

**Winner of the Wet Nose Best Breed Rescue
July Newsletter Issue 6**



Hello everyone,

Well here we are half way through the year and it's not just the weather that's hotting up, there's just no stopping Team GSDR. The weekend 6/7th July has set a new record for the rescue, with teams of GSDR volunteers out in the blistering hot weather across the country organising and attending events that have raised much needed funds so that we can help more needy dogs. More about these events in the newsletter.

I would like to give a special mention for our Two Fat Blokes who raised a staggering £1282.55 in just 2 days. Our fundraisers Oop North certainly have set the bar but watch out because our Eastern Fundraising team have the bit between their teeth with a program of planned events and the Southern Fundraising Team is also now up and running. Not only do our fundraising teams bring in funds to the rescue, they also do an amazing PR job for both the rescue and the breed. A very special thanks to all those dogs attending events and for behaving so beautifully in public especially in such hot weather.

With the very hot weather set to continue, please make sure our four legged friends stay cool and safe. If you see a dog anywhere that might be in distress in any way because of the heat, please act quickly, you could save a life.

We have been busy sourcing new merchandise too, which also generates profit for the rescue so we hope you like our new range of goods. If you have any ideas for new merchandise, give us a shout.

Again it has been a very busy month with 225 adoption applications, 114 new dogs requiring rehoming and 36 new volunteer applications. In some areas we have dramatically reduced the number of dogs in kennels, although we still have too many stuck in kennels long term, still waiting for their forever home.



On a sad note for me personally, we lost our Woody very suddenly on June 23rd. Woody was a cruelty case who endured a very traumatised early life and who was very mentally scarred by his ordeal, which made him a rather difficult dog at times. He settled here with us in 2010, he was a happy dog in his own little Woody world and truly had a unique character. Life really will never be the same without our own special boy. RIP until we meet again my lad.

In times of austerity, I know just how tough it is becoming for all of us which is why I want to say a massive thank you to all GSDR volunteers who contribute so much to the rescue and make it the success that it is.

Best Wishes

Jayne

Woody

The Shep who got the cream!



Our Little Coco

This poor little girl is very poorly indeed. She came into our care just over a week ago and it very quickly became apparent that she wasn't well. When Wayne went to collect her, he was introduced to No Name, a puppy who'd had three homes in her short nine months. She was terribly underweight, weighing less than 10 kilos and it soon became obvious why. No Name – renamed Coco was unable to keep any food down. After a few visits to the vets to establish the cause of her condition Coco went downhill at the weekend. She was admitted as an emergency overnight where she had a barium meal and x-rays. The diagnosis is that she has an obstruction at the base of her heart caused by abnormal vascular development - a condition known as persistent right aortic arch or PRAA. On Sunday evening her condition worsened, she was incredibly weak. Wayne rushed her to Chester Gates Referral Hospital where she has been admitted. She was severely dehydrated on admittance which is why she was so lifeless. She had terrible sickness and diarrhoea until the early hours but she is now stabilising is a little brighter. She was put on a drip straight away and received a lot of fluid, plus she has been given anti-emetics to stop her feeling sick. Sadly she has also tested positive for Parvovirus, this was an unexpected set back and will delay her surgery until she's beaten this terrible bug.



The hospital have reviewed the X-rays and the vet has made it quite clear that at her age, the Oesophagus will never return to normal, this surgery should have been performed at a much younger age. She should however have a much better quality of life but will require a special feeding regime.

We have made it clear to the hospital that GSDR want them to do everything they can for this little girl, we will raise the money no matter what. If Coco doesn't have this surgery then she simply won't survive, this little girl deserves a chance. Coco is receiving around the clock nursing care and is fighting on, the hospital are doing everything they can for her but she's not out of the woods yet. Late last night we had some positive news that she was a bit brighter and she'd wagged her tail.

So far the estimated costs of her treatment and surgery is in excess of £5,000. While Coco is fighting on then so shall we, everything will be done to try to save this sweet little girl. We've started a fundraising appeal for her veterinary care, please support us if you can, every £ helps .

A Facebook fundraising auction page has been set up, if you have items to donate or would like to bid, please click [here](#) to take you to the page.

This little puppy needs our help, if you would like to make a donation please visit her [Virgin Just Giving](#) page by clicking [here](#), please add Gift Aid if you can.

DON'T COOK YOUR DOG!



Signs of heat stroke in dogs:

- Incessant panting
- Weakness & fatigue
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Muscle tremors
- Staggering
- Collapse
- Seizures or fitting

Heat stroke can be fatal, if you suspect your dog has been affected you should contact your vet immediately.



- Try to walk your dog in the cool of the morning or evening and if you really must walk at lunchtime choose a sheltered lane or wood. Never allow your dog to exercise excessively in hot weather
- Your dog will enjoy a shady spot to lie in but during the hottest part of the day they might be more comfortable indoors
- If your dog goes off their food try to feed them later in the evening when it is cooler and you will usually find their appetites return
- Make sure your dog always has a supply of clean drinking water. Always carry water with you on hot days and give your dog frequent small amounts

Our Vollies out and about



The **GREAT NORTH DOG WALK** is the world's largest dog walk and holds the Guinness world record as the largest dog walk ever held (23,301 dogs represented by 185 breeds). The event was held on Sunday June 9th and was a glorious sunny day, perfect for Maria Hamilton and team manning the GSDR stand. Not so glorious for Icey Tate who was dressed as Fang for the day. Raising £235, a great day was had by all and next year's walk on the 8th June 2014 is already in the diary!

Shepfest 2013

The first ever Shepfest was held on the 29th June at Copmanthorpe, near York. Despite a worrying day on the Friday where the setting up was delayed thanks to the good old British weather, it blew away to leave us with a dry day for the event. A thoroughly enjoyable day for all taking part in the many activities and those who camped on site weren't short of takeaways, and of course the odd bottle of plonk. Our thanks go out to Denise Lea who hosted the event at her home and to everyone who attended, digging deep into their pockets raising over £1,000. Photographer Mark Watkinson captured the beauty of our beloved dogs, taking some fantastic portrait shots that will be treasured by the owners forever. Anyone wishing to have a private sitting with Mark can contact him via his website www.markwatkinsonphotography.co.uk



The Eastern Team were out at the **Tuckswood Festival Norwich**, Team Hammond were accompanied by Andrew Young and Paula Bilverstone. What a team, even the local constabulary who stopped by made a donation. A great day all round with good company, great weather and full tins. The total raised in the 4 hours we were there was £197.45. Thanks to all who donated.

A few dates for your Eastern diaries, we have events coming up and need volunteers to help on:

14th July Companion Care Dog Show Caister

27th & 28th July Notcutts Garden Centre, Norwich

3rd August Holme Hale Summer Fete

3rd & 4th August Pets at Home Gt Yarmouth

11th August Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Lound Lakes, Nr Great Yarmouth

Martham Carnival was the venue for last weekends fundraising where the team ran a successful dog show and GSDR stand. Raising in excess of £400 a fun packed weekend was enjoyed by all.

Robert said "I'd also like to say a public thank you to all those who volunteered their time over the weekend to help out with all the activities, to those who put up with me hassling them for sponsorship, time, ideas and support for the show and to all the dogs for being very well behaved under the hot sun for such a long time."



Robert Hammond with Smokie, proudly wearing his GSDR tie made by Tracey Ferrington-Pryor





ALDERSHOT MILITARY FESTIVAL 2013

If you went to the Aldershot Military Festival on the 6th July, you'll have found Heidi Austin, Penny O'Callaghan, Christopher Young & Matthew Young representing GSDR. They had a great day with lots of interest in Volunteering, Adoption and Fostering and they even managed to raise almost £200. It was a scorching hot sunny day and Matt was sweltering inside his dog outfit but it was worth the dehydration to get the donations!



Team Fat Blokes on Saturday at Jollyes Keighley, taking £142 in donations, no one could resist Bertie's smiling furry face!



The Support Pet Adoption scheme is a fundraising initiative by Pets at Home. Since its launch in 2006 the scheme has donated over 7 million pounds to various rehoming charities. They provide a vital financial lifeline to organisations like ours, enabling them to continue with their lifesaving work. We're very grateful for their support and donation of £1140.55.



The annual Blackrod Scarecrow Festival near Bolton was the first fundraising outing for Dawn Sharples Pugh and the beautiful Arai. They raised awareness of our rescue by handing out leaflets and explaining how the much needed funds were used to save our special dogs. The public dug deep donating £103. A brilliant total, they even made it into the local newspaper, how's that for a first outing! Well done Dawn & Arai.



Then on Sunday it's off to Pets at Home to collect a cheque on behalf of GSDR. Team Fat Blokes grand total for the weekend £1282.55. Well done chaps, you did us proud!

Vet and Kennel Fees
Sick and Abandoned GSD's
 Text KFEE08 £2 / £5 / £10 to 70070 to donate now eg KFEE08 £5

JustTextGiving
 by **vodafone**

How you can support us

Without the generosity of our supporters our rescue quite simply couldn't continue to save the number of dogs which we do. Don't forget we're registered with the following organisations so we can maximize all fundraising opportunities.

easyfundraising

.org.uk

easyfundraising.org.uk works in a similar way to many other loyalty shopping sites, but instead of earning points when you shop, you raise a donation for your cause instead.

You can shop with over 2,000 well known stores and each will donate up to 15% of what you spend. So far GSDR have received £5730.74 in donations from easy fundraising, to date my online shopping has raised £118.38 towards that total. No queues and just a few clicks is my kind of shopping! Click [here](#) to sign up today.

1 Login online  Join easyfundraising and select your cause, school, club or charity	2 Start shopping  Follow links to over 2000 leading online retailers and shop as normal	3 Generate donations  Online purchases earn an automatic donation to your chosen cause
--	--	---



We've signed up with Charity Ecosystem, it's a great way to have a clear out of unwanted clothes and shoes and raise money for your favourite rescue.

- Register [here](#) or by phone on 08435 235 313 and they'll send you a bag
- Fill with a minimum of 10 Kilos of unwanted clothes
- Next step is to book a FREE collection of your bag



Charity Ecosystem donate £4 to GSDR for each bag, £5 if you add Gift Aid.

I've had my second bag collected and have just ordered a third. Collections are made by a courier, I left my bag labelled on the doorstep and they popped a receipt through the letterbox. It's a hassle free way of having a good clear out!



Recycle your mobile phones, inkjets, laser and toner cartridges to raise money for GSDR and protect the environment. It's so easy. Just register, select GSDR as your chosen charity and you will receive freepost bags to return your items in. Monitor your account to see how much you've raised and each quarter an automatic payment will be made to us. Click [here](#) to register now choosing German Shepherd Dog Rescue C35770.



IT'S A DOGS LIFE! By Leo Welsh

Hello! My name is Leo - I'm a German Shepherd Dog
And when you hear my story, I'm sure you'll be agog
I'm quite a handsome fellow, or so my mother says
But since three cats have joined me, I'm always in a daze

I didn't know what hit me when the first one did appear
I wanted to be friendly - not him, he made that clear!
He came from Abyssinia, or was it Marsden Rock?
And I'm not sure when he arrived who got the biggest shock!

Our friendship then developed, at last Pasht was my mate
But little did we think about the fickle hand of fate
One day into our lives there came this skinny scrawny rat
At least that what I thought it was - mum said he was a cat!

Merlin was a Somali, with bushy squirrel tale
And quite a handsome one at that, he really couldn't fail
To cast a spell upon us all and soon become the boss
He's hard as nails, as my dad says, and doesn't give a toss!

He walked in and took over and Pasht went off in a huff
He was a proper bossy boots who always played too rough
He's lost a life already, so now he's down to eight
The day he tried to race a car to reach our garden gate

So then I was outnumbered, by two to one at that
And found a whole new meaning to "The Cat sat on the Mat"
I'm sure you'll think that was enough, our family of three
But not for mum and one day she brought home our little Bree.

Now Briagha's a Havana - he got Pasht out of his huff
By keeping Merlin occupied with games and all that stuff
Because they were still kittens, they both wanted to play
And Pasht, as the old man, was happy keeping out their way.

And now we're pals, the four of us, at least that's what I think
But then I heard my mum say something that made my heart sink!
She wants *another* kitten - a female one this time
Now what is wrong with three cats and a dog who's in his prime?



We're sniffing out stories for our newsletter.

If there's anything you'd like included please email

gldr.newsletter@btinternet.com

follow us on
twitter



Join the other **2181** people following us on Twitter

[@GSDROfficial1](https://twitter.com/GSDROfficial1)



It's only **FIVE** months till Christmas and Rex the Elf is busy helping Santa get ready for the big day. If you think you might be stuck for ideas then look no further. Our very own Tracey is taking Xmas orders for her range of GSDR branded merchandise; you can even spread the cost over the coming months if you wish. Offering aprons, bags, bandanas, phone cases and much more, get in touch to discuss your requirements by email at :

Girlslove-bags@hotmail.co.uk

Click [here](#) to check out the Girls Love Bags Facebook page





Now known as Princess Cici, this lovely girl is very happy with her new mum & dad

The ups and downs of rescue, the story of a Princess...

We received a rehoming request from a family who were emigrating to America and could not take their much loved family dog Cici with them. Knowing that city living in an apartment wouldn't suit their dog they wanted to be unselfish so made the very difficult decision to rehome her. Lisa Scott contacted one of our volunteers who completed the dog assessment and took photos so we could find her a new loving home.

Meanwhile we had a lovely gentleman called Frank contact us enquiring about adoption as he'd recently lost his beloved dog. He was so lost without a dog that he and his wife desperately wanted to find a new companion. Poor Frank was heartbroken, still walking every day taking the old routes he once walked with his old dog. Only instead of a happy man Frank was now so sad, he often walked along in tears remembering his beloved dog that was now at Rainbow Bridge.

So the bitter sweet outcome of this story was we had found the perfect home for this beautiful dog, while Lisa dealt with the tears from her old owner and his heart break at letting her go, Tracy dealt with the tears from Frank who was so over joyed to be having a new companion. So the day was set, our volunteer Dani had a hard job to do filled with sadness and joy. Dani collected Cici from her loving owners, so heartbroken but knowing they had done the best for their much loved girl. Then she met up with Frank and June who had tears of joy, so happy to be a complete family once more. So here is the story of rescue work and the emotions we deal with to find these dogs their forever homes, if your eyes are still dry then you're a braver person than me!



Our new range of T Shirts come in a choice of two styles, just £15 including p&p. Click [HERE](#) for sizing information & to place an order.



Introducing Our Team



Hi, I'm Ann Opie, Dog Co-ordinator for the Eastern region. My role entails working with the best side of the rescue and also the worst. Dealing with dogs that have been badly neglected and abused through to seeing them go their forever home. Receiving the updates on how well that dog is progressing really is uplifting. I have also joined the club of failed fosterers, since becoming a volunteer for GSDR we have fostered 4 dogs and 3 have stayed with us. We were fortunate enough to have Tyler the 18 hour a day tail chaser, and see him, once his issues had been resolved, go to his forever home. Along with working closely with the A/C for Eastern region I also work alongside my husband Courtney, who has over 40 years of experience with dealing with problematic dogs. Courtney is the reason I joined GSDR, he advises and helps train dogs for GSDR, but also supports new owners that have adopted from us so that these dogs get to flourish in their new homes.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless

How to Contact your Area Co-ordinators

South West

Cornwall / Devon / Somerset / Dorset / Wiltshire & Gloucester

Area Co-ordinator: Jayne Shenstone 01568 797957 info@germanshepherdrescue.co.uk

Dog Co-ordinator: Mandy Jones 07970592220

Fundraising Co-ordinator : Charley Walker charley_walker@ymail.com

South East

Kent / Hertfordshire / Essex / London / Surrey / East & West Sussex / IOW / Hampshire / Berkshire / Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire

Area Co-ordinator: Jayne Shenstone 01568 797957 info@germanshepherdrescue.co.uk

Dog Co-ordinators : Tracy North 01189 745387 crystalsheps@gmail.com

Assistant Dog Co-ordinator: Lisa Scott 01255 473090 / 07971 883354

Fundraising Co-ordinator : Sian Jones jones-sian3@sky.com

Eastern

Norfolk / Suffolk / Cambridgeshire / Bedfordshire / Northants / Lincolnshire & Leicestershire

Area Co-ordinator: Mandi Wilks 01692 584772 / 07810 568862 mandi2583@btinternet.com

Dog Co-ordinator: Ann Opie 01400 262708 am1opie@gmail.com

General enquiries: Ann Opie 01400 262708 am1opie@gmail.com

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Robert Hammond garthbrooksnofences@hotmail.com

Central

Nottinghamshire / Derbys / Staffordshire / Shropshire / Worcestershire / Herefordshire / West Midlands & Warwickshire

Area and Dog Co-ordinator: Irene Culverwell 0161 282 3594 / 07778 150561 iculverwell21@hotmail.com

General enquiries: Bill Kitchen 01524 784953 / Melanie Fairbrother 0161 494 7728

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Andy Peake Razanne99@aol.com

North West

Cheshire / Manchester / Merseyside / Cumbria & Lancashire

Area and Dog Co-ordinator: Irene Culverwell 0161 282 3594 / 07778 150561 iculverwell21@hotmail.com

General enquiries: Bill Kitchen 01524 784953 / Melanie Fairbrother 0161 494 7728

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Andy Peake Razanne99@aol.com

North East

Northumberland / Durham / Yorkshire / Tyneside / Teesside & North Humberside

Area Co-ordinator: Angela Hargreaves – 0113 225 5848 muddycat13@sky.com

Dog Co-ordinator: Julie Wilkinson – 07736 815430 julie_wilki@o2.co.uk

General Enquiries: Peter Hopkins – 01904 784030

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Gillian Marsden Gillian.l.marsden@ntlworld.com

Wales

Area Co-ordinator: Jayne Shenstone 01568 797957 info@germanshepherdrescue.co.uk

Dog Co-ordinator: Mandy Jones 07970592220

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Sian Jones jones-sian3@sky.com