



Hello everyone,

Welcome to the summer edition (cough, cough) of the GSDR newsletter. So who stole our lovely warm, sunny British summer then?

Well it certainly has been a strange year and a bit of a roller coaster ride for the rescue so far.

We started with an amazing January for rehoming which was unusual, as this is traditionally a quiet month for the rescue. Since then it really has been up and down with some very quiet months and then unexpectedly it picks up again. It has been so difficult to predict what is going to happen, which is making it tough for us.

For May and June we received a total of 112 dog rehoming forms, lower than previous years which is good. We also received over 400 adoption form applications during that period which sounds high, but I have to say that the quality of many of these potential homes is not of the standard we would like. It doesn't help that potential adopters put in multiple applications to many rescues and often our volunteers have their precious time wasted chasing homes that aren't prepared to wait.

The summer months will be busy on the fundraising front with many events organised and we hope that these will be well supported to help raise much needed funds to cover our vet and kennel bills, which this year have reached an all time high.

We are desperate for homes for our many kennel dwellers many of who have been cooped up for many months, several well over a year. It's awful to think of all these dogs in kennels, especially the older dogs who really do deserve to be in a home. Do you have a spare place for one of our gorgeous oldies?

Once again I thank all our lovely volunteers who work so hard to make the rescue the success that it is

Best Wishes,

Jayne





Margaret Morton plus granddaughters and Sarah Taylor had a GSDR stall at the Buxton Rotary Summer Fair on 11th June.

Despite the wonderful venue, the footfall was mediocre due to the event being held on the same day as the Queen's birthday celebrations.

The ladies raised £81.90 and more importantly there was lots of interest in our rescue keeping Sarah busy discussing fostering and adopting.

Special thanks to Margaret for her ongoing support.



Having a quick rest on the agility table!

Huge thanks go to Denise Lea for hosting Fun Agility Days. Two have taken place so far, a great time was had by all and many rosettes were given out for clear rounds. So far these events have raised £235!

Thanks to everyone who helps make these events a huge success and so much fun.



There was even time for a run around with friends.



Put your best paw forward, everyone was welcome



Animal Ark Aid raise money for various animal charities by holding events throughout the year. Since they started in 2010, they've raised and donated over £29,000.

Gillian Marsden & Alison Harrison raised £116 from attending their dog show.

Alison raised a further £40 from her crochet figures, which look amazing!

fun day barbeque hosted where Gillian works.



The ladies also raised another £64 on their stall at the childcare centre

Thank you so much ladies for your continued efforts.



TFB have been out and about every weekend with their collection buckets, but are reporting that donations are down. So far this year they've raised £4696 which is an outstanding total considering that times are hard for folks.



Chrissie Garbutt, Kathy McGuinness and friends raised £182.62 on their stall at Jolleys Westerhope store in Newcastle. A brilliant total, well done ladies!





Thank you to who ever booked the weather for The Great North Dog Walk, it was just right!

The crowds gathered and the GSDR team were out in force, Maria, Chrissie, Tracey, Samantha, Debbie, Sarah amongst others all manned the GSDR stall which raised over £250. And of course not forgetting Shep aka Leigh Farnell who quite literally stole the show!

Massive thanks to everyone who took part in the walk supporting GSDR, Theresa from A Sense Of Beauty took part in the walk with her daughter, donating £160. Many people from the walk groups attended, thank you to you all, your efforts are much appreciated.

Also taking part was Sam and Isla, not only raising money but also signed up to be a GSDR volunteer. Welcome Sam!

Here's a few pictures from the day, I think you'll agree that Shep enjoyed the day out.



A well socialised Shep



Gorgeous Rocky pulled in the crowds & enjoyed lots of cuddles



Quick while no ones looking!



Just one won't hurt....



One is never enough!



Busting some moves in the show ring



See you next year!



Our beautiful Lilly proved a hit with the crowds and the judges at the Hartlepool & District Hospice Dogs Big Day Out winning both Best Rescue and Best in Show!

She took it all in her stride, lapping up all the strokes from her adoring public and was a great ambassador for the breed and our rescue.

Who would believe that this beautiful girl had once lived her life on concrete, she didn't even have a bed.



Our wonderful Jeff Hayes had a fall whilst out walking the kennel dogs recently and not one to do things by halves, Jeff has undergone surgery to fuse his ankle back to where it should be!

We're all wishing you a speedy recovery Jeff x



Here's Duchess at her last blood donor session before retiring as a donor. Duchess, who is 9 years old next month has donated 23 units of blood over the past 7 years and each unit can save 4 dogs. Owner Catherine Walker is very proud of her special girl.

For more information on the Pet Blood Bank, click [here](#)



Sadly three of our GSDR dogs from the Central & North West regions have crossed the rainbow bridge recently. All very much loved and missed.



Arthur—originally from Romania had a very happy 18 months with his family.



Max –taken far too soon from his mum Pattie.



Jack—a delightful older boy who brought so much joy to his mum.

An update from the Eastern Region by Ann Leigh

I have just seen a super post of Facebook doing the rounds: it says something about God having gathered strong women together to make them into dog rescuers. (Of course, in our case, there are wonderful males amongst us as well!) I have never been so inspired by other team members before. I love that we all have different talents and contribute whatever we are able (and for nothing!) Wow!

But we need more. We could always use more screeners and homecheckers. We have some 'black holes' in our coverage of our area. And our great lack, here in Eastern, is for anyone who is a whizz at fundraising. We need some 'Pink Ladies' or 'Fat Blokes'.

In order to try to recruit some, we have come up with a local flyer. It is very specific to Eastern, as it is. We propose to circulate it as an email attachment for individuals to print off for themselves, to then ask their local vets, pet shops, dog groomers or trainers to display. Please just be inventive.

If anyone in any other region thinks this is a good idea and would like a copy for themselves (with different contact details and/or picture) then I am happy to play around with a version for you.

Email me at ajpleighgsdr@gmail.com



We change lives

We rescue dogs that have lost their homes and often the will to live. Some come to us after a domestic upheaval, others are abandoned and wandering the streets. These poor waifs can be given another chance. Four of the five street dogs below were at risk of being PTS in the pound. One even had a date! That is now celebrated as his birthday each year. We turn things around. We change lives both for dogs and owners.



If you want to adopt a dog or help with our work then you can apply on line at www.germansepherdrescue.co.uk or you can chat with anyone in our local team.

Ann 01263 860864, Suzanne 01472 459528 and Sarah 01603 270044

We are a great team and there are lots of ways to help. Please give us a call

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Lived Happily
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Rusko, celebrating three years in his new home. It took him a while to find the right home but the wait was worth it.



Luna, who's spilt rotten every day, was treated to a holiday in Wales to celebrate her 3rd birthday.



Newly adopted Beth (left) and her new brother Ted are getting into mischief - who is the culprit? Nobody knows!

It's definitely a match made in heaven this pair of pups love wreaking havoc!



MISSING



FINLAY

**Male German Shepherd Dog Black
And Tan (Age: Adult)**

**Missing from Thorpe Willoughby, YO8
area, North East on
Saturday, 5th December 2015**

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mean it's not
sunny enough for
me doggles??

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