



Hello everyone,

Well Easter has been and gone but where on earth is spring? It's still cold, wet and windy across England and Wales which is making things slow on the rehoming front. We need some sunshine and warmth before people start filling in those adoption applications.

We have now reached an all-time high with numbers of dogs in commercial kennels and we cannot sustain this in the long term. Also it is not good for German Shepherds to be in kennels for long periods, they need to be in homes. For the next few weeks/months we need a drive on finding foster homes or permanent homes with priority being given for those that have been in kennels the longest. Perhaps we should remind adopters that rescuing a dog means just that and not giving us a list of attributes that their new dog should have. People still often use the website as if they were shopping. All dogs are assessed and of course we want to find the right match for each and every adopter. We treat each home check as individual and if they have other pets and young children for instance, we will only suggest suitable dogs for that environment. Too many lovely dogs in rescue are being overlooked because they don't tick all the boxes. Dogs are sentient beings, not designer objects. If you are rescuing a dog, should size, colour or age really matter? We think not. One of the most infuriating comments we hear is that people only want young dogs because they don't want to lose a dog too soon. Okay so what do we do with all the middle aged or older dogs, leave them in kennels until they die? That is not rescue.....

I always have an oldie or two bumbling around the place, they just want a warm comfy place to sleep and some good food, they really are no trouble. I recently lost Georgia who came to the rescue in November 2014 after being found collapsed on the streets of Romania. She was in a terrible state and her legs were not good but she had 18 months here just doing her own thing. Sadly she passed away peacefully in her sleep at the end of March, we will miss her.

I thank all the hard working volunteers who give up so much of their valuable time to help needy GSD's - it's not any easy task these days.

"We know we cannot be kind to animals until we stop exploiting them -- exploiting animals in the name of science, exploiting animals in the name of sport, exploiting animals in the name of fashion, and yes, exploiting animals in the name of food."  
— César Chávez

Best Wishes,

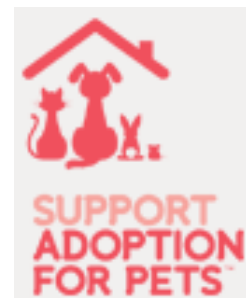
*Jayne*



Pictured here is Bob with Liam Maybury, new recruit to the fundraising team and nephew of Mark Panther.

Mark, Sheila Pankhurst & Alison Harrison all turned out with Gillian Marsden and her gorgeous boy Bob to raise £520 on their stall at the Arndale Centre, Crossgates in Leeds.

An amazing figure, well done team!



Huge thanks go to the Hereford branch of Pets at Home for their generous donation of food, toys and treats through the Support Adoption for Pets scheme.

We're very grateful for their ongoing support.



Denise Lea hosted another fun packed Agility fundraiser, everyone had a great time and dug deep raising £170.

Thanks go to everyone who attended and helped in many ways to make the event so successful.



Members of the Hockley Woods Walking Group are limbering up for a 9 mile Sponsored Walk on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

At 9am you'll find them outside The King's Head (there's always a pub involved with this lot!) and at 9.30am they'll set off for the long 9 mile walk. The walk which is described as 'quite hilly for Essex' will take approximately 4 hours.

To sponsor the team, you can visit their VMG page by clicking [here](#).

*Date: Saturday  
2nd April 2016*

*Venue: Claret Jug  
Outton Hall*



## *GSDR North East Spring Party Night*

*Massive thank you to everyone who  
came to the party.*

*We raised £650.00 for GSDR NE*

*Hope you all had a good night, thanks again for  
your support. Janine*



All money raised will go to help Rescue and Rehomed NE dogs



Enzo and Team Fat Blokes raised a tail wagging £1,153 during March.

The team were despondent after a slow day fundraising when spirits were raised by supporter Claire Young who you might remember from The Apprentice. Claire stepped forward and offered to match the day's donations, which turned a bad day into a great day. Many thanks Claire for your generosity and support, it's most appreciated.



If you join the Pets at Home VIP loyalty scheme you'll benefit from regular savings, special offers and advice. And as part of their Lifelines scheme you can nominate German Shepherd Dog Rescue as your chosen charity. Over the past three months the Lifelines scheme has raised £453,881 for their nominated charities. Every time you use your VIP loyalty card you're raising money, it's that simple.

You can even enrol on line by clicking [here](#)



Don't forget spring plants such as Daffs, Tulips, Crocuses and Hyacinths are poisonous to our dogs.

## News from the Central & North West regions

Although we have a steady stream of home checks it is becoming increasingly difficult to re home dogs that are over five years old, especially when they come as a pair. Sadly, at the moment in the North West we have four dogs in desperate need of help due to their owners sadly passing away.

If you think you can help foster or adopt please get in touch with Irene via email: [iculverwell21@hotmail.com](mailto:iculverwell21@hotmail.com)



**Sara & Savvy** are in kennels in Lancashire, they are aged 6 years and 5 years old respectively, they are not siblings but have always lived together and it would be fantastic if we could find a home to keep them together as when they are exercised at the kennels they play and interact so beautifully together. Savvy is the more characterful and outgoing of the two, Sara happily follows his lead. They are fantastic around everyone they meet and have lived with small children. A truly cracking pair that so deserve a second chance of finding happiness.



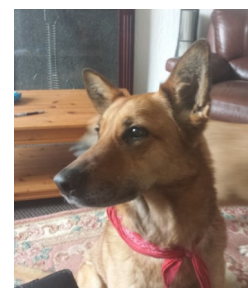
**Sophie and Susie** are 7 years old, again not siblings but have lived together since they were young girls. They are currently in their existing home in Lancashire, with a family member caring for them whilst we try and find a foster or forever home. They are lovely friendly girls who would suit any family home.



KARA

### Central Girls still looking for their forever homes ...

We have some lovely female shepherds still looking for their forever homes over in Central region, unfortunately no suitable homes have come forward so far. Please take a look at these gorgeous girlies and spread the word about 5 year old [Kara](#), 2 year old [Koda](#) and 4 year old [Pepper](#)



PEPPER

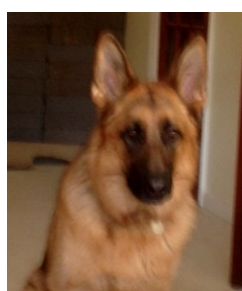


KODA

There are a couple of cracking boys too, handsome 8 year old West Midlands [Max](#) and pretty boy [Alfie](#) over in Nottingham.



MAX



ALFIE

if you think you can help please get in touch with Irene at email: [iculverwell21@hotmail.com](mailto:iculverwell21@hotmail.com)

## The End of an Era

It's been all change over in the Eastern region recently, Mandi stepped down as A/C and Ann Leigh stepped up with Suzanne Thurman taking over Ann's role as D/C.

Mandi has devoted many years of her life to GSDR for which we will be eternally grateful, and we're pleased that she will continue to be a valued volunteer. Mandi has taken on a new project as a freelance dog trainer, instilling manners in the reprobates of North Norfolk!

Another era has come to an end as well. Dave, who ran Oleter has closed the kennels and has gone to his larger kennels in Kent for a sabbatical to think about his way forward. He had been caring for a large number of our dogs without being able to recruit staff to assist him. We always sent him our difficult dogs for rehabilitation and retraining, he took on dogs that we wouldn't have been able to kennel elsewhere.

Arrangements were made to move the majority of the dogs over to Auntie Mandy in Wales. The dogs have settled in well and adjusted to a new routine and environment, thriving on the change of scenery. But one dog, Sparky, surprised us all. He is the bright spark (sorry!) in all of this, and has gone Ooop North to Yorkshire under the care of Julie Wilkinson. At Oleter he was a terrified ball of aggression and could not be approached without defensive equipment. Within twenty-four hours, his whole demeanour had changed and we were delighted to see a video of him out enjoying a run with Jeff Hayes. This was the confirmation we needed that Mandi's momentous decision proved to be a wise one was beyond welcome!

So we battle on to face another day and the challenges it brings. We currently have a waiting list of potential adopters who are prepare to wait rather than travel too far, but even so three dogs were adopted here in March and Roxy came over from Wales to a home in the east.

But the best news of all is that Louie, our poor broken boy from Ipswich found his forever home. Debbie was in tears after assessing him and so Tom did a 'mercy dash' to rescue him the very next day. He was nursed back to health for several months and in March he found his forever home. The before and after pictures say it all and remind us why we do this.



## How to Contact your Area Co-ordinators

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