

Harry, 1 year old loveable boy.

Harry came to us in December 2012 and found a lovely home. Sadly, his family's circumstances changed and he is now back with us hoping to find his forever family.

Harry is a gorgeous boy, full of energy, looking for an active home where he can be his charming self. Harry is perfect with people and dogs, though he cannot share with cats. We would love to see him in a home with canine siblings as he enjoys their company so much. Harry does need more lead training, as he is very strong and a real puller at the moment, but he is a good listener and responds well to commands.

He is looking for a very active family that can keep up with him. In return they will get an amazing, smart and very playful dog. Harry is looking for a home with children over 10 years of age, as he is a big bouncy lad. He is fully house trained and perfect in the car. Harry is also crate trained, and it is where he was used to sleeping at night and when alone in the house.

Harry's little life philosophy: **'Never ever underestimate the importance of having fun'**



Harry is one of the coolest dudes at the pool for sure!

Location: Nuneaton, Warwickshire

TO ADOPT HARRY, please email: deb@loveunderdogs.org or fill in an application form online under the 'adopt' section of the website www.loveunderdogs.org.

VISIT HARRY AND HIS FRIENDS at Glebe Farm Kennels in Warwickshire. Be sure to call Sheena before hand on 01827 712812 to make an appointment.

Address:
Glebe Farm Kennels and Cattery
Birchley Heath Road Birchley Heath,
CV10 0QY Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

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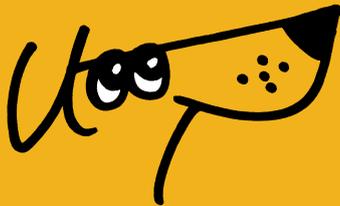
WHAT A BUSY MONTH THIS WILL BE FOR UNDERDOGS!

We have our fun dog show originally scheduled on the 11th of May, and now postponed till the 25th May. All welcome, with or without dogs and of course many of our friends who found forever happiness will join us on the day too. Love Underdogs is proud to cultivate a nice atmosphere where many families stay in touch after having adopted one, two or three underdogs.

Only the other week Mariuca was having tea with Butch and Sasha and Ace and Wilfy were hanging out on the beach with Johnny. Love Underdogs is at the heart of many friendships, and we love it! Our reunions are always a good opportunity for all to have a nice catch up with friends and to get their photo taken together.

Mid May we also have another puppy transport so look out for the newbies coming to have better lives in the UK and Jensen our old friend who is about 10 years old will be joining the little ones on their Journey.

Love an Underdog!



On their way to the UK

A couple of Sweethearts joining the next transport:



Ferris

Remember Ferris (6 months old)? He was due to come to us on the April transport but sadly had the flu and could not board the van on departure day. Better luck next time Ferris and we look forward to seeing you with us mid May!



Jessie

Jessie is 5 months old and the little unfortunate girl is sadly missing one of her front legs. Hopefully someone will love her just like she is.

Our dogs cannot be reserved prior to their arrival in the UK, but we prioritise interest. Please fill in an application form online to express interest about adopting any of our dogs.

www.loveunderdogs.org/take-action/adopt-a-dog/

Looking for love



We have a number of long termers with us in the UK awaiting love at kennels.

Name: **BUMBLE**

Age: **10**

Children: **No**

Dogs?: **Quiet friends only**

Cats?: **No**

UK Vet Checked: **Yes**

Neutered: **Yes**

Micro chipped: **Yes**

Passport: **Yes**



Gina Donaldson will be running the Liverpool Rock'n Roll half marathon for our Underdogs this month.

Miles for Smiles

Gina and her friend Misha, training for Love Underdogs
If you are able to hold a fundraising event or take part in a challenge for us, please contact michelle@loveunderdogs.org and we will be happy to support your efforts.

GOOD FOSTERERS ARE LIKE GOLD DUST!

There is a saying amongst rescues: Good fosterers are like gold dust! They are an incredibly important part of rescue, they enable our dogs to have a rest from kennels and to have a better understanding of their temperament in a home.

The dogs get lots of one to one which will see them progress much more rapidly than at kennels, even though the kennel team work very hard to help them come on. There is just no place like a home to iron out any issues and set our rescues up to a good start! Katie Evans, is one of our fosterers and is just that: heaven sent gold dust! She has fostered Tabita, Diamond and Sammy, who all lived alongside her own rescue collies Toby, Cassie and Benji.

They are now all happily rehomed. Their facebook pages set up and admined by Katie helped these dogs get fantastic exposure. Even our Sammy, one of our long termers, with absolutely no interest, was shown in the light she deserved to be and found a fantastic family of her own who adore her. Fostering requires a great deal of commitment and it is of course a very emotional journey as they will always move on at some point.

If you are interested in fostering for Love Underdogs, you will need to be located no further than half an hour from the kennels, in Birchley Heath, Warwickshire. To apply please email deb@loveunderdogs.org and she will send you a questionnaire to fill in.

Picture of Month

We love this picture of Milly by Sue. Milly was adopted in April last year.



Katie & Sammy

Katie says



I love fostering, it's so rewarding. Often people will ask me how I can let the dogs go, isn't it hard not to get attached? I won't pretend that it's not hard when the time comes, and yes I cry every time, but I'm not crying because it's a loss. I'm crying because I've been a part of helping a dog on their journey to a new life. To see Sammy go to her forever home after 7 years of waiting was the most wonderful experience. I can't describe how proud I feel to be part of that.'



Not a week goes by that a cardboard box with lots of abandoned puppies isn't left at the door of the shelter. Little orphans hoping that life will be ok.



The Puppy Love Program

Love Underdogs is partnered with one shelter, the Victory shelter in Brasov ran by AMP. www.ampbears.ro

The shelter offers a refuge to an average of 500 to 600 dogs at any one time. Love Underdogs was set up to help the many unwanted dogs who were not chosen to go to other rehoming organisations in Germany or France due to stricter criteria.

We felt that the UK would be a good place for these unwanted animals and hence set up Love Underdogs to specifically help the so called 'less adoptable pets'.

One of the problems for the rehoming organisations are young dogs between 8 months and 2 years, who arrived at the shelter as puppies, have grown up at the shelter, have no socialisation skills and are full of energy.

This is a very difficult group of dogs to rehome as they are not puppies anymore but require all the work that a puppy would and more. Love Underdogs took the view that it would be better to take in as many puppies out of the shelter whilst they are still very young, enabling us to find them a home and for them to grow in a family, learning all the skills at a very young age. We have now got a section of the kennels at Glebe Farm Kennels permanently reserved for our puppies.

As soon as they have been rehomed we bring in the next ones, who are ready after their sets of vaccines. This enables us to make a real impact, reducing the number of youngsters growing at the shelter becoming difficult cases to rehome. With an average of 30 to 50, sometimes more of small puppies being rescued every month by AMP we have our work cut out! Our Underdogs are however very very dear to us, we know them well, and we have a list of around 130 who need to come out as and when we have spaces for them.

Don't forget to come to us for the less pretty, older, bigger, wonkier pets who have had a hard life but equally deserve our love and attention.

Tell your friends about them too.

For those of you who missed this story on our facebook, this month was full of adventures for our Romanian partners AMP.

Bear Rescue

Two little bear cubs had to be rescued from the forest where they had been orphaned through hunting. Sadly a common story across the world for bears, where mothers are killed leaving behind defenceless cubs who are either left or taken into substandard captive conditions. AMP, our Romanian partners in addition to their dog project and shelter also manage one of the most beautiful bear sanctuaries in the world. www.ampbears.ro



Cristina Lapis president and founder of the Romanian organisation AMP with the two rescue bear cubs.

They have in their care 78 rescued bears living in 70 hectares of forest nestled in the Transylvanian mountains. The cub rescue was headed by Cristina Lapis, president of AMP herself. After having spent a couple of days under vet supervision, they were picked up by rehabilitation expert, Leonardo Berezky, who collected them up in his small Cessna plane. Leonardo lives in an isolated area of the Carpathian mountains and teaches orphaned bear cubs all the life skills that their mother would have otherwise done.

The process takes about two years of gradual introduction to the forest until they are released for good to live normal bear lives.

They are doing very well and have joined a group of ten other little orphans. We wish these two a happier journey going forward and are grateful to our partners for their endless dedication to save

This rescued bear lives a peaceful life at the Libearty sanctuary.



A different stroke

THIS IS MARIUCA, ADOPTED
BY PATSI AND RICK WAITE

How could we possibly imagine how life would turn out for some of the most unfortunate dogs in the world, underdogs born with so little hope of a nice future ahead yet for some, the journey has led them to have their own portrait done.



The beautiful Mariuca at home.
Life is looking up for our Mariuca.



Mariuca drawn by Lisa Ann Watkins,
www.animalartbylaw.co.uk

At the Victory shelter in Romania



Last month, our partners AMP with the support of Love Underdogs report the following:

57 dogs in total were neutered, of which 26 have owners and 31 are from the shelter.

369 dogs were vaccinated at the shelter.

66 dogs taken in.

2 bears rescued and sent to a rehabilitation center.

Dr Ciprian Coccianu administers flea treatments.

Our little philosophy

Since our adventure with the dogs started, we have been asked many times what makes Romanian dogs worthy of saving, when so many British dogs are abandoned every year.

Indeed why dogs, when children need help? Why animals, when hospitals are struggling? Why one species over another?

In truth, there is no good answer. Many of our team, amazing volunteers and generous donors believe many causes are worthy, and donate, help or volunteer for other organizations. Children do need food and love, hospitals do need funds, dogs and cats here and abroad need help and pain and suffering must be alleviated wherever possible. We all have different sensibilities and different things make us sad or tug at us until we feel compelled to act. That is what gives us hope that we can change the world, it is one of the singular wonders of the human spirit. Let us never change the fact that we are different, but let us all help where we think we should or can.

Here we like to think of the world as a large garden that needs tending to.

There are vegetable patches, roses, tulips, long grasses, meadows, hedges and trees of all kinds. Everyone has a favourite spot, where they feel at one with the garden. We have ours and share the care of it with many people. Once in a while, we look up from our work, and take a long walk to visit other parts of the garden and appreciate the hard work and care that has gone into making them more beautiful.

These visits into other causes are full of tears, joy and gratitude for what other people accomplish, for the love they give and the heartbreak they suffer in order to bring their flowers to bloom. If we can, we will happily share tools and water because the tranquility of our humble spot, the beauty of our growing plants, can only be enhanced by the rest of the garden. Let us all be gardeners together and battle the elements, the destructive diseases and draughts. Let the good that can be done come to fruition in whatever shape or form. We have good will and compassion in common and that is far stronger than anything that might separate us.

Take a walk, see where your heart leads you, be it a child, a stray, a family member, and know that it all counts.

For everyone at Love Underdogs, every compassionate act is celebrated as a victory; every step in the right direction, a joyful journey; every human kindness, a thank you letter. If you feel that your family can give a forever home for a soul in need of love, it does not matter to us where you chose to adopt from as long as you adopt.

Much love to all from Love Underdogs

When I needed a hand I found your paw... that's why you're so precious to me.



Thank You Pets Corner Kidderminster



This fantastically generous shop is donating their unsold food to Love Underdogs! Big thanks, you guys are super!

DONATE
JUST £2
a month



YOUR GIFT OF £8.00 could buy the necessary vaccines to immunise a stray dog in Romania for an entire year, giving him a much greater chance of survival.

£20.00 could feed a dog at the shelter in Romania wholesome, nutritious food for 2 months.

A GIFT OF £70.00 could transport a stray dog in Romania to our kennels here in the UK, a distance of 1,614 miles.

Your donations all count. Consider donating £2 a month and make a difference with us.

www.loveunderdogs.org/donate/