



Hello everyone,

Welcome to an autumn edition of our newsletter, this year is certainly flying by now and we will soon be back to dark evenings, jumpers and wellies.

What another very busy month we have had not only on the rehoming front, but also on the fundraising side. Across the country volunteers have been working hard and every weekend now there is something taking place, raising much needed funds to cover our kennelling and vet bills.

I took a trip down to London last week for the Pup Aid anti puppy farming event in Primrose Hill Park, which was the second time that we had been to this. We were kept busy all day long and met lots of nice doggy people with their pets who were very generous in handing over their money to help the rescue. It was nice to see so many well behaved pets all gathered together in such a busy place.

Special thanks to Linda Wood and hubby Dave for putting me up the night before, cooking me a wonderful vegan meal and making me feel most welcome. Team pink worked very hard in the months prior to the event in order to maximise their efforts and on the day, their hard work really paid off. We'll show you some photo's from this event in the September newsletter.

I am conscious now that Christmas is looming and that far too many dogs are still languishing in kennels and may be looking at spending the festive season behind bars if homes are not found. We need a big drive to get as many dogs into homes as we can, especially the older dogs and those that have been in kennels for a long time.

Spare a thought for those poor dogs who will be spending Christmas in kennels - unwanted and unloved. If you can make a space for a nice oldie, we would love to hear from you.

Once again I thank all my volunteers for all their dedication and hard work

*For as long as men massacre animals, they will kill each other. Indeed he who sows the seeds of murder and pain cannot reap the joy of love. Pythagoras*

Best Wishes,

*Jayne*



Chrissie Garbutt, Tracy Brown and Maria Hamilton pitched their gazebo at the Central Bark show to represent GSDR. With a few generous donations added to the bucket, the ladies raised a tailwagging total of £160. With lots of tombola prizes left over from various events, a friend of Chrissie's took them into work at BT Openreach and raised a further £260!



TFB have been out an about fundraising for four years now, their first store event was at Jolleys in Keighley where they raised over £200 and found a lovely home for an older dog called Summer. Some of you reading this will've become volunteers thanks to Ray & Si, you might even have a dog asleep at your feet because of them.

The chaps are looking for some new volunteers to join the team, they've set up a great network of venues and need some fresh faces to man the stands and talk dogs! If you have a bombproof dog who laps up cuddles even better, but if you want to have a chat with Ray to see what its all about then please drop him a line at [ray.lambert59@gmail.com](mailto:ray.lambert59@gmail.com).

If you have the occasional weekend free and are happiest standing and talking about dogs, then we've got just the job for you!

## And down in the South East by Christine Merritt.....



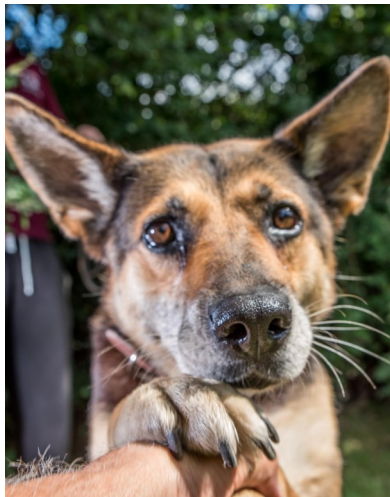
Here in the South East we have recently had two fundraisers, first we had a BBQ, which was held in the very large garden of the lovely gentleman that is fostering Neesha, he has had her for a year now and has a wonderful life. (Neesha has terminal cancer ) Tom very kindly said we could use his garden for some fundraisers for which we are extremely grateful. It was a very hot day and as Tom has a very large koi pond in his garden one of the dogs decided to cool off in it, his name is of course Rebel, daft as a brush just like his owner. This event was very well attended by people and dogs. BBQ was great, plenty of food for everyone and organised by Nancy Cannell and Alex Kelly.

We raised £566.88 which was great and again we had our Naff Raffle. When's the next one everyone said. So....

Our second fundraiser was again in Tom Weeks' garden, this time it was a picnic. I have never seen so much food and Jackie made one of her FAB cakes for our POSH Raffle (boy was it posh) no joke we went for it big time, of course whoever won the cake had to share it. It was scrummy. Poor Ray Whiting thought he was going to take it home with him or rather his brother in law did. Once again it was a very hot day, but no dogs in the pond this time. This was also very well attended, I must admit we do all like these get togethers, most of the people are from our walk groups, and the dogs mix in very well, no handbags at dawn, or barks and paws. Zak stole the show lying in the small pool. Dave came and did some absolutely great photos of everyone with their dogs to raise even more money for the rescue. This time we raised the sum of £681.25 (must have been because of the Posh Raffle.)



We decided that something had to be done about our kennel dogs photos, they needed jazzing up with a bit of pizzaz. Up stepped Dave who does the great pictures of Linda's walk in Danbury. He really is a fantastic photographer, so one bright sunny Saturday morning Dave, myself, Brian Crone, Nancy Cannell and Alex Kelly found ourselves at the kennels. Dave found just the right place to take the photos and with a bit of tweaking with the greenery Dave started clicking away. In all Dave took over 150 pictures, this was narrowed down to about 48 and then down to three for each dog. Of course we are very lucky and privileged to have Dave in our group and not everyone has this. But it has helped us get 4 dogs out of kennels. The result of the pictures was a big WOW, judge for yourselves, This is just a few of the pictures.



## The Dog Days

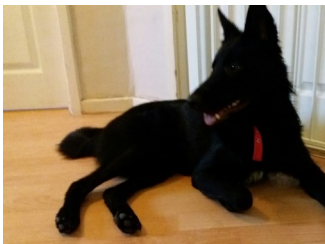
These are renowned as 'odd times' and they have certainly been so here in Eastern. We have simply had none. What do I mean? Well, as I write we have three dogs on site and one of those is a 'fraud' She is only there as an alibi for a wife who took her in, when a neighbour was taken to a care home. The wife and dog are very happy with this arrangement but the husband wants her to be adopted. If she stays on site the wife can point to her entry and say, 'Look they are trying, but you know what they said about rehoming old dogs...' Actually, she looks lovely and we have had at least three enquiries. Then one of the remaining two is not a GSDR dog. We are posting her on behalf of another rescue. So really, we only have one available dog on site.

Actually there are now two coming through the system and they will be public before you read this, but as I write, we only have one dog in the GSDR system for whom we are actively seeking adoption. Very weird!

We have had some requests that have come to nothing. Some owners have rehomed privately and others have had second thoughts, when they were able to talk the issues over. Some have sought training and begun to cope differently. We regard those as a success, even though they don't show on the records. I don't suggest that there are so many of these that that is the explanation. There have been one or two, that is all. No, the simple truth is that very few people are asking to have their dogs rehomed, suddenly. We are a small region, in terms of population, so will never have the through put of busier areas. And there is a very vibrant off shoot of historically disgruntled ex GSDR vollies active here in part of the region. But even so, this is a sustained anomaly!

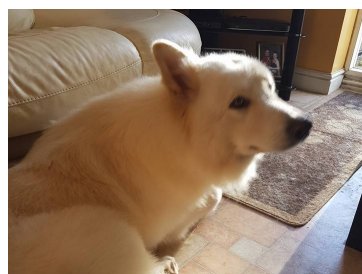
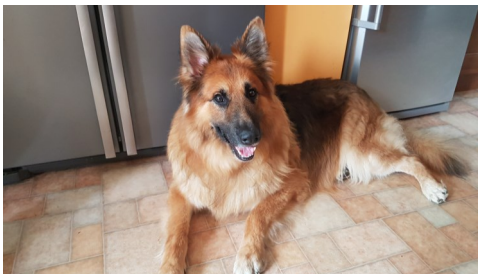
Our odd circumstances have affected our adoption tally of course. Some people refuse to travel and are either waiting or have looked elsewhere. This is incredibly frustrating for us as the homecheckers, particularly, give so much of their time. But the whole team is invested in each adoption and we all feel it. Happily, we have negotiated some adoptions with other areas and so feel that we are rescuing something from our strange situation and contributing to GSDR as a whole.

Most happily, we have also been able to help out with some urgent cases from other areas. We have taken on three foster placements this month from elsewhere and, amazingly, all have been adopted within the month.



Ben was featured on Facebook as we thought that he would be difficult to place. He was a GSD cross from Romania who had been privately rescued. His original foster carer let the rescuer down and demanded his immediate collection, as he was 'too big and was destructively energetic'. Our foster carers, who volunteered to take him on, described him as 'small and just a happy laid back puppy-like boy'. They said that all he lacked was training. We mounted something of a campaign for Ben as I deduced that, as he was a cross, he would be harder to rehome. Also, he had the fatal attribute of being 'small'. So many of our GSD adopters want 'big!' Happily, I was wrong and Ben was adopted by one of our lovely applicants looking for a GSD. He is perfect for her just because he is small and nippy for a GSD and she wants to do some fun agility work with him. He will be perfect for the non-collie classes! And for her, he is perfect at home as he gives good cuddles. His training in other respects is continuing...

And then there was the problem of the bonded lovely 'beef cake' pair – Rocky and Rambo. This story is so weird, you won't believe me, but every word is true. This pair had been lifted, due to an emergency by North East. They



came then to another of our vollies to be fostered, who said that he could take the two of them on a short term basis, at zero notice. He did ask, however, whether we could look at rehoming one of them quite quickly. All of this is pretty fantastical, as it is. He not only took on both dogs, in addition to his own, but travelled half the length of the country to transport the pair. Then he

only managed to find a home for one within a couple of days. And, after this, he decided that he must keep Rambo for themselves. Amazing? You bet. But now we come to really weird bit. His own dog, another GSDR rescue is called Rocky and he had said to me in one of our conversations once, that he might look to adopt a 'Rambo to keep Rocky company' And then then this perfect boy just fell into his new home – already a 'Rambo!' So, as well as our usual adoptions, we ended up having three fosters and then three adoptions in the month!

WTG everyone. We have had interesting 'Dog Days'.

## It's Three in a Row for Heidi!

You might remember that we featured Heidi's show success in the last newsletter and how proud she'd made her new family. Well there's just no stopping her!



Here she is at the Ibstock Country Fair, she won her class then came Reserve Best in Show.

Time to up her game she thought....



Off to the Kingsbury show she went, where she won Best Rescue AND Best in Show! Our beautiful Heidi is officially the Champion we all thought she was and has the rosettes to prove it.



It's always nice to hear how our dogs are doing, Irene received this update from adopter Karen. These little updates lift our spirits and keep us going when the going gets tough.

"I can't believe it's two years since we got little Ice, the Romanian street dog that we adopted from German Shepherd Dog Rescue, just a few weeks after our beloved three-year-old GSD died tragically from a gastric torsion.

You might remember that when Ice first came to us we had a few challenges which basically included him destroying the house every time we went out!

What a different dog he is now. He is confident with people, very happy and so very settled and content with his new life.



We still have Mystery, our 12-year-old GSD, whom Ice loves and both dogs get taken down to where we keep our horses two or three times a day where Icey spends many hours happily hunting anything small and furry in the 5 acres of fields and woods! He is quite happy ferreting around on his own, as Mystery is rather old now for games, but he always comes back when he's called.

He is an absolute pleasure to have in the house and is very comfortable with people coming and going around the house.

Unfortunately, he is still very reactive with other dogs, but it's something we've learnt to manage and the fact that we have so much land for him to play in every day on his own, suits him down to the ground.

I love this little dog to bits, he is just a sweet, sweet boy. Thank you for letting us take him on."



Benji is facing his third Christmas in kennels, currently in the South East, can anyone offer this boy the loving home which he deserves?

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