



Hello everyone,

Our rescue prides itself on rescuing and rehoming around 400 German Shepherds every year. We have over 600 volunteers who give up their time and resources to help as many dogs as we can. We like to be able to post lovely success stories many of which feature in our newsletter and on our website.

However, sometimes we have to open our eyes and realise that not everything is fluffy and nice for animals in our cruel world.

This has been a very difficult year with so much cruelty being brought to the public's attention, but June was an extremely bad month for me when savages in China brutally tortured and slaughtered 10,000 dogs at the Yulin Dog Eating Festival. These poor souls were beaten and tortured before being skinned and boiled alive. In Chinese culture, they believe that the more that an animal suffers, the better it tastes. I was unable to watch the footage or look at photographs shown in the media because it was so horrendous and so upsetting.

The UK are also complicit in acts of cruelty, just different species known as 'food' but it goes on in buildings in secret, hidden from public scrutiny. Covert footage in slaughterhouses and factory farms have exposed the horror and cruelty that animals suffer in their short lives before finally being killed. Most food animals in the UK are reared intensively now.

We cannot continue to close our eyes to horrific acts of cruelty towards any species if we want our world to be a better place. No excuses, know where everything comes from and whether any cruelty was involved then demand that suppliers clean up their act. No matter what you eat, wear or use, it should never involve cruelty towards those that have no voice.

On the rescue front, it has been an up and down month with far too many dogs still needing to find homes and fewer good homes coming through. Too many pathetic excuses from people wanting to rehome their dogs too. Dogs are not disposable items.....

On a happy note, I shall be wending my way oop north on July 10th to join GSDR Team NE for the Kirskstall festival, where we will hopefully raise lots of money for the NE kennel and vet bills and of course have lots of laughs.

Thank you to all the lovely volunteers who continue to pull out all the stops to help needy dogs.

***Honor the sacred. Honor the Earth, our Mother. Honor the Elders. Honor all with whom we share the Earth:- Four-leggeds, two-leggeds, winged ones, Swimmers, crawlers, plant and rock people. Walk in balance and beauty. Native American Elder***

Only take what you need to survive .....

The day of the **Great North Dog Walk** dawned and the weather wasn't on our side but even so everyone had a great time. Maria Hamilton & Eileen Welsh held on tight to the table while Leigh Farnell made her own entertainment!

The ladies raised £176 on the day and the gorgeous Zack pictured here was walking in aid of GSDR raised another £125.



This is what happens when you leave your dog unsupervised....



A well socialised GSD loves to play with other dogs...



Back under control, fun time is over!



Beautiful Bella accompanied her dad Si, half of Team Fat Blokes to collect a cheque from Pets at Home Idle.

The funds had been raised in store from the sale of raffle tickets as part of the Support Adoption for Pets scheme.

Si was expecting a cheque for a few hundred pounds, no wonder he's smiling, the store raised a staggering £1124.55!

Huge thanks must go to Curtis, Amy and the rest of the staff at Pets at Home Idle for their incredible support.



TFB have raised a tail wagging £1967.55 during June!







**Our superfit volunteers Chris and Ailsa Thomas ran the Edinburgh Marathon for GSDR, here's what Chris has to say...**

"Looking through some running events we saw that the Edinburgh Marathon fell on a day that had a special personal meaning for Ailsa, so there and then we signed up, the bottle of red wine probably helped as well.

We would have almost a year to train for it and would be able to raise funds for GSDR at the same time and after now running a couple of half Marathons, we thought how hard could it be? As it turned out - very hard, over the next twelve months we were a living encyclopaedia of running injuries, this culminated in Ailsa getting Iliotibial Band Syndrome that almost resulted in her hanging up her trainers for good.

The biggest blow was yet to come with the sudden passing of our GSDR adopted boy Bruno AKA 'The Big Lad' a week before the race, we still cannot believe we only had him for 2 1/2 years

as he was such a big part of our lives, it did spur us on though as we now had two special reasons to get to the end.

We set off by train to Edinburgh early Saturday morning, then spent the day taking in the sights; this consisted of one Castle and three Weatherspoon's! Then a lovely evening meal at Vittoria Italian Restaurant for some last minute carb loading, then back to the B&B to get ready for the race on Sunday.

We received a message from race officials: 'weather warning for Sunday, 80 mile an hour winds forecast for Sunday from about 13:00' Great just what we need! We were standing ready to go, Thor was on our left and The Budgie Smuggler was on our right (sorry but you had to be there), then the siren went and we were off. The race or should I say plod was very scenic, after leaving the city centre it headed out along the coast then through a large country park before turning back, the crowds were fantastic, cheering us on all the way and with a never ending amount of jelly babies and Haribo.

We both had a good run but I had a bit of a 'wobble' at about mile 22 and had to give myself a bit of a talking too, but got there in the end. I'm pretty sure the big lad was at my side at that point he was certainly in my thoughts.

All in all a great event and we can't wait to do it again next year, (they have a relay team event at the same time if anyone is interested) we managed to raise over £600 on Virgin Money Giving and still have a bit of sponsorship money to collect in. I am sure Ailsa's gran was looking down and was extremely proud of her and she probably also gave me a kick up the backside at mile 22 as well!

For those who need to know Ailsa Thomas completed the race in 4hrs 03 mins 8 sec. Chris Thomas 4hrs 04 mins 59 sec. So yes, I was beaten by my wife, god help me when she is 100% fit!





Rothwell Circle & Chain Reaction presents...

### A Charity Fashion Show



M&S

Friday 5th June  
Blackburn Hall, Rothwell

Stalls open 7pm  
Fashion show 7.45pm

£5  
Bar available

Other stalls include jewellery, handbags, nails and much more!

Contact [rothwellcircle@gmail.com](mailto:rothwellcircle@gmail.com) or pay on the door!



Rothwell Ladies Circle recently held a charity fashion show, with GSDR as their chosen benefactors.

The Chairwoman for this year, Alison Goodspeed adopted Major one of our golden oldies almost three years ago. Alison wanted to raise funds for GSDR for him and the other sheps that find themselves in a terrible situation. The fashion show was a huge success; a great night was had with around hundred attendees.

Our GSDR models were Nicky Bellwood, mum to 2 Dalmatians and a GSD, along with Rebecca Lodge who helps with kennel dog walking and fund raising. And not forgetting our very own super-duper model Alison Elphee who's a seasoned cat walker now.

Approximately £850 has been raised from this venture for our beloved dogs. Massive thanks must also go to volunteer Chris Cooter, who manned a display of our work for the evening, and of course to Mark Watkinson our favourite photographer for capturing our gorgeous girls on film.





## New to the team is Victoria Whitcher who had a very successful first fundraiser.

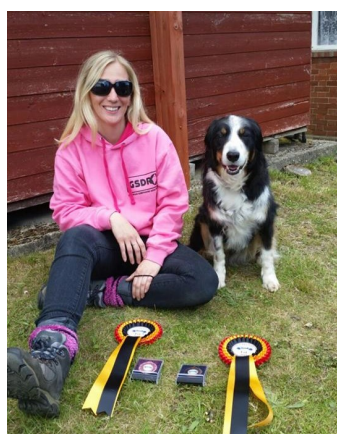


Victoria says "We ran a Tombola and raffle on 6th June at Ryslip Kennels in Berkshire at the JFS Agility Show. This was in memory of Dan North who tragically passed away in a motorcycle accident on the 16th June last year aged just 28 years old. Dan loved dogs, especially my collie Millie and my toy poodle Apollo although he frequently referred to him as Asbo! Dan had a very special place in his heart for German shepherds and looked after his friends dog Troy. He couldn't walk past one in the street or at a show without stopping to speak to the owner and fuss the dog. A German shepherd was very much in Dan's future plans so I'm happy to fundraise in his memory. Ryslip Kennels, the venue we held the event at was the last place I saw Dan so it was a very special, emotional day. We managed to raise over £160 for GSDR, had a lot of fun and had some beautiful donations such as GSD merchandise, a handmade agility plaque, iTunes vouchers and specially made hampers.

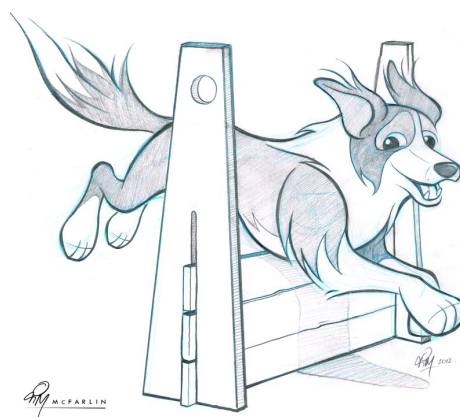
I'm sure Dan was with us that day as to top it off my collie won her first two Agility classes ever despite being unable to jump at full height for the past seven and a half years. Next we are planning to run a tea and cake stall in Milford at a farmers market and there are other plans in the pipeline. I am so proud to contribute to such a good cause as I know Dan would've supported it 100%.



Dan with Troy



Millie the agility champ!



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Huge thanks go to Maria Hamilton for organising the Facebook auction to raise funds for our dear Mason. A staggering £1369 was raised which will be put towards his vet bill. Thank you to everyone who donated items and for everyone who bid.

Mason is in foster care but looking for a very special forever home, you can view his profile by clicking [here](#).



Margaret Morton was helped by Sarah Taylor and friends at the Buxton Rotary Summer Table Top Fair on Saturday 6th June. The fair is held annually in aid of various charities and the team raised the magnificent sum of £133.20 for GSDR.

Thank you Margaret & team for your fundraising efforts, it's most appreciated.



The new enamel GSDR badges have arrived!

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

Treat yourself, you won't be disappointed, I love mine!



## SUFFOLK DOG DAY

Sunday  
26th July  
Helmingham  
Hall, Suffolk

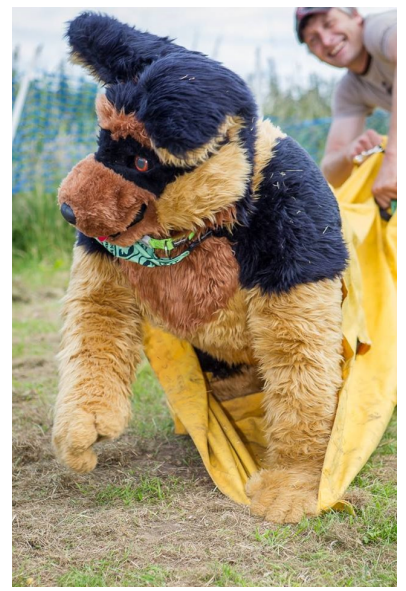
Every dog must have its day so you'd be barking mad to miss this chance to celebrate man's best friend. Now in its eighth year Suffolk Dog Day, one of Suffolk Community Foundation's key annual events, boasts fun packed activities, dog classes, wonderful food, great stalls from local suppliers, and lots of fun entertainment. So bring along your family, friends and canine companions for a great day out.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT ON OUR STAND AT THIS EVENT, IF YOU CAN SPARE A FEW HOURS PLEASE CONTACT LINDA, EASTERN REGION FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR [lindaturnergsdr@gmail.com](mailto:lindaturnergsdr@gmail.com)**



# SHEPFEST 2015

A huge thanks goes to Denise Lea who opened her home to host yet another amazing Shepfest. Much to her relief the sun shone and everyone had a brilliant time. The have a go agility proved just too much for some to resist.... We'll bring you an update on the total raised in the next newsletter.



Dakota had a day out at Shepfest and loved every minute of it. After finding herself in the dog pound she's still searching for her forever home, you can view her profile by clicking [here](#).





# Beth's Charity Fun Dog Show & Funday With Scruffts Heat

*(Held Under Kennel Club Rules)*



IN AID OF SARAH KITCHENER PERROW FUND  
(Brain Tumour Charity)  
AND GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG RESCUE



## SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015

AT Greenways, London Road (A20), West Malling Near  
**MAIDSTONE, KENT ME19 5AN**

PEDIGREE AND NOVELTY CLASSES

*Entries £1.50 per class, rosettes 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place and Trophies for all 1<sup>st</sup> Places!*  
BOOKING IN 10.00 – 11.15, JUDGING FROM 11.30 *(Timings may vary)*

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: There is a £1 entry fee per car into the event**

***21 Fun Classes to Enter – Rosettes 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place***

**Have a go “Fun” Agility  
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GSDR – German Shepherd Dog Rescue Reg Number: 1141122  
Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund, The Brain Tumour Charity Reg number -1128354



Thanks to all our volunteers in Central and North West for always stepping up to do your bit to help a dog in need. None of the boys and girls in our care would find a home without your help. We have had a good rehoming rate for June and fingers crossed it continues on a positive note throughout the summer months. Thanks again for all your help, as ever much appreciated and long may it continue, Irene.



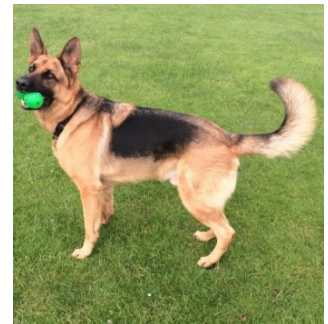
### ELLIE FINALLY HAS A FAB FOREVER HOME...

Thank you to Linda and family and of course foster brother Cody for keeping Ellie safe whilst she found her new adoptive home. Pleased to say this little girl has now found a wonderful home in the countryside where she has her own acreage to run around and 3 horses to boss about.

Ellie (on left) seen here with Cody.

### NICE TO SEE YOU ROSKO

This gorgeous boy had a rocky start when he first came to GSDR, he arrived at kennels, was re homed and sadly when that didn't work out taken back to kennels but thankfully Rosko found a wonderful mum & dad who just gelled with him straightaway and he has been a very happy boy since the day they picked him up 18 months ago.



### ZEUS

This young man has now gone into kennels where he is enjoying the company of other dogs and getting one to one training by a lovely volunteer from the kennel who is helping improve Zeus's lead work and socialisation. He is doing really well - Zeus is a lovely boy who could do with finding a foster or forever home asap.

He is in Central Region, Shropshire. To view his profile click [here](#)

### TWO FOSTER BOYS STILL WAITING FOR THEIR FOREVER HOME...



Max is a fabulous 8 year old boy who is being looked after, taken for walks and cared for by Peter and Judith who say he is a good all round dog who deserves to find a permanent home after being handed into the dog warden by the previous owner as he was no longer wanted. If you think you can give Max a forever home please contact Irene on [iculver-well21@hotmail.com](mailto:iculver-well21@hotmail.com)



To view max's profile please click [here](#)





Another boy safe in foster is Paddy over in Northwich Area, North West. This lad is just 5 years old and a true family dog who has grown up with children and is now happily in foster with Julia and Elliot and their shepherd Luna. If you are looking for a good all rounder then please get in touch with Irene [iculverwell21@hotmail.com](mailto:iculverwell21@hotmail.com)

To view Paddy's profile please click [here](#)

## 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!





## How to Contact your Area Co-ordinators

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