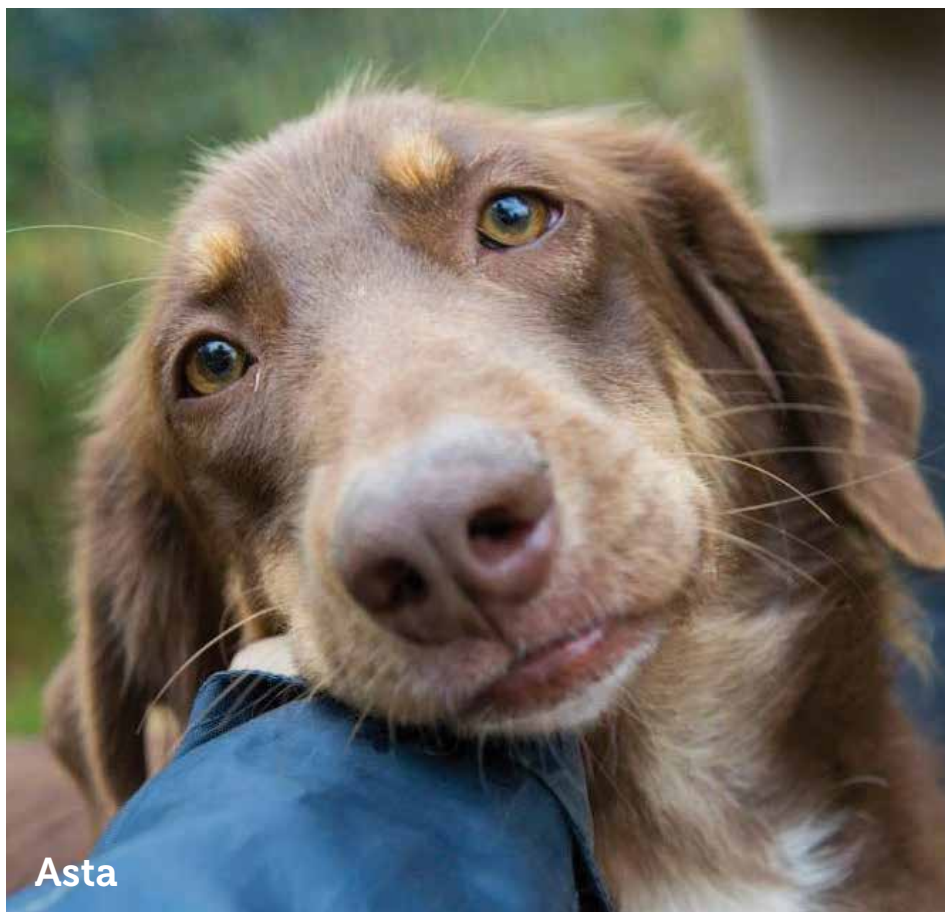




Asta

October's special girl is Asta, a stunning 2 year old girl, looking for the perfect family to help her settle into life in the UK.

She is an active, lively girl, who enjoys nothing more than having a mad run in the paddock and playing tug with her friend Cognac. She is also rather keen on her Sunday meal, which includes everyone's favourite: sausages! She does love her food and will learn new things quickly with the help of a few treats. Asta is looking for an active family, with no cats or young children, where she can be her happy bouncy self.

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

Visit Asta and her friends at Glebe Farm kennels in Warwickshire. Be sure to call Sheena beforehand on 01827 712812 to make an appointment.

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

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Forever in our hearts

It is with immense sadness that we have to share with you the passing of the gorgeous Brenda on the 29th of October.

Brenda was planned as our dog of the month on our early draft of this month's newsletter and we are sorry to be relaying such news. Brenda had liver disease and had lost weight in the last week. Her liver had finally failed her and we made the decision to let her pass away peacefully. We stayed with her for her final moments and she was bright eyed and lovely

to the end. She will be cremated and we will collect her ashes. The whole team is utterly heartbroken.

The team would like to thank everyone who have sent us kind messages following our facebook post. It means a lot to us all. It is quite a wonderful thing to think that a little dog like Brenda who whilst she had no family of her own ended up very much loved by so many who knew her, spent time with her everyday, walked her and cared for her and in her passing away was in the thoughts of thousands of people.

She might have started her life with nobody, but she went on to rainbow bridge with the love of so many of us. It makes what we do together meaningful.



Thank You

October

Summer is most definitely over! There have been some wonderful moments; we swam in the sea, paddled in the pool, ran across flower fields, sunbathed and chillaxed!

Fun was had, rosettes won and we all appreciated a real sunny season.

Autumn brings colours, fun in the leaves and cosy times by the fire place. We have been very busy at Underdogs since our last Newsletter; we had a couple of lovely fun days, many dogs

found fabulous homes and we are getting ourselves ready for the mad dash to Christmas.

This is an important time of the year for us when we try to take in as many vulnerable dogs, old dogs, puppies and dogs in need of vet treatments. We

look forward to our transport in early November with 19 lovely Underdogs boarding, some of them who would have waited a long time.

Please keep sharing our dogs on facebook and spreading the word for us to save lives.

Chester (was Hercules), immortalised in an award winning portrait.

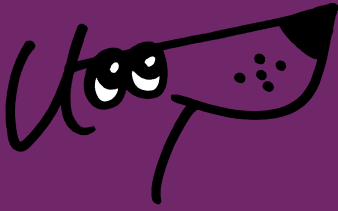
We received this great email from Chester's mum and we had to share it with you! Street dogs make the best models :)

"I had a bit of good news today. I submitted the painting of Chester into a national competition - the Over 60's Art Awards and have just learned that I have won a prize! I called the painting 'I love an Underdog - Chester, My Little Romanian Rescue', and accompanied the painting with a small paragraph about Love Underdogs. I have been invited to a presentation at the House of Lords on 8th October. Submission was by digital photograph and so I expect to see a larger than life little Underdog on display. But then my little underdog is larger than life! Both John and I remain besotted!! He is so comical - Chester that is - but then John is quite amusing too! - Julie"



Chester's portrait featured at the House of Lords earlier this month.

SPONSOR A SHELTER DOG



www.loveunderdogs.org/donate/sponsor-dog/

Can you support our dogs in kennels?

This last month has been wonderful for the Underdogs team as we saw many long termers find homes! It is so heart warming and keeps us all going.

We waved goodbye to White, Saffron, Amber and Yol. Higgs also packed his suitcase which was lovely. On the flip side, we saw some of our dogs who had been rehomed a long while back come back to us. Life sometimes takes unexpected turns and good families find themselves in a position where they cannot keep their dog. Love Underdogs always take our boys and girls back and help them find loving homes again. Rescue backup for life is a vital part of our work and an important safety net for our dogs.

One of the things most important to Love Underdogs is the continued support from dog lovers who choose to sponsor kennel dogs.

It really makes a huge difference to the rescue, it enables us to offer sanctuary and rehabilitation to more dogs in need.

You can get involved through the sponsor a dog scheme and keep up to date with our friends in need of help.



Buddha

LOVE UNDERDOGS REUNION SEPTEMBER 28TH 2014



The Love Underdogs September reunion was a great success and we thank you all who came along!

See you next year, 28th June 2015 :)

Tango Treats

Tango and his mum made the trip all the way from the Highlands to join us on our show day in September which was a real treat in itself. Now talking about treats, they brought with them some fabulous homemade dog biscuits. We had to ask for the recipe so we could share it with you. They were incredibly popular with the four legged clients!

NOTE: These need to be kept in the fridge and consumed within 3 days of making :)



Masterchef winner.

Thank you for sharing your recipes!

Sweet Potato Dog Biscuits

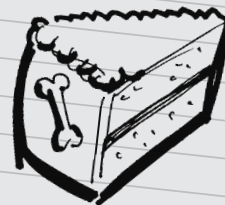
- 1 cup of sweet potatoes, boiled and mashed.
- 1.75 cups whole wheat flour (or gluten free flour if wished).
- 1 egg, beaten.

Heat oven to 180C.

Stir ingredients together in large bowl until dough forms. Roll out to around 1/4" thick and cut biscuits with whatever shape you fancy. Place on tray lined with parchment paper and bake 'til golden brown – around 40 mins.

Cheese, Carrot and Parsley Dog Biscuits

- 70g cheese, grated.
- 1 large carrot, grated.
- Large bunch of parsley, finely chopped, including stalks.
- 3 tbsps olive oil.
- 300g wholemeal flour.
- Approx 180ml hot chicken stock.



Heat oven to 180C.

Mix the cheese, carrot and parsley, then mix in the oil. Add the above mixture to the flour and mix well. Gradually add the stock and mix until it forms a dough. Knead together then turn out on to lightly floured surface and roll out to around 0.5cm thick. Cut biscuits and place on baking tray lined with parchment paper and bake until golden brown approx. 30 to 40 mins.

Enjoy :)

Medication Appeal

We are always in need of medication. We welcome all, new and open packs. We even welcome out of date medication: the vet team in Romania will know what to do with it.

The address for sending any medication is:

Glebe Farm Kennels
Birchley Heath Road
Birchley Heath
Nuneaton
Warwickshire
CV10 0QY UK

Many thanks!



Fundrazr

Winter will soon be upon us and the shelter in Romania is hoping to complete a row of new kennels in good time to improve the lives of some long term residents.



The old pens have been taken down and the concrete base has been poured.

The old cages needed to be replaced, the floors were cracked making cleaning very difficult and leaving the dogs standing on wet surfaces permanently, with ensuing pad issues and discomfort.

We are looking to raise **£2500** towards the project.

The new kennels will open onto a large grassy area where the dogs will be able to do some free running and enjoy some social times outside of their kennels. We hope that this will help with the dogs' rehabilitation, making them more adoptable too.

To help, you can donate towards this particular fund on our Fundrazr link:

<https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/fsL13>

Thank you for your generous support this is much needed for dogs who live in very basic conditions.



Proposed plan for the new cages



The old cages backing onto a field.



On their way to the UK



Freya
is now 2 years old

The Love Underdogs team have been aware of Freya for two years.

It really is time for her to come to the UK. Freya was rescued as a puppy in June 2012 by our colleague in Romania, Cîrprian David.

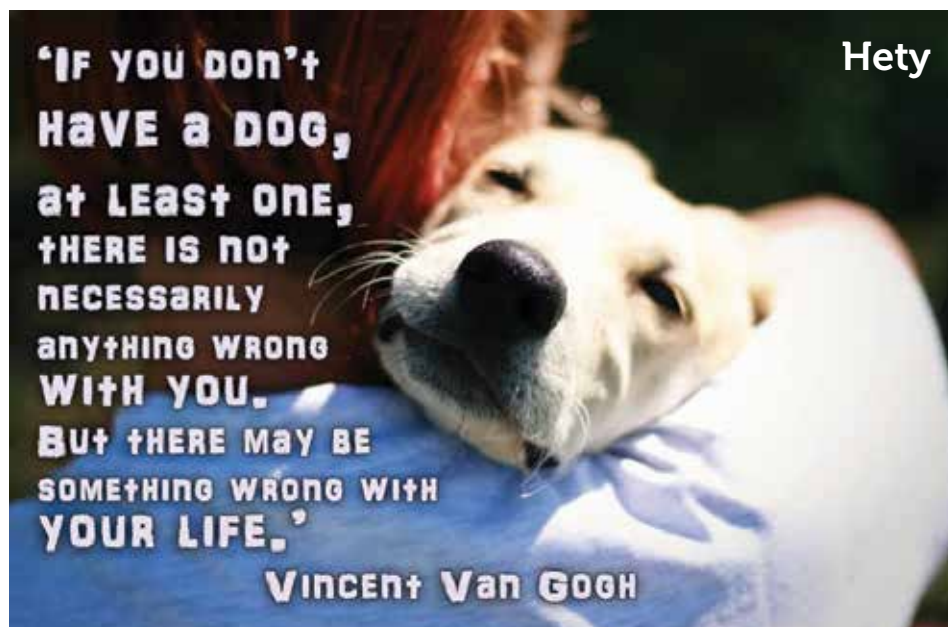
It took him 3 days to get her out of a hole where she had been trapped for quite a while. She was very scared and wouldn't let anyone near her.

She is still very nervous and will need to be rehabilitated at the kennels in the UK first.

Freya has the gift of beauty and we know that once she feels better about the world she will make a wonderful pet.



Freya's rescue in June 2012 when she was only a little puppy.



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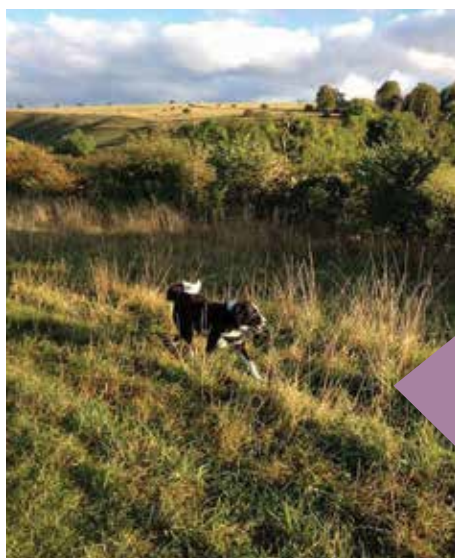
Hety will be with us early November - she is a 6 month old puppy.

**FOLLOW
OUR LEAD!**



We post pictures of all our rehomed dogs on facebook so be sure to give us a follow:

[facebook.com/LoveUnderdogs](https://www.facebook.com/LoveUnderdogs)



Bean Update

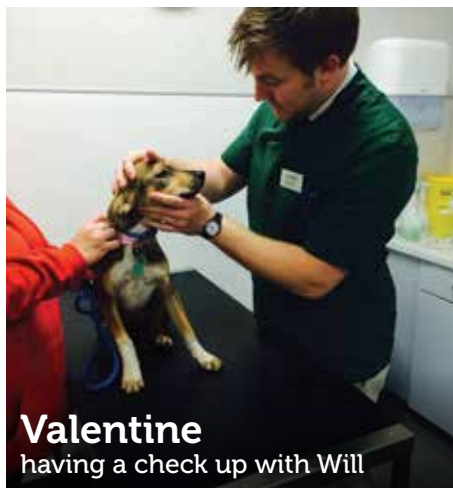
On our last newsletter we featured Bean who is now living a very happy and fulfilled life with his new family. We thought you'd like to see him doing so well!

Underdogs at the vets

At Love Underdogs we pride ourselves in the care we give our animals.

One of the remits with our Romanian partners is to take on dogs in need of specialist veterinary treatment, such as orthopaedic and spinal surgery.

We currently await 3 dogs from the Victory shelter to come to us before Christmas who will most definitely need surgeries. We work with one of the very best clinic in Europe, The Willows specialist referral clinic, who offer first class care.

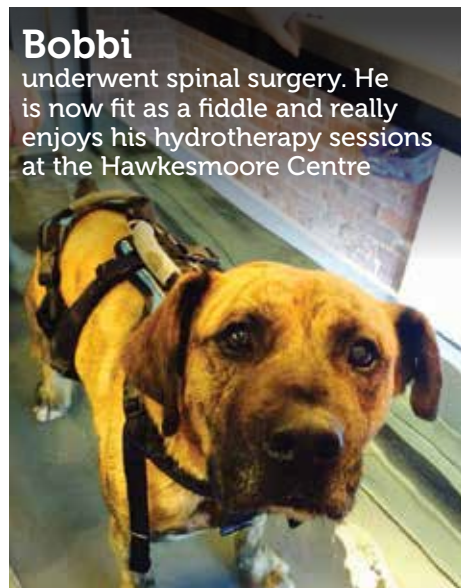


Valentine
having a check up with Will

In the last 3 months, the team attended 86 vet appointments, including 3 CT scans, 2 MRI scans, one endoscopy, 4 X-rays, 2 orthopaedic surgeries, a spinal surgery, a liver surgery and an amputation.

We currently have 7 dogs under medical care including Carla who will now retire with us having been diagnosed with a wobbler syndrome. We also have 2 dogs, Bobbi and Jolie twice a week at hydrotherapy for a period of ten weeks.

It is important to us that our dogs get the best level of care whilst with us and we try to get them as well as possible before going for adoption.



Bobbi
underwent spinal surgery. He is now fit as a fiddle and really enjoys his hydrotherapy sessions at the Hawkesmoore Centre

Rescue review winner

RescueReview.co.uk is a wonderful site where adoptive families can leave a review of their rescue experience. We encourage our families to share their review of our rescue on the site, to enable us to better ourselves and our processes of course. This feedback also helps prospective families get a better feel for what others have experienced with us.

Rescue Review run a yearly competition and the winner of the 2013/14 'food for a year' prize was won by a really beautiful boy, Brad, who is an Underdog of course.

Brad has very generously donated his prize, which is a years supply of

food by James Wellbeloved to Love Underdogs. So a big thank you to Brad, his family, Rescue Review and James Wellbeloved Pet food. It was a lovely gesture.



Brad

2015 FUN DOG
SHOW AND
UNDERDOG
REUNION



28TH JUNE 2015

Next year we are planning only one fun dog show and reunion, but a really fantastic one with lots more going on.

Add this date to your diary and come along to meet the team, see some old friends, participate in the fun dog show and have some food with us all.

We welcome stalls, first come first served, please email:
zara@loveunderdogs.org

VACCINES AND CASTRATIONS AT THE SHELTER

Our partners at the Victory shelter report the following figures in the last quarter:

Jul 14:	Neutered:	107 dogs
	Intake:	69 dogs
	Vaccinated :	121 dogs
Aug 14:	Neutered:	50 dogs
	Intake:	31 dogs
	Vaccinated :	52 dogs
Sep 14 :	Neutered:	105 dogs
	Intake:	90 dogs
	Vaccinated :	135 dogs



Picture of Month

Tess loves her teddy.



Yubi walked down the aisle.

Love Underdogs would like to congratulate Yubi's mum and dad, Helene and Ryan on their wedding. xxx

Yubi walked down the aisle proudly and of course went on honeymoon with her newly wed parents.



Heston's jam

We love to share quirky stories about our Underdogs' new lives with you!

Here is Heston showing off his jam. He even has his own vodka too! His mum and dad, Lisa and Kevin, make their own produce for their family and friends. Of course Heston (named after Heston Blumenthal) is the ambassador and poster boy.

How Cute!



Love Underdogs recommend..



The firework season is looming!

Love Underdogs welcome many dogs who suffer from anxiety and stress, mainly due to their history.

Over the last 18 months we have looked into all sorts of therapies, diets and supplements to help along. We have lavender bags on all our kennels, we did some tests with nutrition, DAP collars, diffusers, calming music, reiki, aromatherapy, Bach flower remedy, Crystal therapy, you name it, we've tried it!

All of them probably had some effect, but out of all our trials one product really made a difference to many of our dogs. This product is Nupafeed.

With the firework season looming, many must be looking for ways of helping their pets. Equally many of us have dogs who do suffer from stress and could benefit from a natural product that will make a notable difference. This is an unsolicited recommendation from us. We have genuinely seen a difference in many of our dogs about 3 weeks into the course. If your dog is anxious or stressed out, it is definitely worth a try.

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a month?

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Thank you ☺



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