



Hello everyone,,

After a long dark, wet winter, it's now officially springtime so let's hope there are some nice long, sunny days to look forward to.

The winter months are always hard for rescues as people tend to put off looking for a new pet until the clocks go forward and the weather improves.

Having said that, after a quiet start in January, we have had a few good weeks for new adoptions. Of course, as one dog goes out, there always seem to be two more waiting to come in.

We are as always under pressure with the number of dogs in commercial boarding kennels where they will be housed until new homes are found. Our kennel fees are still the biggest expense for the rescue so we are grateful to all those that support us with donations.

Spare a thought again for those dogs that have been in kennels for over a year now as this is not the life for any dog - they need homes.

Please consider fostering for us as it is much better to place dogs in foster homes than put them in kennels where they will receive limited attention. It is also much easier to rehome a dog from a foster home than it is to rehome one from kennels as they are not stressed and we have much better idea of how well they adapt to home life.

The number of adoption applications so far this year is 585, the number of rehoming forms 240 but this does not include dogs taken in from other rescues and pounds etc. Less than a third of those adoption applications will go on to adopt one of our dogs, so we have more dogs than homes.....

I thank all the volunteers for their continued support and hard work in making this rescue the success that it is.

**"The fact that man knows right from wrong proves his intellectual superiority to other creatures, but the fact that he can do wrong proves his moral inferiority to any creature that cannot." Mark Twain**

Best Wishes,

*Jayne*



Huge thanks go to the members of Leeds BAGSD for their very kind donation of £507 delivered to Julie by club president Tom Walton.

The club is the largest in the country and the only specialist breed club in Leeds.

We're very grateful to be one of the charities that they support, the money will be used to help GSD's in the area.



The generous shoppers at the Cross Gates Centre dug deep into their pockets helping the team raise a staggering £569.50.

Beautiful Bella takes the credit for pulling in the crowds, keeping Gillian Marsden, Alison Harrison, Sheila Pankhurst, Pam Panther and Bella's dad Mark busy on the stall.

What an brilliant result!



Pictured is Emma, Deputy Manager of the Idle Bradford store handing over a cheque for £629.20 to Mark Panther & Bella.

Bella along with her team: Toni Pickering, Gillian Marsden, Alvin Panther, Liam Maybury and of course her dad, were in store fundraising every Saturday during December.



Team Fat Blokes with Prince raised £157 in donations at their day in Jolleys.

Prince looks very proud in his fundraising uniform!

They had a few enquiries about adopting dogs and you can't put a price on that.

Good result guys.

## Pet Safe Flowers for Spring

### BEAUTIFUL, BUT DEADLY

Daffodils Tulips Lily  
 Hyacinth Gladiolus  
 Chrysanthemum  
 Iris Hydrangea  
 Amaryllis Azalea



### PET SAFE ALTERNATIVES

Roses Sunflowers Zinnia  
 Petunia Tickseed  
 African Violet  
 Gerber Daisy  
 Snapdragon  
 Alstroemeria (Dogs only)



## An Update from the Central & North West Regions



It is so sad when older and even worse, poorly dogs land up in kennels. Poor Armin has epilepsy and was due to go back into kennels in Newport when North West couple Julia and Elliot stepped in to say "if he gets on with our GSDR girl" he can come and stay here. Armin has only been with them for a couple of days and although nervous he is loving his walks with Lu and seems to be settling really well.

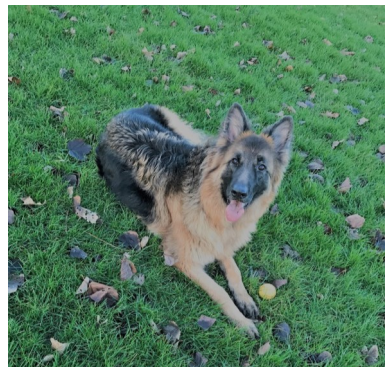
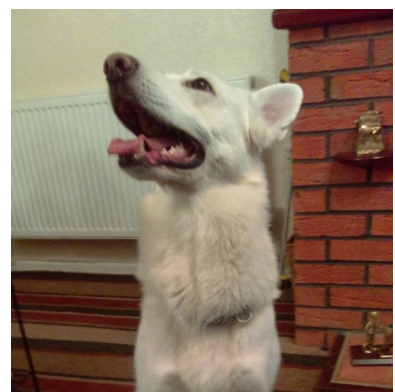
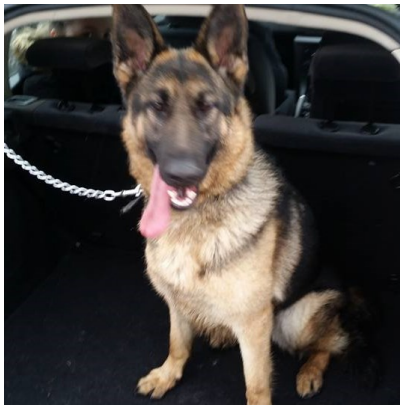
PLEASE COME FORWARD IF YOU CAN HELP FOSTER – IT REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A DOGS LIFE – THERE ARE MANY GSDR KENNEL DWELLERS IN NEED OF A SAFE WARM HAVEN.

### ***THOUGHT FOR THE DAY ...***

***Thorns may hurt you, men desert you, sunlight turn to fog;  
but you're never friendless ever, if you have a dog.***

– [Douglas Malloch](#)

**SOME HAPPY DOGS THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED SO FAR IN 2017 – thank you to everyone involved in getting these pups into loving new homes.**



# K9 Camp / Fun Day



## Saturday 6th May 2017

Copmanthorpe Kennels, Moor Lane Farm, Copmanthorpe, YORK, YO23 3TL

Overnight camping on the field is available

Also limited kennel spaces

Contact Denise to reserve your place

A chance to meet up with other members and their dogs, have some fun with your dog on agility and K9 Games during the day and a get-together on the evening with a few drinks and takeaway. Camping on the Friday and/or Saturday night for anyone who wants. All money raised is for GSDR NE Region so PLEASE any donation for Tombola or Raffle much appreciated !! (unwanted Xmas presents very welcome and can be picked up on one of the walks).

Entry fee will be £5 per person to include all agility and K9 Games or £10 per tent/caravan etc..



## Eastern Region Update

The rest of the team keep telling me that it is all my fault and that I should keep my 'great fat gob shut'! I was always saying how embarrassing it was that we had hardly any dogs on site. We had plenty of prospective adopters and the rehoming requests that we had were quickly sorted, before most of the dogs never had time to reach the site. Then tectonic plates shifted! Everything is now reversed. We don't have our usual plethora of adopters and but we do have a load of dogs, including three emergency lifts in just over week. We are not used to times like this.

It is useful, when we feel that we might be going under, to remember that we do have those wonderful 'gift moments' of rescue magic.

### **MAX: HIS STORY**

I will not hear a word to the detriment of Facebook. I know that it is the best and the worst. Yes, there are the trolls and the illiterate ranters that simply spew venom. But there is the humour: my how I laugh at that! and the lovely animal insights. But, above all, it is a major professional tool in our armoury in dog rescue. I always tell people that we are as radicalized as jihadis and share and cooperate world wide, in just the same way, with our likeminded rescuers. How many dogs owe their new lives to Facebook?

And if it were only one, I would forever be grateful for sweet Max. I cannot tell you my reaction to seeing his poor puzzled face on Preloved, advertised as 'Free to a good Home'. To be fair, his owners were ignorant and stupid rather than evil. They had no idea what this might mean for him. It was only through the good offices of Facebook that I learned that this had happened. An alert was posted on 'GSD helpline' and this popped into my newsfeed. Thank God!



As it would happen, Max's old owners had lodged a rehoming request with us at GSDR as well and so we had contact details. I got in touch with Sue, our dog coordinator, and set her upon them immediately. To say that she can be formidable is an understatement!

She told them, in no uncertain terms, what might happen to Max and instructed them to remove their advertisement immediately. They complied, of course. Whilst she was lecturing them, I set about finding a foster home for the boy. I was haunted by the image of his sweet face. They might have actually taken that photo so that they could use it to advertise him on Preloved. He might have been looking up at them, so trustingly, at the very moment that they were planning to divest

themselves of their 'problem'. He broke my heart.

They alleged that Max was an 'out of control' dog. They said that he had escaped from them and chased sheep and that he was too active and rumbustious on lead for them to control. Moreover, they said that he could not be left in the garden as he escaped (because it was not secure). I will not dignify any of this with a comment. I have said earlier that they were ignorant and that this was compounded by their stupidity. How often is this our scenario?

Nonetheless, I recounted all this faithfully to Pete and Julie. I have written about them before. They already have one foster dog, who will remain with them for life. She would be difficult to rehome anywhere, but they took pity on her. They are like that.

When I mentioned Max and his problems – the main one being his current owners – they agreed to take him immediately. Relief doesn't come near to describing my reaction. It was one of excited joy and wild exhilaration. This sweet boy was now safe!

And so Max's real life began. He was definitely to be a foster dog, as both Julie and Pete wanted to keep themselves free enough to be foster carers. But he is so sweet that they couldn't bear to have him leave them. So, they have joined the FAILED FOSTERERS club. Whooooopeeeee! for Max, and for me, as I am now at rest. I know that he lives in 'dog heaven'.

Max was said to be overactive, but they found him 'a five year old going on ten'. He has now learned to play and run and does so with increasing gusto, as he builds muscle. He was said to be a sheep worrier but he lives happily on a farm and mingles with the livestock now. He was particularly interested in the cows and used to watch them with fascination, through the windows in his early days. He has never shown any temptation to chase them though. The only time that he does chase is when the increasing pack of dogs there, led by their original young GSD bitch, run after balls. Sally is in the lead, racing to catch the ball, and Max and his elderly foster sister race after her with balls firmly in their mouths. I have always thought this is good practice, as it keeps all mouths occupied.

I frequently find myself in the middle of my daily routine suddenly remembering, with a jolt of joy, that 'sweet Max' is now safe and happy in 'dog heaven on earth'.



From Sheep worrier to babysitter—Max tends to the latest foster, a little lamb being hand reared after a difficult entrance into this world. Another Eastern miracle? I think so!



**GSDR NEEDS YOU !**



**sunday 4th June 2017**



Join the North East team at the Great North Dog Walk, take in the spectacular scenery and raise money for GSDR along the way!

Maria Hamilton will be manning the stall (or holding onto it if it's windy!)

So pop the date in your diary, it's a really great event.

**KIRKSTALL  
FESTIVAL**



**Saturday 8th July 2017 11.00 - 17.00**

**Childrens & Adults Tombola Stalls**

**Come and see us." Team North "  
Always a Great Family Day out**



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