



Hello everyone,

Welcome to our autumn edition of the GSDR newsletter.

Well summer has been a bit of a wash out this year, it never really seemed to arrive and I was worried that it would affect rehoming, but it didn't.

In August we received a record 316 adoption forms through our website, but only 80 rehoming forms which means that we have more homes than dogs. Thankfully, many of our long term kennel dwellers found homes after waiting so long although we still have a few dogs that have been in kennels over a year.

September has also got off to a good start, so hopefully, we can find homes for those poor dogs that have waited patiently so long to be adopted.



Please spare a thought for poor Tosca who is not looking forward to spending her 3rd Christmas in kennels - unwanted and unloved.

She loves human company and gets on well with other dogs and people she meets out on her walk. She can be a little protective, but with the right home, she will overcome this.

We do not understand why she has been overlooked for so long.

I would like to thank all our supporters and volunteers who work so hard to make GSDR the success that it is.

"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons."

Best Wishes,

Jayne



Jackie Stinchcombe roped in two friends to help her at a local car boot sale, raising £212.78. One of the other sellers donated their left overs at the end of the sale so looks like the ladies might make a return visit before the season is over.

Well done ladies, fab amount raised!



Linda Wood accompanied by Chris, Emma, Karen & gorgeous boy Gadget pitched up their stall at the Danaher Fun Day in Wethersfield, Essex.

Despite the downpour, they generated a lot of interest in the rescue and raised a staggering £270.63! The lucky dips for the kids went down a storm and a few familiar faces popped by with their GSDR adopted dogs to say hi.

Not only did GSDR get a mention on local radio, Karen & Gadget made it into the newspaper too.





Alison Harrison, Gillian Marsden & Sarah Warren raised a wonderful £179 at the Moortown festival with Alison's handmade dolls proving really popular as always.

Well done ladies, great result.



Whitehouse farm dog show was the latest venue for Maria Hamilton to pitch up her stall, raising £105 for GSDR.



What do you do when your fundraising partner in crime becomes poorly and needs some time off to recover, but is worrying over money not being raised for the kennel dogs.

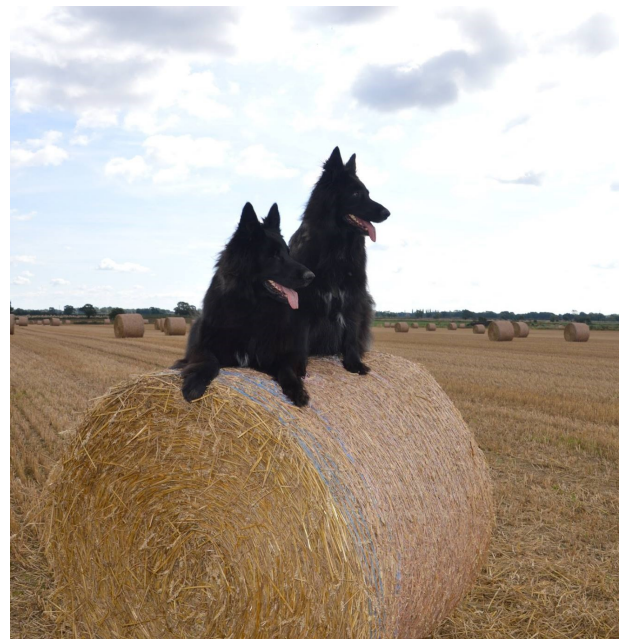
You start an appeal of course! This is what Si did, to stop Ray from worrying while he should be getting better.

And it worked, the appeal raised a staggering £1677 in donations.

Amazing result guys and now Ray can focus on getting better knowing the kennel fee's are covered.

K9 Camp was a huge success raising £1099!

Lots of fun was had by all who attended, massive thanks goes to Denise Lea for hosting yet another hugely successful event.



Occasionally we have heart rending situations to deal with. The worst, I suppose, are when a vet rings us to say that he has a dog with him that has been brought to be PTS. They do not think that this is necessary. Will we take him?

The issue is a stark one because there has to be a reason. Sometimes, it is because the owner is feckless and can't be bothered any more. One can usually guarantee then that the dog then will be in poor shape and unsocialized. Sadly we know all too much about dogs like this. When the issue is that the dog has bitten someone, then the situation takes on another layer of complexity. Naturally we ask for details of the circumstances and as much information about the dog that can be gleaned. We also go on to ask if the dog even looks like a GSD, as we do when owners approach us. With owners we always ask for photographic evidence as well: we can't rehome pit bull types. They do ask. We rehome GSDs and people come to us for our own beloved breed. It gets all the more complex when a dog isn't a GSD. So we do ask! But when you query if the dog looks like a GSD from a vet, you do expect an honest answer. I have news. Vets lie.



This is how we acquired Ronnie. He was brought to be PTS after a bite incident and he is a Rottie, as far as anyone is concerned. He has been in kennels for months with no one showing any interest in him for just this reason. He is unwanted but not unloved. He is a good boy and he has a kennel buddy who is devoted to him. They play games together and he takes him for walks. They have cuddles and, when Ronnie is tired, he naps with his buddy in his run. We are doing our best for him. But he needs a forever home. He is promoted on FB and Twitter and we are confident that there is someone who will see all his positive aspects ... someday.

He is a fine figure of a dog. The bite incident was not serious and in very predictable circumstances. His old home was not the best and he has become much calmer in kennels. He would be a companion of whom anyone could be proud. He is worth it. They all are. So, we needed this breathing space for him and all the others. There were plans for a foster home but a dog double bounced and has taken that place. We needed time ... and this is what Ronnie's stay is giving us. His new owner is out there somewhere and we just need to find him.

In the meantime, Ronnie is in kennels and the bills mount up for him and for the others, whom GSDR cares for countrywide. Sadly, Ronnie is just one example of many.

So when we get someone who is prepared to fundraise for our kennel dogs we are so grateful and delighted.

Jane Mallan is our most recent heroine. Everyone is of course. Everyone who fundraises gives time and energy and we cannot be more grateful. But Jane did it the hard way. She only went and jumped out a plane for the money! I understand that there are thrill seekers who do this kind of thing all the time: they say that it is fun. Jane is not one such. She and her firm HRGO Fenlands (Peterborough and Chatteris) decided to do this as a gesture of community goodwill. We are thrilled that Jane chose us as her cause. And we are all the more grateful, as she did so despite being terrified of heights. Can you believe it? It makes my stomach lurch just to look at her photos never mind actually do it. But she did.

Thank you so much, Jane. You truly are our heroine and the Ronnies of this world would give you their sloppy kisses of gratitude as well if they could. You do literally save lives by fundraising. We couldn't accept the dogs like Ronnie, who have reached their point of no return, if it were not for heroines like you. You buy them another chance and are their saviour. Thank you Thank you

And do you want to know how much Jane raised? Well she has had donations to her VMG page of over a thousand pounds! WTG Jane !!!!



Time for one last prayer....



And they're off into freefall.....

Charity Skydive



GSDR supporter Jane Mallan and her colleagues at HRGO Fenlands are fundraising for several charities. Jane has chosen GSDR.

We wish you all the very best! Jane THANK YOU for jumping out of a plane for the dogs.

You can support Jane's Skydive by donating here:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/www.hrgo.co.uk>

"I am terrified about throwing myself out of a plane but to save the lives of German Shepherd dogs who offer so much love unconditionally will be worth it. Please help me to help these beautiful animals who can give so much pleasure."

Jane Mallan

**Saturday, 17 August
2017
Sibson Airfield near
Peterborough**



Registered Charity Number 1141122



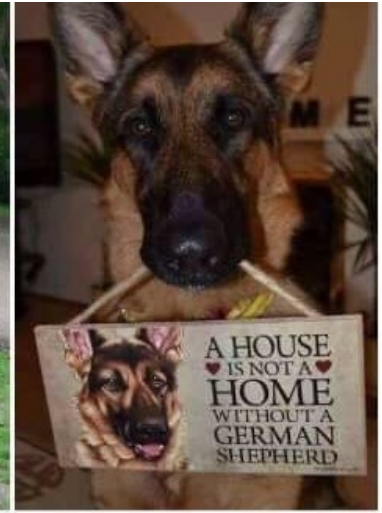
Preparations for the 2018 GSDR Calendar are underway

Do you have a GSDR dog who has a story that would be good to appear in the calendar?

Send your nominations, with a few paragraphs about their story and a good quality picture (landscape profile please) to

janinekerr@sky.com

Closing date for nominations is Sunday 17th September 2017



The GSDR East Yorkshire Walk Group are meeting for their organised walk on October 14th at 12.00.

Meeting at the Crown & Anchor Pub, Tickton, Beverley

To register your attendance please visit the Facebook page GSDR EAST YORKSHIRE WALK GROUP

There's a big raffle planned for after the walk so don't miss out!



On Sunday Alison Elphee will be pulling on her running shoes to take part in the Great North Run. If you watch the race on TV you'll see her running in a t-shirt with a GSD on the front, that'll be Henry.

Alison is running to raise money for Henry's treatment. At just two years old he's been



diagnosed with severe hip and elbow dysplasia. His family decided he was no longer wanted, registered him with a rescue but became impatient. So impatient that they registered him at another vet to be put to sleep with a claim he'd bitten a child. Thankfully this vet contacted GSDR and he was surrendered into our care—where it was discovered that he had severe and painful hip & elbow dysplasia. Poor Henry was traumatised, but our amazing volunteers worked their magic and made him realise he was safe now and found Henry the loving home he deserves. Alison is running to raise money

for the lifetime of treatment needed to keep his condition managed so that he can put his sad past behind him and look forward to a pain free future. There's still time to sponsor Alison on her just giving page by clicking [HERE](#). Good luck in the race, we'll all be looking out for Henry.

How to Contact your Area Co-ordinators

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