



Well I'm staring out of the window at a beautiful blue sky on yet another scorching hot day - yes it is too hot to actually sit outside. My furry friends are scattered all over in cool places having an afternoon siesta. It's a dog's life!

It's also been a scorcher of a month for the rescue in terms of rehoming and fundraising activity. The green team have had a blazing month with a big team turn out for the Kirkstall Festival as well as lots of activity from Team Tottie, our Geordie Lassies and of course Team Fat Blokes out most weekends shaking those tins.

Team pink have also been busy down south as have our North Wales volunteers who made a brave attempt to fundraise at Prestatyn Carnival in absolutely atrocious weather.

Again, well done and I thank you all for giving up so much of your time to help raise funds for GSDR.

Despite the drop in number and quality of adoption applications, we have seen many more dogs go off to their forever homes this month.



This month saw two of my long term fosters Ice and Danny, go off to absolutely wonderful homes. It has been such a joy to work with these two nervous, traumatised boys and see them progress to the point where they could be rehomed. This is what rescue is really about.

Times certainly are a changing and as I have stated on previous occasions, we are going to face even bigger challenges in the near future. I was passed on a message recently which came from a breeder who after years of breeding is now giving up because of the throwaway society that we now have. She had sold a puppy on the Wednesday which was returned the following day because it peed on the woman's sofa! Welcome to our world and let's hope that many more give up breeding because there simply will not be any buyers or most of these pups will end up in rescue at some point.

This hot humid weather is certainly hard on our four legged friends so please be extra vigilant and make sure your precious pooches have cool shade and plenty to drink. If you see any dogs in distress because of this heat, I urge you to act and act quickly. There are still too many thoughtless idiots leaving dogs locked in cars in this stifling heat.

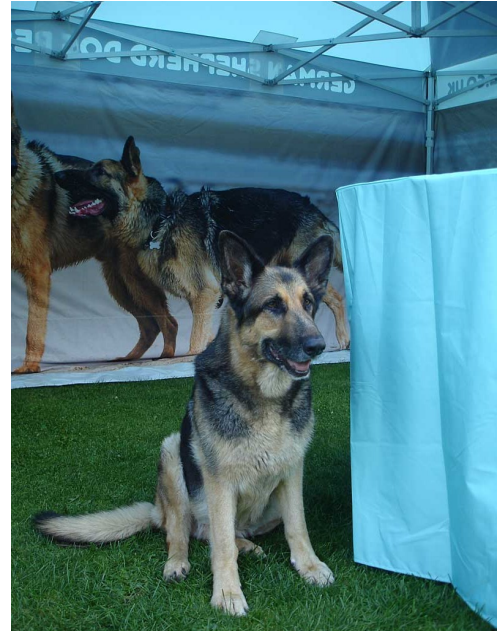
Next event for me will be Prom on the Proms in Rhyl this coming August 24th bank holiday weekend. John and I will be staying with our lovely Wayne and Will at the Pier Hotel. This event attracted around 10,000 people last year so if you can make it, please come along, it will be a fantastic day. We might need some extra hands on our event stand. Look forward to seeing you.

My quote for the month: Mankind's true moral test, its fundamental test (which lies deeply buried from view), consists of its attitude towards those who are at its mercy: animals. And in this respect mankind has suffered a fundamental debacle, a debacle so fundamental that all others stem from it. - Milan Kundera, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*  
Best Wishes,

*Jayne*

## Look what's arrived!

We were recently left the very generous sum of £20,000 from the estate of Mrs Marshall who lived in Essex. When Jayne called her daughter to thank her for the legacy they discussed how it should be used. During the conversation Jayne mentioned how we were doing an increasing number of fundraising events and had previously considered purchasing a printed gazebo and Mrs Marshall's daughter agreed that a professional looking gazebo would pay dividends for the rescue in the long term and also be a fitting tribute to her mother. It will enable us to continue to raise the profile of our rescue, the profile of the wonderful breed which we work so hard to save whilst generating donations and attracting supporters and volunteers.



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# Ashington Family FUNDAY



Our very own Pink Ladies had a successful day at the Ashington Family Funday, Nancy Cannell, Linda Wood & Christine Merritt were raising awareness of our rescue and raised £155 too!

Well done ladies, a great result despite the weather.



June was a bumper month for Team Fat Blokes, raising a staggering £3,474.80 which includes the Support Adoption for Pets cheques. Here they are pictured at Pets at Home Harrogate collecting their cheque for £1,200.79. They also raised £176 in donations on the day and Si will be collecting another £100 from Bev's Café at Keighley who kindly had a raffle in aid of GSDR.

Meanwhile back down to the South East....

Team South East had a wonderful day at the Eridge Horse Trials with Beths Dog Show.

Christine Merritt, Tracy North & Nancy Cannell had a day filled with lots of fun and dogs of all shapes and sizes.

GSDR sponsored the best GSD bitch & best GSD dog class and our Tracy was even roped in to be a judge.

The ladies raised £204 and would like to say thank you to everyone who stopped by to say hello.

Big Thanks go to Beths Dog Show for having us as their chosen GSD charity.





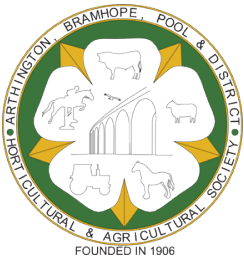
And over to the East....

Team Thompson were invited to their partnered store, Pets at Home Corby to collect their £353 Support Adoption for Pets cheque.

The store had undergone a refit and invited Alan & Emma to attend on their grand reopening weekend.

Gorgeous George spent the Saturday on duty but it was a bit too hot for him on Sunday.

Thank you team for your efforts.



The Arthington, Bramhope, Pool & District Horticultural & Agricultural Society annual show was held in the stunning surroundings of Pool-in-Wharfedale at the end of June. Gillian Marsden, Alison Harrison and Sheila Pankhurst had a brilliant day raising £205.00 with their stand for GSDR. Well done ladies, a magnificent result.



Chrissie and Wolfie meeting the crowds and little people with painted faces!

The Felton and Thirston Fair is a traditional village fair and was the venue attended by Team Georgie Lassies recently where they raised an outstanding £232. Eileen Welsh had her famous face paints out which went down a treat, as did the jewellery and handmade items from our Maria Hamilton. The sun shone and the fair was very busy. Sarah Collie brought the handsome Rocky to draw in the crowds and Chrissie Garbutt brought foster babe Wolfie (we know she needs a prettier name!) who was proudly wearing her 'adopt me' jacket. Arte popped along to say hello and convinced his Dad to treat them all to an ice cream. Special thanks go to Eileen's dear friend Grace Aynsley who very kindly loaned them her gazebo, even putting it up and taking it down to save them a job.



It's hard work being fussed all day



Thank you to Kennelgate Pet Store in Wakefield who presented our volunteers Janis Archer, Alison Elphee and Debbie Clayden with a cheque for £185 raised from the collection buckets at the tills.

## MARTHAM CARNIVAL



The Eastern Team defied the downpour and hosted a two day dog show at the Martham Carnival raising an amazing £432. These funds will go towards the ongoing care and rehabilitation of Dexter, the young GSD removed from his horrendous life in a barn.

Many Thanks go to all who attended and made the event such a success.



Brollies at the ready for the Best in Show Winners

The winners from left to right are:

Best in Show was Zulu  
Collie X Bernese Mountain Dog

Reserve Best In Show was Mia a  
sweet little Collie

Special GSD Rescue was the very  
laid back and beautiful Inca



Here we have the lovely Sanchia Atkins at 11 years old proving you're never too young to help with fundraising! Proving to be a talented baker, Sanchia raised £26.86 for GSDR through the cake sale at school.

Well done Sanchia, they look yummy!





Julie Wilkinson pictured here with the very handsome Max was delighted to receive a cheque for £200 from the [Leeds BAGSD](#). They also donated food and towels for our kennel dogs.

Thank you everyone involved for your support and the work you do with the breed.



It didn't just rain, it really did pour on the Prestatyn Carnival attended by Dawn Atkins and family. The weather couldn't dampen their spirits though, daughter Sanchia had baked more cakes to keep the carnival goers happy who dug deep to raise much needed funds for dogs in need in the Wales region.

Keep up the great work and fingers crossed for better weather next time!



The South East ladies have been out again, this time Lilly Maloney and Nancy Cannell raised almost £100 despite the heavy rain.

Nancy even had a cuddle with a GSD puppy who was 12 weeks old, even more impressive is that she gave it back to the owner!!!

Well done ladies.



Team Fat Blokes are pictured here at Pets at Home Guiseley where the raised £142. They'd swapped their normal Saturday outing to Sunday so that they could attend the Kirkstall Festival. A whole weekend packed with fundraising, thank you guys, you're unstoppable!

# KIRKSTALL FESTIVAL

The 2014 Kirkstall Festival took place on Saturday 12th July in the picturesque grounds of the 12th Century Kirkstall Abbey. This is the largest community festival in Leeds run entirely by volunteers, which last year attracted around 20,000 people.

The GSDR team were out in force travelling from far and wide to attend. The sun shone and everyone had a great time. The generous folk attending the festival dug deep, donating £673!



Molly lapped up all the fusses, her Mum Janine Kerr was very proud of her. It was hard work though and Molly spent most of the following day asleep on the sofa!



This little boy was delighted to meet our very own Polar bear.



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Poor Dooley, just a puppy, found himself caught in a trap which destroyed his back leg. Dooley was in Spain but luck was on his side when his rescue angel found him.

They contacted Mandi Wilks appealing for a home for him once he'd had surgery and was fit enough to travel. Mandi agreed to help as long as a foster home could be found and posted this photo on Facebook asking for a volunteer willing to take him to come forward.

Jo Bradford took one look at this picture of him and didn't hesitate.

Dooley arrived just before Xmas and Jo says "When Dooley arrived he was scared of everything and lived under the kitchen table for about 3 weeks. He was so skinny that his spine and every rib protruded, it was heart breaking to see. Seven months on and he is an amazing little fella - very good with other dogs and is getting used to the outside world. Everyday things like cars and pushchairs terrified him but he's getting there. He's a healthy weight now and his fur has grown back so soft. He stole our hearts - he blows raspberries with his tongue – its funniest thing I have ever seen and he bounces around like Zebedee on his back leg when he gets excited. He loves his big brothers Boomer and Gizmo and is amazing with our four grandchildren. I don't regret a second of it and our family absolutely love him to bits, so much so that we decided he should stay forever"



**Cuddles with Mum, a far cry from his life in Spain**

Thanks to the generosity of GSDR supporters who raised the funds to get Dooley here to safety, this boy now has a wonderful life just as he deserves.



Every year staff from Wakefield College have a 'community day' where they spend time volunteering. This year a few of the kind folk offered to spend time with our kennel dogs to give them a break from their normal routine. At the time we had just four dogs in their local kennels so it was arranged that they could also take some of their other dogs too. So here they are, they had a lovely morning out in the fine Yorkshire sunshine.

Pictured left to right is: Cathy with Sheeba, Paul with Duke, Wayne with Velka, Angela with Bruce, Michelle with Buddy, Annemarie with Dolly and Rebecca with Mitch.

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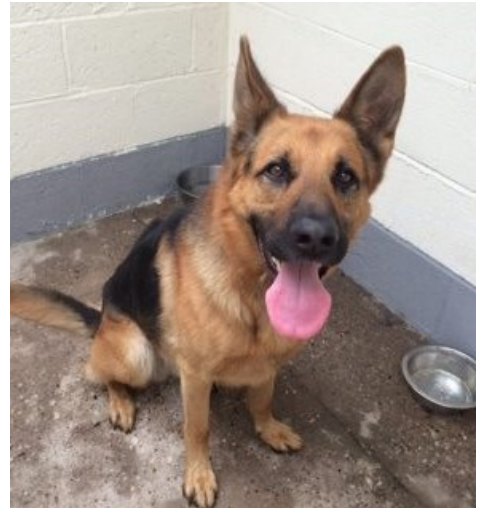
## A day in the life by Julie Wilkinson

As a GSDR Dog Co-Ordinator I work closely with other animal rescue organisations and kennels. A friend at a local kennels contacted me yesterday and asked me if I could respond to an enquiry they had from a local garage owner who wished to get rid of a GSD.

When I telephoned the garage owner he said that he was sorted as he was now giving the dog to a man who had a bitch and wanted to breed some pups. I was livid - our problems are multiplied time after time by 'back-street breeders' of this type wanting to make a quick buck. There are enough dogs wanting good homes without producing many more pups to be abandoned when inconsiderate or ignorant owners get bored! I continued my conversation with the garage owner, and luckily on this occasion was able to convince him to re-home properly. After a short consideration the garage owner called back to say I could pick up his dog in 30 minutes.

Within 30 minutes I was at the garage where a handsome although undernourished dog was presented to me attached to a very thick chain fastened around his neck with a nut and bolt. The dog had obviously spent all its life chained up as a guard dog. Even the rough looking mechanics in this back-street garage and scrap yard were wary of the dog and backed away. Taking off his chains I put the poor lad onto a slip lead and GSDR took possession.

I am sure that this boy will need some work to restore his confidence in the human race, but for him the dismay of his first three years of life can now become a distant memory - his name is Zak and for him life begun the day I made that call.



Sometimes life can be a little confusing....

For example, one day Mum has brown hair— the next it's green, all in the name of fundraising.

You live Oop North and join your friends from the Yorkshire walk group for playtimes.

Then one day everyone is packed into the car and driven from the North to the South to visit family.

And then you meet new friends when you join the Essex walk group.

Is it any wonder that Ruby forgot she was a dog and thought she was a cat???

Luckily foster brother Shay thought twice before scaling the tree to join her!



Our North East Team will be out in force at the Central Bark Fun Dog Show on the 9th August.

We'll have our stand, tombola & Eileen's fabulous face painting. Last year our very own Sky won first place in the Best Rescue class, a very well deserved win for this beautiful girl pictured here with her Dad, Chris Thomas.



So if you fancy a fun packed day then pop along and say hello to our Geordie Lassies: Eileen Welsh, Maria Hamilton, Chrissie Garbutt, Amanda Mills & family, Ailsa Thomas and Chris Thomas—an honorary lass for the day!

Central Bark kindly support GSDR, so I'm calling on all in the North East to join in the fun and make their dog show a barking success.



Our little Coco gave everyone a fright when she became poorly again recently. A few sleepless nights were had by Mum & Dad, Anne & Andy Peake. In true Coco style she bounced back to full health—she may only be little but she's very determined!

It was recommended that she eat from a Bailey Chair, this is designed to put the dog in an vertical position which allows gravity to pull food into the stomach and helps avoid Pneumonia.

On hearing that Coco needed the chair our Linda Venus volunteered the services of her lovely hubby Mick to have it made. Mick drew up the design and passed it onto his finest craftsman Derek to make up. It was painted Princess Pink and this is the finished article, made to measure and fit for our very own Princess Coco.

A huge thank you goes to the Venus family and of course Derek.



# Welcome to Shepfest 2014



After much preparation and great excitement, the day of Shepfest finally arrived. Here's just some of the many amazing photographs I've seen which capture the day. A staggering £1660 was raised, which is amazing. A huge Thank You goes out to everyone involved, many people contributed in many ways to make this event so special. But an extra big Thank You goes to Denise Lea who hosted the event at her home.

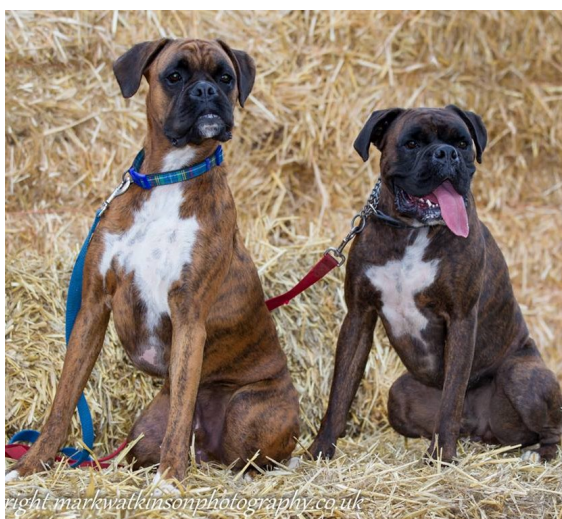
Here's a few of my favourites.



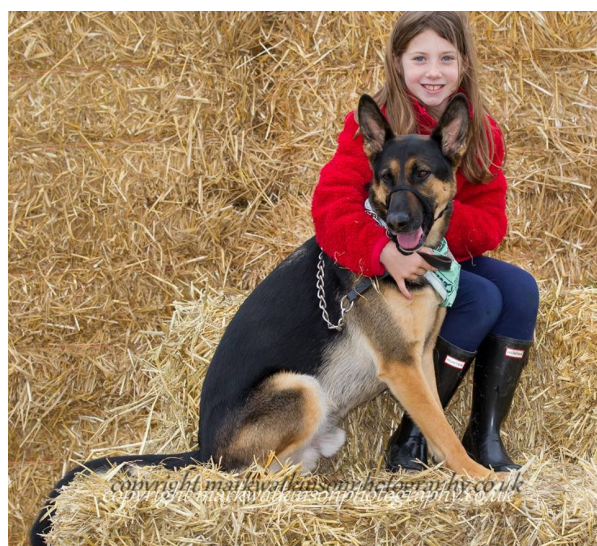
Where there's GSDR vollies, there's cake!



Some looked too good to eat.



Shepfest—it's not just for Sheps, everyone is welcome.



It's a day for the whole family to enjoy.



Our Photographer Mark Watkinson was kept very busy taking beautiful photo's of a day to remember.



Arte is a professional when it comes to posing but even the pro's need props!



Little Coco put in an appearance and even had a go at Agility



Simply stunning—Ollie



Cue Dad with Arte's favourite greeny stick



We had fun in the Tunnel



And posed for our photo's



Some of you might remember Heidi, here she is before she had surgery to straighten her leg earlier last year.



Look at her now having a go at Agility



But my favourite photo of all is this one. The lovely Luna, awarded Best Veteran at Shepfest 2014.

Thank you to everyone who made this event so successful

**Tickets  
selling fast.  
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NOW!**

# Summer Ball

The North East Region presents....

## **The GSDR SUMMER BALL**

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## Never judge a book by its cover.....

That's something we are all taught from a young age and yet, we still manage to grow into our adulthood doing exactly that.... judging. We really shouldn't and here is a perfect reason why....

Meet Simon. Simon has worked in Security and also with dogs in his professional life but a few years ago fell victim to a work related incident, leaving him with disabilities requiring the use of a wheelchair and mobility cart. He was also left with other medical problems as a result of his injuries.

But this certainly hasn't stopped Simon! GSD - Rio and Rottweiler - Dooley are Simon's best friends. Rescued and rehomed by Simon when they had finished their time as prison service dogs, he has trained them to be calm and friendly dogs. They have helped Simon raise a little cat friend from the age of 8 weeks and with their special doggy sense, lay by Simon's wheelchair to prevent him from falling when he has a fit or seizure. They have learned this themselves... what amazing dogs! Rio and Dooley are beginning to age and so, Simon felt it time to bring a younger dog into his care so that he (and, of course, with the guidance of Rio and Dooley) might train the youngster to take over their duties when the time comes.

Simon contacted GSDR North East and was home checked and sure, there were initial doubts given Simon physical condition, especially considering that Simon had taken an interest in GSD cross Rottweiler, Jenson.

Now, Jenson, a very young and scared lad had spent the last month, since being saved from the pound by GSDR, in kennels and was extremely nervous aggressive towards people, especially men. Only a couple of our female volunteers were able to approach and handle Jenson without issue, so you can understand why we had our doubts.

But, given Simon's experience with dogs; larger breeds, specifically GSDs and Rotties and a glowing Home Check from a volunteer who, amazingly enough, already knew Simon and had seen him out with his dogs previously, the decision was made by Angela Hargreaves and Julie Wilkinson to give this man a chance. And they couldn't have made a better one!

It took Simon one week to turn our boy, Jenson, around.... ONE WEEK!

Debbie Clayden transported Jenson on move day and dropped off a very scared, very cheeky doggy who was counter surfing for any food he could get his hands on and who wouldn't go anywhere near Simon, even had a couple of little snaps at him. But this didn't faze Simon at all. She was sent these pictures within a matter of days.... And look at the boy now.



Millie, Dooley, Rio, Simon and Jenson

Jenson now only touches his own food and water bowls, has never been bothered by the other dogs or the cat and now gives Simon the biggest cuddles. He's one very happy dog.

Jenson went to Simon as a foster, we don't think it's likely he will be going anywhere else.

And Simon is already asking when we are going to send him his next one.

So that is why we should never judge a book by its cover..... You just never know, that book may just surprise you and turn out to be the most inspirational book you've ever read!



Jenson in Simon's arms, Dooley on the cart and little Millie, Simon's carer's dog

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