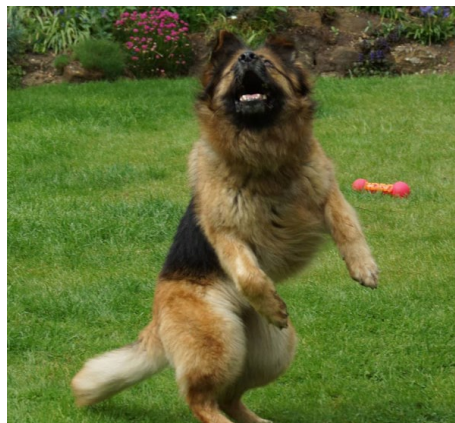


Winner of the Wet Nose Best Breed Rescue June Newsletter Issue 5



Well here we are in flaming June nearly half way through the year and just about everything is hotting up here at GSDR, including the weather at last!



She's jumping for joy because there is so much going on now at GSDR so that we can help more dogs, that it's hard to keep track.

Our fundraisers are doing us proud with team Fat Blokes really setting the bar. In just 39 weeks our Ray and Si have raised a staggering £10,241. These two spend every weekend whatever the weather, raising funds so that the NE team can help more dogs.

But, our Eastern team also have the bit between their teeth with Robert and Michelle co-ordinating events over there. Everything is also now in place for Southern team to begin their program of events, so watch out for all the success stories. All credit to our dedicated fundraisers who give up so much of their time for the rescue and have set themselves very high targets in such difficult times.

We have a number of special events organised for this year.

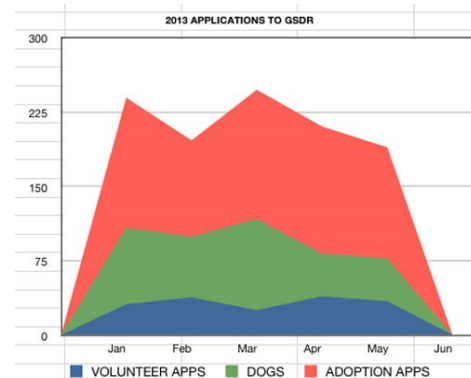
Shepfest, organised by our Emma & Denise in the NE, is taking place at Copmanthorpe on the 29th June which will be a fun packed day week for owners and their dogs.

On October 6th this year, fourteen of us will be heading - head first - down a mountain on a piece of wire at speeds of up to 100pmh over Penrhyn Quarry, Bethesda in North Wales. An adrenaline rush challenge to raise much needed funds for the rescue. We have set ourselves a target of £12,000 for this event which is a tough challenge. Events will be advertised on our website and Facebook pages and tweeted of course.

Not forgetting our talented team of craftspeople making hand made goods to sell to raise money for the rescue. Please support our UK made goods and if you want to bag a bargain, check out our auction pages.

Our new merchandise co-ordinator Wayne, has sourced some fantastic new goodies to promote the rescue which will be available at events and for sale on our websites and Facebook pages. We hope you like them.

I would like to share a few statistics with you for January to May. As you can see, the number of dogs needing new homes remains high and although we are averaging around 200 adoption applications per month, only about a third of those pass homecheck. Even then, it's not always easy to match GSD's with homes as many of the dogs that are now coming to us, have issues which many adopters are not prepared to deal with.



The most common reasons for people wanting to rehome their dogs now, is increased work hours or lack of finances. Given the state of the economy, I would expect to see further rises in the number of dogs needing to find new homes. We still have too many dogs in commercial kennels waiting to find their forever homes with some having been in kennels for 6months or more.

With such a dedicated team of volunteers, we are ready to meet the coming challenges but we must remain focussed on the dogs already in our care and help as many as we can within the limits of our resources.

My thanks go out to all the volunteers who continue to make GSDR the success that it is. *Jayne*



July's a busy month for Carla Buckland, she's running in the Leeds 10K race on the 14th July and just six days later will be taking part in a Wing Walk! If you would like to support Carla by making a donation please visit her Virgin Money Giving page at:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GSDRwingwalker>

She's hoping to raise as much as possible through various activities this year in aid of the rescue.

Following the Wing Walk she'll be keeping her feet firmly on the ground – until October when she joins the team taking part in the hair raising Zip Wire challenge. Good Luck Carla!



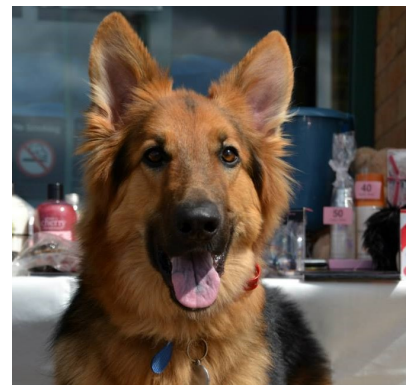
Our Vollies out and about



Helen & Arte popped along to support Eileen



Eileen Welsh at Pets at Home Cramlington



Khalid brought along Zak to man the tombola



Pippa Hammond on duty at Jolley's Pet Store in Norfolk



Team Fat blokes try Tesco's for a change and raised over £500 in one day! Their fundraising efforts so far have generated over £10,000 in donations. A staggering total.

Introducing our Team



Hello, I'm Tracy Dog Co-ordinator for South East.

I'm part of a small team of volunteers helping dogs who need to be rehomed – some at short notice, arrange home checks & dog assessments in the South East region. Part of my role is to deal with all of the paperwork involved in rehoming, adoption, fostering but more importantly I match the dogs looking for homes to the right homes - this is a nice bit of the day. Once a dog is adopted we then do follow ups and are here to give advice and help where needed. Sounds easy! Basically my job is to make sure the South East part of the rescue is running as smoothly and efficiently as it can so we can get as many GSD's into safe loving homes as quickly as possible.

I have 2 GSD's and 1 Alaskan shepherd all rescue dogs, and have owned GSD's for 25 years. In my day job I'm a Holistic Therapist for people and animals and am a fully qualified in Crystal Therapy and Massage for animals and people.



Pictured above, just some of our running team who battled on with aching muscles and blisters in the Leeds half marathon to raise in excess of £3,000. A fabulous achievement, we're so proud of all of you.

We're so proud of our Runners!



Post race re-hydration -
Who needs water when there's beer?



Please send as many healing thoughts as possible to our Ben who is in foster care in the Eastern region. He was rushed off to the emergency vets with bloat/twisted stomach. The vet worked on him over night and thankfully Ben survived his operation. His emergency surgery cost a staggering £2,270 which is over double what regular surgery would have cost had it not occurred out of hours. He's recovering well and is regaining his strength, not surprisingly he didn't feel like eating for a while after the op, and doesn't want to eat anything that might have his medication in! We're fundraising to cover his vet bills, if anyone would like to make a donation please use the Virgin Money Giving link on our website and mark it 'For Ben'. Thank You



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 favorite rescue.

Register on line or by phone and they send you a bag, fill with a minimum of 10 Kilos of unwanted clothes and they'll donate £4 to GSDR for each bag, £5 if you add Gift Aid.

Next step is to book a FREE collection of your bag. It couldn't be easier! My bag was collected on Tuesday; I left it on my doorstep for the courier. On Wednesday I received an email confirming it'd been received and the donation had been processed – how's that for service.

I've already ordered a second bag and I haven't even started on 'his' wardrobe yet! Click [here](#) to register on line or by phone on 08435 235 313.



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I DONT KNOW WHAT SHE SAW IN ME BUT THANK GOODNESS SHE SAW SOMETHING!

Hi, I'm Max and I was the first dog assessment my mum ever did. I didn't know why she was in my house and to be honest I wasn't very nice to her, pinned her up against a wall as I recall whilst giving her my best Elvis impression. She sat there and ignored me best she could and carried on talking to my owners and then the next minute she said "oh you can't do that" - apparently they said if I didn't go with her I would have to go to Manchester Dogs Home and we all know what happens in places like that for the old and infirm. ANYWAY, two minutes later my dad put my tatty collar and lead on and marched me outside and I was put in a car and whisked away from everything I had ever known for the last ten years.

Grumpy wasn't the word for how I behaved over the next two weeks, I paced, I growled, I was miserable and apparently quite unwell (four broken teeth and tonsillitis) and don't get me started on being taken to the dog groomers!

Then one morning I woke up and thought - you know what it's not that bad - I think I'm going to like it here and from that day on I have had the best three years of my life. Every day is good and I honestly can't complain and I love my new home and my mum very much.



So please everyone reading this, don't overlook the oldies. Yeah we might not be as cute as a puppy but boy we still bring enormous joy and companionship into your life without too much effort and fuss.

Pass on the word to please help an oldie, we really are worth it; ask my mum and anyone who has ever met me. I'm just gorgeous!

Thanks and paws crossed

Max Culverwell

PS: This is how I ended up with four broken teeth – ten years of opening screw tops!

THAT WAS A LITTLE TALE FROM Max who did find a happy new retirement home. Thankfully some of our wonderful volunteers also foster and adopt an oldie but there are still so many dogs on the site looking for that special loving home. So whatever region you live in, please try and help an older dog find the safety and love of a caring new home.

If you can squeeze a dog like Max into your life you won't regret it nor indeed would any friends, family, or up and coming home checks.

SPEAD THE WORD – OLDIES ARE COOL! [Click here to see all of the oldies looking for a home](#)



Jess aged 8 West Yorkshire was chained up for all of her life until she came into our care. A thoroughly loveable cuddle bear.



Sam aged 7 Manchester looking for a new home as he's being left alone for long periods of time.



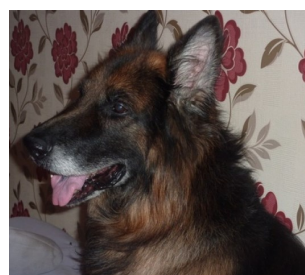
Ben aged 9 West Midlands sadly looking for a new home after losing his beloved owner



Isla aged 11 Cambridgeshire living indoors for the first time in her life and loving it.



Buster aged 7 Kent was removed from a home in appalling conditions



Benson aged 10 Devon looking for a new home as his owners are emigrating



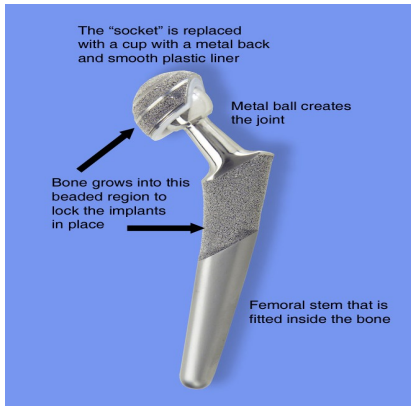
Sam 5yrs Newport has been in kennels for over a year





Nookie's New Hip

Just two months ago the lovely Chinook aka Nookie Bear went off to the vets for a hip replacement. Poor Nookie had become lame and after investigations it was decided a joint replacement was the best course of action. As you can imagine, this was a terrifying time for Nookie's mam & dad, Amanda Mills & Stephen Spoor. You see, Nookie isn't any old German shepherd. Apart from being their baby, Nookie has welcomed so many foster dogs into his home with a wag of his tail that we've lost count. Some have arrived and gone on to be adopted, then, there's dogs like Jess who in her later years decided she'd just like to stay. Then there's dogs like Dixie, she came as a foster before being adopted.

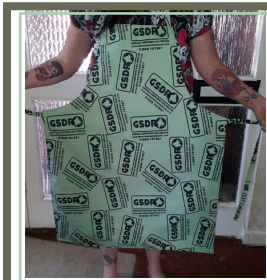


Sadly her new home didn't work out and she was so happy to be back on the sofa with Nookie that it was decided she'd best stay too. Then there's the foster dogs who've been adopted who pop back for their holidays to avoid a stay in kennels. Not forgetting his beautiful sister Elsa, whose adoption originally brought Amanda & Stephen to GSDR. And we must mention the cats, rabbits and the kids, Nookie Bear loves them all.

Following surgery Nookie stayed at the vets for two nights, once home his sisters all seemed aware that he was poorly and were extra careful around him. Initially he was allowed out into the garden to go to the loo, but had to be kept on the lead. He had a bit of a setback when it was noticed he was struggling to have a wee, back to the vets and he was all sorted out. Gradually his exercise was built up until he could walk to the end of the street. It took about a week for him to regain his appetite and despite needing painkillers post-op he did try not to take them! Now that he's feeling stronger he's got a better appetite than ever before, he really seems to enjoy his meals, which proves just how uncomfortable he was before the op. Already back to having 45 minutes of exercise twice a day, Nookie has sailed through his two post-op checks. The biggest risk he faced during recovery was doing too much and dislocating the joint, but he took it all in his stride and got plenty of rest. In fact it seems that the surgery was harder for his mam & dad but it was worth it. Amanda said "to see Nookie Bear with the sparkle back in his eye is just fantastic. It's like winning the lottery to see him happy again and pain free." The hip replacement cost almost five thousand pounds which seems to be an average cost of the procedure.



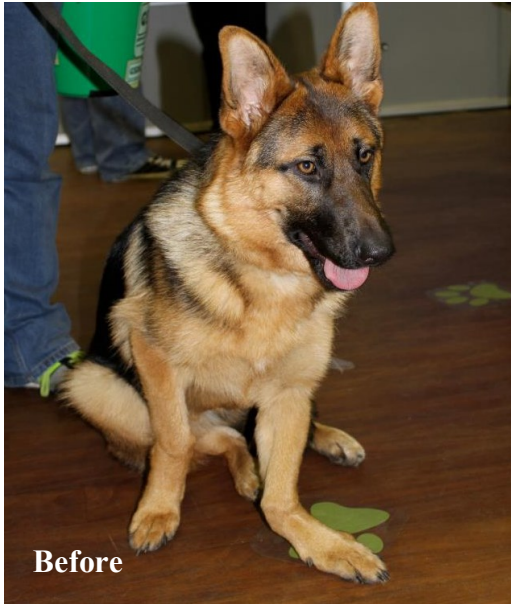
We're all so pleased to see Nookie well on the road to a full recovery, he's a very special boy and still beautiful even with a baldy bum!



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Before

An update on Heidi

Heidi is doing fantastically - there is no stopping her now. She flies around and she can't half shift! It is just heart lifting to see her run when she could only hobble before. I still get a lump in my throat to see her. That is it for her surgery wise and I think we can say that it was a resounding success and worth the 10 weeks that she spent with the dynamic fixator on. She didn't require physio as walking proved to be the best physio for her. She will continue to gain strength in her leg with time.

As you can see the photo shows how straight her foot is now - facing the right way and the right way up.

She's doing so well with her socialising too - not anywhere near as gobby as she used to be and is enjoying off lead time with other dogs. She's also been to the beach for the very first time and has attended her first GSDR group walk. I'm so very, very, proud of her!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Heidi's fund - look what you did!



Fixator in place

Angela



Our first trip to the beach, Heidi had a ball



After—look at that straight leg!



Our first group walk, look at her run, she had so much fun!





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