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Pictured: Diesel. Diesel is currently looking for his forever home - is it with you?



Albert having a hug



finn and his sister, Poppy



Jess having fun



Uona (brown and white, blue eyed) and her new friends



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OUR FAVOURITE PHOTOS FROM YOU...



Roberta (front) having a paddle

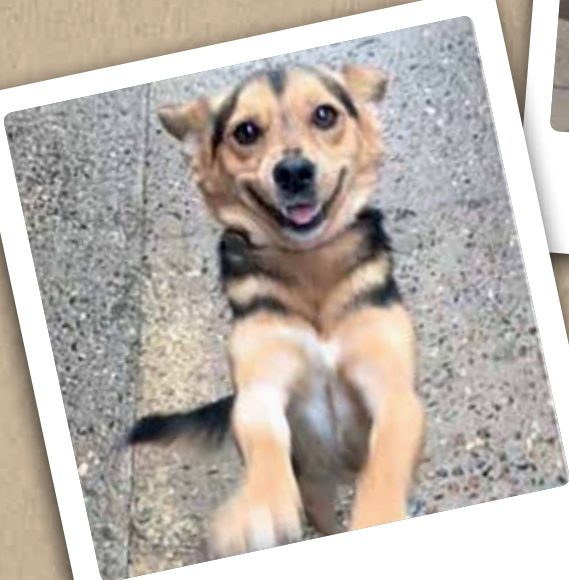


Luca having a snooze



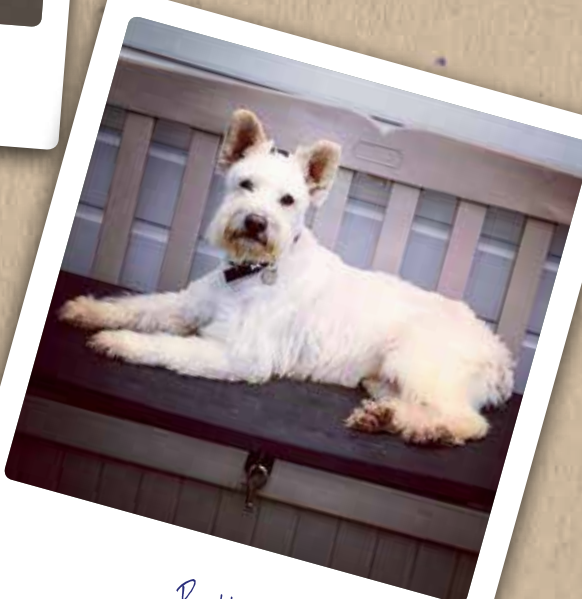
Jock (brown and white) and friends on the beach

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www.facebook.com/LoveUnderdogs
 Please keep sending them in!

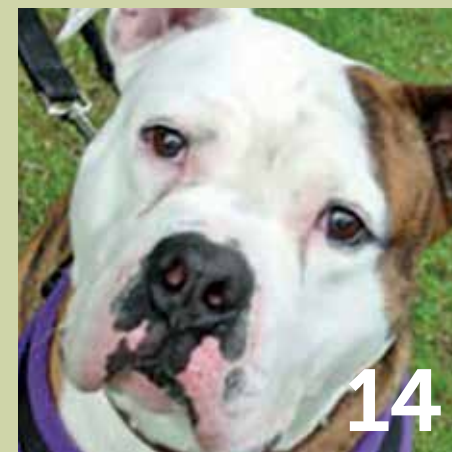


Paulie

...AND A COUPLE FROM US



Robbie



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Underdogs Update

Make a difference to dogs who have nothing and nobody.
Love Underdogs rely on your donations to continue our work.
Thank you ☺

CAN YOU SPARE
£3
a month?



Since our last catch up in the summer, we have been getting on with our rehoming here in the UK, as well as supporting our partners in Romania with their new project: managing the public shelter of Zarnesti.

We are delighted to have rehomed almost all of the long termers, dogs who had been with us between 8 months and 3 years.

So in September we welcomed a new transport from Romania, 26 wonderful dogs mainly adults who had been waiting for their turn a long time and a few youngsters.

As always when our dogs arrive, we are busy taking the ones needing medical attention to the vets and various specialists to have the necessary treatments and operations, and of course coordinating visits of families looking to adopt them.

More will be arriving in November 2016 and January or February 2017.

Generally, we are now getting into a bit of a rhythm both here and in Romania. The private shelter of Victory in Brasov, is now almost completely refurbished, the team out there is managing to keep the place spotless, the individual care has been improved, the dogs spend more time out of their pens, they are being groomed, they are learning to walk on the lead, which means that their quality of life whilst at the shelter in Romania is improved and they come to us better prepared.

We funded the construction of a cattery building this Autumn. We are not really best placed to take cats in the UK as people do not tend to come to us to adopt cats, so we funded their comfortable stay in Romania and thankfully our German partners have a lot of room for cats in their various centers throughout Germany and take transports of 30 cats at a time.



September transport arriving

Next year we have set our hearts on a couple of important projects for the shelter. The first one is to refurbish one of the buildings at the shelter to make it into a grooming room as well as a mums and puppies house.

It is important that they are kept separate from the rest of the shelter and we will create something with much light and of course warm and hygienic.

The second project is actually hugely ambitious. It will probably be the biggest investment to date for us in Romania. We are looking to create a sanctuary for dogs who are unlikely to travel to

Europe to be adopted or have spent too long at the shelter and need a less stressful environment.

We already have a joint project with BMT Germany, where we cover half the costs of a sanctuary with them in Osnabruck, Germany but creating something in Romania, avoiding costly and stressful journeys for dogs destined to spend most of their lives in our care makes sense.

We are looking to create 15 dog parks with their own individual heated houses in a natural setting. We will keep you informed next year on progress.

Finally, going forward we will also need to fundraise for ongoing neutering of dogs in both Brasov and Zarnesti. As Cristina Lapis, president of AMP, our Romania partners says, we need to turn the tap off, and stop the problem at the source. It is costly, time consuming but someone has to do it! So we will be fundraising for this vital work over the next year to support this important work with our partners.

As we are now heading for winter, we wish you a warm and happy winter season, and hope that together we will find a little space in front of the fire or on a cosy sofa for many many wonderful dogs, who never knew such luxury.



Denali

Who am I?
 Sex: female
 Size: large
 Estimated Age: 2 years old

Who am I happy with:
 Other Dogs in the Home: No
 Other Dogs Outside: Most
 Cats: No
 Children: 12+ Years Old

Any other Info
 Available for Home Trial: ✓
 Available for Foster: ✓✓
 UK Vet Checked: ✓✓
 Neutered: ✓✓
 Micro chipped: ✓✓
 Passport: ✓✓

What am I like?
 Social butterfly
 I am a charmer and will want fuss from most people even strangers

Clever Cookie
 I am very bright and love working things out

Foodie
 I will work for treats and enjoy tucking into my meals

Cuddle Monster
 I am very affectionate and love a fuss

Loves toys
 I am very much into my toys and love a good game

Fitness fan
 I love my exercise and need an active home

“Denali is an intelligent dog with a wonderful nature”

Denali would suit a family that enjoys lots of walks or any other outdoor activity as she has great stamina.

As Denali has lived in a home before, she is house trained, and knows her basic commands. Unfortunately she had to come back in rescue due to her family's change of circumstances but the experience of living in a home since a puppy means that she will settle into a new home much more quickly.

Denali's high intelligence means she would benefit from having a family committed to continuing training with her. She responds very well to it and would enjoy the challenge as well as benefit from the focus required.

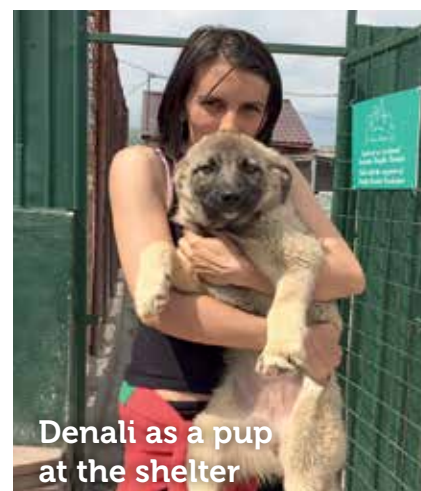
Denali really likes the company of people, but will not share a household with another dog, although she is good with other dogs outside of the house, she does not tolerate them inside. If you are looking for a new family member, who will be the perfect partner for your active lifestyle, will add great presence to your home and enjoy spending time with you, please get in touch as Denali would be ideal.

Are you my forever family?



Denali is a stunningly beautiful 2 year old girl who does get noticed everywhere she goes with her thick silver fur and her sickle tail.

She is an intelligent dog with a wonderful nature, a real fun side to her and you just cannot help but fall in love with her.



Denali as a pup at the shelter



just £2.00 a month will feed a shelter dog for 1 week! visit: www.loveunderdogs.org/donate for more info

BRASOV, ROMANIA

with AMP "Millions of Friends"

It's been a very busy last few months for our partners in Romania. Taking over the responsibility for the stray dog population and neutering in a new town, Zarnesti does increase their workload significantly.

The team have also been solicited to help with a number of donkeys and horses in the recent months, all of whom have moved to grounds above the bear sanctuary which they also manage.

When animals need help, they are always here as you can see from the many who have recently been rescued and found refuge with AMP:



Going forward we are looking as mentioned in the introduction, at continuing our work at the shelter. The new cattery is coming together, it will be a light and airy place where the cats can stay until they are transported to our partners in Germany:



The mums and pups facilities and the grooming room will be built in the old buildings above.

Our big project will be the creation of a dog sanctuary hopefully housing up to 30 dogs, in 15 individual parks and heated dog houses over 2 hectares.

The land is adjoining the bear sanctuary, security cameras will be installed across the dog sanctuary and surveillance will be provided 24 hours 7 days a week by the bear sanctuary security team and of course there will be personnel looking after these dogs.

The parks will be provided for dogs with severe behavioural issues, less adoptable pets and in the winter, seniors who need the heat.

The dogs at the sanctuary will still be adoptable and will for some of them board the international transports in the hope to be adopted, but for some it will be their peaceful end of life.

The dog sanctuary will have natural vegetation in the enclosures which will make for a more interesting and enjoyable space for our dogs.

So much has been achieved with still much more to do for our dogs and of course the big battle is the ongoing neutering.

You can donate to this particular project on our link 'Buy a dog a gift' under the 'Donate & Support' section of the website.

www.loveunderdogs.org/charity-gifts



The Victory Shelter in Numbers:

Figures for the 1st Jan 2016 to the 1st June 2016

Achievements by AMP with the support of their international partners: Love Underdogs, BMT Germany and The Brigitte Bardot Foundation France

Neutering:	340 animals
Vaccinations:	587
Entry at the shelter:	389
Dogs gone abroad for adoption:	317



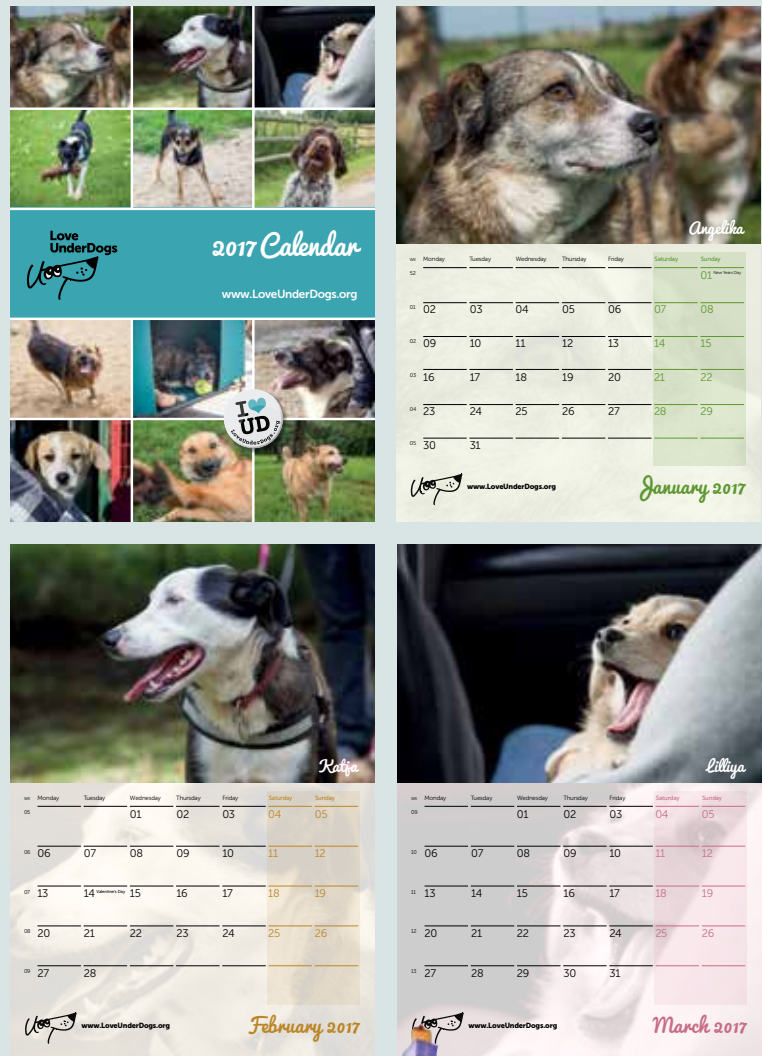
Calendars are in!

You can see the beautiful faces of our beloved Underdogs all year round and support our cause though your purchase

£10 for A4 calendars, and £12.50 for A3 calendars.

Order on our homepage:

www.loveunderdogs.org



Halloween at the Kennels

What fun we had with the dogs at the kennels!

This Halloween the dogs had a nice time exploring a mountain of pumpkins, sticking their heads in the cauldron and defying garlands of little ghosts! And here are a few of the photos



Christmas Shoebox Appeal



It's coming to that time of year again!

Our Christmas Shoe Box appeal is always such a great way of supporting dogs who have no family to spoil them and it makes a very real difference.

How it works:

Fill a shoe box with what you think might be nice for one of our dogs for Christmas and send it to:

Love Underdogs
6 Parrotts Grove
Coventry, CV2 1NQ

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to include your email address so that we can notify you that your parcel has arrived. We particularly welcome toys and treats, but everything else is very welcome too! THANK YOU ♥



Bigsy has a new smile!



Whilst our core work is with Romanian street dogs, we always have with us English dogs who have fallen on hard times.

Bigsy is one such dog and he has melted everyone's heart. ♥

Bigsy has been a regular client of the kennels where most of our dogs are located. He belonged to a person who was regularly unable to care for him, so spent much time at the kennels. Earlier on this year sadly his owner went into hospital but died. Bigsy found himself with no one in the world. We were pleased to take him on as we also had deep concerns for the state of his teeth which caused him terrible pain.

Bigsy went to the dentist, and what came out was rather terribly rotten. He also had a nice bath and a new collar, as his old one rubbed his neck. He turned into a playful happy energetic dog overnight!

Bigsy has since been adopted and we couldn't be happier for this old gentleman and we thank the many wonderful families who are able to take on older dogs and do give them a chance, such as Bigsy's new family ♥

Love an Old Boy: Bigsy's Story





Bentley, one of our joint rescues



Bruno, from Romania is looking for a home via Radar. He is also on our website and with the Oldies Club. Everyone is pushing for him to find his forever home.



The dogs at the Zarnesti pound had no shelter when we first saw them.



Now they have their individual wooden kennels and will have straw in the winter to keep them warm.



And there are even more wooden kennels being constructed, and ready to be fitted

Radar Rescue

#GoodPeople

Sometimes saving dog's lives requires for rescues to collaborate. We are proud and privileged to be doing some good work for UK and Romanian dogs with our friends and colleagues at Radar Rescue in South Yorkshire.

Radar is ran by Teresa and Andrew Booth, both incredibly passionate and able, and together they have saved many lives of dogs who can be seen as difficult to place by other rescues.

Love Underdogs fund the kennel fees and veterinary bills for the dogs we collaborate on, and Radar look after them day to day, assess them and find them homes.

To support this great rescue, be sure to look up their great facebook page and their website:

www.facebook.com/radardogrescue
www.radardogrescue.com

Zarnesti Wooden Kennels Appeal.

Earlier in September we appealed for funds to build some warm wooden kennels for the dogs currently staying at the public pound of Zarnesti.

The public shelter is located in a valley, the wind blows down from the mountain and the elements are merciless.

Those poor dogs would have been frozen in the winter and many would not have survived so it had to be done.

We **THANK YOU ALL** from the bottom of our hearts, you came to the rescue in no time at all and the operation to give every dog their own warm wooden kennel with straw has happened.

It will have made a huge difference to these poor souls who have so little



Sombrero at the pound



Rebecca working hard to complete her challenge in China! Neil is obviously taking the picture but we are so grateful to them both ♥

MILES FOR SMILES

A huge thanks to a few wonderful people who have been working very hard to raise much needed funds for the charity, saving the lives of more dogs!

Neil and Rebecca Hughes have been trekking the great wall of China for Love Underdogs and Animals Asia, a wonderful organisation helping all animals but mainly bears and dogs in China and Vietnam.

And the wonderful Zoe Statham who raised over £500 for the Underdogs running the Birmingham Half Marathon.

She didn't have a picture for us but we are so so grateful for her hard work and proud of her achievement!

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH, YOU ARE INCREDIBLE!

If like Zoe, Neil and Rebecca you are able to help us raise funds and would like to set yourself a challenge, you can visit our fundraising website page for ideas:

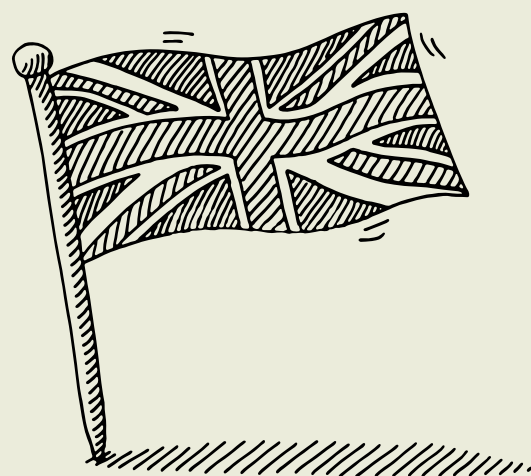
loveunderdogs.org/raise-money

Coming to the UK

Sombrero and his friends are all living together in a pen at the Zarnesti public pound, and they will all be coming to us on the first 2017 transport.

We look forward to welcoming these Underdogs!. Sombrero in particular is a true Underdog in every sense of the term.

In rescue, big black male dogs don't tend to be chosen but we know that he will melt hearts and at his old age, he needs to be given a chance.



Charity Gifts

So many of us struggle to figure out what to buy for friends, colleagues and family for the various occasions throughout the year.

Well there is now a wonderful way of making a very real difference on behalf of a friend.

For the dog loving altruistic people out there it is incredibly well received.

So here is how it works:

On our Charity Ecard, choose a card, then choose an amount or a particular gift, enter email detail of the recipient alongside a message and your card will be sent on a day of your choice!

Great for the last minute presents as well, as it can be instant!



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Advice from the holistic therapist

Friend of the Underdogs and founder of holistic products Ooshka Soaps (www.ooshkasoap.co.uk) Lynn Waddell, has been able to put together for us a little advice on using natural products. Here is what Lynn has to say:

Using natural dog products.

More and more of us are looking for natural eco-friendly skin and hair products for ourselves, so it makes perfect sense to use natural products designed especially for our furry best friends; our dogs and cats.

Natural dog shampoos use 'green' ingredients like olive oil, coconut oil, seaweed gel, mineral clay and essential oils, carefully blended to utilise their special properties.

Look for products that are also made from sustainably sourced ingredients, are SLS/SLES free, 100% vegan, organic, that are not tested on animals, so you can be confident you're doing something nice for the planet that also really benefits your pet.

Whatever products you choose for your pet or yourself make sure they do not contain sulphates, parabens or synthetic dyes and avoid the chemical nasties that can lurk in many commercial products, which can strip out natural oils from your dog's coat and exacerbate problem skin.

Many products are scented with synthetic perfume oils, which may smell nice but do not contain any beneficial constituents unlike essential oils. Many perfume oils contain potentially hazardous synthetic chemicals, some of which are derived from petroleum, and to protect trade secrets makers are allowed to withhold fragrance oil ingredients so you the consumer cannot rely on the label to know what is hidden inside that product you are putting on your dog.

We suggest you go the natural way.

The key to using essential oils for dogs (and people) is buying the best quality. Pure therapeutic grade essential oils are generally expensive so don't be fooled by cheap oils, they are also likely to contain synthetic additives, which defeats the purpose of choosing an essential oil to utilise its properties.

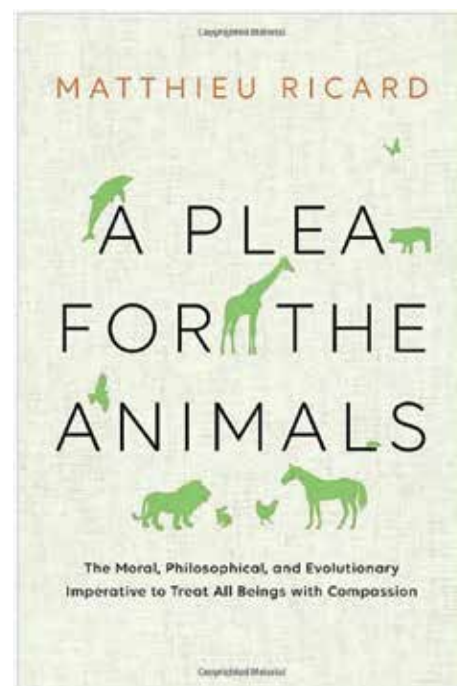
Essential oils can be used to great benefit for your pet's health and emotional wellbeing, but it must always be kept in mind that they are potent chemical compounds and can be toxic for your pet if used straight from the bottle.

You should never put them undiluted onto your pet's skin or coat.

However regular exposure to essential oils is not only great for dogs and cats but can help in obtaining emotional well being and health in people too!

Please note that the information contained in this article is not intended to replace veterinary care, treat, cure, or prevent any disease, you should always consult with your vet for any health concerns.

Love Underdogs Recommend



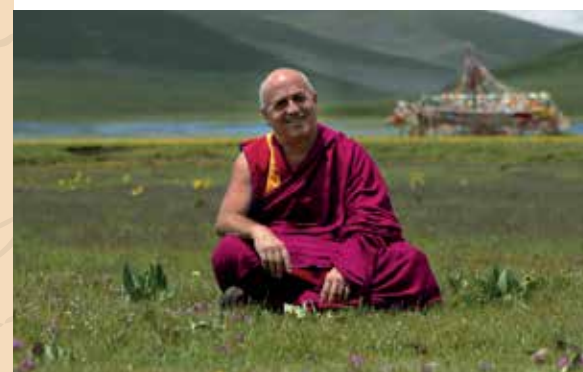
One of the best books for animal lovers, which has just come out in English is the wonderful work by Philosopher, Buddhist Monk and French translator to the Dalai Lama, Matthieu Ricard:

'A Plea for the Animals' The moral, philosophical and evolutionary imperative to treat all beings with compassion.

It is an impassioned and incredibly well debated plea for considering all sentient animals

With compassion and respect. Ricard leaves no stone unturned and one cannot counter his well-structured arguments. 5 ***** from us.

www.matthieuricard.org/en/books



The Love Underdogs team works 7 days a week throughout the year and at Christmas, we get to have a real break. The rescue is closed from the 17th of December to the 4th of January. We will only respond to real emergency calls and will respond to all other emails and calls in the New Year . To apply to adopt a dog, please get in touch after the 4th of January. Thank you for your understanding

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



The team work non-stop throughout the year for some 7 days a week.

It is not a job it is a calling and a life style, but a couple of times a year we all take time off at the same time to be able to recharge our batteries.

OUR CHRISTMAS BREAK IS:
17TH DECEMBER TO 4TH JANUARY

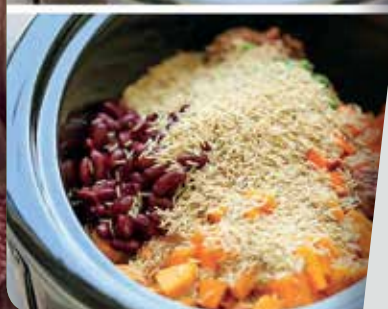
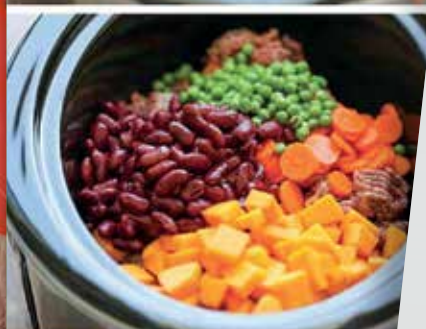
During our break we will only respond to real emergencies. All adoption applications will be processed on our return.

We hope that everyone will have a nice holiday

Please Note: all adoptions stop on the 13th December.

Cooking for your Dog

As the nights draw in we tend to start enjoying some wonderful comfort food and now our furry friends can too! Have a go at this tasty meal for your dog, simply cooked in a crockpot or slow cooker 😊



A Complete Dogs' Dinner!

Ingredients:

- 1200g minced beef
- 300g brown rice
- 400g can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 200g chopped butternut squash
- 200g chopped carrots
- 75g peas, frozen or canned

Method:

1. Stir in minced beef, brown rice, kidney beans, butternut squash, carrots, peas and 250ml water into a slow cooker.
2. Cover and cook on low heat for 5-6 hours or high heat for 2-3 hours, stirring as needed.
3. Let cool completely.

Once cooled, separate into portions. This food is freezer safe and can also be stored in the fridge for up to 5-6 days

SHOPPING ONLINE AT ALL THIS CHRISTMAS?

YOU CAN HELP US AT NO COST TO YOU, AND NO HASSLE!

Easyfundraising is a wonderful website which enables shoppers to simply sign up and the rest is done for you, the retailers make a donation to your designated charity everytime you shop!

So go on, it's going to be busy online before Christmas, and you could help us get much needed funds to save more dogs who have nobody to love.

IMPORTANT! Be sure to sign up for the reminders and you will not have to remember to activate your donations.

