



May is such a lovely time of year, the sun is shining, the days are longer and everything is springing back to life after the long dark wet winter months. Things are also really hotting up at the rescue too and it's been a busy few weeks yet again with lots happening on the fundraising front, especially oop there in the North East region.

Once again I would like to offer congratulations and a huge thanks to all of the GSDR Runners who competed in the Leeds half marathon this month in order to raise funds for the charity. They obviously had a fantastic time, so much so that they are booking places for next years run. It was lovely to see old boy Nelson rescued from the pound there offering his support so that more dogs like him can be helped. More on that later.



Team Fat Blokes are still busy most weekends shaking those buckets but I note that those infamous loud shorts have reappeared along with their new weapons - the lovely older dog and the gorgeous girl.

Fundraising is a key part of the rescue because it funds veterinary care and the kennel spaces that we need to keep dogs safe until new homes are found. Sadly we still have too many dogs that have been in kennels for over 6 months which is not the life for any dog let alone a large active dog like a German Shepherd.

I talk to many other rescues and we all agree that we are facing one of our most challenging years so far. What is happening in rescue is a good indicator of what is happening in the real economy, how society has changed with regard to the keeping of pets and how attitudes towards animals in general have changed.

All of us are seeing more dogs needing to find new homes with fewer quality homes coming through and this crisis will continue. GSDR has always been the rescue that took on the dogs that other rescues wouldn't take but even we will have to make some difficult decisions in the future and turn away dogs that we could previously have helped. Our duty is to make sure that we have the resources to look after those dogs that are already in our care. Stacking dogs in kennels hoping that someday they may find a home may not be a viable option for the future. Rescue has changed forever and we must adapt and change to move forward and ensure that we continue to assist as many dogs as we can given our finite resources.

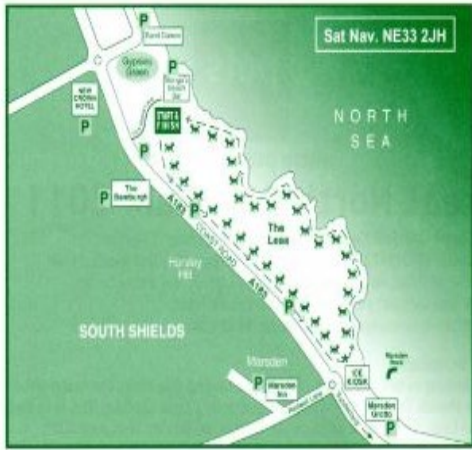
Rescues have increasingly come under fire lately, especially on social media sites. If just a fraction of the time spent trying to destroy others was devoted to helping needy dogs or helping each other, the world would be a much better place. As the old saying goes, 'United we stand, divided we fall'.

I would like to thank all the dedicated GSDR volunteers who are staying focussed on the job in hand and are trying their hardest during difficult times, to help as many needy dogs as we can. I would particularly like to thank my Dog/Area Co-ordinators and Screeners who are right on the frontline and have to cope with some very difficult situations and people. Great teamwork everyone, I am so very proud of what has been and continues to be achieved.

'Don't judge a man until you have walked a mile in his shoes' Cherokee

Best Wishes,

Jayne



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Walk One: START to TURNING POINT and all the way around the coast to FINISH. The Walk is via coast 3.5 miles (5.6 km) a circular route - the start is the finish and constitutes one lap. This is the official Guinness World Record attempt lap.

Walk Two: START to ICE KIOSK and back to START - on grass.

Walk Three: START to ICE KIOSK and back to START - on coastal pavement (Pushchairs, Wheelchairs)

Walk Four: START to ICE KIOSK on coastal pavement (Pushchairs, Wheelchairs) then via the coast route. This is the official Guinness World Record attempt lap.

★ = Turning Point. P = Parking.

🐕 = The official Guinness World Record attempt laps - walks one and four. 3.5m/5.6km

T Toilets are available on site but facilities are also available in near-by Public Houses.

The **GREAT NORTH DOG WALK** is the world's largest dog walk with 20,247 dogs entering last year.

This year the walk will take place on **Sunday 8th June** opening at 9am but you can start your walk throughout the day with last entries at 3pm.



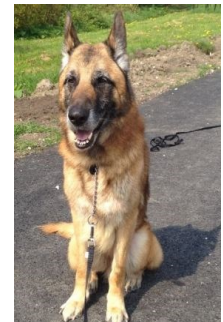
This year, thanks to Maria Hamilton, GSDR will be a nominated beneficiary. If you would like to join in the fun and raise much needed funds for our rescue please contact Maria who will arrange for you to be given a GSDR supporter number.

Maria will be there on the day with our stand and can be contacted via email at mazbillzee103@gmail.com.

To visit the walk website click [here](#).



Many Thanks to raw food supplier Nutriment who on hearing about our lovely old Nelson from Ray Lambert, despatched him a box of food as a surprise to build up his strength. Lovely old boy Nelson is flourishing in the care of Si Hiles and is loving being part of Team Fat Blokes.



For more information on the range of products offered by Nutriment click [here](#).



We have a new walk group which has been set up to cover the Chelmsford area and they'll be holding their first walk this Sunday 18th May. Anyone in the area who would like to join the group should send a request to join their Facebook page by clicking [here](#).



Anyone in the Castleford/Wakefield area interested in grabbing a bargain on high street fashion should head down to the fashion show being held in aid of GSDR on 17th June. You'll find clothes from lots of high street stores including: Topshop, River Island, Limited Collection, Mini Boden and many more. For more information please contact Gillian Marsden by email at Gillian.l.marsden@ntlworld.com

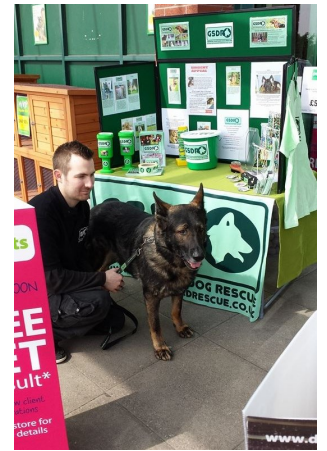
Support Adoption for Pets Spring Fundraising Drive



We've had Team Fat Blokes and Team Thompson out supporting this campaign again by selling raffle tickets at their partnered Pets at Home stores. TFB have been joined by the lovely Symrette who brings a splash of glamour to the team. I'm sure she'll keep those guys on their toes!

Debbie Clayden, foster mum to the lovely Shay has a meeting booked with her local store to meet the manager to discuss becoming the store's partner. This means we can fundraise in store but also when the store itself holds fundraising events GSDR benefit from funds raised.

Fundraising is a vital part of our work, without funds we simply can't help the dogs who need us.



Our lovely Emma Coldwell will be jumping on her bike for GSDR this coming Sunday and will be cycling a gruelling 105 miles!

Please make her pain worth it by sponsoring Emma—click [here](#) to visit her Just Giving page. You can still sponsor her after the event, the page will remain open whilst her saddle sores subside!



Our **Help the Kennel Dogs** Facebook auction has begun and will run until Sunday 8th June at 8pm.

This Auction is to raise funds for the many dogs GSDR has coming into rescue, and so many are in kennels waiting for their forever home. All donations of auction items gratefully received – as are the bids! Please visit the Facebook page by clicking [here](#).





Going Green for GSDR

Debbie Clayden pictured here will be dyeing her glorious brunette locks green for a whole month if she can hit her fundraising target!

Debbie says "Hi all, It's fundraising time and I am Going Green for GSDR North East region. I'm aiming to raise £1000—my deadline is the 31st May. So, if I hit my £1000 target by 12 noon on Saturday 31st May, I will dye my hair GREEN for a whole month!"

Please can I ask people to donate via paypal to:

gsdnortheast@gmail.com

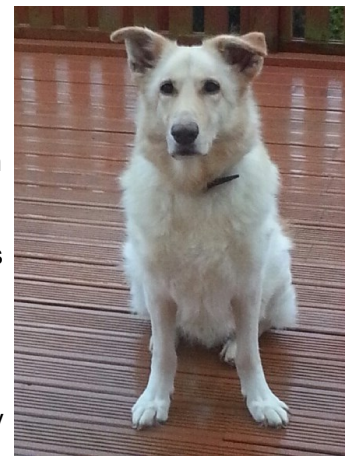
It's easy.... go to your Paypal, click on the "send money" tab, type in the email address above, enter how much you want to donate and select the "pay friends or family" option (charge free). I know you all want to see my abundance of hair go GREEN!"



Meet the lovely Elbie (left) and Jasper (right). Their servant and Wales volunteer Lorraine Hagin just wanted to remind everyone what joy older dogs can bring, because sadly they often get overlooked.

Elbie is almost 15 years old, this handsome boy was still very active up until a few months ago.

Jasper (was Casper) came to stay as a foster dog but how can you possibly look into those big brown eyes and not tell him that he's here to stay? So stay he will.



Lorraine says "anyone considering taking on an older GSD should never worry, go ahead, they are a real pleasure!"

We still have 22 older dogs looking for a forever home, they have so much love to give. Please visit our website to view their profiles by clicking [here](#).



Register with Charity Ecosystem by clicking [here](#) and order your bag. Fill it with 10 Kilos of clothes and book your collection date. The bags are collected by DPD who advise the time of collection on the day. I leave my bag outside labelled for the driver and he just takes it away. The next day you get an email from Charity Ecosystem thanking you for your bag and confirming they've made the donation. It's as easy as that!

How it works



My 9th bag of clothes being sent in aid of GSDR.



Request a bag



Book a collection on the phone or via our homepage



We collect nationwide on the day of your choice for free



We donate £4.00 to your charity straight away

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We process Gift Aid claims, taking a small handling fee



I'm delighted to report that our team of runners successfully completed the gruelling course and are all back safe and sound.

Sponsorship is still coming in but they expect the total raised to be around £2,500!!!! The page is still open whilst the blisters heal so there's still time to sponsor them by clicking [here](#).

Anyone who would like to join the team next year please get in touch with Andy Peake by email at Razanne99@aol.com. The more runners we have representing the rescue means more funds raised, and members of the relay team will be stepping up in distance next year to complete the full course so we need at least 5 more people to take their places!

Congratulations team, you're all amazing.



The GSDRunners

Lesley McLoughlin, Lisa Fox, Stephen Elphee, Rachel Whitehead, Alison Harrison, Carla Buckton, Andy Peake, Ailsa Thomas, Janine Kerr, Nelson & Alison Elphee.



Running the full 13.1 miles!



Waiting to welcome the runners home. Si & Nelson.



Andy crossed the finish line and Nelson says thanks with a big kiss.



The Relay Team

Thank you to photographer Mark Watkinson for capturing the teams fabulous efforts.



**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
avaughan1966@gmail.com

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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