



Hello everyone,

Mayday, Mayday where have all our adopters gone?

After a very busy start to the year with January being a cracking month for rehoming, it has now gone strangely quiet which is not good given the number of dogs that we have needing homes. It's as if everyone is in hibernation so I'm guessing the late spring and the bank holidays have had a major impact and that hopefully things will start to pick up again now that the weather has turned slightly warmer.

May the merry month of May be "Adopt A Dog" month and let's get some of these poor pooches out of kennels and into forever homes.

My advice for people looking for a pet is plain and simple - adopt a rescue dog. My advice to breeders is also plain and simple - stop breeding until all the pounds and rescues are empty and we as a nation, have stopped killing dogs because they are surplus to requirement. Human greed is a terrible thing and causes great suffering for our four legged friends.

My advice to the public is that we have a zero tolerance to threats and abuse towards our volunteers who are just trying to help unwanted dogs find new homes. Everyone at GSDR is an unpaid volunteer so treat us with the respect we deserve because we don't have to do this, we do it because we care and want to make a difference.

I thank all the volunteers for their hard work, their dedication and their resilience in the face of adversity. We should not have to tolerate the verbal abuse that is sometimes given to us.

Life is life — whether in a cat, or dog or man. There is no difference there between a cat or a man. The idea of difference is a human conception for man's own advantage.
~Sri Aurobindo

Best Wishes,

Jayne

Essex Sponsored Walk



Two groups set off, one completing the full 9 mile route and the other a shorter version. Both battled through wind and hail until the sun eventually made an appearance.

There's still some promised sponsorship to be collected but a quick count up so far totals an amazing



£2,800!



Susan and Lyndsey from Centralbark raised an amazing £443.75 by throwing themselves off a platform above the River Tyne and travelling at highspeed across the river suspended from a zip wire. Susan's screams echoed around Newcastle and has declared the event an experience that she's not in a rush to repeat! These brave ladies will be keeping their feet firmly on the ground for a while, doing what they do best—working with dogs. For more information on Centralbark, you can visit their website by clicking [here](#).



TFB and the lovely Enzo have been out and are pictured here in Jolleys Pet Superstore, Halifax.

Their total raised for April is £1,102.

Well done chaps, another great month even though folks are feeling the pinch in their pockets.



Deborah Priestly tragically passed away with her beloved boy Keeper by her side. Deborah was a supporter of GSDR and had been to visit Team Fat Blokes on one of their supermarket fundraising days recently. She'd spend many hours out with Keeper and being a keen photographer, always had a camera in her pocket. Deborah was a lovely, kind hearted lady who delighted in capturing the beauty of nature around her on her walks and of course her handsome boy too.

A sudden and unexpected heart attack took Deborah from us and has left everyone reeling at her loss. Over two hundred family, friends and dog walkers who knew her so well attended her funeral as did her beloved Keeper. A collection raised £300 which was donated to GSDR in her memory.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Deborah's family who have lost such a special person.



Tom, a vet from YourVets in Rayleigh is cycling over 1000 kilometres through Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria and Slovakia all in aid of GSDR.

Area Co-ordinator Christine Merritt is a regular visitor to the practice where Tom takes care of her dogs, her own and the multitude of fosters that come to stay with the Mad Dog Lady.

The practice are fundraising on site but have also set up a VMG page for those who wish to show their support from the comfort of their sofa. You can visit Tom's page by clicking [here](#).



Four years on and Snoop is still looking for his forever home. He was saved from being PTS when he found himself residing in the dog pound. When our volunteer went to assess a GSD there, his little eyes pleaded with her to help as she walked past....

Snoop deserves a chance, a life in kennels isn't a life for such a fun, active dog.

You can view Snoop's profile by clicking [here](#)

News from the South East region

I'd warn you to get your tissues ready, but I'd recommend grabbing a box full!



This is the worst case of dog neglect that we've seen in the S/E. These pictures were taken 5 weeks after this 5-6 yr old dog was rescued, as you can see she has suffered severe neglect.

Fortunately a gentleman rescued her, he phoned the RSPCA and all they could suggest was to take her to a vets. He did this and was advised to take her to Stone Lion Veterinary Hospital in Wimbledon, she was so weak she had to be carried in.

Her weight was just 20kg, her body condition score which is rated on a scale of 1 as too thin to 9 obese came in between 0-1.

This kind gentleman paid for all her medical treatment but circumstances would not let him keep her which is where GSDR were called in.

Dog Co-ordinator Nancy got the call and arranged for volunteer Lisa Rabanal to go to the hospital to see her. For the first five minutes poor Lisa could not speak, so shocking was the state of this poor dog. Ray Whiting collected her on Wednesday and she is now in foster care with Christine Merritt and getting

lots of TLC.

She has settled in well and enjoys all the fuss being made of her. A new name for a new life was needed, and with the help of Christine's 6yr old granddaughter, after much effort and thought, she came up with Princess Ruby.

Princess Ruby responds to her new name, gets on with other dogs in the home and loves to play ball, she carries it everywhere. She is still on a special diet to build her strength up and put on weight. She's found the dog sofa and likes to lie there for cuddles. For a dog that has been so severely neglected she is very gentle and takes treat so carefully. She still has a long way to go to build back up to full health but with Christine's care she'll get there.



We'll keep you informed on her progress.



Over in the Eastern region.....

We seem to have had (more than?) our usual share of sadnesses here in Eastern. This month we lost two dogs. One was a very elderly old lady, for whom we thought we had found a good foster home. She proved to be very ill and had to be PTS upon vet advice. Another we were trying to rehome and the owner lost patience. She was lingering on site, despite our best attempts. She was one of the 'honoraries'. Run free poor Stella. It is hard not to feel that we let her down.

But onward! There are the good news stories that buoy us all up for more! We have two adoptions scheduled for this weekend, as I write. And during the month as a whole, we have had six more adoptions. Three of these were out of region and three from our dogs here. We are a fairly sparsely populated region so this is a good tally for us.

In addition, the 'dream team' have been in action again. Deborah Frappell uncovered an heartbreaking case of a sweet boy (not) being cared for by a young man with mental health issues. As well as any other difficulties, the owner was due to be evicted within the fortnight. Poor Diesel was happily unaware of this but was nonetheless very depressed with his life on the sofa. Deborah thought he spent most of time there, as his claws were the longest that she had ever seen!

She wrote an urgent email before completing her dog assessment. On the strength of this, Tom and Anjela Jones swooped into action again and rescued him the very next day. He is now safe with them in loving foster care. Deborah's email might even have done more than find him a foster home. I copied it to a prospective adopter and they are now 'in discussion'. Fingers and paws crossed please.

In the meantime, Diesel has had his claws cut and is doing 'happy dances' at the prospect of his walks!

Haunted by the spectre of having lost one dog, who was urgently waiting, can I mention again our most urgent case Indie, click [here](#) to view profile

NEWSFLASH! Indie was adopted on 7th May

I am a
GSDR
Rescue Dog
Please
ADOPT ME

Can life begin again for Indie?

How to Contact your Area Co-ordinators

South West

Cornwall / Devon / Somerset / Dorset / Wiltshire & Gloucester

Area Co-ordinator: Jayne Shenstone 01568 797957 info@germanshepherdrescue.co.uk

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