in the Eastern region....

Lowestoft Dog Training Society Dog Show was attended by Mandi Wilks Eastern region Area Co-ordinator. Huge thanks to our lovely new volunteer Daniela Dale who spent the day with Mandi, Rebel & Squidge - who's only little but makes her presence very well known! Thanks also to Debbie, Linda & Cherril for helping out on our first Norfolk/Suffolk event. A lovely day was had by all, with plenty of chatting about dogs and spreading the word about our rescue.



Support Adoption for Pets Spring Fundraising Drive

Spring is finally here and the first national event springs into life on the 16th April 2014 and will run until the 13th May. During this time Support Adoption for Pets will be raising much needed funds for UK pet rescues and rehoming centres and promoting the importance of pet adoption and the fantastic work that animal charities do. We have exceeded last year's raffle prizes, adding a £13,500k car as the first prize and other pawsome items to win and all for just £1 per ticket. So with 100% of proceeds going to pet rescues and the chance to win an amazing prize, we hope that this will put us in line to make this our biggest fundraising drive to date! Just pop a long to your local Pets at Home store to buy a ticket.



GSDR are beneficiaries of this fundraising drive and are grateful for their ongoing support from partnered stores.



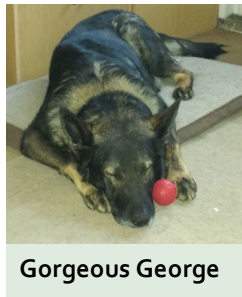
Si, Sarah & Ray at PAH

We at GSDR will be supporting this campaign and Team Fat Blokes Ray & Si have been at Pets at Home Meanwood to assist with the raffle ticket sales. They also plan to spend a day at the Halifax & Harrogate stores too. Also out at the Corby store was Team Thompson, Alan & Emma accompanied by Gorgeous George and Elegant Ellie.

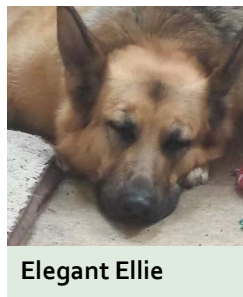
We can all support this campaign by popping into Pets at Home and buying a ticket .. or two!



GSDR at Corby PAH store



Gorgeous George



Elegant Ellie

Exhausted after a hard day selling raffle tickets

Congratulations go to Elegant Ellie who successfully secured the life time membership to the failed fosters club for Alan & Emma. An epic fail on their part for adopting BOTH of their foster dogs, I can't think of a nicer thing to be a failure in. Well done you guys for having hearts of gold. This was Ellie's first time out fundraising and was very brave indeed.



Generous customers of **The Pier Hotel** dug deep this Easter weekend raising much needed funds for GSDR. Not only did they keep donations flowing (like the drinks!) but they also donated items for the raffle. Thank you to everyone involved.



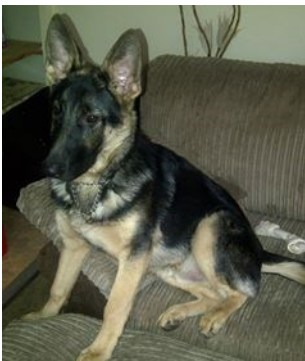
Scooby aka Chopper has settled in really well with his new Mum & Dad who love him to bits and couldn't imagine life without him. He adores playing ball, it does take a while for him to get tired but when he does he likes to lie with his head resting on their feet so that they can't go anywhere without him! He likes to get on the bed for a ten minute cuddle every night before he jumps down and settles into his nice comfy bed beside them. This lovely couple took a chance on this lovely boy. They gave him the opportunity to prove what a special lad he really is. He'd spent half of his life in kennels but he's taken to family life like a duck to water and is loving every minute of it. We're all so happy for this boy, all it took was for someone to give him a chance to prove himself.



From the streets to living in the lap of luxury (look how tidy the house is!), Chenko is taking it all in his stride. This poor boy was overlooked, then was adopted and swiftly returned until he found his real Mum & Dad. Despite needing to learn 'doggie manners' they weren't put off, instead embarked on a training regime which is proving to be a great success. They can often be found on Lickey Hills working on his socialisation with his new sister Kes. He's always out and about, two walks a day and two visits to the horses, it's exhausting being this well looked after. There's been talk of a holiday soon in the caravan, Chenko isn't sure what a holiday is but he'll give it his best shot!

How do you celebrate your first birthday?

Head down to Druridge Bay with your mates of course!



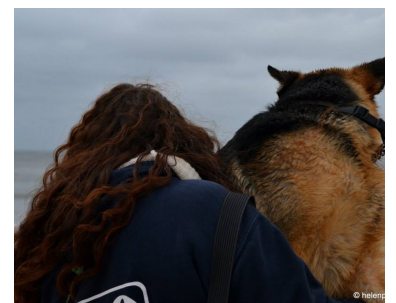
Here's our lovely Ben celebrating his first year being part of the Collie family. Little Ben arrived in foster at 6 months old, his original owners were in their 70 -80's and swiftly realised how much hard work a puppy is! He went into foster care but when they went on holiday he moved in with Chrissie Garbutt, Rocky & Ava. This innocent looking pup came with a reputation of being a thief, a hoarder and a chewer. But what greeted Chrissie was a timid but affectionate pup that would do anything for food. One day Chrissie took Ben for a walk on Blyth beach to meet a nice lady called Sarah and her boy Rocky. Ben liked them so much he decided he'd like to live with them. So this is where Ben Collie's story began, and what a character he is, twelve months later and look at him now. His mum has invested a lot of time and effort in his training and he's growing up to be a stunning lad. But Ben, please stop grabbing Rocky's ear you little monkey!



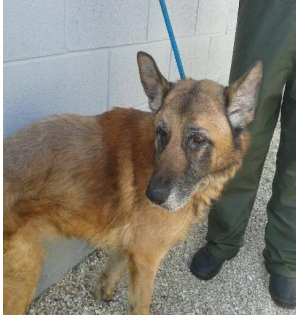
Rocky & Ben's first Christmas



Having a paddle with friends



Worn out and having a carry!



What a difference 48 hours makes

Meet Nelson, he's 10 years old and found himself in Doncaster dog pound. He'd exceeded his seven days so needed out urgently, this is where Julie Wilkinson stepped in. On Friday night she appealed for a foster home for Nelson, an old boy who's painfully thin with sparse coat caused by a severe flea allergy. We know his name and his age because he's chipped, he was adopted eight years ago from Sheffield but his new owners never updated the chip details. Sixty seconds after Julie posted her appeal on Facebook our lovely Si Hiles replied to say he'd take him, Si took one look at his photo and couldn't bear to see the sad look in Nelson's eyes. As Team Fat Blokes were busy fundraising the next day, Julie brought Nelson to meet his new Dad at Pets at Home at 5pm. When Si approached Julie's van Nelson stuck his nose out said hello and within minutes was in the store lapping up the attention.



Nelson has settled in well, he's been to the groomers for a bath to rid him on the pound pong, is getting out and about for gentle exercise and is happy with a full tummy. He's chosen a spot on Dad's bed next to his brother Bert to rest his old bones at night. I think you'll agree that Nelson certainly looks happier and this is just 48 hours after he arrived.

Nelson is one of the lucky ones. We urgently need more foster homes for our dogs, be it long or short term or just somewhere to call home in an emergency. Without our foster carers kennels is the only option and for dogs like Nelson who need home comforts and tlc this just isn't the right environment.

Please consider offering a foster place to a dog in need. To register your interest please complete the form on our website by clicking [here](#).

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Calling all volunteers!

We need to collect a few boxes of merchandise and display boards from Dudley, West Midlands and move them up to the Leeds/Bradford area. It'll easily fit into the rear footwell of a car so won't take up much room. If you can help complete any stage of the journey, in any timescale then please get in touch with Ray Lambert by email on lambov8s@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank You!

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Janine Kerr & Andy Peake will be running the full distance again this year

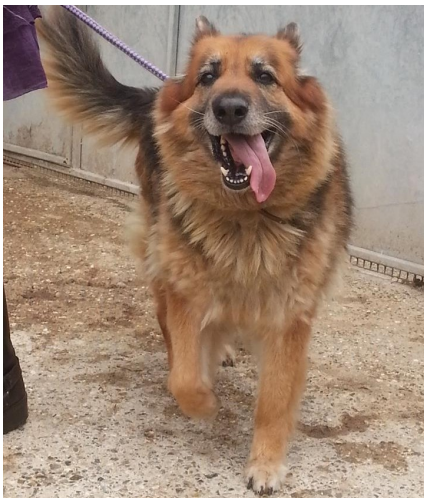
For the second year running Andy Peake has drummed up a team of insane volunteers to take part in the Leeds Half Marathon. The team will be pounding the streets of Leeds along with over six thousand other runners in a race described as 'challenging' on a course known to be undulating to hilly! Running for us this year we have a team of six ladies running in relay as well as the team running the whole 13.1 miles.

Please show your support for the team by visiting their sponsorship page by clicking [here](#).

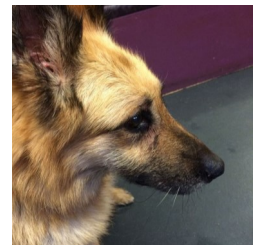


Oldies have so much to offer

Beautiful Buffy from the Eastern region went off to her forever home, this older girl with a great big smile has settled in and is learning to live with other dogs. Older dogs have so much love to give and deserve a nice comfortable retirement.



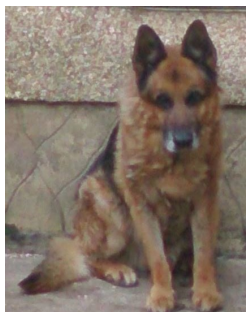
We recently had to say goodbye to Kez, who sadly ended her days in kennels. She was a lovely girl who was a firm favourite of the dog walkers, a happy girl with a lovely temperament. But sadly the day came where she wouldn't get up, her tail no longer wagged and she refused to eat. She was rushed to the vet who confirmed there was nothing more they could do and it would be kinder to let her go. Kez was very well cared for by Mandy in kennels but we hoped she would end her days in a home.



We currently have 24 older dogs waiting for homes.

Can you find space in your home and your heart for an oldie? Please visit the website to view their profiles by clicking [here](#).

One final plod around the park and one final paddle in the sea



Remember Simba? Surrendered into our care in August last year at 14 years old. Within 24 hours he completed his road trip from Wales to Newcastle with a team of volunteers delivering him to his foster home where he would live out his days in comfort with Amanda Mills & Stephen Spoons. Sadly last week Simba passed to Rainbow Bridge, his legs were failing him and his eyes said no more.

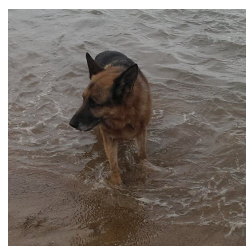
This was a very brave and selfless decision to make and must've been incredibly hard. One final act of kindness for an elderly dog who left us looking in great condition which is a credit to those who loved him dearly.



He went off to the park one last time with Helen Preshous who took some stunning photographs for Amanda & Stephen to remember him by.

The final place to visit on his bucket list is the beach where he was joined by his GSDR friends to grant him his final wish for a paddle in the sea.

But there is a happy ending, Simba's place on the rug in front of the fire wasn't vacant for long. Amanda had taken their girls away for a few days to visit family to mend their broken hearts and arrived home to find Stephen had a new lady in his life.



Lucy, just 6 months old had arrived with her belongings, surrendered by her owner who had to leave the country for work.



She's settled into the pack and family life well and is a stunning little girl. Lucy is their 16th foster dog and like each one before her will steal a little piece of their hearts when she moves onto her forever home.

Thank you Amanda & Stephen for having hearts of gold.



28th & 29th June 2014

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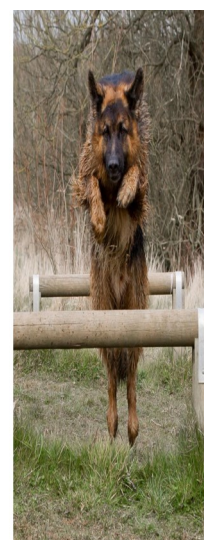


FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF OUR FIRST EVENT LAST YEAR WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN EVENTS ON 28TH JUNE & A RELAXING WALK ON THE 29TH.
OR RESERVE KENNEL SPACE AND TAKE A FEW HOURS OUT SIGHTSEEING IN NEARBY YORK.
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