



Hello everyone,

Welcome to our September newsletter and I think we can safely say that autumn is here, the clocks will soon be going back and then we are into winter..... woolly hats, fleeces, gloves and wellies.

I am happy to report that September has been a good month for rehoming as many people who had previously been home checked, had been waiting until after the summer holidays were over before adopting. So lots of our doggies have gone off to their forever homes including many whom had been sitting waiting in kennels.

We are less than 3 months away from Christmas and it would really make my day if some of our long term kennel dwellers could find their new homes. Autumn and Saxon are looking at spending their second Christmas in kennels and that is not good enough, they deserve to be in homes of their own. Please could I ask everyone to circulate their details and let's hope that we can get them out of kennels before the festive season begins. To view Autumn's profile click [here](#) - To view Saxon 's profile click [here](#)

This month I made a trip down south to attend the Pup Aid event in Primrose Hill Park in London. It was lovely to meet up with my southern team, we had a great day with lots of laughs and they made me feel most welcome. It was a very busy event attended by celebrities in order to highlight the plight of puppy farmed dogs. We heard some very harrowing stories on the day and met some of the dogs rescued from these dreadful places which hopefully will make people think twice when considering where to acquire their next dog from.

On a very sad note for me and my family, we lost our beautiful Ted this month who had just reached his 9th birthday. He died very suddenly, unexpectedly and he was our 4th dog to die from Hemangiosarcoma in recent years. Ted was my partner Johns' first ever dog, he was always with him and followed him everywhere so his death left him devastated. Saddened as we are, we are also very angry that his death was preventable.

Hemangiosarcoma ranks 3rd in the top canine health concerns compiled by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) which are shockingly indicative of the vaccine damage warned of since the 1980s. I don't vaccinate any of my dogs but sadly, most have been vaccinated by previous owners. Please take the time to research the damage being done by these toxins when safe alternatives like nosodes are available. See later featured article.

I thank all my dedicated volunteers for their hard work and continued support in helping so many needy dogs find loving new homes

For my Ted until we meet again in a much better place - **'the journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path... One that we all must take. The grey rain-curtain of this world rolls back, and all turns to silver glass... And then you see it. White shores... and beyond, a far green country under a swift sunrise.'**

Best Wishes, *Jayne*





PUP AID
LONDON
2015
Fun Dog Show
Saturday 5th September 2015
Join us and be Part of the Fight Against Puppy Farming

Pup Aid 2015 at Primrose Hill, Regents Park was amazing. Jayne made an epic journey with the GSDR gazebo and Team South East made a very strong statement not just to raise the profile of our Rescue but also to show our support in the fight to get puppy farming abolished.

Members of the public and attending celebrities alike stopped by and many were astounded that GSDs could be just as vulnerable as other breeds to being farmed, neglected, cruelly treated and abandoned. Jayne bagged herself a TV interview, our S E Area Coordinator Christine Merritt nearly bagged herself another little dog which we first thought was abandoned (it was going home in her shopping trolley if the owner hadn't appeared) and all our other wonderful team members just worked their socks off all day to make our stand a success.

And talking about bagging - we bagged, with Gift Aid, £626! Not bad for a first time out and already there are plans afoot for next year.

High Fives to our wonderful Team South East -

Christine, Nancy with Zak and Darren responsible for the brilliant printing of our leaflets, flyers and handouts, Linda Wood and Dave, Ray Whiting, Anna Kempinska with Ozzie, Daniel & Olivia Harris with the wonderful Bruno who took the whole day in his stride.



By the look on Bruno's face, it's safe to say he's not a fan of sequins and dancing. Pasha from Strictly Come Dancing spent time with our team and is pictured here with Bruno & Olivia.

Bruno was adopted from GSDR around a year ago and is a regular member of the Chelmsford walk group. What a great ambassador for the breed and our rescue he is.



QUIZ NIGHT

TWO PINK LADIES, SOUTH EAST REGION. QUIZ NIGHT BIG DRUM ROLL PLEASE.....

We raised the sum of £1056.25!

Huge thanks to everybody that helped fundraise and organise this fantastic event, which includes: the walking group, ticket sellers, donors of raffle prizes, buyers of tickets, compares for the night, raffle ticket sellers, you all know who you are, and of course Jolene from the Esplanade Pub for letting us use the venue. So many people help behind the scenes and without them we could not have done it. We are very lucky in that GSDR Hockley Walking Group, Essex are such a great band of people who support us in everything we do. The monies raised will help all German Shepherds in GSDR care.



Huge thanks go to **Hull City Dog Wardens** - they cycled from Big Ben to the Eiffel Tower to raise funds for several rescues that they work with to help rehome the stray dogs of Hull.

Along with a cheque for £113 they sent a note to Julie Wilkinson saying "Just a small donation to help towards your rescue costs. It's a thank you for all the help and support you have given for the stray dogs of Hull".



Over in the Eastern region Julie Lobb & Fiona Leadbetter with Georgie raised £142.50 at the Trimmingham Dog Show.

Georgie worked very hard and even won first prize in the beauty contest and was awarded Best in Show!



There's lots of ways to raise money for our dogs, Jackie Stinchcombe took advantage of a lovely late summers day to attend a car boot sale, raising £81.

Can you Help Houdini Escape from Kennel Life?



His real name is Benji but he's not called Houdini for nothing! Benji was a street dog who narrowly escaped euthanasia, when he first came to GSDR he didn't know what a lead was and would spin around and make everyone dizzy. Training from the kennel staff and volunteers have brought him on a long way and he now walks really well.

Benji is around eight years old but he's active, agile and inquisitive. Since being in kennels he's managed to climb the wall of his own kennel to visit his girlfriend next door!

Because of his past life he does take a little time to trust, he adores the kennel staff who show him love and kindness, something he's never known before. Anyone interested in finding out more about this magic lad can email christine.merrittgsd@gmail.com



During September the South east have rehomed nine dogs, two of which they're particularly pleased about.

Neesha was a kennel dweller when she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. She's now in her forever foster home and is having the time of her life! Her Dad is smitten with her and the family are loving taking this sweet girl for walks.

Then there's Twig pictured right, this boy had been in kennels for a year. He was about to be PTS when our diamond gent Ray Whiting came to the rescue and collected him from the vets.

The only place available was kennels but after a whole year he's settled in to life in his new home and his Dad is delighted with him.

The South East team are focussed on getting their kennel dogs into homes, no one wants to be in a kennel for Christmas.



TFB Ray & Si have, as always, been out each weekend this month fundraising and have generated a tail wagging total of £742.

It's that difficult time of year when the kids have just gone back to school in new uniforms and people start to look towards Christmas and tighten their belts in anticipation of the spending frenzy, so it's a great effort as always guys.



The GSDR 2016 Calendar is about to go to print, more details coming soon.....

Isn't This Just What it is all About?

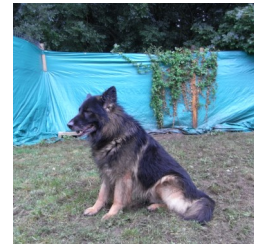
When you are going with the flow isn't it wonderful? Everything just happened perfectly for us with this situation. It began with a contact from someone who wanted to adopt an older dog and would even consider taking on two. Well needless to say we were on to them like a rash! Could we help? Of course, that is what we do!

As it happens, we just had a perfect pair of old gentlemen in the kennels waiting for their chance.



Drac (can you imagine naming any dog that?) was dumped by someone outside the area by pulling a fraudulent stunt, and then denying in any subsequent contact, that she knew anything about this lovely boy at all. So, Drac now Jack, became a much loved resident. He was terrified at what had happened to him but soon settled and was seen to be a straightforward sweet boy whose only problem had been his owner.

Carn (now Khan) was another such. We learned about him from a call from a wonderful veterinary surgery, where he had been just dumped. The surgery had kept him with them, as they had twenty four hour facilities, and in the fortnight that he was there he became a firm favourite. What is there not to like about him? He is big and handsome and the most loving cheerful boy. They could not bear for him to go to the local pound and so they asked GSDR to take him.



So, these lovely boys were just waiting for the right home and were more than ready when the call came. And, just as in every fairy tale, there was the happy ending. They all fell into each others arms and it was love at first sight.

Back in the real world, there was a slight hitch though. An unexpected domestic complication for their new owners occurred and the boys' departure from the kennels has had to be delayed slightly. But now they live companionably together in the same kennel, in readiness for their new home.

When the luck is going with us GSDR can achieve near miracles!

Eastern region has rehomed 11 dogs in September one of which was a joint effort with the South East team who found a lovely home for one of our young dogs.



Here he is pictured meeting his new family, our white pup Samson settled in straight away. His D/A and adoption were handled by our volunteer Emma Mitchell, we received an email of thanks from his old owners commenting "We really appreciate your efforts here Emma, the way you handled it, your professionalism and what your charity stands for"



Here's Lady, adopted six years ago and is adored by her mum & dad, who say "Over the first 12 months it was hard and Lady needed a lot of assurance and loving as she hadn't been socialised and we had to build trust between us. The hard work has now paid off and we love her to bits and she is the Queen of the house and we wouldn't be without her"

She certainly looks very healthy, happy and comfy on the sofa!

An unusual fundraising idea.....from Ann Leigh

It is the weekend and I was lounging around as you do. I was idly contemplating the dog fluff stuck to the carpet. I always think it looks like the tumbleweed in old westerns that I used to see on the TV as a child. I have lived with it (and dogs) all my life. I know that most people don't live like this: but I do. Nowadays when I see the fluff, though, I feel smugly self-satisfied and think about fundraising for GSDR.

How come you ask?

Well, it all came about like this. It was the year before last and everyone was rushing around mad little Tasmanian Devils getting ready for the Martham Carnival our major fundraiser in Eastern region. Emails were flying around asking for this n that and who would do what. And this was only the prelude, not even the main event! That would culminate in two days of standing around, in whatever the climate threw at us, and talking and promoting our work endlessly, being resolutely 'up beat' with complete strangers. Nightmare scenario for me. I was eaten up with guilt. Everyone was doing so much and I was, you guessed it, lounging around.

To be realistic though, I could not attend, as I would have to travel too far and it would mean leaving my dogs for far too long. My guilt derived from the fact that I knew that going there and helping out was the very last thing that I could bear to contemplate. I can't stand crowds and I just like to be with the dogs and, you guessed it, lounge around.

But then I had an inspiration that assuaged my guilt. I wrote to Mandi saying that I didn't feel good about not contributing regularly and proposed that I would do household cleaning for GSDR as my fundraising effort. I would have loved to have seen her face, as she read this, knowing my predilection for ... lounging around! No, I explained I did not intend to trudge around my neighbours' homes with my mop and bucket. Very simply, I intended to sack my own cleaner and merely do my own housework. Radical or what? The money that I saved each month could then be donated and my guilt would be a thing of the past.

Well, that was the intention, but it did not quite work out like that. I have discovered that it is far easier to knuckle down to housework, if I am doing it for a cause. I do actually feel a new impetus and sense of real purpose now that I am working for GSDR and not for merely cleanliness for its own sake.

Sadly that is still not quite enough to actually get around to doing too much of it ...

But now, I do at least lounge around and look at the dog hairs with equanimity and a real sense of satisfaction.

You could say that I live with mess, for the sake of GSDR. That is my contribution to fundraising for the cause.

Do you have a more inventive one?

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TOP TEN CANINE HEALTH PROBLEMS by Barbara J. Andrews



As of 2007, the top canine health concerns compiled by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) are shockingly indicative of the vaccine damage we have warned of since the 1980s!

- Epilepsy
- Hip Dysplasia
- Bloat
- Hemangiosarcoma
- Lymphoma (tied for 4th place in the list)
- Osteosarcoma (tied for 5th place)
- Allergies (also tied for 5th place)
- Hypothyroidism (also tied for 5th place)
- Patella Luxation (tied for 6th place)
- Cataracts (tied for 6th place)

6 or more of the top 10 concerns listed (epilepsy, dysplasia, cancerous tumours, lymphoma, osteosarcoma, and allergies) may be linked to a compromised immune system directly caused by over-vaccination. Vaccines such as rabies can have immediate adverse reactions whereas yearly booster shots have been directly linked to cancer and other diseases of the immune system.

Any lay person who has watched the list of dog diseases increase ten-fold over the last twenty years would say “definitely yes!” but we sought the professional opinion of the nation’s leading authorities on vaccine-induced disease. The editor asked Dr. Patricia Jordan for comment, prefacing the request with the observation that people unconsciously blank out vaccine information even with proof of the damages. It’s as though automatic denial will prevent it from happening to their beloved dog; that they couldn’t be contributing to making their animals sick, even to causing early death. Of COURSE they don’t want to hear it. Parents are especially defensive when it comes to human vaccine risks. We just have to keep pecking away at their consciousness until one little thing hits home.

Here are 10 BIG things, any one of which could penetrate animal owner or parental blocking defences. From this list, I would personally lay bloat at the feet of commercial dog foods but knowing that lepto vaccine can cause blue eye in puppies, I wonder if the vaccine could be related to juvenile cataracts and other eye problems? If so, that leaves only two orthopaedic problems that escape the potentially dangerous side effects of vaccines.

DR. JORDAN CITES CANCEROUS TUMOR 21 DAYS AFTER RABIES VACCINE

Dr. Jordan replied, “I am working on a case right now with a 3 year old Boxer presented to emergency 21 days after rabies vaccine with a huge hemangiosarcoma on the spleen which was surgically removed. The owners had to get the shot to move to Australia. The dog has had other (rabies shots) and so would not even have needed the vaccine if the titers were accepted. This dog is classic of how the antigens from vaccines bypass all normal routes and go directly into the blood and cause heat toxin defiling of the blood and stagnation leading to the cancer.

Another emerging disease associated with over-vaccination is Ischemic Skin Disease and if that doesn't sound like much, take a look at this photo and imagine how painful the pustules and infected skin must be. The blood vessel walls actually leak.

If your dog has any of the health problems listed above, you are encouraged to explore the most comprehensive and candid vaccine information available. Go to [Vaccine Information Index](#) and if you haven't yet heard about vaccinosis, don't miss this [photo essay of vaccine-induced tumours](#) by Patricia Jordan, DVM, CVA, CTCVH.

Further links and information can be found on our website by clicking [here](#)

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