

**Winner of the Wet Nose Best Breed Rescue
September Newsletter Issue 8**



Well the nights are drawing in now, the clocks will soon be going back and we can all look forward to those long dark, cold, wet winter months. Thermals and wellies at the ready Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr! Mind you, our canine friends don't seem to mind as long as they have food and somewhere warm to curl up and snooze.

We are fast approaching the festive season which traditionally has been one of our busiest times of the year, however there doesn't seem to have been much let up at all throughout this year.

In September we received 227 adoption forms, 93 rehoming forms which doesn't include the dogs taken from the pounds, and 35 new volunteer applications. These figures have been pretty consistent throughout the year.

Fundraising again has been exceptional this month, all thanks to our very dedicated team of volunteers. More of that later in this newsletter.



A highlight for me this month was the Zip Wire challenge on 6th October at Penrhyn Quarry, Bethesda in stunningly beautiful Snowdonia which we did to raise much needed funds for the rescue. Yes 14 of us were flung down the mountainside strung up on a length of wire, plummeting 1500ft at speeds of up to 100mph. Piece of cake - well no actually the cake came afterwards, and very nice it was too. I would like to thank all my fellow Snowdon Zippers for making it such a fantastic and successful weekend. Special thanks go to Wayne and Will

for donating the rooms free of charge at their very welcoming Pier Hotel in Rhyl which I can highly recommend. We are keeping the Snowdon Zippers Virgin Money Giving page open as there are still sponsorship monies to come in and we hope we can get nearer our target of £12K which will help us meet our Christmas kennel costs.

During the run up to the festive period and up until the end of January, we often have very few adoptions take place. Please spare a thought for all those poor dogs stuck in kennels for many weeks, unwanted and unloved waiting for their new mums and dads to come forward.

If any of you could help by squeezing a kennel dog into your home even just over the festive period, we would love to hear from you. At least it would give these poor souls a small break and they could enjoy some home comforts at a time of year associated with giving. Whilst many dogs are suffering here in the UK, please spare a thought for those poor dogs that haven't made it in Romania after their president authorised the brutal and savage slaughter of the street dogs last month. The slaughter continues with many small rescue groups desperately trying to help as many dogs as they can with very limited resources. Most of these poor dogs will never have known love or human kindness, only cruelty and brutality. Whether everyone agrees or not, we have helped a few Rommies by bringing them to the UK, it was the least we could do. Humans created borders not dogs and the vast majority of our volunteers and supporters all agreed that we should offer some help.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter; we have many fantastic stories to share with you. Once again, a huge thank you to all the volunteers whose dedication ensures the continued success of this rescue

Jayne

'Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace. '- Albert Schweitzer



Get your GSDR 2014 Calendar NOW!

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

I am pleased to announce the GSDR 2014 Calendar is now available to buy. Enjoy the whole year with pictures and stories of our stunning rescue dogs.

These top quality calendars are just £10 each with p&p of £2.60. Multiple orders of up to 4 calendars can be sent for the same postage charge.

To order please visit our website to make you payment by Virgin Money Giving by clicking [here](#). Then email janinekerr@sky.com with the subject heading "GSDR Calendar" providing your receipt number, name & address.

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's just a team of crazy people from GSDR!



On the 6th October our brave volunteers flew headfirst down a mountain, travelling at speeds upto 100mph to raise funds for our Xmas kennel fees.

The team consisted of: Bottom row from the left is Sarah Poynter, Janis Archer, Ryan Green, Mark Watkinson, Karen Whitehouse, Zowie Furguson.

Top row from the right is Mandi Wilks, Carla Buckland, Ryan Cotton, Steve Holloway, Wayne Whitehouse, Jayne Shenstone, John Lewis, Scott Archer



It looks a bit lonely up there....

I take my hat off to you all, I'm not sure if you're all incredibly brave or all just insane!

Their fundraising page is still open, if you would like to make a donation please click [here](#). The team aims to raise £12,000 to cover the Xmas period kennel bill and are just over half way to reaching their target with some promised sponsorship still to come in.

Well done team, looking forward to seeing what your next crazy challenge will be!



Mandi—You should've said your prayers at the top!





After spending THIRTEEN months in kennels and being constantly overlooked, the lovely Snoop finally found his forever home. He's swapped his kennel for Mum & Dad's bed and has his paws firmly under the table.

We have some long term kennel dwellers that really deserve, like Snoop, to find their forever home.



Poor Chopper has been in kennels for around TWO years. There must be a home for this loveable chunky monkey out there somewhere. Chopper is currently in Kent.



Handsome Harvey has been waiting a whole year for his new family to find him. Harvey is currently in Kent.



Our little Coco has been well now for a few weeks with no further bouts of sickness. Whilst she'll always be a small shep, they do say that the best things come in small packages! She will remain in foster care regaining her strength and hopefully gaining some weight. Thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising for this little girl's veterinary care, your support has been incredible. And here she is, living her dream, our little Coco.

Fancy a tippie?



This bottle of Vintage 1998 Dom Perignon Champagne in a presentation box has kindly been donated as a raffle prize to raise funds to buy our kennel dogs some toys and treats for Xmas. Just £1 a strip, you could win yourself a little bit of bubbly luxury which retails for £135! To enter the raffle please make your payment by clicking [here](#) and email Wayne at thepierhotel@hotmail.com with your donation amount and reference number and he will allocate you your tickets. Good Luck!





Religious celebrations, Bonfire Night and New Year - we enjoy fireworks year round, but they can be a source of fear for many animals. If not addressed, noise phobias tend to get worse over time so it's always best to be prepared.

Here's our top tips for dealing with Firework Fear in your dog:

- Give your dog a long walk during the late afternoon making sure that they go to the toilet and keep them indoors after dark.
- A meal containing carbohydrates such as well cooked rice, pasta or mashed potato may make your dog feel more sleepy and calm.
- Close curtains to hide the flashes of light and turn up the TV or radio to mask the sound.
- Ignore the firework noises yourself. If your dog shows any signs of fear or anxiety do not react – it's important never to punish or fuss over your dog when it is scared as this will only make things worse.
- Some dogs may want to hide when frightened, so providing a 'doggy den' may help them to cope. If you know your dog is going to be frightened on the night then set this up in advance so they are comfortable and happy inside.
- Don't leave your dog alone in the house - he may panic and injure himself.
- Seek advice from your Vet as there are a number of products which may help your pet to cope.

Dogs that are particularly fearful may benefit from a noise desensitisation programme, this needs to be undertaken many months in advance following guidance from your Vet or behaviourist.

Don't forget other small animals: Cats should be kept indoors with somewhere warm, cosy and dark to hide. If your pets live outside, partly cover cages, pens and aviaries with blankets so that one area is well covered from the sights and sounds of the fireworks.



Adaptil is a product that has been developed to help support dogs through a range of challenging situations that they may face during their life. Available as a plug in diffuser, collar and spray.



Thundershirts can have a calming affect on anxious dogs.



Creature Comforters make a range of remedies for pets, the Relax blend may be beneficial for anxious animals during firework season. I have used these myself in the past with good results. Click [here](#) for more information, they offer natural remedies to deal with a variety of situations & behaviours



Our Vollies out and about

The pre-Xmas dog dumping time is almost upon us, every year we see an increase in the number of dogs needing urgent homes before Xmas. By getting out and about our wonderful vollies are not only raising vital funds but also raising awareness of our rescue, recruiting volunteers and potential adopters. Keep up the great work folks, your efforts are saving dogs, which is what we do best.



The GSDR team took to the cat walk again and raised a fabulous £247.50 at the Big Fashion Show. Our Emma Coldwell, Alison Elphee and Janine Kerr all looked stunning as they modelled the outfits on offer. Many thanks to Gillian Marsden & team who were part of yet another successful night of fashion and fund-raising.



A shopping trip with Mum is much more fun when there's doggies to cuddle. Team North set up the GSDR stall at the Ardale Centre, Leeds and the generous shoppers dug deep and donated £273



It's Gorgeous George, currently in foster with Alan & Emma Thompson pictured out on his first fundraising expedition. George loved all the fusses but is currently concentrating his efforts on getting his foster mum & dad to join the failed fosterers club! The team also included Alan & Helen Boothby with their dog Daisy. Their children James, David, Jess & Becky did a fantastic job manning the teddy tombola and offering Helen's lovely cake to shoppers. The team raised over £110 at Pets at Home Corby and are looking forward to their next outing.



Tony Jarvis and Nik Johnson attended The Burton Hunter Trial representing GSDR. A fun packed horsey event which also had a dog show. The team had lots of interest in the rescue and the dogs available for adoption.

Alan & Emma Thompson at Pets at Home Kettering







Team South had a busy weekend of fundraising attending two events on the same day. The Woofers, Hounds and Mutts show at Hylands Park is a fun packed family event aiming to raise funds for canine charities whilst encouraging responsible dog ownership. Jade Towler Christine Merritt and Linda Wood attended with the GSDR stall and raised an impressive £229.84. Meanwhile at Snodland Dog Show in Kent, Area Co-ordinator Tracy North was accompanied by Nancy Cannell, Darren Cannell and Glenys Wilson where they raised another amazing £230.37. The GSDR stall was so popular that they've been invited back next year. In just one weekend Team South raised an outstanding £460.21. Lots of fun was had by all and Tracy would like to extend her thanks to all vollies who made the events such a success.



Pictured here is Glenys Wilson with Zara and Nancy Cannell with Zac

Snodland Dog Show
 29th September 2013
 Cricket Field Rectort Road
 Snodland Kent ME5 5NQ.
 10am- 4 pm
 Tonbridge and Malling Dog Warden is organising the above show in aid of the Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund, (Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust) with Beth's Dog Show.
 For more details see Snodland dog show on Facebook.
 www.belfsdogshow.co.uk
 or contact: lorraine.baseden@yahoo.com



Pictured is Si Hiles, half of Team Fat Blokes receiving a cheque for £500 from Pets at Home, Crown Point store in Leeds. This donation was made as part of their Support Adoption For Pets Scheme. Thank You Pets at Home!



Throughout the month of October Team Fat Blokes are supporting Pets at Home with the sale of their 'Support Adoption For Pets' raffle tickets in store. At the end of the month GSDR will be the beneficiary of the funds raised from the sale of the raffle tickets. Pictured here is Ray and Si with the lovely Louisa at the Harrogate store.



The [Rhyddings Kennels at Menston](#) very kindly donated beds and food for our kennel dwellers which was delivered to the lucky recipients by Ray Lambert. They've also been selling the Pets at Home raffle tickets to their clients in order to raise as much money as possible for GSDR.

Thank you to staff at The Rhyddings, we really appreciate your support.

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If you're starting to think about Christmas shopping, don't forget that when you shop online you can raise money for free by using easy fundraising. I've raised £134.86 for GSDR just by visiting their site to select the retailer I want to shop with. Or you can download their Find & Remind toolbar which automatically tells you if the retailer is enrolled in the scheme. You can find out more about the scheme by clicking [here](#). It's a donation for free and every penny counts!

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
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 <p>Who is admiring your dog?</p> <p>Why is dog theft on the increase? Because your dog is priceless.</p> <p><small>Never leave your dog unattended at the supermarket. Be aware that thieves will grab dogs from gardens. Don't make it easy for dog thieves to steal your pet.</small></p>	<p>Dog thefts are on the increase, every day we see reports of yet more missing dogs. It's reported that last year in excess of 3,500 dogs were stolen from gardens, cars or from within their homes. Owners have even been threatened when out walking their dogs and had then taken from them.</p> <p>Never leave your dog unattended, tied up outside a shop or alone in your garden. It's just not safe, in a blink of an eye they could be gone forever.</p>
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Anyone fancy a challenge in 2014?

The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge takes in the peaks of Pen-y-ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough – all in under 12 hours! These peaks form part of the Pennine range, and encircle the head of the valley of the River Ribble, in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. You might be tempted to take on the whole route or be part of a relay team, to register your interest at forming a GSDR team to take on the challenge please contact Andy Peake by email at Razanne99@aol.com

	<p>Yet another successful Facebook auction raising around £1,000 once Gift Aid is added. Thank you to everyone who donated items and for the very generous bids. Special thanks to Penny O'Callaghan & Maria Hamilton for setting up & managing yet another outstanding auction.</p>
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If you have never known the love of a dog, you have never known love.
If you have never known the love of a rescue dog, you have never known true love.



My 7 days are up tomorrow, I am in something called a pound! My skin is awful, I have lost my fur on my tail, my face and all my legs - I am really sore and my skin is burning. No one can see me as I am in isolation, I even have a board up so I can't see out and feel as though I am in a box. A kind lady came today, she is from GSDR her name was Julie Wilkinson. She took down the board so I can see out, took my collar off so I have a little more freedom and actually took me out for a walk for an hour and guess what, she gave me a cuddle and kiss. She told the lady at the pound that they will now take over as from tomorrow, and they will make sure I get medical treatment, and most of all they will find me a loving home - Oh by the way this lady has called me Hope.



Here is Hope today going for a nice walk after having another medicated bath. Isn't she looking good! Her skin is less thickened and her hair is starting to grow back. She is still undergoing treatment for her Demodectic Mange which turns out to be the juvenile form because believe it or not but under that thickened skin and wrinkles is a girl of only 12 - 18 months old according to the vet. She has very loose skin underneath her abdomen which is either due to weight loss or the possibility that she may have had pups, the stress of which could have been the trigger for the episode of Mange. One thing is for certain though, the amount of thickening she has, especially to her elbows, has built up over a period of time and she was left untreated by whoever 'owned' her.



Hope popped into Pets at Home to support Team Fat Blokes



Hope is beginning to improve health wise but the biggest change has been in her demeanour from the sad looking girl that Julie first met in the pound. She now has a sparkle in her eye and a definite spring in her step!

She still has some way to go in her recovery; unfortunately the poor girl was left in this condition for some time. She is receiving medicated baths three times per week to control any infections on her skin and reduce the associated inflammation especially on her legs and she is also on antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. On top of that she has had conjunctivitis due to the thickened skin over her eyelids and her ears have been incredibly sore. She has some pretty nasty gunk in them and we are awaiting the results of the swabs, the vet also suspects that she has a perforated eardrum! So she has a lot of issues to contend with and despite that she is always incredibly good natured at the vets even when she finds some things painful. You can't tell from the photos but she is a big girl and will be a good weight when back to full health. She currently weighs 31kg and that's in her skinny, ribby state.

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The Yorkshire Walk group take in the scenery of the beautiful English countryside. There's always an opportunity for the dogs to make a splash and at the end of a long walk there's always CAKE!

To find a walk group near you click [here](#)

Happy Halloween



On Halloween when you're telling spooky tales, remember some of the old ones are the best - like Little Red Riding Hood. And perhaps you've heard the tale of the Headless Hound who walks the streets barking at unsuspecting trick 'n' treaters!

How to Contact your Area Co-ordinators

South West

Cornwall / Devon / Somerset / Dorset / Wiltshire & Gloucester
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