



Hello everyone,

And welcome to our summer newsletter - yes summer finally seems to have arrived after a shaky start.

Well what a roller coaster year this has been but overall we have been very busy rehoming lots of lucky dogs.

We are coming up to the school holidays which may prove to be quiet as people are too busy thinking of holidays rather than adopting a new dog. It doesn't however stop the ever increasing flow of unwanted dogs, the numbers just never seem to go down.



On a very positive note, over the last few weeks we have seen many of our long term kennel dwellers go off to their new homes.

A big whoop whoop for me was old Tess who after 2 years in kennels, finally bagged herself a mom and a lovely new home.

Thanks to a very kind gentleman who adopted his second dog recently and who just happens to be a producer, we will be getting regular air-time on Sky TV in between programs which will hopefully help us rehome even more dogs and raise more funds for the rescue.

Summer is usually very busy for fundraising activities so watch out for announcements on our main and regional Facebook pages.

Once again I thank all the wonderful GSDR volunteers who always go that extra mile to make GSDR the success that it is.

Best Wishes,

Jayne



The beautiful Pavillion Gardens in Buxton was the venue for the Rotary Club Summer Fayre where Margaret & Sarah raised a fabulous £150.80. Thank you so much ladies, we really appreciate all your efforts collecting the products to raise funds – the stall looks great.



Huge thanks to Tom Walton from Leeds BAGSD for delivering the food and goodies donated by club members.

To find out more about the club you can visit their website at www.leedsbagsd.com



New GSDR East Yorkshire Walk Group

It's safe to say that the first walk for this new group was a HUGE success. Organisers Sharon Cook & Jenny Todd were delighted to raise £212.50 for GSDR, a brilliant amount!



There was a great turn out for the walk, the dogs all enjoyed taking a dip to cool off



There was a raffle and goodies to buy



There's no stopping them now, £109.66 raised on the tombola at the dog funday!

The event was hosted at Dogs Playpark and was a fun afternoon for the whole family.



All set up & ready for their second group walk



If there was a prize for the sweetest volunteer.....



The second group walk raised £151.70!

Such a brilliant month of fundraising from a new group, thank you so much for your efforts, it's most appreciated.



Duke and his foster mum Debbie Harlow were out supporting our friends at the Pets at Home Bradford store with their Support Adoption for Pets fundraiser.

This gorgeous old man has been nursed back to good health by Debbie and is currently building up his strength at hydrotherapy.



He's loving life and is learning what it's like to be a much loved family dog. He has an excellent teacher in his sister Ruby who spends a lot of time working with the kennel dogs teaching them how to play nicely.



Our Little Lady Makes the Grade!

She passed her tests with flying colours and is now officially a registered trainee mountain search dog.

Dad Nick thinks she's a star in the making, she's so keen to get off to work that she didn't look at the camera!





Sad scene isn't it? A little puppy found abandoned and alone outside the school gates. This was Alma and it was her lucky day. She was saved and offered a place with GSDR and she boarded the happy bus to start her new life.



She went into foster with Rocky, Ben and little Paddy and their mam Sarah Collie.



Luckily for Paddy she didn't stay long—she stole his favourite pillow, big brother Ben!



She stole a few kisses too.....

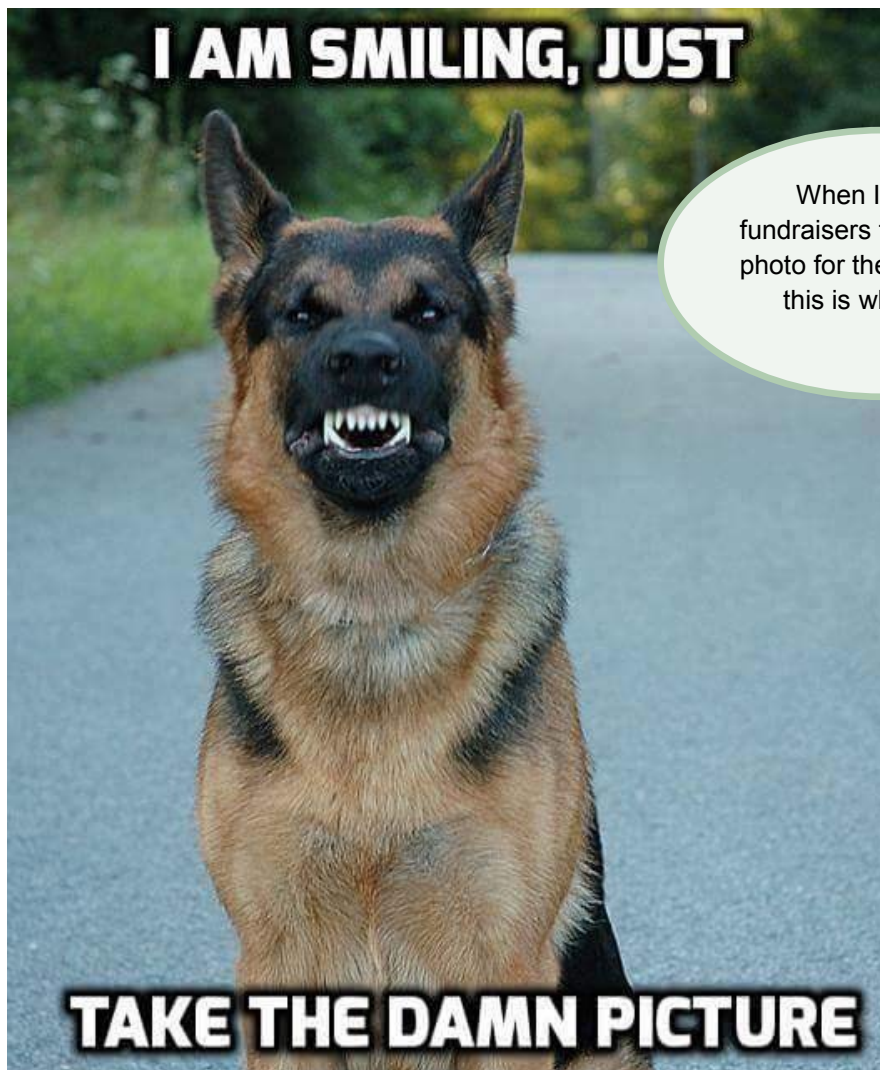


Alma became Anna and has been adopted by Chrissie Garbutt. She's pictured here with her beautiful big sister Ava.

And then just a few weeks later, the happy bus stopped once more and along came baby brother Baron.



Finally tired after a lovely playtime!



When I remind fundraisers to take me a photo for the newsletter, this is what I get!

The Debut of our Eastern Stars

From time to time, we kennel dogs in the regions and anyone who knows anything about GSDR becomes obsessed with finding the money to pay these kennel costs. How often have I said to myself that we need 'Pink Ladies' here, or what I wouldn't give for some 'Fat Blokes'. I always hopefully ask each new volunteer who applies, whether they are any good at fundraising. Never one. It is an absolutely essential part of working for the good of our beloved GSDs: but it isn't what easily appeals. People always want to 'walk dogs' in 'our kennels'. It is sometimes a hard slog to persuade them that they might like to consider home checking – much less fundraising.

And then, one day out of the blue, Sue Tyler one of the stalwarts of our team asked if it would be possible to do fundraising for us. Possible? Possible???? It was always my dream! I would have kissed her, right then and there, had she been with me. I just said something helpful and professional like, 'Wow that would be fantabuloso!' (Yes, I am a fan!)

Sue is the kind of person you need on your team. She is wonderfully dog qualified, being a professional behaviourist, and she works for another animal welfare charity as well. Her life is devoted to animal welfare. She is in management so I suppose I should not have been bowled over when she came up with her idea and then went on to reassure me that she had considered health and safety measures and had contacted the local authority. I hadn't recovered from the shock of somebody offering to fundraising and she was off and away with a concept and practical boxes being ticked off already.

Of course, Sue recruited an enthusiastic team of helpers and they named themselves the 'Eastern Stars' I wanted to call them the 'Eastern darlings' but I didn't think this would gain traction! Or if it did, it would unsuitable... anyway, I digress.

So the Eastern Stars set to work and did everything themselves. Who knew that they were FB stars as well as admin stars and we knew all about the dog expertise. Sue's partner, Brian, is also a behaviourist, so this was not just any kind of sponsored walk. This was the business.

And how! They only went a raised £596.82 with more money still coming in!!!! What a day and what a triumph for a first event.

This is feedback from Sue, herself:-

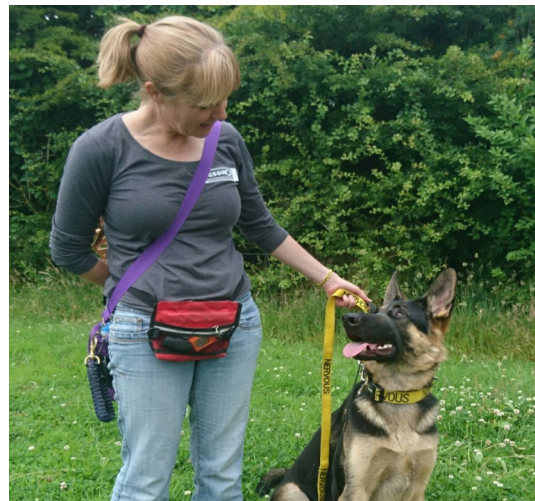
It was a lovely day and surprisingly there wasn't too much barking and over excitability, all dogs were so behaved (and owners too). It was very relaxing and everyone said they enjoyed the afternoon. The pub have said we can do future events there and set up a gazebo as an information zone with leaflets etc. when they hold other events, that's totally amazing. They have been so supportive, everyone has been kind. We had a couple cancel on us but they have said they will donate via website so there could be more donations on the way too. Boo was absolutely delightful. Definitely deserved star of the walk award. We had another GSDR dog who was very reactive initially, Brian helped out and she soon settled once moving forward but lovely to see some of our GSDR dogs. We managed to get some lovely photos. I hope we have promoted GSDR and people will think of us when considering adopting a dog. I'm so pleased we raised a good amount. It will help so much.

All the team are buzzing and already there is talk of future events!

Yes they might call themselves the eastern Stars but they will always be the Eastern darlings to me !







Update on Spike – ‘Living the Dream’ By Suzanne Thurman

I can clearly remember the day I met Spike, he was a forlorn little lad, to be fostered. He made his way into my house very slowly, very cautiously tail tucked well under, a large collar of shame round his neck and a large gaping open sore on his back leg and so very, very thin with a dull sparse coat.

Well he made it to the kitchen and decided to take over Rigby's bed (Rigby just stood back in amazement) I spoke to him and offered him a chicken wing, he gave it a sniff and said “don't mind if I do” and it was onward and upwards from then. I think Spike had a pretty good home with me, but it's nothing to what he has now!

Spike was adopted by a lovely lady in Boston along with her daughter, I rang her a short while ago to see how he was getting on, well.....

They bought a new sofa, which Spike uses it as his day bed for an afternoon nap. He had decided from day one that her king size bed was big enough for them both: the first night he grumbled if she moved to much!!! He now has his own pillow with his name on it just to make sure he is nice and comfy.

His new owner has limited mobility, so she has someone to help her with the garden, the poor bloke takes twice as long as he has to play football with Spike as well as try and cut the grass. Spike didn't like the great outdoors but he is more than willing to take a gentle stroll round the cul – de – sac with her and, if any neighbours spot them, they bring him a tasty treat. He still loves being out and about in the car and has expanded his hobby of sight seeing

During the warmer weather, his owner gets up at about 4am to open the door to the garden. Then he can wander out if he so wishes (she has to go out last thing at night and bring all the squeaky toys in or the neighbours get a strange alarm call) He has enough toys to start his own on line business!!!



You could tell by how she spoke about him that he is the apple of her eye and they adore each other. She did hold the phone out to him and he recognised my voice, as she said he tilted his head and wagged his tail. I must say that brought tears to my eyes.

Spike came into the dog pound with his GSD sister Callie, he weighed just 9 kilos. They had very different needs so went off to separate homes. Sadly Callie passed over to rainbow bridge, at least she'd known what love and TLC was for the last year of her life.

Spike really is living the dream, loved and spoilt rotten and just what he deserves.



The Great North Dog Walk 2017

For once the weather was kind, the sun shone and the wind didn't blow—and for once Maria Hamilton didn't have to hold onto the gazebo!

There was an amazing turn out for the event, Team GSDR were out in force, raising funds and having a great day out. Here's a few of my favourite pictures from the day.....





***JOSIE AND HER MUM
MARGARET WILSON***
**Raised a huge £446.50 in
Sponsors at Great North Dog Walk**
£446.50
Sent to Gsdr NE Region



An amazing total was raised, here's a summary:
 £496.59 raised on the stall
 £191.80 sponsor money
 £598 raised on the online sponsor page by team GSDR
 £106 raised by Chrissie, Ava and little Anna
 £120 raised by Beccy McCartney
 And an HUGE amount raised by Josie & mum Margaret.



And of course there was Shep.....



Shep's got friends in the force



And has a friend for life in Beautiful Bella



Visiting the animal ambulance—don't ask!



See you next year Shep!

K-9 FUN DAY 2017



Aug 26th Sat 12pm start

Entry £5 each
For all the activities

CAMPING FRI - SUN TENT/CARAVAN £10

Have-A-Go Agility ,K-9 Games ,Tombola and Refreshment . Car boot stall.

Paw Print Promotions (T-shirts, Hoodies, Mugs and much more printed to your own requirements. own dog printed on).

Plus a Demo by David Davies a former Police Dog Handler with his Dogs.....Not to be missed !!

A chance to meet up with other members and their dogs. Have some fun with your dog on the agility and K-9 games, during the day and a get together in the evening, with a few drinks and a Take -Away.

Camping on Friday and /or Saturday night .

All money raised will go to :

German Shepherd Dog Rescue North East region

A Donation is asked of £10 for those who would like to Camp.

Any unwanted gifts or presents are most welcome for the Tombola.

Which Can be dropped off at any of the group walks

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