



Hello everyone,

Well it's been a rather mad month has May. Not only have we had two bank holidays in there, but we have had some very strange weather too, all of which impact on rescue. During the month so far we have had 163 adoption applications which is lower than we would expect, but this may have been due to the holidays. We received 63 rehoming forms which again is lower but good as we already have far too many dogs looking for homes, many of whom are sitting in kennels waiting for their new mums and dads to come forward.

Rescue certainly has changed and not necessarily for the better. We are seeing more and more people jumping on the bandwagon of 'rescue' and using social media sites for rehoming dogs. All well and good you may think with more people finding more dogs more homes - well not quite. We are seeing a worrying trend of individuals rehoming dogs from Facebook in particular, with no rescue back up whatsoever. Dogs are often being put into homes without proper homechecks or dog assessments. Consequently many dogs, especially Rommies, are ending up being advertised on sites like Gumtree which is known in rescue as Scumtree. Who knows where these poor dogs will end up, it is so very sad given what many of these dogs have already been through.

So who picks up the pieces for the lucky ones - yes its reputable rescues like ours. I guess for the dog dealers, the opportunity to make a quick buck is the motivator for those without a conscience.

Our volunteers are as always very busy getting on with the job in hand, not always an easy task as we ensure we maintain our high standards. Not every home is a good home and we turn away many prospective new owners because we don't think they are suitable because we believe that our dogs deserve the best homes we can find. There are many so called rescues out there that are not quite so choosy.

On the fundraising side, things are going very well indeed and support is good which simply means we can help more needy dogs. Once again I thank all GSDR volunteers who give up so much of their free time and put in so much effort to help GSDR dogs.

I believe there are tough times ahead, but we have the right people on board to face the challenges coming.

Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty.

Albert Einstein

Best Wishes

Jayne

The Fundraisers have been out in force Ooop North!



Gillian Marsden and Alison Harrison volunteered to assist Animal Ark Aid with their Tesco bag packing which raised over £500. This money is split between the charities which they support and GSDR received £150. Thank you Animal Ark Aid for your ongoing support.



Sainsbury's in Wakefield was the venue to our very own bag pack organised by Gillian Marsden. The generous shoppers donated £450.50!

Huge thanks to the volunteers who gave their time and supported us on this event.

Pictured are: Angela Gelder, Lynda Pugh, Sharon Stevenson, Janis Archer, Sheila Pankhurst, Alison Harrison and Gillian Marsden.

They were also joined by: Claire Young, Alison Ashton, Kev Archer and Alison Elphee.

A great result from a great team!



TFB are pictured here at Trinity Walk shopping centre, Wakefield with Claire Young who brought along a very generous donation and was swiftly enrolled into our fundraising family! Some of you might recognised Claire from The Apprentice, her involvement got us some great publicity in the local paper.



Also new to the fundraising team is Alice who has joined Si's foster family after he sadly had to say goodbye to Jess. Here she is at Pets at Home, Keighley, where she lapped up the attention and the sausages! This old lady had been in kennels after being picked up as a stray at the side of a busy road. Kennels is no place for an old lady and she's settled in nicely with the rest of Si's pack and of course has stolen a piece of his heart.

Always on the lookout for a fundraising opportunity, TFB blagged a signed photo of Brian May from his fan club which sold on ebay for £173.68! Many thanks go to Jacky Smith for making this happen.

And down South....

CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

The final figures are in, an amazing £750 was raised at the Curry & Quiz night.

AND on top of that a further £500 was donated by LV, employer of Jackie Ayres who has recently joined us a volunteer.

A combined total of £1250 goes to helping dogs in the South East region.



Christine Merritt and Nancy Cannell attended Beths Dog Show assisted by the gorgeous Zak. Around 150 dogs entered the show, however Zak decided to give the others a chance at winning and didn't enter any classes this time! They were also joined by Ray & Elaine Whiting with their three boys and the team raised a tail wagging £175.

This is the final year of Beth's shows and for anyone in the area they're a great day out.



*In Loving
Memory of Beth*



BETHS FUN DOG SHOW @ PARK RESORTS

Sunday 7th June 2015

Ashcroft Coast Holiday Park - Park Resorts
Plough Road, Sheerness ME12 4JH

Rosettes for 1st - 5th place - £1 per class

Trophies & Special Rosettes for Best In Show and Reserve in Show Winners

Judge: Jackie Guscott

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| 1. Best Pedigree | 7. Best Veteran - 7 years + |
| 2. Best Condition | 8. Best Rescue Dog |
| 3. Prettiest Bitch | 9. Waggiest Tail |
| 4. Handsome Dog | 10. Best Crossbreed |
| 5. Best Puppy | 11. Best Trick |
| 6. Appealing Eyes | 12. Beth's Memorial Class |

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Best In Show, Reserve In show

For further information please visit www.bethsdogshow.co.uk or e-mail
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All money raised going to The Brain Tumour Charity



Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund, The Brain Tumour Charity - 1128354



Got some news you'd like included in a future edition?

Send it over, the newsletter team would love to hear from you!

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North West and Central region update from Irene Culverwell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUNA



This little girl was adopted back in 2014 after being fostered initially as an urgent case. Luna was originally named Snowy and was a very sad woeful youngster when first going into foster care, fast forward 10 months and wow she has come on leaps and bounds whilst in the care of Julia and Elliot.

Congratulations on celebrating your 2nd birthday Luna and I know you were well and truly spoilt with lots of birthday treats and a day out at the seaside!

WOOP WOOP – BLUE FINALLY FOUND HIS DREAM HOME!

Sadly our older dogs on the site sometimes take a while to find the right adopter willing to give the older boys and girls a chance of happiness. Blue was a case in point where it took quite a few months and lot of foster homes before he finally got his paws securely under someone's table.

It all ended happily for Blue and everyone who knew him in the North West couldn't be happier for him, however there are still these older boys and girls looking for their forever homes....



CENTRAL OLDIES... These two boys are hardly in their dotage and could really do with finding a foster or forever home asap.



Max in Evesham, a friendly 8 year old looking for a home after being found as a stray, currently in temporary foster. His profile can be viewed by clicking [here](#)

Mystico is a super 7 year old in West Midlands , you can view his profile by clicking [here](#)



NORTH WEST OLDIES... Bree & Tyler both looking for patient homes to work on their dog socialisation, but with humans they are the best of companions with young and old alike.



Bree is in Lancashire and needing to find a new adoptive home, you can view her profile by clicking [here](#)



Tyler is a 7 year old cuddle monster in the Greater Manchester area, you can view his profile by clicking [here](#)



MISS ELLIE HAS BEEN A LONG TIME FOSTER GIRL AND IS REALLY LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME TO CALL HER OWN. This little shep has been in GSDR care since she arrived from Cyprus back in 2014, she is a real character who loves everyone she meets and is fantastic around other dogs. She loves going to Doggie Day Care, loves her walks both on and off lead, is fantastic with the dog she currently shares a home with and so far no one can find a fault with this little girl. It would be wonderful if Ellie could find her forever home please if you want a smaller shep that is a delight to be around then please come forward to adopt our Ellie. She is currently in the North West Region. You can view her profile by clicking [here](#).



Great North Dog Walk is being held on June 7th and GSDR is one of the benefactors of the event.

Maria Hamilton will be fundraising at the event, if you would like to take part in the walk and get sponsorship for the event, please download a form and contact Maria who will give you a participant number. Maria has up to 500 numbers to give out, so please do the walk if you can. The walk isn't long, and there is a shorter walk for people who don't want to do the full route. Or if you can lend a hand on the GSDR stall on the day please get in touch with Maria by email mazbillzee103@gmail.com

Over in the Eastern region....

Real life has only just begun for Micha and Rebel at the age of four. It was only a few chance words noticed in a home check that began the chain of events that led to their freedom. 'We would consider taking two dogs, if they could not be separated'.... This was how their adventure began.

Micha and Rebel were bred by their previous owners and had lived all their lives outside as yard dogs. They had received scant attention or care and so naturally were closely bonded in their shared misery. It was stated on site that it would be possible to adopt only one, as this is what the owner required. But GSDR was concerned as to what would happen to the one left behind. We discouraged applicants for one dog; and so they languished. We knew that they were neglected and under stimulated, but we had no real idea of their dire circumstances then.

The chance remark that led to their joint adoption was made during a homecheck and followed up afterwards, more in hope than expectation. But it was true and a wonderful family was keen to adopt them; as a pair. Speedy arrangements were made, despite all difficulties. It's not easy in any area of the country, to find two volunteers who can supervise a meet and who have suitable transport. But it happened!

And it was only then that we realized how urgent the matter was. Micha had to be rushed to the vets with a severely upset digestive system and malnutrition. She is small but nevertheless weighed only 16kg.

Rebel was in rather better condition, but was still undernourished. The vets said that their small stature was a sign of long term food deprivation.



But now that they are both in good hands, they make progress daily.

Rebel has learned to play with a ball and as Micha gains some strength, she has the energy to make overtures to her brother. They are both gentle and sweet natured and neither has barked as yet. They are a source of joy to their new parents.

We can only begin to imagine the sense of bewilderment, wonder and delight that Micha and Rebel have in their new home.

Here they are out on a gentle stroll to explore the world that they've missed out on so far.

COMING SOON!

GSDR Enamel pin badges, will be priced at £6.50 inc p&p, look out for info on how to order in the next newsletter.





Mason's story, like a lot of them is a really sad one.

Mason, a lovely 8 year young lad, had an infection in both ears, not that uncommon as we are all too aware in shepherds. Unfortunately, Mason's owner appears to have been suffering from the early onset of some form of dementia, the most significant aspect of which in this case related to the gentleman's memory. For poor Mason this meant that although he had been taken to the vets for treatment for this ear infection his owner simply forgot to administer the drops that the vet expected to clear this infection over many months.

By the time it had become apparent that the owner was no longer in a position to look after Mason and GSDR were contacted, the infection had taken a serious hold.

Mason came to us at the end of April and was taken immediately to the vets where detailed examination confirmed that there was little that could be done to save Mason's right ear. His eardrum was ruptured and the only solution was to remove both the outer ear and the entire ear canal. This surgery was performed on the 13th May and Mason gave us all a very fraught and sleepless night as he did not come round from the anaesthetic as the vet expected. However, thankfully Mason did make it through the night and was taken to one of our wonderful Eastern region volunteers for a period of recuperation.

Moving forward, Mason is now deaf in his right ear and sadly, despite the infection being inactive in his left ear, it is the vets view that it is only a matter of time before Mason will also lose this ear and therefore will be completely deaf. Mason really is a lovely lad, he is really affectionate and he has made a real impression on the volunteers he has come in to contact with.



Unfortunately the other downside to Mason's story and the reason for the funding appeal is that the vet bill currently stands at £1600 and there will be further costs for follow ups and then ultimately the surgery on the other ear. Maria Hamilton has very kindly set up a Facebook auction page to help with the fundraising for his care, you can visit the page by searching for Auction for GSDR Mason's ear op or by clicking [here](#) to donate items or place a bid.

If you'd like to make a donation to his appeal, please click [here](#) for our Virgin money giving page and mark your donation for Mason.

This was taken a week after surgery when he went back to the vets for a check up. He looks so much happier, what a relief it must be for him after being in so much pain for such a long time.

We'll keep you updated on his progress.



Martham Carnival Dog Show hosted by GSDR Eastern Team

Come along and join in the fun!

Saturday 4th July starts at 11am

1. The Young Ones (puppies between 6 and 12 months)
2. Little 'Uns (under 15 inches)
3. Big 'Uns (over 15 inches)
4. The Smoothies (short coats)
5. The Hairies (long coats)
6. Happiest Dog
7. Best Friends (2 or more dogs)
8. Rescue Stars
9. Best Snip or Stitch (neutered dogs)
10. Strut the Mutt
11. Best in Show (Special rosettes for Best GSD & Best Rescue)

Show sponsorship kindly provided by



Agility Taster Session from 11:00 am to 14:30 pm

Sunday 5th July starts 11am

1. Terrible Teens (puppies between 6 and 18 months)
2. Prettiest Lady
3. Handsomest Dog
4. Dog the Judge would most like to take home
5. Most Appealing Eyes
6. Best Golden Oldie (7 and over)
7. Rescue Stars
8. Owner most like their Dog
9. Top Condition
10. All the Rest
11. Best in Show (Special rosettes for Best GSD & Best Rescue)



Agility Taster session from 11:00 am to 14:30 pm

We still need volunteers to lend a hand on the day, if you can spare a few hours please contact Cherril on cherrildogs@mybtinternet.com

27th & 28th June 2015

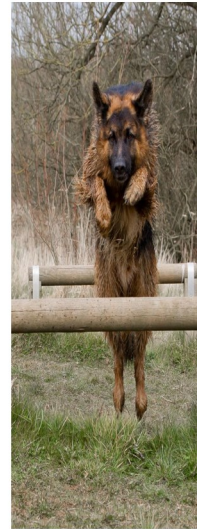


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For those of you who can't make it to Shepfest but still want to join in the fun then the Raffle is for you!



Elsa & Libbi have very kindly donated their pawket money so there's two £50 prizes up for grabs amongst many others.

Tickets are £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5

To enter the raffle you can pay via Paypal to elsanibbles@gmail.com, then email Elsa & Libbi's mum Dawn Heffernan on the same email address and she'll confirm your ticket numbers which have been entered into the raffle.

Good luck, hope you pick a winner!



Shanghai Ted & Rex are doing well in foster care and thanks to your generosity they're expected to travel to the UK to start their new lives in July.

In excess of £1800 was raised through their online Facebook auction page to enable them to be cared for whilst they got well and strong enough to prepare to travel.



These boys would've most certainly died in those terrible conditions had GSDR volunteers not stepped in to help.

More info will follow on these two wonderful boys....



Rothwell Circle & Chain Reaction presents...

A Charity Fashion Show



**Friday 5th June
Blackburn Hall, Rothwell**

**Stalls open 7pm
Fashion show 7.45pm**

**£5
Bar available**

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

Contact rothwellcircle@gmail.com or pay on the door!



In aid of GSDR

From Lorraine Hagin, Wales volunteer.

It is with heavy heart that I write this but on the morning of 17th of April 2015, "This Snow Angel is Elbie" as known to many who bought the GSR Calendar 2015 (Month of January) was put to sleep. I made that nauseating telephone call that every pet owner dreads to the Vets. My husband Lynwood and I knew this day was coming but still it didn't make us feel any better – for me, it just felt that I was letting my precious Elbie down!

He was 15½ years old and if it wasn't for the fact that he'd lost the use of his back legs, he'd still be here today as his mind was as sharp as a button and just perfect and beautiful in every other way. He was such a happy boy right up to the end, even on that dreadful morning and in his own little way he was "singing and dancing" with me – oh god I miss him so much, we both do!

Elbie was unlike any other dog, he was kind, he was gentle and knew how to make you laugh when you were sad. Everyone loved him and telling the children on our estate that Elbie had died was so hard as it broke their hearts as they loved him just as much as we did. He was certainly a "one off!"

To this day I feel as if I've had my heart ripped out. They say that one of the kindness acts of love you can do for your dog is to let them go, not to let them suffer and to be there with them at the end which is exactly what I did for Elbie – we were both there for him.

I know I held him as tight as I could so that any pain that he was about to feel could be taken away and that by me holding him and reassuring him, he wouldn't be scared of letting go and to find peace at Rainbow Bridge. The only thing is, it's me/us who are left that are suffering, even our cat Purdy who was Elbie's best friend is mourning his loss which is so sad – those two had an amazing bond which I've broken. I feel so guilty for hurting my pets but I had no choice as my Vet said they would not have allowed me anymore tablets for Elbie as it was time to say goodbye to my loyal, faithful best friend.

He was truly an amazing creature, a gift from God and I was so lucky to have found him 11 years ago in a Rescue Centre having come from a home that had abused him. He was cherished and loved right from the moment he entered our home to the moment he went to sleep.

Goodbye Sweetheart, Goodnight and thank you for all the wonderful memories, we love and miss you with all our hearts, especially me.

Sleep tight our little snow angel, gone but never forgotten x



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