



Well what a stormy, wet and windy year this has turned out to be so far. January and February are always a strange time of year for rescues but this year has been even stranger than ever before. The very bad weather and the continuing economic crisis are certainly having a big impact for all rescues across the UK. My heart really goes out to all those people whose homes and lives have been affected by the deluge. I have to say a massive thank you to Pets at Home who gave us a grant for drainage and new kennels last year. Thanks to the work carried out, all the dog runs have remained relatively dry, no flooding and the dogs all have warm and cosy accommodation.

Since January 1st we have had 293 application forms, 40 volunteer forms but a staggering 162 applications to rehome dogs. More dogs are coming into rescue because people are struggling financially and because of our throwaway society.

At such difficult times it's very disappointing to see the increasing number of vicious attacks on social networking sites which are directed at rescues and those working in rescue. One seriously has to question the motives of malicious, vindictive individuals and organisations whose agenda is to destroy both another GSD rescue and the reputation of its founder. If anyone can tell me how this benefits the dogs, please shout.

Thanks to GSDR there are at least 6 other GSD rescues in the UK that are here because of us. Most of those rescues just get on and do what they were set up to do, but sadly there is always one exception to the rule.

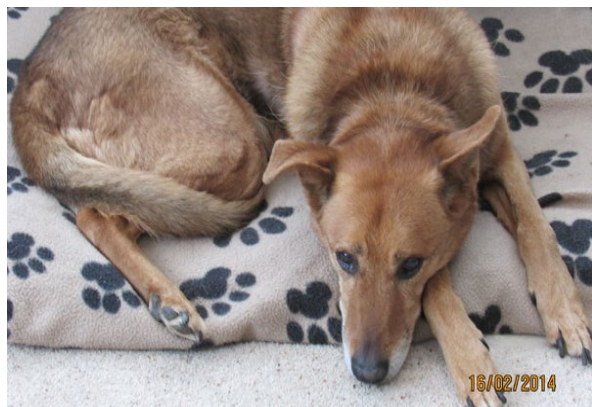
On a positive note, we have a fantastic team now who are all dedicated to helping as many dogs as our resources allow. We never turn an urgent dog away and will always find somewhere for him or her to go. We will however not be blackmailed by owners just trying to dump dogs on rescue. Most owners understand that it may take a little time to find a new home for their dog and are willing to wait whilst that search is on.

On a wonderful positive note, on Friday 14th February I took a call in the afternoon from a vets in the North West. Someone had taken their 12 year old dog in to be put to sleep because their child had fallen over him and the dog dared to growl. I immediately rang the co-ordinator for that area and guess what - here is the lovely Max in his foster home and he isn't even a GSD. This is what rescue is about.

'Life gets easier when you delete the things and people that make it difficult.'

Best Wishes

Jayne



Walk off the Winter Blues

Grab your coat and wellies and join a walk group in your region. A bracing walk (we walk in all weathers) is good for your health and seeing a group of Shepherds having a good run is good for your soul.

Here's a few more good reasons to join us:

- To increase public awareness about our favourite charity - GSDR
- To dispel negative misunderstandings about the breed
- To create an excellent opportunity for socialisation and stimulation for our dogs
- To build confidence in the dogs and work with nervous, under socialised Sheps and give them the chance to learn from each other
- To provide a perfect chance to exchange and share information, hints and tips
- To assist people with adopted GSDs, exchange experiences, offer advice/support
- To provide an opportunity for handlers to observe dog behaviour, and dog-to-dog communication
- To walk foster and kennelled GSDs has become a wonderful support for the dogs, progressing them to become more adoptable
- To provide a meeting platform for potential adoption/foster meets
- To demonstrate what can be achieved with well trained, well-mannered GSDs
- To educate people about rescue work, the extent of dog abuse and the necessity to decrease the dog population in the UK
- To communicate/brainstorm ideas to support and fundraise on behalf of GSDR.



For more information on the walk groups click [here](#) and join a group near you!



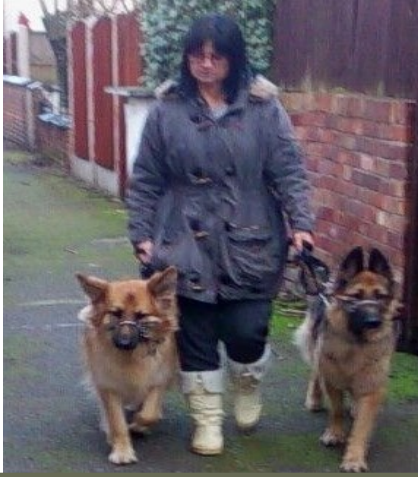
Team Fat Blokes have been out and about and are pictured here at the Harrogate Pets at Home store. On the day they raised £197 in donations and also received a cheque for £195.82 from the store as part of their Support Adoption for Pets scheme.



**Vet and Kennel Fees
Sick and Abandoned GSD's**

Text KFEE08 £2 / £5 / £10 to 70070 to donate now eg KFEE08 £5

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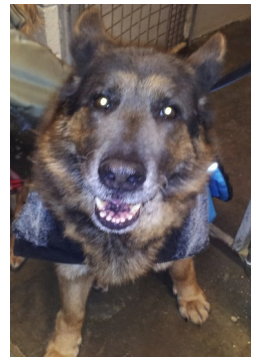


Here's Michelle Plumb, Central region volunteer out pounding the pavements with her dog Bow (left) and Molly. Having been adopted Molly has decided that she likes a ride in the car to the park but ask her to walk anywhere and the little madam refuses to budge! Michelle kindly volunteered to assist Molly's new owner address this issue and has been taking her out and about with the support of the wonderful Bow.



Thank You Michelle for all of your hard work, we really appreciate it, even if Molly doesn't!

There has been an influx of dogs needing our help in the North East region; this week alone we have another seven dogs arriving in kennels. We already have 45 dogs listed on the website looking for their forever homes and numbers are increasing week on week. A number of our dogs have needed vet treatment recently; Brooklyn was suffering from pneumonia and has thankfully made a recovery following three courses of antibiotics and lots of tlc from her fosterers. Then there's little Tallulah who unbelievably found herself in the council pound at just 9 weeks old. She was skin and bone, matted with poo & pee and very unwell. This little baby girl is being nursed back to health by her foster carer and is doing well.



Brooklyn

We're here for every dog that needs our help but to do so we must be able to fund the cost of their care. If anyone can spare some time for fundraising, whether it's a cake bake in the office, a tombola or following in the footsteps of our great Team Fatblokes with a stand at a pet store or supermarket then we'd really appreciate your efforts. If anyone would like to help but not sure how to go about it then please get in touch for a chat.

And a final appeal, if anyone could find space in their homes and their hearts to offer a dog a foster home please complete the form on our website by clicking [here](#). Kennels isn't a suitable environment for all dogs and we desperately need foster homes for these dogs in need.



Tallulah

Thank You

Angela

28th & 29th June 2014



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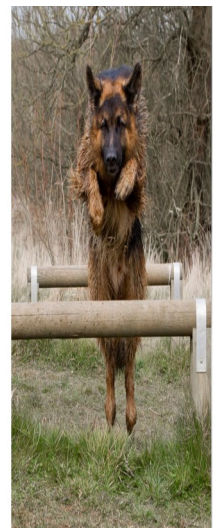


FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF OUR FIRST EVENT LAST YEAR WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

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. CAMPING ON SITE AND LIMITED KENNEL AVAILABILITY WHICH MUST BE RESERVED. A WEEKEND NOT TO BE MISSED!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR OUR RAFFLE & TOMBOLA, ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED!

For more information contact Angie.avaughan1966@gmail.com



CONSISTENCY WITH COMMANDS IS A MUST



A couple of people that I have seen recently have reminded me of a common problem in dog owners especially in the early stages of training - Verbal Diarrhoea!

The list of basic commands is very simple and straightforward: Heel, Stay, Sit, Come, Down, Away, Stand, Over, Fetch, Leave. The common denominator with all of these is that they are short, sharp, single word commands. So, why, when I'm out and I see people who are trying to get their dog to walk to heel, do I hear, "come on, be a good boy and walk with mummy" or "for goodness sake, stop pulling, how many times do I have to tell you?" or when we are teaching a dog to stay, do I hear, "stay, stay, stay, stay, there's a good dog, just a little longer, stay, stay, stay" or similar variations on any given exercise. The fact is, a COMMAND is exactly that, a short, sharp, instruction. It shouldn't create confusion, it isn't a request or something that is repeated over and over again in a short space of time which is highly likely to confuse, and may even intimidate the dog depending on the tone of voice being used.

You will find that when a command is given correctly, along with having a bit of faith in the dog to actually carry it out and a tasty reward for when the task has been completed, will assist you to have success in whatever exercise you are training. The results will be seen quicker with far fewer problems than you may have experienced previously. The dog will know exactly what is required from the single word, rather than having to process a paragraph of rubbish that will contain what you actually want it to do, somewhere within it. This should leave you less stressed, the dog happier, and hopefully better trained, making everyone a winner!



Happy training everybody.

Courtney provides post adoption training and support for GSDR. You can visit his website by clicking [here](#).



Alan & Emma Thompson are pictured here with Gorgeous George & Ellegant Ellie and the Pets at Home Corby Team. They were receiving a cheque for £342.05 donated through the Support Adoption for Pets scheme. The store took part in the Santa Paws Christmas fundraiser and donated the proceeds to their two charity partners – GSDR and Flicka. Ellie who is in foster care with Alan & Emma has come on in leaps and bounds and will be taking part in her first in store fundraiser this coming weekend. Good luck team!

How you can support us

Without the generosity of our supporters our rescue quite simply couldn't continue to save the number of dogs which we do. Don't forget we're registered with the following organisations so we can maximize all fundraising opportunities.

easyfundraising .org.uk

easyfundraising.org.uk works in a similar way to many other loyalty shopping sites, but instead of earning points when you shop, you raise a donation for your cause instead. You can shop with over 2,000 well known stores and each will donate up to 15% of what you spend. So far GSDR have received £5730.74 in donations from easy fundraising, to date my online shopping has raised £118.38 towards that total. Every penny really does count, no queues and just a few clicks is my kind of shopping! Click [here](#) to sign up today.

1 Login online Join easyfundraising and select your cause, school, club or charity	2 Start shopping Follow links to over 2000 leading online retailers and shop as normal	3 Generate donations Online purchases earn an automatic donation to your chosen cause
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We've signed up with Charity Ecosystem, it's a great way to have a clear out of unwanted clothes and shoes and raise money for your favourite rescue.

- Register [here](#) or by phone on 08435 235 313 and they'll send you a bag
- Fill with a minimum of 10 Kilos of unwanted clothes
- Next step is to book a FREE collection of your bag



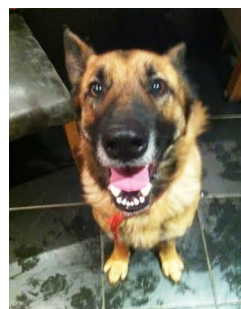
Charity Ecosystem donate £4 to GSDR for each bag, £5 if you add Gift Aid. I've had my seventh bag collected and have just ordered another. Collections are made by a courier, I left my bag labelled on the doorstep and they popped a receipt through the letterbox.

What a great excuse for a Spring clear out!

Recycle 4 Charity

Recycle your mobile phones, inkjets, laser and toner cartridges to raise money for GSDR and protect the environment. It's so easy. Just register, select GSDR as your chosen charity and you will receive freepost bags to return your items in. Monitor your account to see how much you've raised and each quarter an automatic payment will be made to us. Click [here](#) to register now choosing German Shepherd Dog Rescue C35770.

We have a number of urgent dogs needing homes, please read their profiles by clicking [here](#):



Did you know?

Separation Anxiety is the second most common reason for dogs being euthenised or given up by their owners.

A dog suffering from separation anxiety can become extremely anxious, exhibiting behaviour which may include chewing, barking, salivating, urinating, defecating or vomiting. They might try to escape by chewing through walls, scratching through doors, breaking out of cages or trying to dig their way out. In some cases, the dog can become ill, stop eating, suffer from depression or even injure itself in a frenzy to escape.

Possible Causes - Lack of education through training, confidence and socialisation and more importantly owner behaviour. Your dog is a social, pack animal and it is not natural for a dog to be left alone.

Dealing with the problem - No goodbyes, when it is time to leave just leave. Ignoring your dog for five minutes before leaving will help as paying too much attention will make your dog feel more insecure when that attention is withdrawn. Look at your leaving routine, for example: when I took in a young dog who'd spent his short life crated and home alone for twelve hours a day I had to reconsider my leaving routine. My adult dogs were secure in the knowledge I'd always return and didn't bat an eyelid at my leaving. But the new boy was a different matter. So I thought about my routine before he arrived – it was a grab coat, keys and handbag, give the dogs a biscuit and say goodbye and rush out the door. These were all triggers to the new dog that I was about to abandon him. So fifteen minutes before leaving I'd put my coat on and I started keeping my keys in my pocket. I'd carry on pottering quietly around the house and pick up my handbag with five minutes still to go before I left. Then I'd give the dogs something to keep them busy, a chew or a stuffed Kong and a few minutes later quietly slip out of the door. When you return it's equally important to make this event as normal as possible, ignoring the dog for a few minutes makes your return an everyday occurrence.

A Pleasant Distraction - Chews and Kongs – only give when you leave and remove as soon as you arrive home. You are distracting your dog with something that he will find interesting enough to concentrate on and will ignore you leaving, he should enjoy the distraction so much that he will look forward to it coming, instead of getting upset with you leaving.

Crate Train - Confining your dog can have two positive outcomes. Firstly, you won't return home to damage. Secondly, a crate when properly introduced, will act as a safe den where the dog can relax.

Exercise Your Dog - A happy dog is a well exercised dog. They should have a regular exercise routine that challenges them physically as well as mentally.

Leave the Radio On – Tune into a talking station and leave it on quietly, some dogs might find the sound of voices soothing.

Leadership is Vital - When a dog has a strong consistent leader it has a calming effect; he feels safe. In the absence of a leader, your dog feels obligated to assume that position, controlling all that goes on and his inability to control you leaving could cause stress.

A Helping Hand - Try adding Bach's Rescue Remedy to their food or water. This gentle remedy is used to help relieve stress and deal with difficult situations in people and animals. In fact take some yourself as if you feel stressed or worried your dog will pick up on this emotion. Skullcap and Valerian is a traditional herbal remedy for the symptomatic relief of anxiety, nervousness, excitability and travel sickness.



As leader you are responsible for providing food, shelter and an environment where the dog feels safe and secure. Lack of consistency, training and over-bonding can be a cause and effect of separation anxiety. And finally if you need it, get professional advice from a good trainer. Being observed by an outsider can identify behaviours in us as owners which we are unaware have a negative effect on our dogs.



Happiness is...

Finding Your Forever Home.

Here's some of our adopted dogs who've found happiness in the North West & Central Region. Some of them even have a new brother or sister!



Charlie



Darcy & Mollie



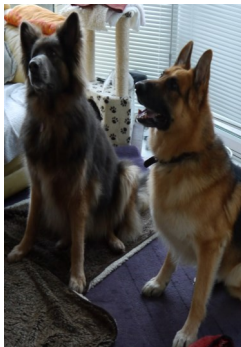
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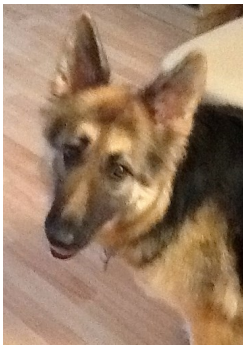
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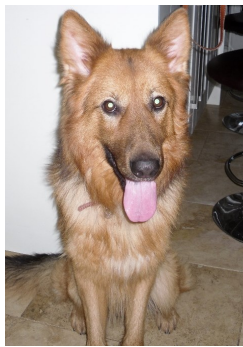
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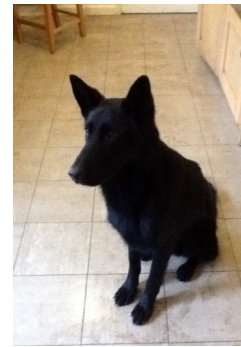
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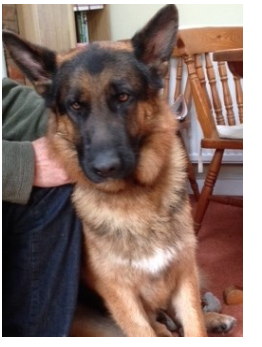
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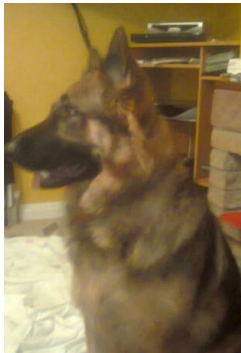
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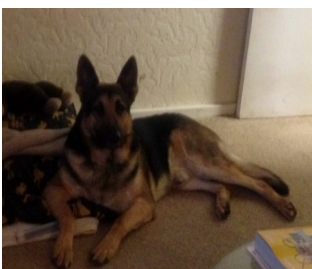
Kizzy



Tilly & Yogi



Lyla



Zippy



Sasha & Teema

People who say that

“money can't buy happiness”
never paid an adoption fee.

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

Dog Co-ordinator: Mandy Jones 07970592220

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