



Hello everyone,

Well it's the big summer holidays now so the silly season is upon us. The weather is crazy, one day its fleece weather, next it's back to T shirt and it's a crazy time for rescues.

The number of unwanted dogs is still too high but adoptions have dropped off because everyone has gone off on their holidays.

We speak to many other rescues and they too are experiencing the same problems, so it's not just us.

We have record numbers of dogs in kennels which is putting us under a bit of strain but hopefully new homes will start coming through once the schools are back.

I had a lovely trip oop north at the beginning of July to join my north east team at the Kirkstall Festival. We had a fantastic day, lots of laughs but we were kept busy all day long. The tombola was amazingly successful and the reaction of the young lad and his family when he won the 50 inch TV was a joy to see

In two weeks, team NE raised a staggering £3821.39 from 2 events - £2,302.39 at Shepfest, £1519 at the Kirkstall Festival. What an amazing achievement, huge thanks to all involved. Hats off to the local organisers too who make this a free event which pulls in over 15,000 people. Even parking was free.

I shall be attending another large event at the beginning of September in London where I shall be joining my team pink ladies. I look forward to seeing you girls.

On a very sad note, I have to mention the appalling and brutal slaughter of Cecil the lion who was hunted down by a vile excuse of a human who believes hunting is a sport. This triggered international condemnation; he must be one of the most hated people on the planet just now and rightly so. I hope that Cecil's' death will not be quickly forgotten and that it will spark a movement of greater compassion being shown towards all life on earth. We cannot continue to exploit abuse and kill on the scale it has reached for if we do, our very own survival as a species is a great risk. I urge you to watch Earthlings (link below) and then tell me what the human race is doing is OK!

Once again I thank all the lovely volunteers who do so much for GSDR and make it the success that it is. Hopefully I will meet more of you on my travels to events.

***EARTHLINGS is a powerful and informative documentary about society's treatment of animals, narrated by Joaquin Phoenix with soundtrack by Moby. This multi-award winning film by Nation Earth is a must-see for anyone who cares about animals or wishes to make the world a better place.***

You can view it by clicking [here](#).

Best Wishes

*Jayne*

## GSDR Calendar 2016

Where has 2015 gone? We are well over half way through 2015, so it's time for Janine to start planning our 2016 calendar.

She's looking for stories of any case of rescue, whether you rescued them or they rescued you!

To nominate your dog please send details of their story along with a good quality before and after photo – both landscape to:

[janinekerr@sky.com](mailto:janinekerr@sky.com) before **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015.**

Pictured is sweet little girl Luna who was this years month of June

Don't delay get your nominations in NOW!



Beautiful Luna was our June calendar girl

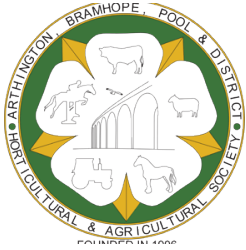


It didn't just rain—it poured on Suffolk Dog Day!

The rain held off for just one hour in which Howard Keeling & Linda Turner took £70 on their stall before the heavens opened. It rained so much that the collection tins collected water and Howard's boots are still drying out!

On the positive side they did take two volunteer applications and even one offering to foster.

Next time remember to book the sunshine!



Alison Harrison and Sheila Pankhurst spent the day in the beautiful surroundings of the Arthington Show raising over £170. They had a tombola and sale stall to pull in the crowds and had a great day despite the weather taking a turn for the worse towards the end. Thanks ladies for your ongoing fundraising efforts.



TFB are pictured here at Morrisons in Yeadon, Symrette popped by to add some much needed glamour to the team! She also brought £140 for the collection bucket—her birthday money, what an angel she is.

The TFB total for July is a staggering £1,081.

They're just unstoppable!



Dressed for any weather in rain coat & sandals is our Mandi Wilks with Rebel

The Eastern team raised almost £500 at the Martham carnival with their stall, two day dog show and have a go agility.

Typical carnival weather struck with baking hot sunshine on the Saturday and torrential downpours on the Sunday.

This didn't dampen the team spirits and everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone who attended and made our main fundraiser of the year such a great success.



The new enamel GSDR badges have arrived.

Priced at £6.50 inc p&p you can buy yours by clicking [here](#).

# KIRKSTALL FESTIVAL

The North East team turned out in force for the Kirkstall Festival, the largest community event in Leeds held in the picturesque grounds of 12<sup>th</sup> century Kirkstall Abbey. They raised a staggering £1519 on the day, everyone worked (and laughed) so hard but our dogs really were the stars of the show, pulling in the families who just wanted a cuddle.

Massive thanks to all volunteers who supported us at this event, here's looking forward to next year!



Coco sold her kisses in aid of GSDR, the rescue who saved her life.



Alison Elphee with her gorgeous boy Polar pulled in the crowds.



Look Mummy this doggy has the same colour lead as me!



Molly remembers Ray from when he used to go to kennels to walk her.



The kiddies loved her.



TFB's Si donated this TV to raffle, here's the lucky family who won.

# SHEPFEST 2015

After making an amazing total of £2,302.39 at this year's Shepfest, the first thing to say is a HUGE 'Thank You' to everyone who helped in any way. For the first time an entry of £5 was taken on the gate, but this gave a ticket for tea/coffee or squash and a piece of cake, the agility and games too. However, I did have some concern as to whether there would be enough home baking for the refreshments, but after putting out a 'plea for buns' it was overwhelming to see so many offer help by bringing baking of every shape, size and flavour. Not only was all this used for the refreshments, but the surplus was later on sold off to bring in even more funds, so again a HUGE 'Thank You' to all those who slaved over hot stoves the night before.

We had Jon from Paw Print Promotions who kindly offered to supply and print tee shirts, hoodies etc. while you waited, with a choice of wording including ..'I survived Shepfest' with ALL his profit going to SHEPFEST!

The weather was kind, the day busy and I think the campers slept well, or at least I didn't hear any snoring coming from outside, but then I did myself have a glass or two on our evening get-together!

So, once again THANKS to everyone who supported our annual fundraising event. And, if it was possible, I'm sure a special 'Thank You' would come from the dogs that will benefit from your support.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year!

DENISE LEA



**The North East's Newest Dog Event**  
**15th August 2015**  
**Whitehouse Farm, Morpeth, Northumberland**

The North East Dog Festival is the North's newest family event, with something for everyone its one not to be missed.

Mixing the best of a good old family countryside show with a fantastic array of activities suitable for everyone – especially the dog!

Whether you own a dog, work with dogs or just have an interest in dogs – you are bound to find something you will enjoy watching or taking part in.

In the pipeline so far we have an indoor trade area with space for up to 30 stalls as well as outdoor trade space. So there will be plenty of shopping to do – so why not treat your furry family member, or perhaps taste the culinary delights from some of the North East's best local producers.

Multiple 'have-a-go' activities including flyball, agility, Talking Dogs Scentwork, a gundog scurry and our very popular dog show with pawesome prizes!



Come and say hello, the NE team have a stand at this event. You'll find Chris & Ailsa Thomas, Debbie Johnson, Leigh Farnell, Chrissie Garbutt, Tracey Brown and a few more volunteers with their gorgeous dogs at this event.

## GSDR Eastern Region Sponsorship Appeal

### Can you help us help our special dogs?



Mason needed surgery to resolve an untreated ear infection

Of course, ALL our dogs are 'special' – each in his/her unique way. But there are some who have suffered more than others. They reflect this in different ways. Some become introvert and depressed; others are angry with the world and its inhabitants. They are the ones labelled 'bad dogs'.

There is a truism - hurt people hurt: the same is true of dogs. We work to help them heal.

In the Eastern Region we are very blessed. We have a friend to GSDR, based in the area. He is dog trainer of international repute with vast knowledge & experience of working dogs. He trains for speciality work at the highest level.

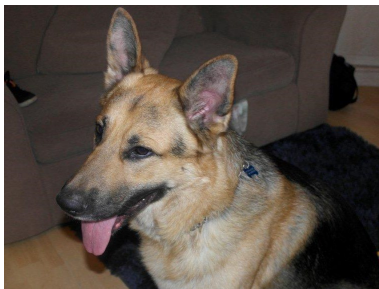
Amazingly, he finds the time to work with our 'special dogs' here, as well. These are the ones who have been most hurt and need the healing of our very own 'Dog Whisperer'.

Work with these dogs can be prolonged and intensive. They live with our friend in his kennels where he works with them daily. Gradually they learn to trust again and respond to his consistent kindly regime. He literally turns around lives. Dogs maddened by grief become able to be re-homed to a normal family. Those who have retreated from the world begin to have the courage to face life again.

But all of this has a cost. We cannot imagine the emotional cost to our friend and the volunteers who help him. They are all heroes, living with the knowledge of what traumas these dogs have experienced and working with the poor demented creatures that they can become. It is heart breaking work.



Echo, rescued from a life in chains



Diego, 4, has been in kennels far too long

All the love and care comes free of charge. It is for the dogs. But there is also the mundane cost of feeding and housing these dogs during their time in rehabilitation. And we pay for this – a minute portion of what would be the commercial cost.

### Can you help us by sponsoring one of our special dogs on a monthly basis?

If regular payments are received to offset the cost of kennels, and a lot of people help us, each in a small way, we can help even more dogs in need.

### Could you spare £10 every month, or even £5?

We will send photos and updates on the progress of your dog.

You would be playing a key part in really rescuing these lost souls, our special dogs.



Max, 2, has been learning social skills & manners

All Donations can be made via GSDR Virgin Money Giving page by clicking [here](#) please mark as *Eastern Region Special Dog Sponsorship*.

Thank you.

## News from the Central and North West Regions from Irene Culverwell



When I got the call about 8 year old Sian and heard she was home alone in Merseyside it was an urgent ring round to find a volunteer who could help and thankfully Daphne was available to drive there and take her safely into foster care.

Sian had never lived inside and her coat was matted but she appeared friendly enough and definitely glad to see a friendly face. After a few days in foster care she has now started to come out of her shell, no problem adapting to living inside and Sian loves having a constant companion and travelling everywhere with her new mum. Sian is one happy girl and I think Daphne is quite smitten and won't be giving her back!



It is always sad when a stray is handed into the pound and after doing their 7 days no owner comes to collect. Thankfully this young man was at The Pet Hotel in Burnley and they immediately contacted GSDR to ask for help, our volunteer Laura was happy to go and visit this young dog and take him for a walk, give him a bath and generally make his time at the kennels more bearable. As no owner was found we started to find a new adoptive home. Within 24 hours, thankfully this young man was adopted, now named Alfie he has a superb home with a mum & dad who are patiently teaching Alfie some basic commands and lead training and more importantly getting him back on track as he has been unwell and underweight since found on the streets of Burnley. So far in 10 days Alfie is doing really well and has put on over a kilo in weight and happily settled in his new home – thank you Ann and Ken for giving him a second chance (we can all see he is ready and willing to go for a drive)!



THANK YOU ALL OUR CENTRAL & NORTH WEST VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING THE EFFORT FOR THE DOGS – IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SEE THEM SAFE & WELL.

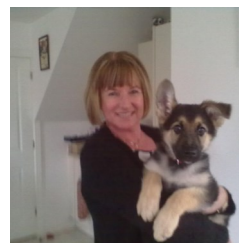
## An Update from the South East



Some of you may be aware that there's been a few changes at the top in the South East region. Tracy North who worked so very hard setting up a new team in this area has given up her role of Area Co-ordinator, she's not gone far though as she is still doing screening and other jobs for the rescue. And Tracy is always at the end of the phone if we need her which is very much appreciated. Nancy Cannell is still Dog Co-ordinator & Christine Merritt (aka Mad Dog Lady) has taken on the role of Area Co-ordinator.

The Pink ladies are pictured here, Christine on the left with Nancy on the right.

Jackie Ayres has taken on the role of Follow Up-Co-ordinator (she also bakes delicious cakes!)



In the South East Area we have two good walk groups, Linda Wood leads the Danbury Country Park group and Christine leads at Hockley Woods.



The Walk in Hockley Woods, Hockley, Essex, was started nearly three years ago. After a shaky start they've gone from strength to strength, holding fun fundraising events for GSDR throughout the year and some of the members have even been on a doggy holiday together. I'm told they're a very social crowd, with lots of nick names - some of which are not printable!

Linda's Walk in Danbury Country Park, Danbury, Essex, has been going for about 18 months. Linda first joined the Hockley walk and then set up the Danbury group and it's doing very well. This group raised money for Eastern region's Mason who needed urgent surgery to remove his ear.

The groups meet every weekend no matter what the weather; the dogs don't mind the wet so why should we!



### Beths Show

Nancy and Christine have been doing a GSDR stall at the Beth Shows for the past two years, getting the name of GSDR recognised around the Kent area as well as raising money for the rescue. The Pink Ladies raised £200 at the recent show.

We have made many friends at these shows, Dave and Gemma Simmons who organise the shows put in so much hard work and all the monies raised goes to charity, GSDR included and we're very grateful for their support.







**Charity photo shoot, includes photos & goodie bag in aid of GSDR on the 8<sup>th</sup> August, just £25!**

German Shepherd Dog Rescue in association with ZAC Photography would like to invite you to a charity dog photo shoot at a home set up studio.

- Includes :
- ✓ Photo shoot
  - ✓ Photos
  - ✓ Goodie bag!

Sessions are running from 10am – 5pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> August in Englefield Green, Egham. Shoot includes subject or subjects and owner if desired, for a personalized one to one 25 minute photo session with Zia Clarke (Photographer of ZAC Photography).

To book your slot call Victoria on 07949249247 or email [vawhicher@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vawhicher@yahoo.co.uk)



**Pup Aid 2015, Primrose Hill, London**

**Come and see is at our stand, we'll be there with the GSDR gazebo—it's an event not to be missed.**



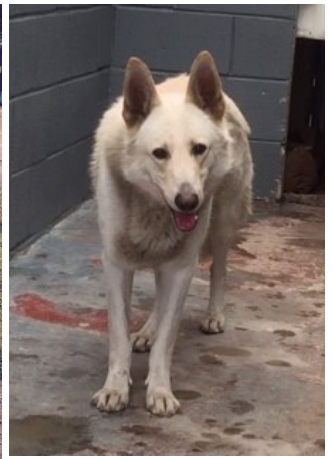
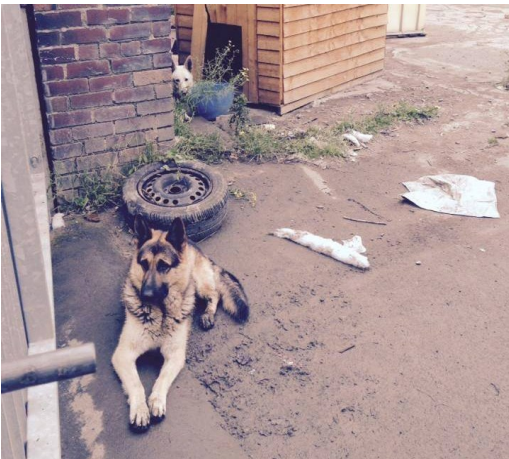
And finally... look out for our next fundraising curry night in Southend on 12th September—more details to follow.



**It was a busy week last week in the North East region with four unexpected arrivals.....**



When the phone rings, you never know what that call will bring, this call brought Rex. Julie answered the phone to a Police Officer asking for help. Following up on reports of a dog being hit and kicked the Officer arrived to find Rex in a very sorry state, living on a short chain with a pallet for a bed. He's 10 years old and deserved so much better. This kind Officer couldn't walk away, instead he went above and beyond and called us for help. Volunteer Mandy Yeoman dashed off to collect him and found a poor old boy desperate to leave the hellhole where he'd been existing.



Another two unexpected arrivals were these two poor dogs, now called Joe and Shiloh. They were left behind when their owner closed his business and it seems they've never known a caring hand. Joe is the more confident of the two, Shiloh, well he was terrified. He clung to the ground with his paws when Julie and Jeff tried to move him. It took a few hours to win him round enough to get him to safety.



And finally this poor lad was picked up as a stray. He was microchipped and his owner was informed and then never came to collect him.

These four unexpected arrivals are all safe in kennels, where they'll be cared for and well fed until new homes can be found for them.

There's eleven dogs in kennels in the NE region at present with more dogs expected in. We urgently need foster homes & fundraisers to pay the ever increasing kennel bills. Whilst the region has had a good month for fundraising this has quickly been swallowed up by kennel fees. But what else can we do? The alternative doesn't bear thinking about, we're here to save dogs and that's what we do best but we really need your support. Every penny counts, if you can help in any way please get in touch.

Maria Hamilton has set up a fundraising Facebook auction, you can find the page by searching for Auction for GSDR Rex and friends or by clicking [here](#). Please visit the page to donate items or place a bid and bag yourself a bargain.

## How to Contact your Area Co-ordinators

### South West

Cornwall / Devon / Somerset / Dorset / Wiltshire & Gloucester

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Dog Co-ordinator: Mandy Jones 07970592220 [mandyj22@live.co.uk](mailto:mandyj22@live.co.uk)

### South East

Kent / Hertfordshire / Essex / London / Surrey / East & West Sussex / IOW / Hampshire / Berkshire / Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire

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