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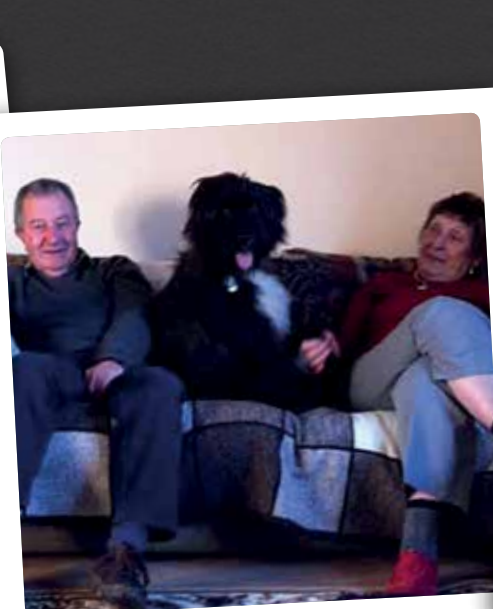
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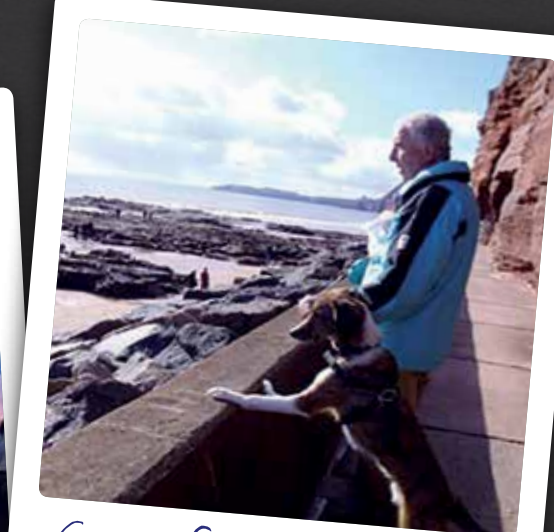
Pictured: Cognac. Cognac is currently looking for a home - is it with you?



Layla's big smile!



Yol's little place on the sofa



Cyrus in Sidmouth, enjoying the view with his dad



Jinny loves her mummy!

OUR FAVOURITE PHOTOS FROM YOU...



Karelia, Cleo and Chance in Romania



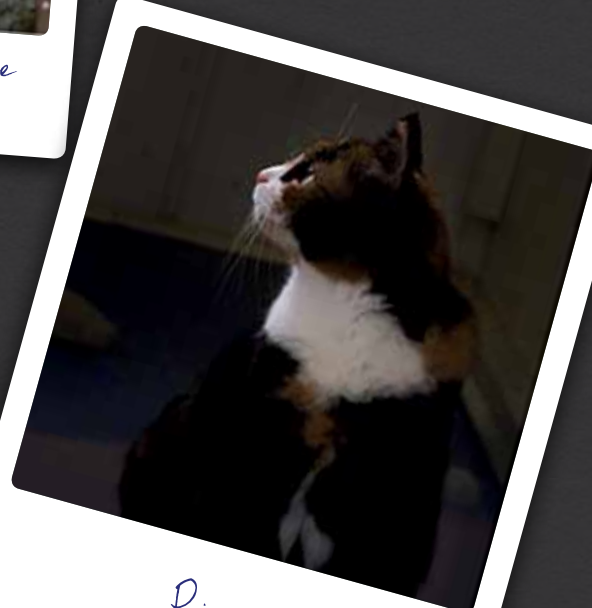
Spike (right) and his lovely family

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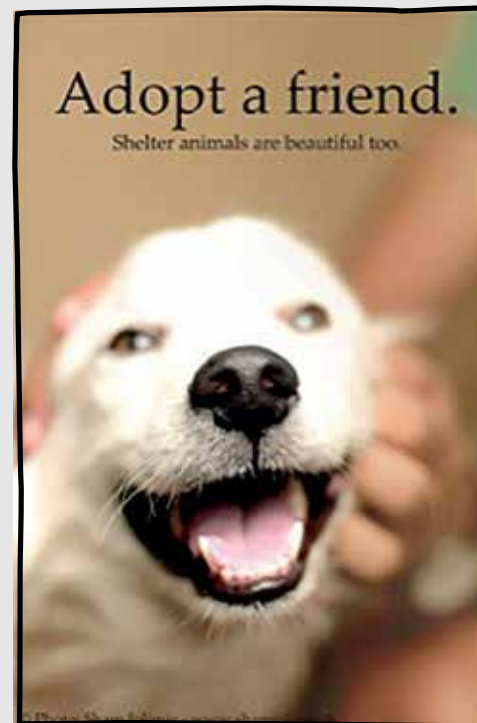


Xida and Al Pacino playing

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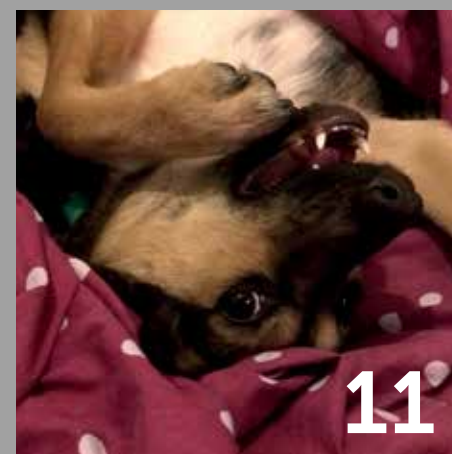


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Spring has sprung!

The long winter is over much to the relief of our Romanian partners mainly and the dogs out there, still awaiting their turn to be adopted.



The Transylvanian mountains, where all of our dogs come from, are a particularly beautiful part of the world and spring brings great relief from the very unforgiving winters in the land of Dracula.

At our kennels we are also looking forward to longer, sunnier, warmer days and less mud!

The hours that our dogs spend running around in the paddocks are just so much nicer in the sun.

This spring at Love Underdogs we have focussed on getting more help at kennels. We felt that two areas particularly needed more attention:

Training and Grooming.

With an average of 40 to 70 dogs in kennels, we needed our own in house support in those areas. So let us introduce you to 2 lovely people who are both now working part time for us;

Lesley Smith grooms for us 4 half days a week, in addition to our current ongoing rota and Karen Davies has started taking our dogs to town focussing on particular individuals 3 afternoons a week.

We have named this program 'Urban Skills for Underdogs' and it is doing our dogs the world of good, preparing them for home life, while also giving the team a different sort of feedback for their assessment.

It is great enrichment, something interesting for them to do, which generally speaking has been hugely beneficial to everyone. We will have an article on her program in the summer edition of the Underdog.



We have been trying to increase the number of volunteers walking our dogs and spending time with them in the paddocks, particularly during the week.

So, if you live nearby or want to come to kennels every so often to spend the day, half a day or a couple of hours walking, and paddock play time supervising, we very much welcome the extra help.

Enjoy this edition, as always we are very grateful for your support, making so many wonderful things happen for these dogs, who started life with nobody on their side and will most certainly end up some of the most loved animals on the planet.

Keep spreading the word and get your friends to sign up for The Underdog magazine on our website:

www.loveunderdogs.org



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



Trinity



"Trinity is a little diamond in the 'Ruff'"

Trinity is still shy of new people and will need a caring and patient home to guide her. She very much likes the company of other dogs and has no problem being fed with them, as she currently shares a kennel with Basil. She is not showing any interest in toys yet, but this may change in time.

We recommend Trinity is rehomed in a cat free home, as she will chase and in an adult only environment, so she can gain much needed confidence or in a home with very respectful and older children.

Will Robinson, our vet at the Willows clinic who did her UK vet check mid April could not believe the difference in her.

He had seen her arrive in the UK in February and already she is a much transformed dog. We have a little diamond in the 'Ruff' here! 😊

Hopefully someone will fall in love with her soon and offer her the home comforts she deserves.

LOVE ME FOR WHO I AM

Trinity is a long and elegant girl, if she was a human she would most certainly be a model as she is sure to turn heads! She has a depth of spirit and a profound nature that only rescue dogs with life experience have.

Trinity came into rescue as a one year old puppy at the Victory shelter. 3 Years later she boarded a transport to the UK and here she is, hoping to be noticed, adopted and loved.

Things are very simple for all of our dogs. They depend on the heart of good people to give them a chance to live a fulfilled life.



Visit Trinity and her friends at Glebe Farm Kennels in Warwickshire. Be sure to call Zara beforehand on 07963 089 325 to make an appointment.

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

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THREE LEGS ARE JUST AS GOOD AS FOUR!

MEET OUR TRIPAWDS



Tango on the Beach

FOLLOW OUR LEAD!



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

facebook.com/LoveUnderdogs

'My partner and I adopted two beautiful tripaws back in February 2014, Apples and Sweetpea. In all honesty we forget they have a leg missing till someone mentions it. They certainly don't seem bothered by it. They run and play with our other dogs and give as good as they get! We didn't know what to expect when we adopted Apples and Sweetpea having never had experience of three legged dogs but they are brilliant and we love them to bits.'

Alison, mum to Apples and Sweetpea



Sweetpea and Alison



Apples in the Sea

For anyone who hasn't experienced the sheer power of three legged dogs, also called tripawds, seeing Betty, Maximus or Lavender charging around the paddocks at the kennels is an incredible experience.

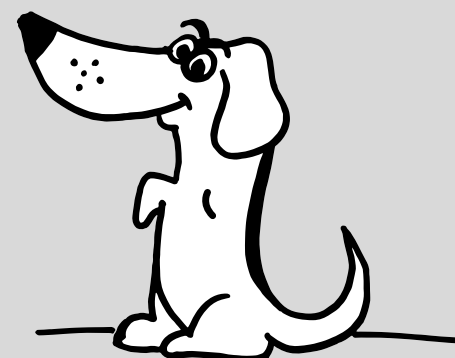
Many who have adopted some of our tripawds never thought of doing so previously and just fell in love with a character. The leg count never actually came into the decision.

In total we have looked after 20 tripawds and

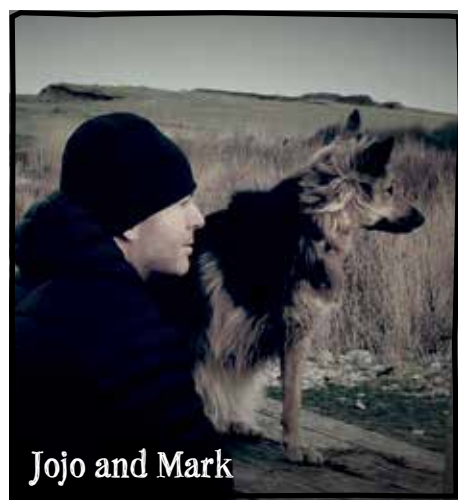
Here are a few comments by some of the families who adopted tripawds in the past:

every single one of them have been unphased by their disability. In fact our tripawds can be serious athletes.

Betty is currently one of our fastest runners, 4 paws included!



Tango and Lavendar playing - Picture by Lee Benson



Jojo and Mark

"Jojo lost her front leg in an accident at only a few months old. She had the same challenges any rescue puppy has, but losing a leg wasn't a real issue. As she developed her muscles, Jojo became stronger and her ability to sprint, jump, shoulder role improved. I have been with Jojo for 3 years now, we have 2 big walks in woods and fields each day and we have walked up and down all the biggest hills and mountains in the UK. I have

learnt that a dog having three legs is not an issue for them; the concerns about a three legged dog normally come from our own ignorance as humans."



Jojo



Tango and his Family

'Mostly Tango is no different from a 4pawd - he likes to run and play, and can give my very speedy 4pawd a run for her money!'

He walks at least 3 or 4 miles every day and has been known to do 12.

Special treatment?

Well he needs a bit of help over stiles and I try to keep his weight down to minimise strain on his joints, but that's about it. People

are always curious about his story and amazed that he can move around so well.

In a nutshell - tripawds need homes too and I would say don't have any worries about adopting one.'

Tango's Mum, Lynn

THREE LEGS ARE JUST AS GOOD AS FOUR!



Barney and Betty, both tripawds, giving Jake a run for his money.

OUR TRIPAWDS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR THEIR FOREVER HOME:

CONSIDER GIVING ONE OF OUR 3 LEGGED FRIENDS A HOME. YOU WON'T REGRET IT, THEY SURE DON'T LET THE LEG COUNT GET IN THE WAY OF LIFE!



PEACH'S GOTCHA DAY PARTY

Peach celebrated her Gotcha day by buying some of her long term friends, new collars and leads! And not just any collars and leads! We are talking about some of the most beautiful handmade creations out there from The Dog Co.

www.dogco.co.uk

Thank you Peach and Lu on behalf of the whole team and the very spoilt Andi, Cognac, Bubbles, Maximus, Luke, Bruno & Lavender!

How gorgeous is that!



Bubbles' starry-night collar looks so sparkly on him



Andi showing off his new collar!



And look at Bruno's super design! We <3



ABBEY
born October 2014



BETTY
estimated around 4 years old



LAVENDER
estimated around 4 years old



MAXIMUS
estimated around 7 years old

RON UNDERDOG SUPPORTS LAVENDER

Our Lavender has an admirer and it makes her blush every time we mention him..

There is this lovely boy up North who comes from the same village as her originally in Romania and he really holds a candle for our little Lavender.

She has the name of a gentle flower and the nature of a busy little tom boy and Ron Underdog really quite likes the combination.

She received the Sweetest Valentine's card from him

and more recently a beautiful Easter card.

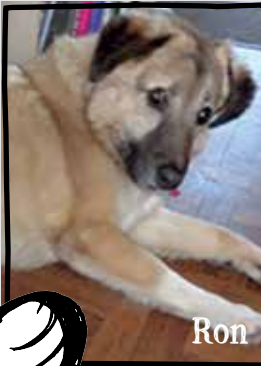
It had us all smiling with delight whilst Lavender looked all demure about it.

Lavender we may not have found you a loving home of your own yet, but one day it will happen.

In the meantime, you know you are loved, not just by the many who spend time with you regularly but by the dashing Ron too!



Lavender



Ron



BRASOV, ROMANIA

with AMP "Millions of Friends"

A look back at the humble beginnings of the Victory shelter in Brasov.

The Victory shelter first opened its doors in 1998. It was an old pig farm, that had been left to go to ruin.

At the time there was space for 200 dogs. Running the shelter was a real struggle in terribly basic conditions, with so many dogs needing refuge and so little space.

There were no international partners to rehome the dogs and Cristina and Roger Lapis, founders of AMP did not quite know where this was going to go – but what they did know, was that there was too much suffering for the animals of Romania, the life of a street dog was a miserable one and someone had to do something.

17 years on, the picture is very different. It was worth starting this journey to improve the fate of Romanian animals, it was worth it for every single soul who have known love and comfort and left a life of suffering behind.

Sometimes you just have to get brave and roll up your sleeves, even if the journey isn't quite mapped out and see where things take you.

1998 Archive Pictures



This Victory shelter is home to about 400 dogs on average. In 2011 when Love Underdogs got involved the average number of dogs at Victory was 600 and had gone up to as high as 1200 dogs in desperate years. With the support at the pound, the ongoing neutering campaign and the international adoptions, the situation is a great deal better.

The overall welfare has also been much improved. When we started our collaboration with AMP all the food was cooked on a wooden stove, winter after summer in unimaginable conditions.



Sheets are cooked and washed on a stove and hung outside to dry. (2012)



Conditions at the shelter are very primitive still but every year the place is improving greatly.

New kennels have started replacing the very old rusty cages, thanks in great part to BMT, the German partners but also with our support.

A new building for puppies was constructed with our support and a store room to keep the mice and rats' parties out. This year, our Romanian partners with the support of all the international partners have a hugely ambitious project: To rebuild the vet surgery.

This is something which we have been talking about for two years and is finally becoming a reality. This is a much needed transformation.



The operating room: Dr Ciprian Cocianu operating on Basil in 2012



The post-op room, as it still is today but hopefully not for long as it is a damp and cold room.

The surgery has 2 rooms: one for operations, and a post op room to keep the animals. A good level of hygiene is very difficult to maintain, floods in the surgery happen regularly, the heating doesn't really work and pretty much everything happens in the same room as the operations.

Love Underdogs have pledged €10,000 towards the overall €37,000 needed to fund this necessary refurbishment.

to donate, visit:

www.loveunderdogs.org/donate/one-off-or-monthly/

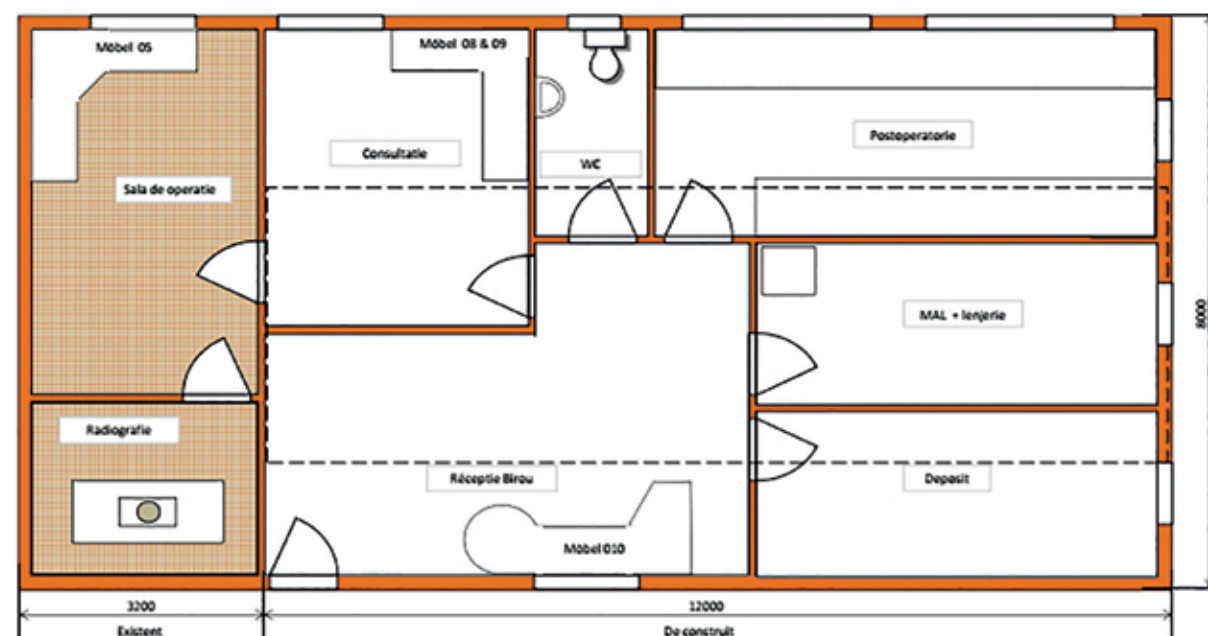


Work has started to renovate the vet surgery at the Victory shelter in Brasov.

2015 - First Quarter Achievements

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

Neutering:	250 animals
Vaccinations:	475
Entry at the shelter:	143
Dogs gone abroad for adoption:	150



Hopefully more lives will be saved in the improved conditions. We sincerely hope that we can count on everyone's support for these dogs, who really need a new place for their medical care. Half of the project has started with the funds already donated by other partners, and as soon as this is done we hope to step in with the funds needed towards the second half of the project.

You can make a difference today by donating towards this project. We will need every penny to fulfil our pledge!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Do you have a few hours to spare?

Why not come and meet our dogs, take them out on a lovely walk in the woods or supervise them while they play in the paddock?

It will certainly put a smile on their faces and you will love it too!

For more information, please contact Zara at: zara@loveunderdogs.org or call on: **07963 089 325**

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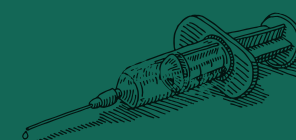
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First timers, please bring **Photo ID**.

Car Parking Onsite.

THANK YOU FOR THE VACCINES!

Our yearly vaccination campaign at the shelter was a HUGE success!



We would like to thank all of our supporters who donated so generously towards our latest vaccination appeal – we protected twice as many dogs as we had pledged to!

In fact the Love Underdogs supporters paid for **ALL 300 vaccines needed** for the dogs who were scheduled for a booster this spring time.

We were humbled by this incredible show of compassion.



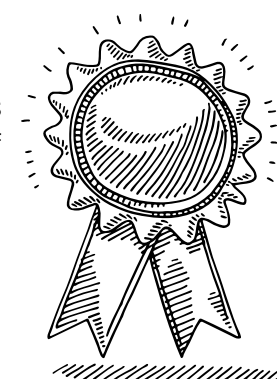
LOVE UNDERDOGS FUN DOG SHOW!

28th June 2015
10am - 3pm
Glebe Farm Kennels

Our fun dog show is a fantastic way of meeting the team, the dogs, families who have adopted, some of the famous Underdogs and enjoy a nice day out. All dogs welcome of course, be sure to put this date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there ☺

There is a poster in the centre of this magazine, should you be able to spread the word for us. It can also be printed from our website:

www.loveunderdogs.org/media-centre/downloads/





Hugo and his Dad, Nick



Jon with the Wilfy party

MILES FOR SMILES



We have some wonderful people running miles for smiles.

On 26th April, Nick Knowles (Hugo's dad), ran the London Marathon for us. It's a huge deal, a seriously tough challenge and we cannot thank him and Hugo enough for their dedication to making a difference for Hugo's friends!

A HUGE thanks to the Wilfy Party, including Wilfy, ACE! And Dax accompanied by Jon and Lee for completing their amazing challenge!

On April 4th and 5th these wonderful troopers walked from Exmouth Beach in Devon to West Bay in Dorset for Love Underdogs and raised an incredible £500.48.

The money was raised to go towards neutering and this will enable our partners to neuter 20 dogs, preventing the suffering of thousands of unborn lives. Very special people and dogs.

Thank you so much guys you are awesome!

You can download our fundraising pack online by visiting:

www.loveunderdogs.org/fundraising-pack/



OPEN YOUR HEART TO AN OLDIE

Benjamin Button Underdog, who is now estimated 12 years old, was adopted in 2013 and brought his family so much happiness. Consider adopting an older dog, they really deserve the love of a family in their later years.

Visit our webpage to read all about our wonderful older dogs needing homes!

www.loveunderdogs.org

We would also like to thank the Oldie's Club who have always been incredibly supportive of our senior dogs needing homes, be sure to support their cause.

www.oldies.org.uk

Bear has become a PAT dog.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Bear (was Duncan) arrived from Romania with his sister Rhonja in March 2013.

Love Underdogs had been contacted by an English couple who lived in Romania but had to relinquish their dogs due to ill health.

We agreed to take them on, only we had been warned that they had some aggression issues and the team was ready to receive them with chain mail gloves.

The van doors opened and those two lovely dogs came out absolutely fine!

Bear and Rhonja were monitored closely and worked with by the team. 2 years on both have been rehomed to beautiful families who adore them and do a lot with them.

Bear has recently graduated as a PAT dog: Pets As Therapy

www.petsastherapy.org

What a transformation from a dog with aggression issues, to actually passing this incredibly thorough test of temperament.

You can achieve so much with time, effort and love.



Bear and his mum Dodi, visiting residents of the Royal Star and Garter Home



Bear bringing much joy to an animal loving resident

LOVE UNDERDOGS FUN DAY SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Calling all Love Underdogs who have been homed and gone on to achieve great things to contact us with their stories!

Following Bear's story as a PAT dog we would like to award a dog for their special achievements.

We are looking for dogs who, like Duncan, have done therapy work, or agility, search and rescue, joined professional teams in different fields, or completed physical challenges.

You will need to come to our show to collect the award.

To enter, please email: **michelle@loveunderdogs.org** before the 25th June 2015.

The public at the show will vote for this award.



Q&A WITH JAY



Jay Pratte, our training and behaviour collaborator presents:

YOUR DOG - A SOCIAL ANIMAL

So a friend of ours recently acquired her first puppy.

No, this wasn't a rescue (that would have been AWESOME!) but she is still very excited.

She is asking for advice on the best way to raise the dog, and what she needs to do. Once we get past the initial "musts" of quality food, vaccinations, crate, toys, lead, collar with ID tags, (etc) I start thinking ahead to what this little single dog will go through;

Will he be lucky enough that he can go to work with his adoptive mom?

Unlikely...

Will he have to be in a crate by himself during the day?

Probably safest and best for comfort, security and training.

We have all heard that animals do not sense time the way humans do.

What this means is that while we think we're just leaving them alone for a few hours, their entire world stops while we are gone.

Thousands of years of selective breeding for specific physical and behavioural traits in dogs has also resulted in the one species of animal on the planet that now has the genetic predisposition to interact socially with another species.

Dogs have evolved WITH humans and are able to read our body language, are in tune with our emotional states, and exist within our social structure.



Historically, dogs were derived from pack animals that existed socially. Nothing has changed, except that now they look to humans as well as other dogs to meet their social needs.

What this means to us as dog parents is that we need to think about what dogs are designed to "expect" from us, and one of these is social stimulation.

Tying a dog up in a garden, leaving it at home or in a crate alone, even being home but riveting our attention elsewhere; none of these meet an animal's psychological needs, and impact their welfare negatively.

Even when left with toys and a comfortable environment, not having their social needs met can result in anxious and separation behaviours that become a challenge to address.

So what are some easy solutions to think about?

- Set yourself a time limit that is the maximum you will leave your dog home alone.
For our family, that is four hours. Even though we have multiple dogs, we do not leave them without our presence for longer than that. Go home at lunch and spend some time with the dogs. If your schedule or commute prevents this, see if a known neighbour or friend/family member can stop by.
- Research dog walkers in your area.
This might be a reasonable option.

- Look into dog daycares.
We take ours three times a week (all we can afford, but is part of our monthly budget). The benefits are amazing, as we have happy, healthy dogs that get along well with many other animals, and the added benefit is they get used to traveling and new places/people/things. (They're also REALLY worn out when we pick them up!)

Ultimately, try to be aware of the attention your dog likely needs/wants, and work ways into your schedule to provide it. Not only will the dog be better off, but in the long run they will be calmer, psychologically healthy and stable animals.

The other side of this coin is recognising that dogs need to be able to LEARN how to socialise with other animals. While at first getting just one dog is easier, once they are trained and understand how things work in your home, a second animal will learn from the first dog as well as you. They can hopefully become friends, and have social needs met on top of what you can provide. Not everyone wants to deal with more than one dog, but it is generally beneficial (when handled well) to the dogs involved.

Even if you opt for one dog, there are things to consider in regard to dog socializing. Which brings us to a brief discussion on HOW to introduce your dog to other animals.

It's great to take them on walks, to a park or day care, any potentially social environment. But like while WE were growing up and making our share of social blunders, dogs need to learn how to interact properly with other dogs.



BRUNO AND BASIL UPDATE



Shannon, who is our rehabilitation angel, as we like to call her, has done an incredible job with Bruno.

Basil however got out of the transport van tail wagging so clearly just the change of scenery was enough to make him happy!

We featured these two boys in our Winter edition as two depressed dogs we needed to get out of the shelter...

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



▲ Jay's dogs playing nicely with others

Q&A WITH JAY continued...

They need to learn dog body language and how to react appropriately.

What this means is that we, as dog parents, need to be very in tune with our dog's behaviours when we take them out on adventures; Know the behavioural signs of stress or fear, and how they escalate warnings.

All dogs will not like all other dogs, but they should be able to safely learn how to interact with them. By providing supervised opportunities to play with other dogs, we learn more about our own pets' behaviours, and provide them with much needed social benefits, exercise, and the tools needed to successfully interact with other dogs.

Rather than reinvent the wheel here, the link below leads to an amazing article on how we can better socialise our furry friends, with tips on things to remember and keep an eye out for:

<http://underdo.gs/12m>

So remember, our dogs are social animals, reliant on us to provide them appropriate opportunities to have their needs met.

Be creative in how you spend time with your pets.

Be aware of the impact of your absence and look for ways to help your furry friend grow into a healthy, well-behaved member of both dog and human social societies.

Just as we expect them to.

GOT A QUESTION FOR JAY?

Email info@loveunderdogs.org and we will pick a topic for our next edition.

We also had a lovely surprise at kennels when the team realised that Renata, who comes from the same kill shelter as Basil, clearly recognised him!

We got them together in the paddock and they have been having good play sessions.



We now need to find them homes!

Please consider offering an older, much deserving dog a loving home. They are a little older but they have hopefully many years left in them and so much joy and love to offer.

These two dogs have survived a horrendous ordeal, they have seen horrific things happen to other dogs, yet they have managed to find a life balance and are willing to enjoy every moment that their new life has to offer. We look forward to the happiness they will bring to two lucky homes.



Renata and Basil meet up again, in happier circumstances. They are both rescued from the horrors of an illegal kill shelter lost in the Transylvanian mountains.

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

THE REHOMING PROCESS

Your Questions. Answered.



A happy Nell and her family

How do I apply to adopt an Underdog?

You can apply to adopt a dog by filling an application form online or emailing our adoption coordinator: deb@loveunderdogs.org.

How much is the adoption donation?

The adoption donation is £200

Do you rehome to families with children?

Yes we do, on a case by case basis. Not every dog is suitable to live with children but we have rehomed many dogs with families with children. The team will of course advise on the matter.

Do you rehome to older people?

Yes we do, we always match the dog with the person but age is not the defining factor for rehoming our dogs. We have a lot of older dogs who are looking for nothing more than a quiet place on your sofa and would suit an older person with less mobility.

Do you rehome to full time workers?

Yes we do providing arrangements have been made to ensure the dog(s) are not left on their own for any great length of time.

Do you rehome to people living in a flat?

We rehome all our dogs on merit. Some dogs especially the larger breeds will not be suitable to be rehomed in that environment but some dogs are fine to live in a flat providing they are taken out regularly.

What is the home check about?

The home check is an opportunity for us to ensure that your home and family life is suitable for the dog you wish to adopt. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have prior to adopting an underdog. Our aim is to have happy dogs and happy families, it is therefore a great way to get to know one another much better and ensuring a good match.

We live a long way from the Love Underdogs kennels, can we adopt?

Yes you can. We can home check all over the country through a network of volunteers. We even have a dog as far as the Isle of Orkney. However you must be able to come and collect the dog from our kennels.

Do we have to have a home check?

Yes all our adoptive families need to have a home check.

Can we visit the dogs before making a decision?

Yes of course, we encourage people to come and visit our dogs. Everyone is super friendly at the kennels and you will be very welcome to come and see our dogs. Often people have a dog in mind and leave with another! It's all about the chemistry!

Do we have to come to the kennels to adopt the dog of my choice?

Yes you do. We haven't got the resources to send dogs directly to their new homes. Adopting a dog is a big commitment and coming to meet/collect your dog is important. Like in any good love story, chemistry has a role to play and you and your new family member need to be a good match.

What support is offered after I have adopted my dog?

Love Underdogs feel it is important to offer our adopting families support should this be required. We promote responsible rescue and rehoming which includes rescue back up for life and we are always on the other end of the phone should you need advice, support or any other help to ensure everyone is happy and enjoying life together. Our dog adoption pack also includes a very comprehensive training and behaviour guide, which you can refer to, to help you develop a strong and positive relationship with your dog.



Lady going to her new home



Lesley grooming little Destiny.

GROOMING IS ZOOMING



Our pooches are all smelling wonderful now that Lesley has joined the team, grooming 4 half days a week.

Lesley is also part of our assessment team, as she has a good idea of the dogs reactions to grooming and handling. She keeps a diary of behaviour and we add the notes to the dog's file in our system. She is also able to desensitise them to handling, which will help them in later life in their new homes.

Lesley is very gentle and we have seen dogs going from terrified of the table to jumping on it, ready for their session, which is lovely! It has made a huge difference to our dogs in so many ways, we are delighted!

HOW COOL IS YOUR DOG?



THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL POEMS

Joshua and Kyle Hodson, who's grandparents have adopted McKinley and have written these two beautiful poems. They had us in tears, they are so beautiful.

Love all dogs
Open all hearts
Various breeds
Ever loyal

Underdogs
Need new homes
Drop by and have a look
Every time you pass
Rights of dogs
Deserved to be loved
Over the hills
Great dogs await
Show them love and they will do the same!

Joshua Hodson

Lots of dogs are abandoned
Over the years dogs are adopted
Very few dogs are respected
Everyone needs to help Love underdogs

Under age puppies are left and need love
No creature should be without a home
Don't break a dog's heart
Even though your life may be complete why not make a dog's life complete
Respected dogs for respective owners
Don't be afraid to love an Underdog
Own a dog today
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Save and care for one of the wide variety of breeds at **LOVE UNDERDOGS**

Kyle Hodson

With the ever hotter summer days on their way, it is important to think about our furry friends with coats they can't take off!

Canine Coolers create a cool, comfortable place for your beloved pet to lay down. They help ease joint pains for your older pet and keeps younger, more active pets cool.

Search the internet for "cool mats" or "cool coats for dogs" and you will see many different products in many different price brackets.

They really make a difference to help our canine companions keep cool in the heat. We can't recommend them enough.

Cooking for your Dog

Callie, Behan's mum sent us this wonderful recipe to give some recall training magic!

Behan's Recall Magic!



Ingredients:
350g pigs liver
3 eggs, add shell as well
1tsp baking powder
3 or more cloves of garlic
2 or 3 tbsp olive oil
150g flour self raising/ can use gluten free if you prefer

Method:
1. Pre-heat the oven to 180 degrees.
2. Line the baking tray with grease proof paper and brush with some cooking oil.
3. Whizz all the ingredients together in a food processor. It should look like a very sloppy cake mix.
4. Poor into baking tray and bake for about 20 min, when stabbed with a knife the knife should come away cleanish
5. Turn out on to a wire rack and cool.
6. Cut into treat size bits and freeze.

It will keep in the fridge for about 4 days. There is no reason why you could not add cod liver oil to this, porridge oats over the top to give a different texture and crunch. Play with the basics of the recipe and see what happens.

This quantity lasts us for a week of daily training (with half stored in the fridge and half in the freezer).
It is making recall training a lot more fun!



Behan

We received some fabulous donations from a number of companies contacted by our incredible volunteer Julie Cross...

THANK YOU ALL!



HTC donated tens of thousands of primrose oil capsules, vitamins and other supplements that we can use for our dogs.

They also very kindly wrote a blog for us!

www.htc.co.uk/Blog/Love_UnderDogs

How lucky are we ☺



We also received cleaning products from Vikan.

That was super helpful to keep the dogs areas clean and tidy ☺

www.vikan.com



Vitabiotics were amazing and sent us 80 packs of Superdog Health and Vitality Products! The dogs loved them ☺

www.vitabiotics.com



Robert Scott sent us lots of cleaning items, like mops dustpans, scourers which all went over to Romania in March. ☺

www.robert-scott.co.uk

OUR EVENTS

28TH JUNE 2015



Stall Applications

If you would like to take a stall at our yearly event be sure to contact us ASAP! First come, first served, so please email:

zara@loveunderdogs.org



ABBEEY UPDATE

Abbey, the little puppy who came to us with three fractured legs is doing much better! We thought you'd all like to have a progress update.



Two of the fractured legs are hopefully healing very well on their own and will not need additional surgery. She will be seen again in a few weeks by her orthopaedic surgeon at the Willows, but the third one had sustained irretrievable damage and was causing her excruciating pain.

She had her leg amputated and this seems to have made a huge difference to her welfare.

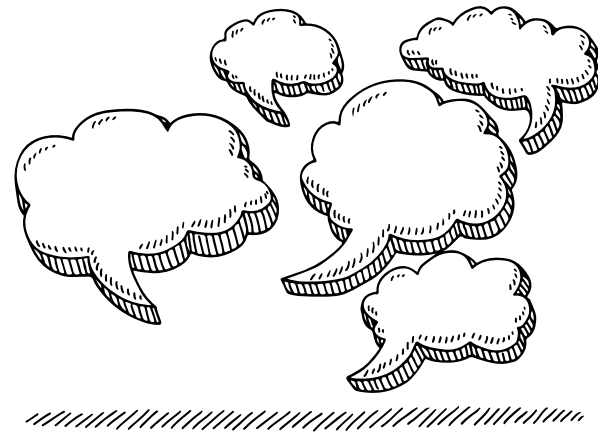
She is a much more confident dog since she had her operation. She has also started going to hydrotherapy twice a week with Andi and Genie.

You can continue supporting her journey by sponsoring a hydrotherapy session for her.

We would like to say a big thank you to Liz Clark who donated two hydrotherapy sessions for Abbey on behalf of her holiday home Wag Tails House.



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



WHAT'S WITH THE NAMES?

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We take great pride in choosing names that are a little different, a little out of the ordinary at times. We have a passion for what we do in the details, and the details include the naming process.

We had Neo, we now have Trinity, we must have a Morpheus on the next transport.

We had Banjo and Mandolin, Barney and Betty, McKinley and Denali.

We had Leia, Skywalker, Luke, Anakin and so many more fun names like Bagheera and Baloo who actually kept their names 😊.



Our musical duo: Banjo and Mandolin.



Marley spotted three little birds...

Buddha is a zen old dog whose kennel sat under a tree when we found him in Romania. Maybe we should have called him Siddharta. Anyway he is now called Teddy and lives a happy life with his lovely family in Wales.



Needless to say we are often surprised when the families keep the names and it always makes us smile, although we are never offended at changes to our original choice, which we concede cannot be to everyone's tastes.

But of course, it's a marmite topic and the rehoming team (who are not guilty of some of the less popular choices) often get asked: 'who chooses these names!?' (and not usually in a good way!).



Luke.



Anakin.

Anakin and Luke. What stars!

We choose not to call all our dogs regular names because we are a fun bunch and we also need them to be memorable if possible. And hey, once they're in their homes, they become who they need to become and their shelter names often remain a good conversation starter.



So here's to Hemingway, Lollipop, Champagne, Frog and Bao Bao, all wonderful dogs who sported special names, for a while at least for some.

IT'S A BRINDLE THING

Beautiful brindle coloured dogs take **50% longer to rehome** than other dogs, according to the RSPCA.

Can the Underdog community rally behind our gorgeous Brindles and help them find their forever homes? Surely they deserve to find happiness just as much as any other dogs!

Visit:

www.loveunderdogs.org

to adopt and for more info on these lovely dogs ☺

You can view all their profiles on the website, although as they have been with us with us a long time, they are more like celebrities!

Let's get these super stars homes soon.



Note: You are welcome to come and meet dogs you are interested in at kennels several times, get to know them and see how you get on with them. Take them out for walks, have some fun in the paddocks with them and see them interact with other dogs and people.



Bobbi



Maximus



Jolie



DOG ART

This Sculpture created by Jeff Koons outside of the Guggenheim Museum of Art in Bilbao, Spain is called Puppy.

This behemoth West Highland terrier carpeted in bedding plants, is a stunning example of art and technology coming together.

'Koons designed this public sculpture to relentlessly entice, to create optimism, and to instill, confidence and security

What better than a puppy covered in flowers to bring everyone joy!



Hemingway

We thought you'd like to have news on Hemingway.

This lucky senior has moved in with Fennella and her 5 Chows, and is absolutely loving his new life by the sea in Norfolk