

Winner of the Wet Nose Best Breed Specific Rescue April Newsletter Issue 3



Hello everyone and welcome to the spring edition of the GSDR newsletter. Easter has been and gone, the clocks have gone forward, so all we need now is some warm, dry, spring weather so that we can shed our thermals and wellies. I am sure our furry; four legged friends would also welcome some better weather now.

What a hectic March it has been during which we were still seeing high numbers of dogs needing to find new homes. There are fewer good homes coming through, although now that we are past the dark winter months we should see more people wanting to adopt a new dog. We still have worryingly high numbers of dogs in kennels, many of whom have been in there for many months. These will be our priority over the coming weeks. If anyone can give the kennel dogs a break at weekends by walking etc., please let us know.

March really did see some amazing highlights for the rescue. On March 11th Mel, Damon, Mandi, Donna, Irene and myself attended the Wetnose Animal Awards where GSDR won the Best Breed Specific Rescue award. Not only did we get to meet some famous celebrities but we met some wonderful dedicated rescue people. It was a very exciting but emotional day and one that we will never forget. Thank you to Wetnose for recognising the smaller rescues that often struggle to get support. Lots of lovely pictures of the day are on our website.



Another highlight was the start of my tour to the regions, I spent Easter weekend with my Eastern bunnies somewhere on the North Norfolk coast. On Sunday 31st March I enjoyed a bracing beach walk with volunteers and walkers from the Eastern region along with, I'm told, 42 German Shepherd dogs. It was a fantastic walk where I took the opportunity to chat to people I hadn't met before and it was so rewarding to see just how much the dogs enjoyed themselves and they all behaved impeccably.



This walk was held in memory of a very dedicated GSDR volunteer, Ron Hjerling who sadly passed away recently. Here is a picture of myself and his wife Sheila who presented the rescue with cheques in memory of Ron. Sheila has also donated computer equipment to the rescue, she is fostering the very beautiful Malik and she baked liver cake for all the dogs on Sunday.

Bless you Sheila.

On a sad note we have to announce that Mel and Damon have decided to step down from the rescue as Eastern Co-ordinators. Mel has asked me to let everyone know that this is for personal reasons. Mel particularly has been under enormous pressure for at least a year and took on a tremendous work load at the end of last year in helping us sort out the SE. Mel has been a truly dedicated, hard working Dog Co-ordinator who went above and beyond the call of duty to help the dogs she was responsible for. We hope she will consider coming back in the future when she has had some time out.

As I have previously discussed with the Co-ordinators, it is important that we look at the size of regions and sharing roles so that we can spread the workload amongst us so that we don't burn ourselves out. It also solves the problems we normally have of covering holidays, breaks, illness or if a Co-ordinator should step down from the rescue. If you want to become more involved, please let us know as we really do need more volunteers. The Co-ordinator changes are listed on the final page of the newsletter.

My tour continues on Friday 12th April when I shall be wending my way 'Oop North' to meet my NE team. Tales of my tour will feature in next month's newsletter. Watch out for the knees and that famous droopy mustachio aka Two Fat Blokes our famous fundraising duo.

Thank you for supporting our rescue

Jayne



Awarded Best Breed Specific Rescue in the Burgess
Wetnose Rescue Awards 2013

GSDR
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG RESCUE

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RESCUING AND REHOMING GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS AND PUPPIES

A German Shepherd dog with a black nose.



Max with little Rebel



It's hard work being this cute....

Back in December Irene received a phone call from her Vet about one of their clients. They'd rushed out and paid £650 for GSD pup only to realise it was too soon after the loss of his beloved 12 year old GSD. The owner was depressed and didn't bond with the puppy at all. Thankfully the Vet knew of Irene's involvement with GSDR and she agreed to collect the pup and re-home him.

Irene said: Little Rebel was just over 9 weeks old, he came to my house where he followed my 12 year old Max around all day (much to Max's disgust!). Later that night the new adoptive mum and dad came to collect him, regular photos and updates were received and our NW volunteer Alison went to complete his follow up. She was delighted to report that he is one adored little lad, now called Max and coming up to 6 months old. As you can see he's certainly comfy in his new home.



It's arrived. The Kingmobile is here!

Pictured with his beautiful sister Molly, King is now able to join her on longer walks. He's building up his strength by walking a bit then having a ride then walking a bit more.

And not surprisingly there's no shortage of people offering to push him in his chariot.



The 'Spring Out of Kennels' auction has begun, running until the 1st May at 8pm on Facebook.

Grab yourself a bargain, all funds raised go towards our ever increasing kennel bill.

You can find the page on Facebook, just search for GSDR's Spring Out of Kennels Auction. There's still time to add an item too, any queries please contact Penny O'Callaghan who will be happy to help.

I would like to give a special mention to all the Fosterers who take our dogs into their homes and care for them as they do their own. Kennels isn't suitable for some dogs, the Oldies deserve home comforts and others can find the new environment too overwhelming. Some dogs do cope well in kennels, others however don't and for these a Foster home is a god send. In the Central and North West regions I have seven lovely people who open their homes to our dogs, without them, kennels would be the only option. They make such a difference to the lives of these dogs and they save the rescue funds which would otherwise be spent on kennel fees. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to all Fosterers and their families for all that they do to save our wonderful breed. *Irene.*

If you are interested in becoming a Foster carer please complete the Adoption/Foster form on the website and we'll be in touch to talk you through it.



Matthew Young is our new Volunteer Co-ordinator, if you change address, phone number, email address etc. please let us know as it's vital we have the correct details on our database. If you have any changes or want to get in touch with Matthew, he can be reached on Mobile: 07974 519620, Home: 01753 339084 or email: m.young65@btinternet.com

Thank You.



Have you ever thought that the world has gone mad and you're the only sane person left?

Last year we saw Jayne jump from a great height with rope tied to her feet and so far this year we're about to have our second Vollie throw themselves out of a plane!



On the 20th April, Joanne Seggie will be taking part in a sponsored parachute jump to raise money for GSDR & the MSA Trust in memory of her Step Dad.

If you would like to sponsor Joanne to take the biggest leap of her life, please visit her Virgin Money Giving page

www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/joanneseggie



Got something you'd like included in the newsletter?

Please send your news & photo's to:

gsdr.newsletter@btinternet.com



Missy, adopted in Dec 2012. Jumping for joy in her new home.



Her favourite game is catching bubbles!

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Have you signed up yet?

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easyfundraising.org.uk helps charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes to raise money when their supporters shop online. So far they've donated a total of £5350 to GSDR.

It's very simple - once you've registered, you shop as normal through the easy fundraising site, their system makes a note of your purchase, collects the donation from the retailer and passes it to your chosen good cause. That's it! You can even download the find and remind tool so that when searching the net it'll identify retailers who take part in the scheme.

So far I've raised £113.07 just from shopping on line, buying my dog food and even doing my weekly supermarket shop. Not leaving the house is my kind of shopping!

So if you haven't joined already please do, it really is money for nothing. Happy Shopping!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk



Don't forget you can also follow us on Twitter. We currently have 1,790 followers with more joining every day. It's a great way to keep up to date and spread the word of the work we do.

You can follow us @GSDRofficial1



This is Kai, an older boy who came in quite weak on his back legs. He's settled in well in his foster home - so well it's now his forever home! Kai joined us on the Eastern group walk and had a great time. I think you'll agree that being adopted has put a spring in his step.



Meet the lovely ladies of the GSDRunners Relay Team.

Allison Johnson, Alison Elphee, Julie Wilkinson, Janine Kerr, Angela Hargreaves & Angela Vaughan will be taking to the streets of Leeds on the 12th May completing the Half Marathon between them to raise funds for GSDR.

There's still time to sponsor them and the rest of the team. Please visit their Virgin Money Giving page at

www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/GSDRunners



The winner of the Spring Raffle was Si Hines, who has been presented with this fabulous illustration of Ollie. The prize was kindly donated by Holly Wells of Sweet Rattery Illustrations. Ollie accompanied Team Fat Blokes on their weekly fundraising missions until he was suddenly taken ill and very sadly passed away. This is a fitting tribute to the handsome lad that pulled in the crowds and the donations.

We're pleased to report that we're up and running on the Just Text Giving service, we receive 100% of all donations made.



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