



Beautiful 2 year old Bernadette

Love UnderDogs Newsletter



March 2014

Just £2.00 a month will feed a Shelter Dog for 1 week

Issue 10

Lorraine Pascale & Watson



At the beginning of the year Watson went off to his forever home with former Supermodel now chef, TV Presenter and best-selling Cookery Book writer Lorraine Pascale.

Lorraine is really thrilled with Watson and tells us he's a huge asset to her family. From the photographs that Lorraine sent it is clear Watson is very happy and loves Lorraine.



Love UnderDogs Fun Dog Show & Open Day

29th March 2014
Glebe Farm



Sadly we have to postpone our event on 29th March at Glebe Farm due to the fact that the paddocks are saturated and there is no way at all that they will be fit for purpose by the end of March.

We have a new date for your diaries:

Sunday May 11th

We really hope that you can join us on 11th May. It is a wonderful celebration of all of the dogs that have found their forever homes and a fabulous opportunity for us to showcase the UnderDogs who are at Glebe Farm.

It is of course an ideal chance for us to raise much needed funds. So if you are coming on the day and could make cakes or maybe you have tombola prizes that you can bring we would really appreciate your support. **Perhaps you would like to sponsor a class in the Dog Show?** Contact Pat: 0121 449 0863

Help us make this the very best Fun Dog Show and Open Day yet.



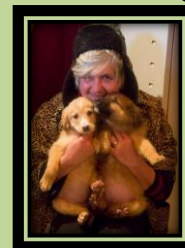
March

The days are getting longer and snow drops and daffodils are emerging, there is definitely a hint of spring in the air. Let's keep our fingers crossed that floods and storms are over for this winter. Our thoughts are with those who were flooded and have had a terrible time in the last few weeks.

APPEAL

Regular donations make all the difference in the world to Love UnderDogs. They mean we can plan and budget safe in the knowledge that we have this reliable income stream.

For as little as £2.00 a month you can feed a Shelter Dog for 1 week.



Shelter dogs and Carmen one of the brilliant Romanian team.

www.loveunderdogs.org/donate/monthly

In praise of Rescue Dogs

It is a simple fact that if you rescue a dog you will save its life. Actually it is much better than that. By rescuing him it makes space at the shelter for another dog, so in fact you are saving two lives. Most rescue dogs have had a rough start in life and because of this they can blossom into loving, confident companions in the right home. When loved and respected rescue dogs will form a lifelong bond with you and be forever grateful for their new life. They deserve a second chance.



Apollo – this cute boy is just a puppy

Research has shown that mixed breed dogs naturally have a greater genetic diversity and tend to have fewer health and behavioural issues.

When you go to choose your dog, you will come across the most varied selection you can imagine: big, small, old and young and every colour under the sun. Interestingly the dog you fall in love with may not be the one you would have thought you would pick. The personal rewards you will get from deciding to rescue are huge. Just knowing that you have saved a dog from an uncertain future is really heart warming.



White – gorgeous 10 year old boy

If you decide to adopt an UnderDog we will be with you every step of the way and will guide you through the adoption process. We will advise you as to the suitability of each dog matched against your circumstances and life style; we guarantee life time support for your dog too.

Who Rescued Who?

Rescue dogs really do know and appreciate the new start you are giving them and chances are you will feel like the one who has been rescued.

Tracey and Inka

The wonderful tale of a rescue dog

Email:

Hi Debs,

Thought you might like this little story. I am a registered care manager and some of our service-users have short term memory and dementia. A new service-user was discharged to us from another care home, her agitation levels at night were high, she wanted to go home and was unable to sleep. She was at risk of leaving the home at night.



The first night she came to us she remained settled but as the day wore on she became more distressed. I received a 4am phone call to say our home couldn't cope with her. The day supervisor contacted the mental health team and the out of hours Doctor and the lady's son. No one could soothe this lady and the mental health team had no beds available in a closed unit. If we couldn't manage she was to be moved out of county away from her son and all other family and friends.

On Monday Inka came into the home with her Winnie the Pooh duvet and toys to spend the morning with me. Inka wanders around the home now and although shy walks up to service-users and will sit next to them if it suits her. Inka is calm, doesn't ever beg for food and never jumps up on them.

The lady started to settle, over the next couple of days she would ask to see the little black dog, staff started to talk to her about her life, it turns out that she was a land girl in the war and was responsible for looking after all the farm animals which she loved.

When her social worker visited she asked me to try settling her in for two weeks. Two weeks later the lady told her son and social worker that she would remain in the home and the only reason she had not left was because of the little black dog. Inka with her loving amiable personality has been responsible for keeping a family together.

On the social workers report Inka is mentioned along with how all the staff have gone an extra mile to settle her in.

It is lovely to be able to tell you this little tale; it just shows how many lives Love UnderDogs touches.

We will keep in touch, Take care, Tracey



Underdogs Poppy (left) and Murphy (right)



All Allen's Christmas' came at once

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Vlad – what can we say?

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Long term residents

We are at a complete loss as to explain why a few of our UnderDogs have not found their forever home. Andy is one such boy; he has been with us for far too long

This one year old is a happy go lucky chap, a lot of fun and really needs a family to settle in with. He has masses of love to give to humans and other dogs.



Andy's ideal home would be one with older children and dogs. He walks really well on the lead and is very eager to please so very 'trainable'. We love the picture below; it was taken at Glebe Farm as he was having a wonderful time practising his agility moves with Shannon.



Pet Shop Bowl contacted us recently and told us that they had 30 bags of Dog Food that they wanted to donate to us. We arranged for collection and it was sent to Romania on the February Transport. It was just what the shelter needed.

We want to say thank you very much indeed for the generosity and kindness of Pet Shop Bowl.

<http://www.petshopbowl.co.uk>
<https://www.facebook.com/petshopbowl>

Thank you Mike Baller

In spite of a calf injury Mike Baller completed the Brighton Half Marathon on Sunday 16 February in under 2 hours. Not only that, he and his supporters raised an amazing £567 for Love UnderDogs.



Everyone at Love UnderDogs sends a huge thank you to Mike and his supporters. Well done guys.

Thank you



Julie Cross (see article right) contacted Health Counter to ask for support for Love UnderDogs and we were thrilled when Alex contacted us.

Not only have they sent us masses of wonderful waterproof dog coats and food, they sent Dog Bags too. We hadn't seen them before, they are towelling bags that you can put your entire wet, dirty dog in to dry and cleangenius!

As if that wasn't enough they have created a Blog and put us on their Pinterest Pin Board.

They intend to send more supplies and we could not be more delighted. Alex together with Roshal have gone to so much trouble to support us, we are thrilled to be working with the Health Counter and so grateful of their support and generosity.

A huge thank you from Love UnderDogs

<http://www.thehealthcounter.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/thehealthcounter>



To date we have rescued and rehomed 326 dogs and cats and counting.....

THANK YOU



As an organisation we have the most wonderful support in every aspect of our work. However there are two women who go above and beyond.

Barbara Sears is well versed in the art of scrounging (her words!) and travels far and wide collecting the goodies she has persuaded people to part with and delivering them to Glebe Farm. She also does Car Boot Sales to raise money for Love UnderDogs. She supports us in every way she can, including travelling to Calais on our last transport.



Julie Cross is our Queen of letter writing and has generated masses of donations of food, medical supplies, cleaning products, everything from a collapsible Dog Kennel from Australia to gift vouchers for a fabulous Dog Store on the Upper West Side in Manhattan, NY. She too travels to collect supplies and delivers them to us. Like Barbara she works tirelessly for Love UnderDogs.



The time and effort that these women put in to supporting Love UnderDogs is immeasurable and invaluable. It is not only the fact that they provide us with much needed supplies but the PR they generate is immense.

A HUGE THANK YOU

to Barbara and Julie from the Love UnderDogs team.

If you would like to help Love UnderDogs please contact:
pat@loveunderdogs.org



Love UnderDogs World News

Signs warn dog owners of killer disease.

If you walk your dogs in the New Forest you may well have seen signs warning of the dangers of a mysterious disease that has led to the deaths of 13 dogs across the country in the last few months.

Owners are urged to take their dogs to the vets if they see lesions on their legs, paws or face.



Theresa, our wonderful volunteer vet and Shannon checking all is well with the new arrivals.

Vets say the disease - which can lead to kidney failure - is similar to "Alabama Rot", which was first seen in the US in the 1980s. The source of the disease is unknown. The majority of the dogs that died in the past year were in the New Forest, but there were also others in Surrey, Cornwall, Worcestershire and County Durham.

The notices say owners should take their dog to a vet even if the lesions appear a week after a walk. Alabama Rot had been associated with greyhounds, but the deaths in Britain in the past year have affected a variety of breeds.

Our advice is to check your dog regularly for any signs of lesions.

Woman's Best Friend: Sniffing out Ovarian Cancer

Ivanhoe (Feb. 3, 2014) — Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women in the U.S. The silent killer is often diagnosed too late and will kill 14,000 women this year. Find out how specially trained dogs could help sniff out the disease. **Amazing viewing** <http://pennvetwdc.org/research/research-projects/ovarian-cancer-detection/>

**Penn Vet Working Dog Centre
Philadelphia US**

Dynamic Duos

Back in September of last year we appealed for homes for our dynamic duos 'Rick & Roby' and 'Apple & Sweetpea'.

Rick & Roby



The wonderful Barbara Sears has adopted the old gentlemen Rick and Roby and they are bringing her much joy. They have settled in so well and love family life. Barbara clearly adores these boys and we could not have imagined a better outcome for them.

Apple and Sweetpea



This gorgeous tri-paw pair have been adopted by Alison Rigby with the help of the Tripawds UK Rescue. They are doing incredibly well in their new home and Sweetpea is even copying Apple in the 'cuddle on the sofa with Mum'. It is particularly special that these two girls are together as they helped each other so much through their rehabilitation.



Thank you to [Tripawds UK Rescue](http://www.tripawdsukrescue.com) for their outstanding work.

If you would like to know more about adopting an UnderDog please contact: deb@loveunderdogs.org

Petplan®

Love UnderDogs has joined the Petplan charity scheme and feel that it will benefit our new owners and our charity. Petplan offer 4 weeks free insurance which is perfect when you first adopt a dog or cat. If you choose to insure your cat or dog with them they offer competitive rates.

They have over thirty years experience and donate a commission to Love UnderDogs when someone takes out a policy with them and quotes our Charity reference number.

The leaflets with all of the information are available at Glebe Farm or you can contact us at the office and we will post one to you.

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A huge thank you to Dru and everyone at the Big Dog Bed Company for their recent donations.

We received a beautiful large bed which will be ideal for our older dogs and masses of salmon oil – again wonderful for oldies.

We really appreciate the support of the Big Dog Bed Company

<http://www.bigdogbedcompany.co.uk/>



Bon-Bon

12 year old Bon-Bon arrived in February and is a sweet natured, gentle giant. We are determined to find him a home. He truly deserves to be loved and cared for. For more information Contact Debs; deb@loveunderdogs.org



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