



Welcome to yet another bumper edition of the GSDR newsletter which I guess is our autumn newsletter, it's certainly looking very autumnal here.

Well what a fantastic year we have had and what a brilliant hot summer, which has been good for all those fundraising events and walks.

As is normal, we experienced a quieter time in the summer months but since the kids have gone back to school, we have seen a huge rise in adoption applications. Hopefully we can now start moving some of the kennelled dogs into their new forever homes.

With so many positive things going on, it's difficult to pick a favourite moment. The highlight this month for me was that finally, our lovely Juno and Cassie who came in together and have spent over a year in kennels; both went to their respective new homes this month. Whoop whoop!!

As the nights draw in and we start to think about fleeces, thermals and wellies, I am mindful that we are approaching a very busy time of the year for rescue. I'm sorry but I'm going to have to mention the C word - yes Christmas is looming.

We rehome right up until about 2 weeks before the festive season starts but then generally put rehoming on hold until after the New Year. Unless it's a very quiet home, we don't think it fair to put a dog into a new home where there will be lots of people visiting, parties and lots of alcohol flowing. This means that many dogs will have to spend Christmas in kennels, which is quite sad and also very costly for the rescue.

But there is something that you can do to help that will not cost you a penny. If you are Christmas shopping and doing it online, please do it through Easyfundraising. Most of the big names are on there and they will donate a percentage to GSDR.

I recently received this message from Easyfundraising 'I wanted to congratulate you on being second place of our Animals & Wildlife category leader board. It's an amazing achievement that you have raised over £7,000 for German Shepherd Dog Rescue!'

So get shopping everyone and help GSDR at the same time, to visit Easyfundraising please click [here](#)

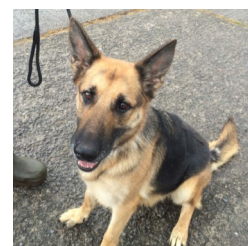
Once again, I want to thank all those loyal and faithful volunteers who donate their precious time and resources to the rescue and make it the huge success that it is.

Best Wishes

Jayne



Juno



Cassie

North East Region Summer Memories Photo Comp Results

The judges had the incredibly difficult job of choosing the winners, I think you'll agree they've chosen well.

1st Place is Jean Bridges with Cassie

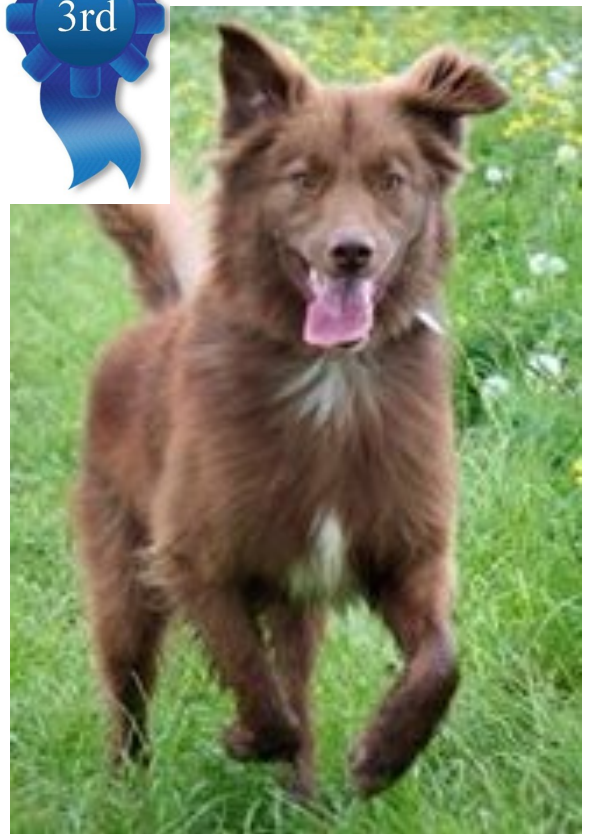


Thank you to everyone for taking part raising £122.

A special thank you goes to Dawn & Barry Heffernan for sponsoring the event by way of a celebration of their 25th anniversary. Instead of spoiling each other with gifts, they chose to provide the prizes for the competition.



2nd Place is Sharon Mortimer with Harley



3rd Place is Sylv Echarri with Tom

An Appeal from the Central Region—Can we find these kennel dwellers a home?



This lovely petite, friendly but timid girl was in temporary foster care (thank you John & Amy for all your help collecting Maya and keeping her safe whilst on your annual leave). Sadly now they return to work and no other foster care is available for Maya, she has gone into kennels in Crewe where she is not enjoying her time at all.

Maya is 7 years old, 8 in November 2014. She is pleasant dog who has a gentle nature though whilst in foster we have found she can get very stressed when left for more than 1 hour and will start to bark and scratch for attention. Obviously anyone adopting Maya could work on this and settle her down into a more structured routine.

Maya is brilliant around cats, fine around other dogs, she has been regularly walked with another much younger girl and happy to play for a while but when had enough just goes and does her own thing. Maya is a good traveller, loves her food and on the lead will pull but settles and is easily doing an hour or more walk on lead, during foster care has not been off lead. She is a very affectionate dog and never really goes far from you whether in the house or garden she will make a great companion PLEASE if anyone available to help Maya contact Irene asap for further details.

MAYA IS AN URGENT CASE!



ZEUS IS BEGGING FOR A CHANCE

Poor Zeus has landed in kennels in Worcester after his owners could no longer care for him (thank you Sue and John for keeping an eye on him). He is only 2 years old, in need of some direction and training but very happy going for walks with the kennel staff (he prefers the women at the kennel walking him). Zeus has lived in a home with older children and was quite protective of his family and would bark if visitors arrived. However in the kennels he has become quite settled and doesn't bark or protect his environment at all. He appears ok around other dogs and doesn't react whilst walking by and is good on the lead. Zeus is a large boy and with a confident owner will make a smashing dog – he would love to get out of kennels and find a new forever home.

Are you the right home for Zeus?

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Charlie Shropshire

This little one urgently went into kennels (thank you George and Liz for helping) Charlie doesn't really know too much, is a giddy kipper putting her lead on wanting to kiss you all over and obviously delighted to be getting out of the kennel and taken for walks. She does need more training on the lead but does settle and appears not to give a jot about cattle, horses or sheep whilst out walking. In the kennel she doesn't give eye contact to any of the dogs, doesn't bark just walks passed and ignores them. Charlie is really an open book, ready for training and bringing on from scratch – she really is a very affectionate girl with a particular penchant for chicken!

If anyone can help these urgent dogs please contact

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Thank you!



Here's our very own Bilbo Baggins, on guard duty following a very kind donation of food and goodies from Pets at Home. Our dogs in kennels and foster care in the Eastern region will benefit from their generosity.

Little Bilbo was born in the care of GSDR, he and his surviving siblings were hand reared and he went off to live with Mandi Wilks. This little chap has big ambitions, he had a rummage through the food, found the smaller 1 kilo bags and decided to run off with them!



Roxy wasn't impressed that she wasn't allowed any cake when the Beck family turned their caravan into a temporary tea room in aid of GSDR. Emily, Pheobe and Jake baked cakes and served teas and raised £69.51 for their favourite charity.

Well done everyone, thank you for all your hard work!



Lyme Valley Park Mid Summer Mayhem became an End of Summer Mayhem thanks to ex-hurricane Bertha. Horrendous weather forced the organisers to postpone the event but luckily when the day dawned the rain stayed away and the sky stayed blue. Members of the GSDR Stuck in the Middle walking group raised a staggering £582.20 on the day, an amazing total. Pam Rayworth would like to send special thanks to jam maker Janette, her home made jams went down a storm (no pun intended!)



Many thanks to everyone and their wonderful dogs who supported us at the event. We're looking forward to doing it all again next year!



A huge THANK YOU to the staff at Kennelgate Pet Store in Wakefield who presented Janis Archer, Debbie Clayden and the beautiful Ruby with a cheque for £200 generated from their in-store fundraising.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it's very much appreciated.



TFB Take a Trip to York

Nelson says a very big Thank You to the generous people of York who dug very deep and donated a staggering £378 when the team took a day trip out to the Clifton Moor Pets at Home store.

A few friendly faces popped by to say hello, pictured here is Peter Hopkins with the lovely Charlie.



Charlie has a quick check on the donations



Watch out Wakefield! TFB and the noble Lord Nelson will be teaming up with Janis Archer this coming weekend and will have a stand in the busy Ridings shopping centre. Expecting around 30,000 people through the doors, the team are hoping for very heavy buckets!



Dawn Atkins and family were out in force at the North Wales Leisure & Tourism event held at Prestatyn. Wayne Whitehouse brought along beautiful Ruth whose owner had sadly passed away and was saved from being p.t.s. The adorable old lady will live out her days at The Pier Hotel with Wayne, Will and the rest of the pack. She might be blind but she really pulled off a blinder, taking the dog show by storm. 1st in Best Veteran, 3rd in Best Rescue and 2nd in Best Scruffy Bitch (bloody cheek!). But the biggest round of applause came when it was announced that our Ruth was Best Reserve in Show!

We're often asked why we help a few dogs from other countries, here Jayne tells us why.

I have been involved in German shepherd rescue for over 20 years and since I formed my first rescue in Scotland back in 2001 which became GSDR, we have rehomed thousands of German Shepherds. A significant portion of the dogs we help come from UK pounds, many of whom are on death row.

Since the end of 2012 we have helped a number of foreign dogs, particularly from Romania but the number of dogs helped is a small fraction of the total number of UK dogs helped.

Many groups internationally have become involved with Eastern European rescues because of the horrendous situation out there. We believe that by highlighting the plight of the strays out there, between us we can bring pressure to bear on respective governments and hopefully see an end to the cruelty and bloody slaughter.

In Romania, if a dog survives the brutality of the dog catchers, it is thrown into a shelter where its home is usually a one metre square cage with either a pallet or concrete to lie on. They are never let out of these cages; they have no bedding, no free access to water and are fed every few days, if they are lucky. Some shelters put large groups of dogs together in concrete prisons and with limited access to food and water; many have died in fights trying to gain access to the very things they need to survive.

The options for these dogs are:

1. Give up and die
2. Die of disease or illness without any treatment
3. Being left to starve to death - a slow long lingering death
4. Euthanasia - the preferred method in Romania (because it costs nothing) is being bludgeoned to death with either a shovel or sledgehammer. This is the reality, there is no 'put to sleep'.
5. Being thrown a lifeline by a rescuer



In October 2012, we were alerted to the plight of this boy who we called Chenko. We agreed to help him and he arrived in the UK in November 2012 but spent many months in kennels overlooked, until coming to me to foster in the summer of 2013.

Chenko was a fabulous foster boy, my daughter Alice adored him and walked him miles during his stay here, yet nobody ever seemed interested - until his luck changed in the spring of 2014 when he finally went to his new home with his new mum and dad Jacky and Gordon and his new girlfriend Kes the German Shepherd.

He has blossomed in his new home and loves his new life. He is such a good boy, fine off lead, good with other dogs and loves meeting new friends - 2 or 4 legged.

He particularly enjoys his caravan holidays and travels all over the UK.

Chenko was a dog in need, dogs know no borders, we have no borders now as we are all part of the EU.

A small minority think we shouldn't help these dogs, Chenko disagrees and so do I.

He was one of the lucky ones; hundreds of thousands of dogs like him are still being brutally slaughtered out there.





Margaret Morton, family and friends held a very successful table top sale in the beautiful town of Buxton. The event included tombola, refreshments, bric a brac, cakes, hot dogs and more - raising a very impressive £270.00! Representing GSDR was our very own Blue with his foster mum Sarah Taylor. Blue was a great hit with everyone especially the children. He went home tired and full of treats after being a super ambassador for the breed. Lots of GSD lovers came out of the woodwork to support us on the day.



Their next Charity event will be a stall at the Dickensian Market on Saturday 29th November at the Pavilion Gardens, Buxton.

Please come if you can!

Agility Fun Day at Copmanthorpe

Denise Lea hosted another fun packed agility fun day, raising £125. It looks like they all had a great time.



It's important to warm up before your turn, that's the dog not the handler!



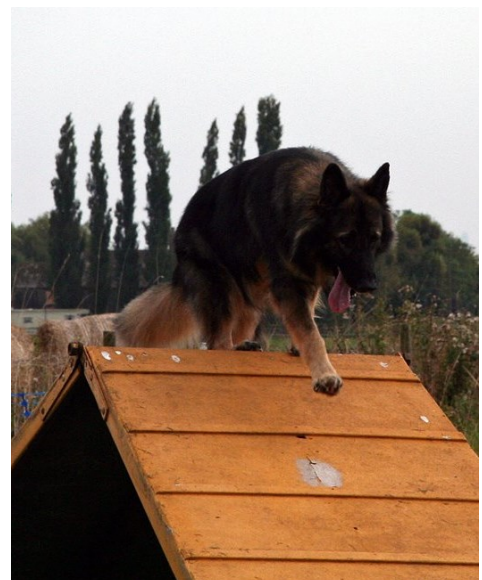
Someone has to guard the cake...



You're never too little to have a go



Looking proud with a rosette



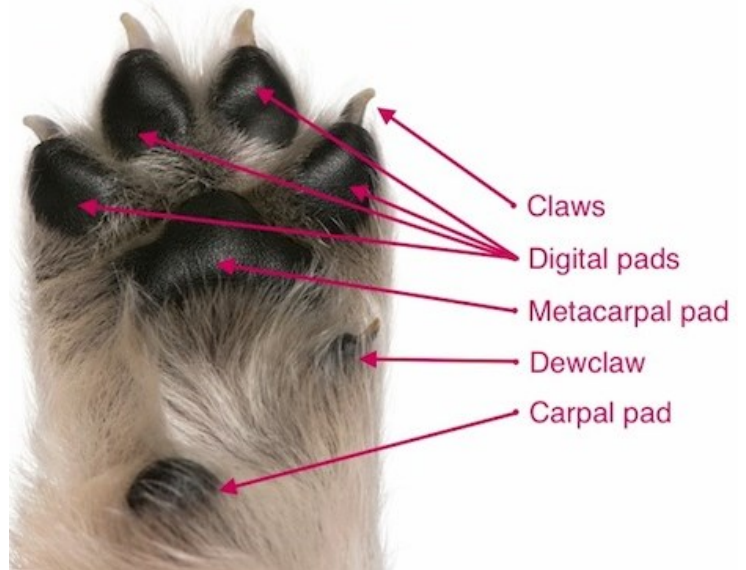
Over the A Frame we go!



Paws are made up of the following five components :

Along with bones, dog feet include skin, tendons, ligaments, blood supply and connective tissue. The digital and metacarpal pads work as shock absorbers and help protect the bones and joints in the foot. The carpal pads work like brakes and help the dog navigate slippery or steep slopes.

Paw pads have a thick layer of fatty tissue that insulates the inner foot tissues from extreme temperatures, as it doesn't conduct cold as quickly. As the paw gets cold when it hits the ground, arteries transfer the chilled blood back to the body where it warms up again.



The pads also offer protection when walking on rough terrain. Dogs that are exposed to rough surfaces have thicker, rougher paw skin; dogs that walk on smoother surfaces and grass have softer pads.

The inner layer of skin on the paw has sweat glands that convey perspiration to the outer layer of skin, which helps cool a hot dog and keeps the pads from getting too dry. Paws can also exude moisture when a dog gets nervous or experiences stress; I saw this for myself when I took my boy to a training class at a new club, when he moved off the rubber mat he left four perfect sweaty paw imprints behind.

Dogs are digitigrade animals, meaning that their digits — not their heels — take most of their weight when they walk. Because of this, dogs' toe bones are very important.

Dogs almost always have dewclaws on the front legs and occasionally on the back – I've only had one GSD with rear dew claws. Front dewclaws have bone and muscle in them, but rear dewclaws have little of either.

Although they don't provide much function for traction and digging, dogs do use their dewclaws; for example, they help the dog get a better grip on bones and when turning at speed during a game of chase!



My favourite paw

Jayne comments on the Arson Attack at Manchester Dogs Home

On 12th September an unspeakable, malicious act resulted in the death of around 60 dogs when a rescue centre was targeted by an arsonist.

People were horrified and generously donated around 1.5 million pounds without question.

As the story unfolded, something didn't ring true. How could so many dogs be locked in their prison cells yet no member of staff was available to sound the alarm when fire broke out? We all know that you only have to burn a slice of toast and the smoke detector goes crazy.

Why was it down to a police officer outside of the compound, to report this tragedy unfolding? Why did two brave bystanders have to break into the compound and do all that they could to help some of the dogs when the fire had already taken hold and was out of control?

Where were the staff that should have raised the alarm and help these poor souls as they panicked, clawed, barked, and yelped in their prison cells as the fire raged on, which either suffocated or burned them to death?

The evidence presented by the media suggests there were no staff on hand, there were no smoke detectors or fire alarms, there were no sprinklers.

In 2011, the manager of this rescue made this statement confirming that the centre was frequently targeted by vandals and thieves, you can watch her statement by clicking [here](#).

It was also posted on social media sites that a van belonging to the rescue was vandalised a few days before this tragedy. This rescue centre had repeatedly been attacked by thieves and vandals yet it seems there were no basic measures put in place to protect these poor dogs who suffered so horribly.

According the Charities Commission website their [filed accounts](#) show that they have nearly 60 paid staff and cash at bank and in hand £1,678,154 - now swelled to around £3m.

Commercial boarding kennels have to be licenced, inspected and are subjected to strict rules and regulations to ensure the safety of the animals in their care as follows:-

- * **Appropriate steps must be taken for the protection of the dogs in case of fire or other emergencies.**
- * **A proper emergency evacuation plan and fire warning procedure must be drawn up and posted on the premises. This must include instructions on where dogs are to be evacuated to in the event of a fire or other emergency.**
- * **Fire fighting equipment must be provided in accordance with advice given by the Fire Prevention Officer.**
- * **All electrical installations and appliances must be maintained in a safe condition.**
- * **There must be a residual current circuit breaker system on each block of kennels.**
- * **Heating appliances must not be sited in a location or manner where they may present a risk of fire, or risk to dogs.**
- * **Precautions must be taken to prevent any accumulation which may present a risk of fire.**
- * **There must be adequate means of raising an alarm in the event of a fire or other emergency.**
- * **A fit and proper person must always be present to exercise supervision and deal with emergencies whenever dogs are boarded at the premises.**

None of these rules and regulations apply to rescue kennels. Why not? Do rescue dogs not matter?

If these simple rules and regulations had been in place, I am confident that all of those dogs would be alive today.

The golden rule at my place is that the property is never left un-attended, there is always at least one person here to watch over the kennels and dogs.

It has been reported that this rescue are sending 25 staff for counselling. My question is – why? And where were you when these dogs died crying for help, locked in cages from which they could not escape, where they were either suffocated by smoke or burned alive because of a failure of duty to care?

These dogs died because of an evil despicable person who set fire to the centre and because of gross negligence by the rescue centre themselves. For all those that donated that huge amount of money, please make sure that some of that money is used to provide protection for the animals housed there from another tragedy like this happening.

I am deeply upset at the death of these poor dogs whose lives ended in the most frightening and horrific way. It is my personal opinion that these dogs were failed by humans until their very last breath.

RIP little ones, you were betrayed by an evil monster who will no doubt go unpunished and by those in whose care you were entrusted into. Hopefully you are in a 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.'

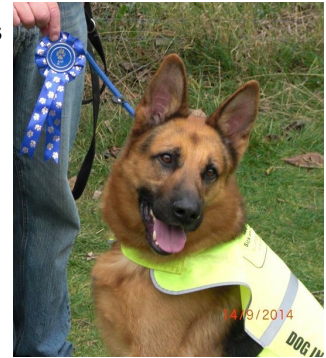
NB: This is my personal opinion and not that of the rescue.



Look at our lovely Zac, pictured here with Kev Archer. Taking time out from kennels where Janis & Kev often visit to exercise the dogs, they took Zac along to the dog show at **Oakenshaw Kennels** which was a fundraiser for 8 Below Husky Rescue.

Our Zac scooped 2nd prize in the Best Rescue category which is well deserved when you consider how far he's come. This gorgeous boy has spent the majority of his life on a heavy chain guarding a garage until he came into the care of GSDR.

We're very lucky to have a team of dedicated volunteers locally who are working hard to show this boy what life is all about and he's loving every minute of it.



You can read Zac's profile by clicking [here](#).



All the best parties are by invitation only!



The first ever Northumberland & North East Camping Event took place at Druridge Bay Country Park.

Organised by Chrissie Garbutt the event generated £115 for GSDR.

Many Thanks go to Lynne Ballard of **Tynedale K9 Hydrotherapy** for providing tons of prizes, goodie bags and treats, and also to the management team at the park for allowing us to host the event.

Thanks to everyone who came along and made it such a fun weekend.



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