



Well here we are in flaming June and my goodness what a hot one so far, albeit rather wet at times. The humidity is very high and our four legged friends are feeling the heat so a timely reminder for all dog owners to make sure their dogs have somewhere cool to shelter and never leave them shut in cars in this heat - not even for a few minutes.

On the rehoming front it is quieter than we would like but it is picking up although sadly, more dogs are coming our way for rehoming. In May we had 57 assessment forms submitted, 167 adoption forms and 17 volunteer applications.

We are trying to reduce the number of dogs in kennels or at least reduce the length of time that dogs are spending in kennels, which is no life for any dog. We still have too many dogs that have been in kennels for 6 months or more so it would be nice to see these given priority over the coming weeks. If we have any volunteers near the kennels we use willing to walk our dogs, we would love to hear from you. We know that the kennel staff are really good to our dogs but they don't have the time for the amount of exercise that these dogs really need. Please can we all help to see if we can find poor Cassie and Juno pictured, their forever homes as they have now been in kennels nearly a year.



On the fundraising front, our volunteers are also feeling the heat; there is just no stopping GSDR volunteers with something going on most weekends now. Not only do we have our Two Fat Blokes Oop North, we now have competition from the ladies known as Team Tottie. The green hair is amazing but more of that later. We have teams out most weekends collecting as well as fashion shows, car boot sales, sponsored runs, dog shows and there is Shepfest to look forward to at the end of this month.

So many volunteers are out there now doing all sorts of events to raise money for GSDR, I can't thank you enough.

I would also like to give a big thank you to the Support Adoption for Pets team who have given so much help and financial support to GSDR.

Whilst rescues like ours do so much to help needy dogs, I am deeply saddened to see so much cruelty to animals being posted on social networking sites and I believe we must all do our best to change people's attitudes towards all living creatures. Being involved with dogs, we see how people increasingly treat them as disposable commodities instead of sentient beings. We all must play a part in changing people's perceptions and encourage a more compassionate attitude towards each other and all other species that live here on earth with us.

Life is life – whether in a cat, or dog or man. There is no difference there between a cat or a man. The idea of difference is a human conception for man's own advantage. – Sri Aurobindo

Best Wishes,

*Jayne*



Eileen Welsh, Maria Hamilton & Kath Lohfink had a successful outing to Heighley Gate Garden Centre recently. With a table full of tempting tombola and Eileen's face painting skills the ladies raised a massive £255! Ben & Rocky Collie fancied a day of being fussed so convinced mum Sarah to take them along, also in attendance was blonde bombshell Arte Preshous— the three boys lapped up the attention (and the ice cream).



Kath, Maria & Eileen



It's hot work being this handsome, so it's ice cream all round!

Linda Woods assisted by her lovely sister in law Pauline spent a fun afternoon in the sun at their local village Medieval Fayre. They raised £81 which was the start of a run of planned events for the South East Team. Well done ladies, you got the region off to a great start!



### Staying in the South East...

Nancy Cannell & Christine Merritt attended Beth's Dog Show with their GSDR stand raising £60. The show organiser Dave rescued his GSD Beth who is now 17 years young! He nominated GSDR as their chosen charity donating a further £87.

Beth's next show will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> June within Eridge Park Horse Trials, for more information please visit Beth's website by clicking [here](#).



Beautiful Beth



Many thanks go to Jackie Ayres who's a member of the Essex walk group where she attends the weekly walks at Hockley Woods with her beautiful dog Honey. Jackie works for LV and each year they invite their employees to nominate a charity whom they feel would benefit from a donation. Inspired by the dedication of her fellow walkers who are volunteers, Jackie submitted her nomination and was delighted when GSDR was awarded £200!



Thank you Jackie & LV, your donation will be used to save dogs in need in your area.



The day of the Great North Dog Walk dawned and thankfully it was a bright, if breezy day – perfect for the pooch's walking to raise funds for their chosen charities. Maria Hamilton had arranged to have a stand, assisted by Lee Brown and her partner Daniel with their beautiful Jasmine. Nichola Simmons and her two gorgeous Sheps helped pull in the crowds with Icey Tate dressed in a GSD costume again this year. Our walkers raised a staggering £435 and were great ambassadors for the rescue and the breed. Thank you to everyone for taking part.



Alfie & Danny with Lynne Ballard from [Tynedale K9 Hydrotherapy](#)



The very handsome Sabre & dad John Kelly raised £90



Arte with mum Helen Preshous raised £95

When Gillian Marsden contacted Crossgates Shopping Centre to request a pitch, they offered a date much later in year – until Gillian explained that the situation was urgent with over 40 dogs in the region needing our help. They very kindly found her a space and last Saturday the team set up their stand to welcome the happy shoppers of Leeds. Bob, pictured here with Sheila Pankhurst was adopted from GSDR by Gillian and is the very reason why she became a volunteer. He worked hard, for eight and a half hours he got fussed by the adoring public and loved every minute of it. The team had a long but successful day raising £284. One chap offered them his coppers and low and behold out came a bag containing £10.55!



Alison Harrison, one of our GSDRunners pictured with the coppers, all donations welcome!

Just 210,000 Kew Gardens 50p coins were released into circulation in 2009 to mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Botanic Gardens. One turned up in the TFB collection bucket at Bradford Pets at Home and was spotted by Si 'Hawk Eye' Hiles, promptly auctioned on ebay and sold for £26.09!



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Here's our lovely Maria Hamilton, holding a tombola table at a local car boot sale. £51 raised by the generous bargain hunters.



Urgent appeal for any vollies in the South East , especially in the Essex and Kent areas, who would like to help with coming shows this summer and any other fun Fundraising activities. If you can spare a few hours to lend a hand please contact Nancy Cannell [nancy\\_c@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nancy_c@hotmail.co.uk) or Linda Woods [lingsd24@gmail.com](mailto:lingsd24@gmail.com) . Thank You.



Debbie Clayden & Janis Archer had a successful day at their local Kenneledgate Petstore and they were even able to bring Benson (right) for a day out of kennels. This lovely dog has been with us for seven months, loves everyone and everything and is a firm favourite with the volunteers who spend time with him. But happily he's just gone off to his forever home to a lovely couple who were out shopping when they spotted Ray & Si out fundraising. After a chat they went home and filled in an adoption application, passed their homecheck and Benson is one very lucky dog! It's important to remember that our teams out in stores and at events aren't just raising money, they're also raising awareness of our rescue and the breed.



Good Luck Benson, be happy in your new home.



### Coming to an event near you..

GSDR minty rock, new for the summer season just £1 a stick. Supplies are being distributed to organisers of forthcoming fundraising events.



Here's our Emma Coldwell pictured during her epic 105 mile bike ride. Emma raised a wheel spinning £466.25 with a large donation being made by Emma's employer Connect Housing.

Thank you to everyone for the support which spurred her on along the way.

Emma has temporarily swapped the saddle for stilettos to take to the catwalk in our fashion show, more of that to follow....



**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**



## Going Green for GSDR

She did it! Debbie Clayden raised £887.79 and dyed her beautiful brunette locks green in aid of GSDR.

Debbie will be sporting the green hair for the whole of June before attempting to revert back to a more natural colour!

Well done Debbie, you're far braver than me.



## Happiness is.....being adopted

Have you ever wondered what it means to a dog to finally find it's forever home? I think Pringles - now called Maiya sums it up here perfectly.



Surrendered for adoption with her sister Sky, these girls weren't house trained and didn't even know what a collar and lead were. Initially in foster together they moved onto separate foster homes to continue with their training independently and guess what? They both stole the hearts of their foster carers and have been adopted.

We're so pleased for these very lucky girls who can look forward to a life being loved just as every dog should. Be good girls!

**AUCTION ENDED**

Maria Hamilton would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who donated items for our Facebook Help The Kennel Dogs Auction and to everyone who placed bids. Thank you all for your support.

**You raised a magnificent £588.**

**AUCTION ENDED**

## Sainsbury's



Team Fat Blokes Ray, Si and the gorgeous Nelson had their best fundraising day this year when they spent the day at Sainsbury's in Otley. The kind shoppers dug deep and donated a staggering £510 in just one day!

A massive thank you goes out to the people of Otley for being so generous and to Sainsbury's for having us, we look forward to our next visit.

## Happy Holidays



For those of you lucky enough to get away on holiday with your dog you might find yourself with an extra requirement when looking for accommodation—must be near a GSDR walk group! The walks were originally set up as socialisation for the dogs, however they've proved to be great socialisation for the humans that tag along too. So much so that a group from the Essex walk decided to have a holiday together and join the Eastern walk group in Norfolk. Here they are on the beach at Sea Palling, just one of the beautiful beaches that we're blessed with in Norfolk.

Just a few of the holidaymakers on home soil

Hope you can make it again next year!



## Move over Milan, Wakefield is the fashion capital of West Yorkshire!

Our gorgeous GSDR girls took to the catwalk in the Chain Reaction fashion show in aid of GSDR. Raising £200 on the night, I think you'll all agree that they look stunning and did us proud. Well done ladies, to all of you in the spotlight and behind the scenes. And of course not forgetting our photographer Mark Watkinson, always on hand to capture our events. Here's just a few snaps he took on the night.



Alison Elphee



Debbie Clayden



Emma Coldwell



Rachel Whitehead



Angie Vaughan



Despite suffering a 'wardrobe malfunction' before leaving home Angie still had a smile on her face. Having nipped upstairs to gather a few things she returned to find Evie chewing the heel off her new shoes which she planned to wear that night!

Dogs eh, who'd have em!!!

To visit Mark Watkinson's website to view some of his stunning photographs please click [here](#)



**SHEPFEST 2014 IS NEARLY HERE!  
28th & 29th June**



Overnight camping on the field is available

Also limited kennel spaces

Contact Denise to reserve your place on 01904 703504



**Join us for a weekend of fun at Copmanthorpe  
On Shepfest day Saturday 28th June you can  
look forward to:**

Raffle, Tombola, Craft Stall, Cake Stall,  
Jewellery & GSD Cards, Doggie 'Stuff' stall,  
Dog Bed stall, Guess number of treats in jars  
Big Car Boot stall

Lots of Doggie Games and Have-A-Go Agility  
Photographer Mark Watkinson, B-B-Q  
& TWO Surprise Demonstrations!

After all that fun we'll meet for a group walk on  
Sunday 29th June.

For more information contact Angie by email at  
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## News from the North West and Central Regions



Sian and Charlie raising money for GSDR

Paula Boynton adopted puppy Charlie at the end of last year, he's eight months old now and Paula's daughter Sian is devoted to him. Paula says " Since Charlie chose us just before Christmas he and Sian have developed a lovely friendship, attending local obedience classes and going for lots of walks together, it's been lovely to see them both become firm friends! Sian (aged 10) understands totally the commitment it takes to have a dog and rescuing Charlie has been the best thing we could have ever done, thank you to GSDR, especially Irene who helped our paths to cross and allowed us to become Charlie's adopters, he is amazing dog and we love him to bits". Sian decided she wanted to help other dogs like Charlie so decided to do a sponsored climb of Scafell Pike in aid of GSDR. It was either too hot or wet so Sian couldn't start the climb and she was bitterly disappointed. Sian had made her own sponsor form and took it into school, St Marys Primary Catholic School in Scarisbrick where she managed to get the children and staff to sponsor her. Instead of giving up she decided to climb the lower fells around where we were staying in Ullswater, "at least twice the height of Scafell" she said! So that's what she did, five different fells she climbed with Charlie (and Dad in tow) and together they were more than double the height of Scafell. She is still collecting her sponsor money in, it might not be lots but she hopes it will help other dogs just like Charlie.

**What a wonderful girl Sian is. Everyone at GSDR is very proud of you and thank you so much for helping us to save more dogs like Charlie.**

Huge thanks to all our volunteers who do such a great job whether assessing homes or dogs, transporting, fostering, whatever you do you, all do it for the love of GSDs and all our dogs say THANK YOU.



Whiz - transported almost 200 mile round trip into emergency foster care - thanks to Dave & Debbie for their help and indeed Jade for keeping Whiz safe prior to his re home.



Tommy - great new home waiting unfortunately adopter couldn't drive - thank you to Jan for sorting the meet and getting this 8 year old boy safely back to his new forever home and piling everyone into your car.



Sheba - urgently needing collecting and fostering after a house fire - big thanks to Mike for putting the miles in to not only collect Sheba and keeping her safe in his care but also for driving her to meet her new family in Yorkshire.



Ozzy - thanks to Michelle for taking this boy urgently into foster, a few days later he now has the most amazing forever home and all is well for this lad.



Bella - just 7 months old and needing a new home due to owner having stroke - thanks go to Sue and John for doing emergency assessment and then driving this girl to her new home in Staffordshire.

Liz & George Hamilton, Central volunteers, raised £35 just by passing a bucket around at their local. Thank you both for making the effort and indeed all the regulars at the pub.

**CHEERS!**



### WAY TO GO GSDR Volunteers !



### Eastern Region Springs into Action with Emergency Removal

Meet Dexter, he's three years old and was removed as a matter of urgency last week when his owner was taken into care in the later stages of dementia.

Dexter has lived in a barn all of his life, he knows nothing of the outside world, is a nervous wreck, but shows no sign of aggression. He is totally emaciated and so shell shocked that he refused food for four days since being taken into foster.

This poor dog couldn't walk properly as the hair matts between his toes were spreading his feet so wide they were splitting the skin. His ears were in the same condition. He had terrible diarrhoea as his owner has been muddled up for a long time and Dexter has been fed mainly horse feed and chips.

He was taken to vets on Tuesday and under sedation he has been shaved as his hair underneath was so matted we couldn't even tell if he was neutered or not and his tail had to be shaved due to a maggot infestation. The vet removed the collar that our volunteer had put on so they could shave around his neck, only to find another collar embedded in there that no-one knew existed.

But the good news is that on returning home after his vet visit Dexter has started eating when hand fed. He had never seen grass, but after the initial confusion he finally had a roll around on it and his fosterer almost got a tail wag.

Dexter will be in foster care for quite a while until he is healthy enough both mentally and physically to be rehomed.

Although in his photo he looks a little underweight, his beautiful face shows no sign of the suffering he has endured. His fur covers the true extent of his appalling condition.

Dexter is one of the reasons we do what we do, dogs like him make all the tears worth it and we will be raising funds at Martham Carnival for his long term care where we will be hosting a two day dog show.

We'll bring you an update on Dexter as he progresses.



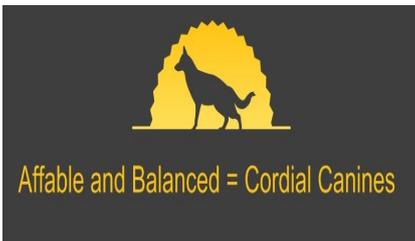
This year there's a Super Heroes theme for the Martham Carnival, Great Yarmouth. Our very own Super Heroes—the GSDR Eastern team will be there hosting the two day dog show.

So if you fancy a trip to the sea side on the 5th & 6th July, pop in and see us for a fun packed weekend.

Classes are kindly sponsored by:



Big Guys Menswear



Cordial Canines Dog Training



Apollo Dog Groomers



Croft Farm Riding School



Canine Accessories

### Saturday 5th July

#### Classes 11:30 start £1 entry per class

1. Cutest Puppy between 6 and 12 months
2. Dogs under 15 inches
3. Dogs over 15 inches
4. Best Short Coat
5. Best Long Coat
6. Waggiest Tail
7. Best Friends (2 or more dogs)
8. Best Rescue
9. Best Snip and Stitch
10. Best Scruff
11. Best in Show (Special Rosette for Best GSD or GSD Rescue )

### Sunday 6 July

#### Classes 11:00 start £1 entry per class

1. Cutest Puppy between 6 and 12 months
2. Happy Families (2 or more dogs)
3. Prettiest Lady
4. Handsomest Dog
5. Dog the Judge would most like to take home
6. Most Appealing Eyes
7. Best Golden Oldie (7 and over)
8. Best GSD Rescue (GSD or adopted through GSDR)
9. Dog most like its owner
10. Best Condition
11. Best in Show (Special Rosette for Best GSD or GSD Rescue)

**We're still looking for sponsors, if you would like to sponsor a class please get in touch [gldr.newsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:gldr.newsletter@btinternet.com)**  
**Thanks!**

## Support Adoption for Pets we THANK YOU!



Eastern Region received this huge donation of food from the Support Adoption for Pets Damaged Stock Scheme.

Pictured here is Milly who was in foster with Mandi Wilks but has since gone off to her forever home.



Ray Lambert, half of Team Fat Blokes has been invited to collect cheques on behalf of GSDR from their partnered Pets at Home stores where they sold the Support Adoption for Pets raffle tickets.



Halifax store raised £469.43



Meanwood store raised £620.66

This coming weekend they'll be picking up another cheque too.

And over in the Eastern Region, Team Thompson will be collecting their cheque which is rumoured to be around £355!

GSDR have benefited from this fundraising drive and have supported the stores by selling the raffle tickets in their partnered stores.



Pets at Home Corby have had a refit to include a Vet Surgery & Grooming Parlour. They hold their grand opening event this weekend and Team Thompson with Gorgeous George will be there to lend a hand. If you're in the area, pop in and say hello!



Angie Vaughan & Debbie Clayden aka Team Tottie have held their first event at their newly partnered store, Pets at Home Pontefract.

The ladies had a great day raising £61.66 and the very kind store manager matched this in donations of food and treats for the kennel dogs.

Thank you to the Pontefract store, we look forward to coming back again soon!

# Summer Ball

The North East Region presents....

## The GSDR SUMMER BALL

Dinner and Cabaret Evening  
Saturday 30th August, 7:30pm  
at

The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Leeds

Tickets £40 per person and include:  
3 Course Meal with Coffee & Mints  
DJ & Disco until 1am  
One Complimentary Raffle Ticket  
Discounted room rates  
Live Cabaret Entertainment from a mystery  
guest!

Everone welcome. Dress code: Formal  
For enquiries and bookings please contact  
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