



Hello everyone,

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for 2018 which is packed full of lovely stories and information which we hope that you will enjoy.

Well, the year has started with a worrying number of dogs that need to find new homes. We were receiving rehoming forms right up until Christmas Eve and they started again in earnest on Boxing day.

So far we have received 220 forms which are way over what we received at the same time last year. This, of course, does not include all the other dogs we take in from other sources such as the pounds. I have to say that many of the excuses for rehoming are becoming pathetic. We have rescued a worrying number of dogs that were either at the vets waiting to be put to sleep or were booked in to be put to sleep. Thankfully many vets now will not just put to sleep and will ask the owner to contact us or they will call us and alert us.

On the plus side, we have received over 650 adoption forms during that same time which is also significantly up on last year. Of course, only about a quarter or a third will go on to be home checked ready for adoption. The difficulty we face though is that everyone wants perfect dogs and we don't get too many of those.

This has been one of the longest, coldest winters I can remember which has had an impact on the number of dogs rehomed so we are all now looking forward to springtime and warmer times.

It will be yet another busy year for the rescue, there will be no let-up and there will be many activities throughout the year to assist in this process. So look out for planned events and we hope that you will continue to support these as you have always done in the past.

If you are not already a volunteer, please consider joining our team, you won't regret it.

I thank all my volunteers for the hard work they put into making this rescue the success that it is, especially over the festive period when most people just switch off and relax.

"This is what an animal rights philosophy is really about. Understanding the importance of recognising that all animals have an inherent right not to be abused by us and then following the ethical path this understanding leads us to is special indeed."

John F. Kullberg

Best Wishes,

Jayne

GSDR 2018 CALENDAR



Thank you to everyone who purchased one of our 2018 calendars – they raised in excess of £1000!

Janine did an amazing job – yet again—in producing the calendar and would like to pass on her thanks to everyone who submitted photos and stories with special thanks to Kershaw Print in Rossendale.



Training me is not an option, it is an obligation. It is not something to be done once I start causing problems, it is how to prevent problems from starting.

Teach me how to be the dog you want me to be.

GSDR East Yorkshire Walk Group Next Walk Details:

Water's Edge Country Park
Malkiln Road
Barton upon Humber
DN18 5JR

31st March 2018, walk will start at 12 o'clock. Meet on grass verge in front of visitors centre at 11.30am.

This is a walk not to be missed with stunning scenery the park covers 86 acres on the south bank of the River Humber. Lots of space and water – the dogs will have a ball!

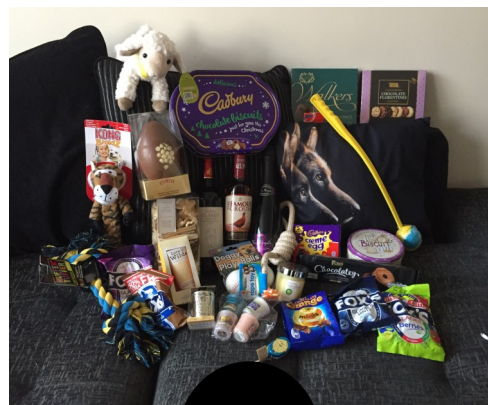
Don't forget your money or you'll miss out on the chance to enter the draw for these fabulous hampers. Just £2 per square or if you buy 4 or more numbers it's just £1.50 per go. You can pay at the walk or if you're keen to secure a special number you can pay via paypal to walk organiser Sharon Cook at [paypal.me/sharonC722](https://www.paypal.me/sharonC722).

Full details can be found on the walk group Facebook page GSDR East Yorkshire Walk Group.

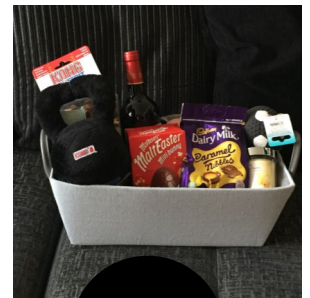
Sharon is hoping this raffle will raise over £600 to beat their xmas raffle total. The hampers are jam packed with goodies for humans and doggies alike – don't miss out!



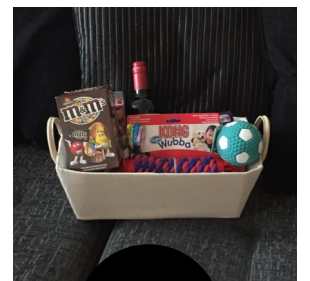
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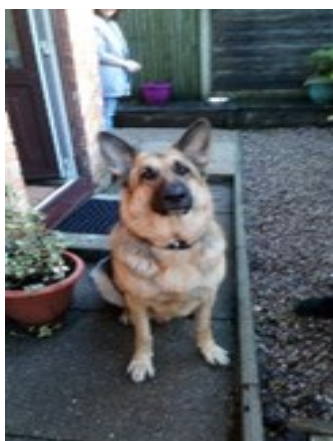
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North West and Central Update by Irene Culverwell

Many thanks to June Reed and her friends from the dog training club who through their weekly collections raised a whopping £250 for GSDR. Very grateful that the rescue is always in their thoughts and thank you all so much for your generous donation.

The Poacher's Inn in Bollington already have a wonderful shepherd of their own called Mylo, and through their customers who have previously adopted from GSDR they decided to hold a quiz night in January and donate all proceeds to the rescue. Thank you so much for raising £300, I believe it was a great night and if anyone lives near Bollington Cheshire why not visit The Poachers Inn – you can even take your dog.

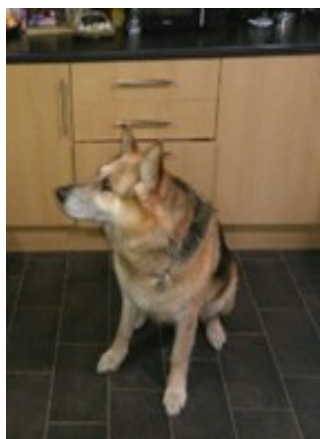
DOGS IN NEED ... Here's an update on a few of our urgent cases



Rebel's mum was taken into care and he was left home alone but thankfully he was able to find an urgent foster home and now is happily adopted and living up in Lancashire. Very happy boy now bless him.



Sam a 3-year-old up in Lancashire kennels was desperate to find a home, due to his mum having emergency surgery for a heart problem,. He too has found an urgent foster home and although not yet adopted he has a wonderful home where they are keeping him safe and working through some issues.



Zack sadly lost his dad and although the family were trying to re home this 9-year-old themselves, in the end they asked GSDR to help find this lovely gent a new home. Thankfully a previous GSDR adopter was waiting to help and Janine & Ian were happy to drive to Chesterfield and collect Zack and take him to his new mum.



One oldie not so lucky is Zara, she will be 11 years old this year and she is still in kennels up in Lancashire. She is an adorably affectionate dog but once she bonds she doesn't particularly like anyone near and she will nip and jump at any offending person who gets too close. She will walk past dogs if they don't invade her space but doesn't really want to mix. All in all, a little gem who just wants you and no one else. So far, we haven't managed to find anyone suitable for Zara, she is on GSDR's site and the Oldies Club. Fingers crossed February sees this gorgeous older girl find a home.

Happy Update! Zara went off to her new home on 22nd Feb

Well done Ray and good luck judging at Crufts 2018

Ray has been a long standing GSDR volunteer for many years, but his passion has always been obedience training which started back in 1987 when he joined The East Lancs Dog Training Club with his two shepherds Rommel and Zeus.

It soon became very clear that obedience was the way forward for these two boisterous sheps, although no dizzy heights were reached, Ray and the dogs had a great time learning and spent many weekends competing and being fortunate enough to make a lot of good friends.

In 1993 Ray started his own judging career and he has continued to judge most weekends, working his way to judge Championship obedience classes.

March 2018 will see Ray selected to judge the inter- regional obedience teams at Crufts – good luck Ray and enjoy every minute of your Crufts debut.



SHEPFEST 2018

SHEPFEST 2018 - Saturday 30th June-Sunday 1st July.

Copmanthorpe Kennels, Copmanthorpe, YORK, YO23 3TL

Our 'All New' Shepfest this year will include - £5 ENTRY
Something for everyone !

Fun Agility with NEW beginners rustic Cross Country Jumps. , Fun Dog Show with 8 classes and something for everyone including Best Rescue. (more details later)
Police Dog Display with Dave Davies. + Refreshments all day + Raffle, Tombola, and Stalls.

PLUS - at around 2pm on the Saturday, we will be having a Group Photo and starting off a NEW GSDR RECORD of biggest number of GSDs in same place at same time, so please come and join us and join in the photo - the more the merrier and let's see how many we can get.

There is also an OFF LEAD Area .

Evening get-together with bonfire, music (requests taken !!), drinks and takeaway.

Camping is available for anyone wanting to stay over . £10 CARAVAN / TENT

and limited kenneling space for anyone who wants to use.

PLENTY OF PARKING AVAILABLE.....



- ALL money raised goes to GSDR NE so please support -

Miracles Can Happen



In December last year East Suffolk Lost and Stray Dogs posted on Facebook. They said that a white GSD had been found wandering by a wonderful concerned couple. They had taken him to a local vets and he alerted the authorities. The dog was given emergency medical treatment and then accommodated at the pound. A part of this process, nowadays, is for the local authority to use Facebook and news of his plight was shared far and wide. The law requires that any dog wait at the pound for seven days, in the hope that the owners can be found. Even then, despite the Facebook effort, no owner came to claim him: he had been dumped at Christmas.

The reason for this became clear very quickly. This poor boy was suffering with an advanced case of anal furunculosis. He had not received any treatment and the stench of necrotic flesh from his infected wounds could be smelled twelve feet away. It seemed as though his case was so advanced it was initially unclear as to whether he could even survive. It was very possible that he would be PTS as he would only suffer and never recover.

But miracles do happen. This boy responded remarkably well to antibiotics. The infected raw flesh on his hind quarters healed and the furunculosis, although still present, was possibly not as serious as first thought. The critical question remained, how much damage had the disease caused internally? The local vet was cheered by the white GSD's progress though, and he began to think that a full recovery might even be possible.

By now GSDR was in contact with all three parties – the pound, the vet and the local authority. We were all liaising and working together for this boy's welfare. During his seven statutory days, it was always possible (but highly unlikely, of course) that his owner would turn up to claim him. In the meantime, GSDR expressed an interest. If he survived, he would become a GSDR dog.

By now, I was receiving reports of his progress. During the week that he was at the pound, his situation improved dramatically. We thought initially that GSDR was taking on an elderly sick dog for a last few weeks of comfort. It was thought that it would be an adoption for an 'end of life' experience. But I heard that, as the days went by, this boy 'dropped years' and the pound thought that he was a quite a youngster. By this time, he was showing actual signs of 'joie de vivre'. What a transformation. Miracles can happen.

So, the day finally came to pick up GSDR's new dog. There was already a home waiting for him and so he was taken immediately to a warm and friendly forever home. His medication had already arrived by post and he came with the well wishes of everyone. He was all set for his new life, if his condition could be monitored and contained.

The crucial aspect was the extent to which the furunculosis had affected his back passage internally. Externally his lesions could be addressed, but if there were too extensive damage internally, then he would still not be viable. His owner gave the vet a huge list of issues to address under anaesthetic, when he went for castration. Thankfully, the requested colonoscopy

revealed that the extensive damage had all been external. His prognosis suddenly was good! This was yet another miracle. GSDR had recently lost another lovely boy, in similar circumstances, when the extent of his illness was finally revealed. He had such damage that the hip bones were visible. But, not so for Teddy, as he had now become! Yet another miracle!

So, Teddy lives to explore his new future. All of that is both daunting and wildly exciting. He is enthralled to be living in a house, as he had clearly been an outdoor dog before. He was quite untrained and traumatised by certain triggers, so he had been abused as well. His major challenge (and maybe delight someday) was to come to the home of a ready-made pack. We think he might have lived with horses, as he has some characteristics and sort of excitability that brings them to mind. But dogs were clearly a mystery to him. How does a boy with his past adjust ever to such a radically different new life?

Well, he has. He is still learning about his new world and getting used to his new reality. He hasn't quite lost the look of a child exploring a Christmas grotto.

He still thinks his new life is a miracle. Such things are possible when people of goodwill work together and GSDR is involved.

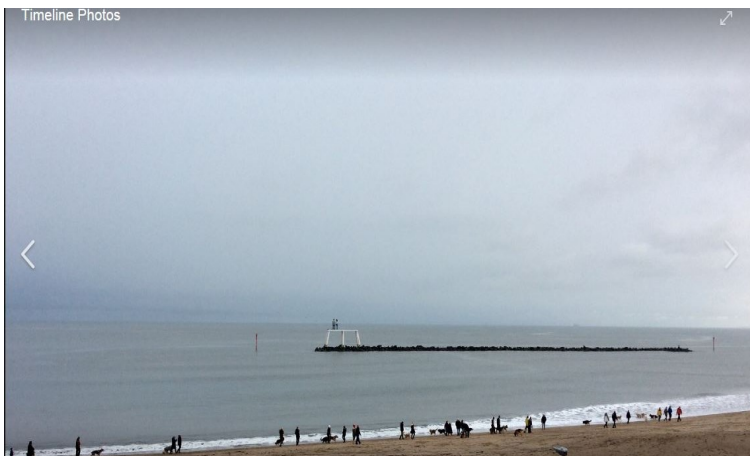


During December despite the cold days our steadfast fundraisers in the North East region could be found at our partnered Pets at Homes stores supporting their Support Adoption for Pets fundraising. During the long dark days of January, the team waited with anticipation for the calls to come and collect the donations.....the result is staggering.



Thank you to our partnered stores at Kirstall, Guiseley, Waterloo and Clifton Moor
The combined total of their donations was a totally amazing £7491.76!

I think its safe to say we often read stories of doom and gloom on Facebook, so when I saw this post I thought I should share the joy, what great ambassadors for our rescue you are.



Newbiggin Maritime Centre

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Yesterday was a grey, wet day in Newbiggin by the Sea but it did not stop the German Shepherd Dog Rescue from enjoying a walk on the beach. We hope everyone follows their example of being responsible dog owners. 'Leave nothing but footprints.' Thank you.

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