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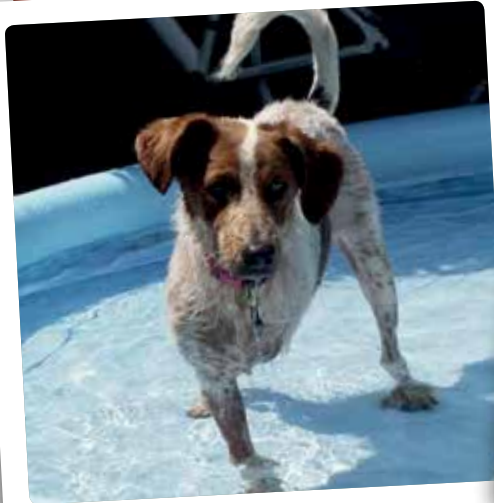
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Pictured: Ralphie. Ralphie is currently looking for his forever home - is it with you?



Dolly and Rebecca



Jonas summer time

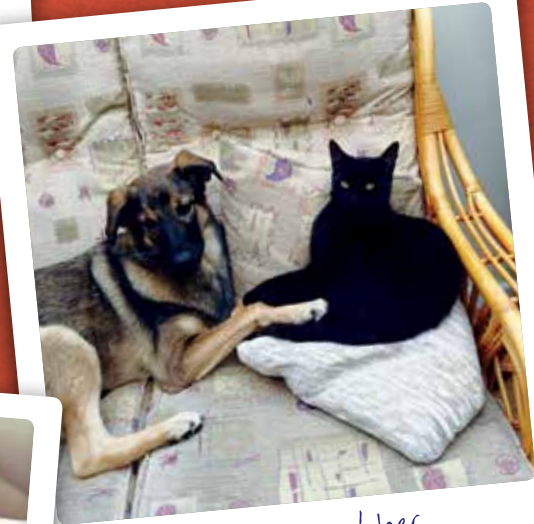


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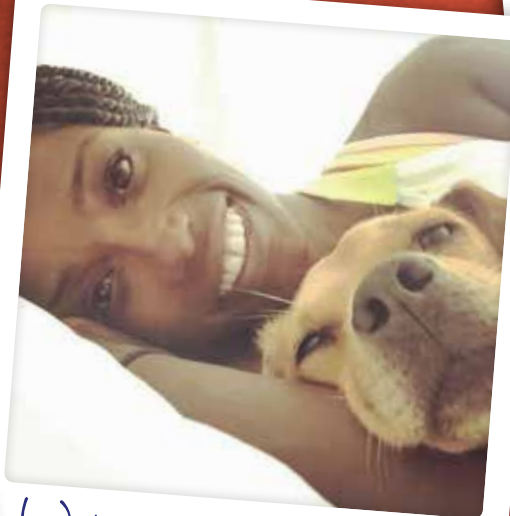


Olive loves the summer!

OUR FAVOURITE PHOTOS FROM YOU...



Sansa and her new feline friend



Watson and his celebrity mum Lorraine Pascale



Skylar at the Brasov pound

...AND A COUPLE FROM US!



Bonnie adopted by Julie and Ken

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Please keep sending them in!

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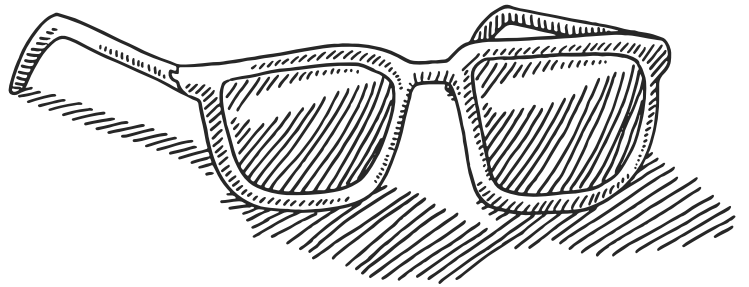
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In the Summertime...



**Summer is here, and of course it is
the British summer that we love so much:
A beautiful mosaic of all seasons in one day.**

For us, this means pooches' pool parties, flying gazebos and muddy paw prints!

We really wouldn't have it any other way. If it's hot, we like to take the dogs swimming, and if it is cold, we are thankful that all our precious charges are comfortable playing in the paddock.

We may like the scorching heat, but let's face it, our dogs do suffer in the summer

and we must be mindful of their comfort when the thermometer starts to climb.

This summer has been busy so far both front of house and behind the scenes.

We had our annual Fun Dog Show and Reunion at the end of June, and we were really chuffed to see so many of you enjoying a windy show and so many Underdogs returning for a visit.

We were also lucky to have wonderful volunteers in the last few months, who make such a difference to the dogs' lives as they wait patiently for their forever families.

Our brand new website is almost finished, it has been a labour of love which has taken almost 9 months.

We will give you a little preview in this edition. We cannot wait for it to go live and hope it will help find homes for many more wonderful dogs in need.

We hope that you enjoy this edition, as always we are very grateful for your support. Keep spreading the word and get your friends to sign up to the magazine on our website homepage.

Make a difference
to dogs who
have nothing and
nobody.

Love Underdogs
rely on your
donations to
continue our work.

Thank you ☺

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a month?



just £2.00 a month will feed a shelter dog for 1 week!

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Zero

This little guy knows
how to melt hearts ❤️

LOVE ME FOR WHO I AM

Zero is only two years old, and sadly for him, he has spent most of his short life at the shelter in Romania and then in kennels with us in the UK. We feel that he deserves a chance at showing a family how much love he could give them.



To adopt Zero or
ANY of our dogs, please email:

deb@loveunderdogs.org

or fill in an application form
online under the 'adopt' section
of our website:

www.loveunderdogs.org

*"This little guy is
really striking"*

This little guy is really striking, with a very unusual look. We can't even begin to guess at what breeds he might have in his heritage.

At kennels, he is a really playful boy, who loves nothing better than to play with tennis balls and toys in the paddock. He is good on the lead and also enjoys his walks. Zero is quite the character, and it is never a dull day with him around.

Zero is fine with some dogs, and was recently on foster with three other dogs and did brilliantly. He happily walks with large groups of dogs and walks well on the lead.

He is looking for a home with no cats, and sensible and respectful children no younger than 12, as he can be possessive over food and toys. His ideal family would be firm but fair, able to recognise his little quirks, despite his smaller size. Ideally, Zero would do well in an experienced home that is used to dealing with dominant dogs.



Visit Zero and his 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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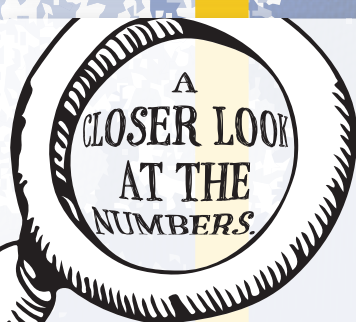
with AMP "Millions of Friends"

In the spring edition of Underdog we shared with you the plans for a new veterinary surgery at the Victory shelter.

Love Underdogs contributed €10,000 towards this project, roughly 30%, so thank you all for supporting this!

We are delighted to share with you the latest pictures from the surgery which is now complete.

But first of all, here is a look at the Victory Shelter in numbers for the last quarter:



Neutering	193
Vaccinations	281
New admissions to the shelter	179
Dogs moved abroad for adoption	160



The old laundry area.



The old post operation room.



The old surgery room.

Some pictures of the old surgery to refresh your memory -->

The old surgery was constantly flooded due to poor plumbing. There was no washing machine; everything was washed by hand in boiling water.

There was one surgery room, two wards and no Xray.

Everyone did their best with what they had, but it was extremely hard.

It is thought that many animals lost their lives as a result of the poor conditions and very insufficient heating in the winter.



The new post-op room is much more spacious and clean



The New veterinary centre being finished off.



The new separate surgery



A new state-of-the-art CCTV system was installed.



The new office includes washing facilities.

We now have a surgery, Xray room, a consultation room, an office with surveillance, a laundry, a store and a large ward. A new CCTV system was also installed.

The new surgery will make a very real difference and we are

tremendously proud to have been part of making this happen.

Love Underdogs support AMP, our partners, through neutering funds, education funds, and special projects like this one.

Your donations save lives and affect real lasting change.

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15 *Ways coconut oil can help your pets!*

Coconut oil is one of **THE ingredients that dog owners should have in their cupboard! Here is why:**

Skin Conditions

1. Clears up skin conditions such as eczema, flea allergies, contact dermatitis, and itchy skin
2. Reduces allergic reactions and improves skin health
3. Makes coats become sleek and glossy, and deodourises doggy odour
4. Prevents and treats yeast and fungal infections, including candida
5. Disinfects cuts and promotes wound healing
6. Applied topically, promotes the healing of cuts, wounds, hot spots, dry skin and hair, bites and stings

Immune System, Metabolic Function & Bone Health

7. Contains powerful antibacterial, antiviral, and anti-fungal agents that prevent infection and disease
8. Regulates and balance insulin and promotes normal thyroid function
9. Helps prevent or control diabetes
10. Helps reduce weight & increases energy
11. Aids in arthritis or ligament problems



Caia



SADLY OVERLOOKED

Digestion

- 12. Improves digestion and nutrient absorption
- 13. Aids healing of digestive disorders like inflammatory bowel syndrome and colitis
- 14. Reduces or eliminates bad breath in dogs
- 15. Aids in elimination of hairballs and coughing



On our new website, you will be able to search specifically for dogs that have not been given a chance of a home for a long time, the ones that are very much overlooked.

It is not always because they are challenging. Sometimes, they just haven't had any luck.

All our dogs are special, they all deserve love, they have had a tough journey, they have been brave, they have proved to be incredibly resilient individuals with great depth and a capacity for forgiveness which touches the heart.

Consider looking at our overlooked section if you are hoping to adopt.

A lifetime in kennels is not a life for them.

Thank you!

Pictured above: Caia. The beautiful Caia comes from an awful shelter in Bucharest and came with her brother Cain. Both have been with us for over 500 days. Nobody has wanted either of them in all that time, even though they are such lovely dogs.

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WE NEED FOSTER HOMES

Some of the **most** valuable help for any rescue is a good foster home.

Many of our dogs have been with us for a long time in kennels and really need a break. It would be fabulous for them to experience what family life is like; for some it would be their first time in a home.

Moreover, it enables us to have a clearer behaviour assessment from someone spending lots of time with them in a home environment. At kennels, everything is quite routine, and the expectations are different.

Kennel costs are obviously reduced too, but most importantly it offers our dogs a great opportunity to get used to living with a family, and to have more interaction with people.

Love Underdogs see our foster homes as true partners of the charity. Your opinion counts when it comes to choosing the right home and we most certainly make you part of the adoption journey.

Consequently we take the process of choosing foster homes seriously.

To qualify you would need to fill in a foster application form, pass a homecheck and visit the team at the shelter.

The other important requirement is that you are able to travel to the kennels in Warwickshire with the dog, should they have interest, as all adoptions take place at the kennels with the team.

But we can assure you that it is a truly wonderful experience and a very rewarding one as fosterers are truly part of a dog's journey to happiness.

Here is what a few of our foster families have to say about their experience fostering Underdogs :o)

If you are considering starting an adventure with us, be sure to read what Julia, Mick and Jon have to say about their experiences:



Julia with her foster dogs; Buddha (left) and Indy (right)

THE BENEFITS OF FOSTERING

- Better behaviour assessment
- It give our dogs an experience of family life
- The dogs become more adoptable
- It helps us keep kennel costs down
- The dogs love it!
- You're part of their journey

Julia's Tale

"We kind of fell into fostering a few years ago, and haven't looked back. We thought that by fostering a dog we would be helping by making another space available in the rescue for another unwanted/abandoned dog (sadly, there are never enough available spaces). We were lucky that our own two dogs were accepting of hairy house guests, and our Goldie, Luca, was happy to show the foster dogs that toys are fun and getting treats and cuddles was quite nice as well. Our BC, Indy, was (and still is), good at showing them good doggie manners and boundaries.

Over the years we have fostered males, females, calm ones, lively ones, nervous ones, big ones, small ones, oldies, puppies and blind dogs. Each and every one with their own personality and each and every one has given us joy. There have been tears of laughter, and yes, tears of sadness at times when we've looked in their eyes and seen the fear they have carried with them from their pre-rescue days."



Julia with Annie

“ We started fostering for Love Underdogs a year ago, and I've got to say, it has been a breath of fresh air.

We knew that though their priority is the well-being of the dogs they have entrusted to us, they also consider us and our own dogs. ”

Mick's Tale

“We started fostering for Love Underdogs a year ago, and I've got to say, it has been a breath of fresh air. We knew that though their priority is the well being of the dogs they have entrusted to us, they also consider us and our own dogs. A new experience to us.

We have been amazed at how easily the foster dogs settle into a home environment, they have quickly settled into a routine, and by day 2, they sit along our boys waiting for their evening treat, and know to go to where the leads are hanging at walk 😊

They soon learn their basic commands & we've had no problems with being destructive or toileting.

People used to constantly say to us: “How can you let them go? I couldn't foster because I couldn't let them go”

Well, the whole point of fostering is to help a dog make the transition from rescue to a forever home.

If we kept one, we wouldn't be able to help other dogs by fostering, and that is what it is all about.

It gives them the chance to learn to cope with everyday things that they haven't come across before. Things like televisions, washing machines, letters dropping through the door, socialising without fear they are going to be

thrown in a van and taken away, so many things that we take for granted.

I can't describe the pride and joy we feel when a nervous dog feels confident enough to come and lay in the living room when we have visitors.

What do we get out of it? Even more than the dogs do!

Fostering has taught us patience above everything else. It has brought us more love, laughter and pride than we could have ever imagined.

Yes, it is hard when they leave for their forever homes because we miss each and every one, but we feel the same pride in them that we felt when our kids stepped out into the world on their own, knowing how far they have come.

And there is the happiness and satisfaction knowing that we have in a small way contributed to their futures.

We are lucky in that we are in touch with all four Underdogs we have so far fostered and are able to see how happy and loved they are, and the joy they bring to their families.

We will soon be in a position to welcome another foster dog into our family, and it is something that we would love to see more people doing. We can't recommend it enough.

If you have experience with dogs and are in a position to foster, please consider it. Love Underdogs are a fantastic rescue to work with and the dogs don't ask for much, mainly love and patience. Go on...you know you want to!”



Jon with Button

Jon's Tale

My experience of fostering. I began fostering 2½ years ago shortly after adopting my Underdogs Wilfy, Radu and ACE!

I feel that many of the dogs, which travel to the UK may never have had the experience of living in a house before.



Jolie at home
with Mick and Julia



Jon with Lavender

Giving them a trial will help the adoption team learn more about each animal's needs so that they can be matched more successfully with potential adopters.

The time and attention which the dogs can receive can support the dogs in learning essential skills including house training and lead walking, which will assist in making them more adoptable.

I have now fostered five underdogs and had many more for short stays or pack walks. Love Underdogs provide food and vet care while the dog is in foster, while the fosterer makes sure that the dog can be available for viewings.

Through fostering I have met some wonderful dogs and lovely adopters, who I now consider as friends. Heston comes to stay when his family are away, Tango comes with his Mum and siblings to attend the annual reunion and we meet Button and his family for walks locally.

One possible pitfall is that you may become a failed fosterer though, which is how I've ended up as guardian to four dogs, three of them Underdogs!

BUBBLES IN GERMANY

Viele Grüße aus Deutschland!

Bubbles has been a real special boy for us all at Glebe Farm.

As was announced on social media and to his sponsors, the team collaborated with our German partner to try and give him a different future in Germany.

Bubbles arrived in the UK in 2012, and after all this time with us had not been able

to find a home, due to his challenging nature.

We decided that he might benefit from living in a sanctuary style accommodation, given that he may not find a home. We love all our friends dearly and will stop at nothing to ensure all of them are given the individual care that they need.



Bubbles' new bedroom!

We visited the sanctuary before sending him, met with the team out there and can honestly say we felt this was the nicest place we had ever seen for dogs in care.

Bubbles has integrated into the German life very well. He is brushing up on his German and has a great friend, Zabi who is one of the shelter managers, who takes him out

on walks in the countryside, for 45 mins to an hour a day.

Bubbles hates cars and bicycles so the quiet village of Osnabruck where the sanctuary and rehoming shelter lies suits him perfectly!

We hope you enjoy seeing him again and will of course give you more updates on social media when we get them.



Bubbles making friends with Zabi.



Bubbles, happily having a run round



An individual house for Bubbles and his friends with their very own garden!



Bubbles in his spacious new park



If you and your company would like to visit us to take part in a charity away day, please email:

michelle@loveunderdogs.org

CHARITY AWAY DAYS

Britvic build an agility course for Underdogs!



Our Underdogs have been truly spoilt by the Britvic Drinks Team who came to visit us a number of times at kennels to volunteer and spend time with the dogs,

They also donated a huge amount of items of the dogs and built a complete agility course!

We are all so touched and the dogs love it!

Thank you!



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“ ...From start to finish our experience with Love Underdogs was great! This is the first time we have ever adopted, but Love Underdogs will definitely be our go to place in the future and **I would recommend them** to anyone seeking a furry addition to their family. ”

“ ...They provide comprehensive information pre-adoption, and keep in touch after you've adopted. They are clearly **very dedicated** to the care of the dogs in their care...

...LU is **way ahead of the rest** and we would definitely look to adopt through them again! ”



“ ...They are **highly efficient and professional**, they are focused on the well being of the dog and a good match. It has been a great adoption. Couldn't be happier! ”



“ ...This rescue is **excellent!** ”



“ ...An **excellent** rescue centre! ”

“ ...Visiting the rescue was a very **positive experience**. I adopted a lovely dog and was given plenty of time with her and my other dogs to have a walk together and a play. I was also offered support for the rest of the dog's life...

...I would **definitely recommend** Love Underdogs to anyone looking for a dog. ”

“ ...This is a **great** adoption centre! ”



Q&A WITH JAY



Jay Pratte, our training and behaviour collaborator presents:

THE POWER OF REWARDS

I have read several articles recently on the dangers of particular training methods.

Having studied these methods, popularized by well-known trainers and TV shows, and the resultant consequences on the poor dogs, I wanted to address how easy it is to change how we interact with our dogs (and, honestly, other people...) with just a simple shift in our thought processes.

First, let's address a couple issues with using punishment/aversion/dominance techniques with our dogs:

First and foremost, dogs have evolved alongside people over the last several millennia and are one of the only species on the planet to possess the genetic predisposition to learn another species' body language and communication patterns.

What this MEANS is that this social species revolves their life around ours.

How we treat them forms how they see and interact with the world.

For example; you take your dog somewhere new. The dog is a little anxious or fearful in the situation and "acts up" or doesn't listen right away.

If we suddenly decide the best thing to do is haul on a choke chain to force compliance, yell at them, or do the "alpha" roll (flip the dog on its back and force it into a submissive posture), then we have just taken a bad situation and made it worse.

Think about it.

The animal is scared (which is, actually, our responsibility to think ahead and try to make them comfortable - they trust us to protect them after all) and then while in a heightened state of anxiety, their beloved protector suddenly applies some type of aversive stimulus. The poor dog is having trauma added to trauma.

Fear biting is the No. 1 cause of incidents with dogs, but is utterly preventable by thinking about how the dog feels and then addressing the situation, instead of turning on the dog like it's their fault.

To illustrate, let's say you're watching a horror movie, and you're on the edge of your seat with suspense and fear, then your best friend decides to grab and scare the heck out of you.

Not sure about you, but my immediate response is likely going to be to up and smack them since I'm already wound up.

While we can joke about it after, the dogs don't get an explanation about why we added more stress at a time when they just wanted to feel safe.



Humans can handle added stress, through communication with each other. Our four-legged friends don't have that luxury...

There is a perfect alternative: Using rewards and positive reinforcement.

It takes a little more time to teach your furry friend what it is you want from them (they don't speak English, they just learn associations based on consequences), but the feeling of instant response that

punishment brings, particularly when we are frustrated, is detrimental long term.

The benefits of rewards FAR outweigh the time involved and OUR feelings in a situation.

So, for example, you're trying to teach your dog to walk in the "Heel" position calmly. If you keep jerking on the choke collar, you are not teaching the dog much except to be afraid of the sudden pain (and you).

You're potentially injuring your animal AND every time you are raising the threshold of what they can tolerate.

This means over time you need to keep increasing the severity of the stimulus to force their compliance.

On the other hand, a reward is ALWAYS a reward.

Have a quick and easy treat to munch on handy and always be generous with praise.

Hold it in front of the dog as you walk. When he is in the position you want, tell him "Good heel" and hand him the treat, then that hand becomes a signal for what you want in the future.

Then, when the dog responds, he understands that "last time I slowed down when I was asked, I got a treat!"

So guess what happens?

Over time, the dog is EXCITED to listen and comply, instead of needing to be forced. This is the same learning process regardless of whether it is... about walking calmly, learning to sit and wait, or remaining calm when someone walks into the house...

So where and how does the shift in thought process occur?

It is remembering to try and see the world from the dog's point of view.

We can think that a situation is fine, but is the dog feeling "fine"? We can always make any situation easier and more rewarding for them.

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Q&A WITH JAY continued...

When I teach training theory to people, whether they are zookeepers or dog lovers (or managers at corporations), I remind them of a few things:

Think about the relationship that you want to develop with the individual in question (be it your dog or another person...). I use these two visuals to make the point, but think about how you might be treating the individual. Is it a rewarding experience for them?



Or are you being dominant, pushy, aggressive... If so, you are the one that can change how your intentions are received. So, you can be an aversive, anxiety-inducing stimulus that the subjects in question are always afraid of and trying to avoid:

OR you can be a rewarding stimulus that the animals want to approach and receive rewards, attention, praise (etc) from:



It's ultimately your choice. But I know which one I always try my hardest to be!

Another thing to remember is to always have some means of providing a reward handy. Even if it's a quick "Good dog!" (or "thank you"), the recipient will appreciate it on some level. Teach yourself to carry

treats with you or have them handy. In my home there are several types and sizes of treats nearby at all times. Small chewy bites (or hot dog slices!) for when you need a high value reward that can be eaten quickly (like while on a walk); crunchy treats that they enjoy for doing something when asked they can crunch on for a bit; and big treats for "big deals".

The tougher something is for the dog (like trimming nails), or when you're really excited about reaching a new learning/training goal, these types of situations earn bigger rewards.

You may also be able to take a handful of their dinner out of their allotted amount and use that, so you can then worry less about weight issues.

And plan ahead! If you know you're going to the park or the pet store, have some convenient treats in a pouch or pocket. There will be plenty of times to use them. Remember also, because YOU think it is a reward doesn't make it one. The dog needs to love the reward.

For example, in our house when I go to the treat jar and call out "Kennel!" the three younger dogs scramble to run into their crates.

Tonka and Pavlov eat whatever I hand them, but Sigmund doesn't like the little crunchy treats and spits them out. So I take a little moist treat over for him, as he needs a reward that HE wants for doing the right thing.

Know your subject and what they like!

(I always joke that rewarding me with a beer won't do anything as I can't stand the stuff, but hand me a coffee and you're my new best friend!!!)

Lastly, keep it up.

When we get complacent and think "they know what to do", we start taking the correct responses for granted.

But the fastest way to ELIMINATE a behavior (whether it's unwanted or not) is to ignore it.

So over time, if you stop handing a treat

to, or praising the dog for correct behavioural responses, sooner or later they're going to figure out they won't get anything for putting in the work, and they'll stop.

So keep up the rewards, as it is the strongest tool you have for building the associations you WANT your friend to learn!

Rewards build trust.

Trust is love.

Love is good.

GOT A QUESTION FOR JAY?

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



Many of our families adopting have children and we thought it would be good to share with you a great resource website to help children understand dogs and how to behave with them. The website is called:

StopThe77.com

because according to statistics, 77% of dog bites come from the family dog or a friends' dog.

The website has lots of good videos, presented in a fun way, posters to download etc..

It's great for children but really, some of the videos are great for ANYONE who has a dog.

1 Get smart 2 Listen up 3 Speak out

1 Get smart: Teach your kids to respect your dog

PRINT OUR POSTER → WATCH OUR VIDEOS

VIDEOS

I speak doggie
I SPEAK DOGGIE
Preschool

dog stars
DOG STARS
Elementary School

HOW TO KISS A DOG
For everyone!

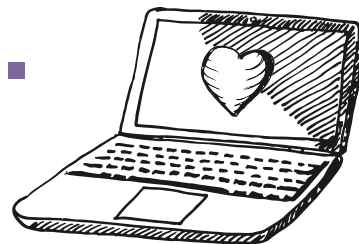


Our new site has been rebuilt from the ground up, so no matter what device you are using you can browse with ease.



We have maximised the information that is available for each dog in our care, helping you decide on your new best friend.

UNDERDOGS. UPDATED.



Our new website has been a labour of love!

We have been working with the IT team for over 9 months to try and get it just right!

The most important part of the website is, of course, the dog page.

We feel that it is incredibly important for families adopting to have as much information on our dogs when looking into adding a family member.

It will also be tablet and mobile compatible, which is a must if we want our dogs to be seen and adopted.

Here is a little preview of what the website will look like when it is finally live.

We can't wait to show it to you for real!



You can find a full-size version of this poster on the center spread of this magazine!

RESCUE REVIEW – ARE YOU THINKING OF ADOPTING?

We've reached **100** independent rescue reviews!

Our team work very hard, 7 days a week, to find the perfect homes for our dogs.

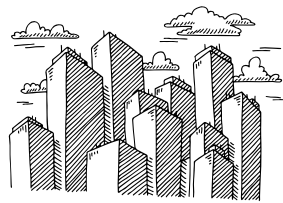
Our mantra is 'Happy dogs in happy families'

If you are thinking of adopting a dog, be sure to read what others say about their experience with us on the rescue reviews website:

<http://underdogs/12q>



URBAN SKILLS FOR UNDERDOGS...



In the spring edition we announced that we had started a new program called 'Urban skills for Underdogs' which is ran by Karen who recently joined the team, but is certainly not a new face at the kennels.

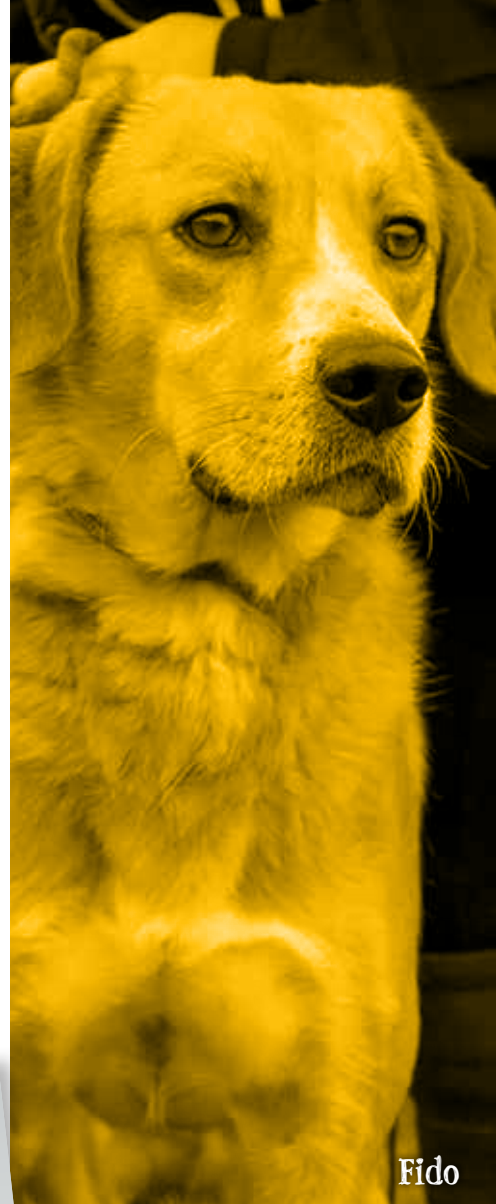
"It is important that we prepare our dogs to the best of our ability for family life." Karen says,

So 4 afternoons a week she takes dogs to town.

They follow a 3 week program, going out 12 times in public spaces; visiting the town, passing shops, people, other dogs, brushing up on their urban skills.

It really helps us get a better assessment of them too, helping families adopting to be confident about their dog.

Below is Fido's report, one which we are exceptionally proud of!



Fido

FIDO - 2 Year Old Boy - Medium Size

"What a well balanced dog Fido is, taken away from the kennel environment. He really likes the car, but tends get too close to you, so he would be better secured properly in the back. He would otherwise try to lie his head on your lap!

He is really good with the traffic, no matter how loud and busy it is, and also not concerned about people walking past, men, children, pushchairs etc, and is very confident in a built up town situation.

He can pull on the lead, but will listen and corrects himself, and could easily be trained with treats as is very food focused.

He really does connect to his walker and is very loving and easy to manage. He also is quite nosy and likes to put his head in shop doorways to see what is going on. A pleasure to take out."

Fido's profile can be viewed on our website under the dog section.

To apply for an adoption or express interest, please fill in an application form online at:

loveunderdogs.org

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



THE BEST POST THIS YEAR!

When we posted this lovely image from Nicole Shepherd, it received **5,746** shares on Facebook, with a total of **388,900** views!

Sharing and liking our posts gives us huge coverage and exposure, spreading the word far and wide about our good work.

Social media forms such an invaluable part of our fundraising efforts, so keep at it, if you would be so kind! 😊

A NEW VAN FOR OUR TRANSPORTS



The Victory Team in Romania have been transporting dogs to Europe for over a decade. Romania was not ready to embrace the dog loving culture, so those who did love dogs had to find ways to get homes for these fabulous animals: abroad.

Transporting this many animals over 1600 miles is not for the faint hearted and we are truly blessed to be working with such a professional and caring team. All our transports are registered with DEFRA under commercial rules. The shelter sending the dogs has to be registered, so do the drivers, the van and the kennels receiving the transport. Every dog's details are sent to DEFRA prior departure and the transport needs to be authorised.

Travelling to the UK has its own challenges because of the distances and of course the crossing at Calais can be very challenging depending on the situation at the port. The regular strikes and developing tragedies at Calais can make things even more complicated if we get unlucky on timing.

Needless to say, it is vital that our dogs are transported in the best possible conditions and since our last transport, we can honestly say that our munchkins travel in luxury.

BMT Germany, the German partners have bought a luxury van. The cost of the crates inside the van cost 10'000 euros alone. We are so grateful to be benefitting from their generosity too.

The van can transport many more dogs than what we were able to with the last van, it is fully air conditioned of course and the driver's cabin is open onto the back, which means they are never separated from the dogs. Should anything happen they are likely to notice it.

For us, the cost of transporting the dogs is more or less the same regardless of how many dogs we bring (apart from the Eurotunnel crossing). Bringing a greater number at a time means that the cost of transport per dog is a little lower. In the August transport we are bringing 31, a record number for us.

We look forward to welcoming them at Glebe Farm.

SOME LOVELY DONATIONS

A BIG thanks to the wonderful team at Pets Pyjamas for their kindness and support! We received a fabulous box with collars, leads and coats 😊

Be sure to check out their fabulous website:

www.petspyjamas.com

Thank you!



Frosty Watermelon Treats!

Ingredients:

- 2 cups seedless watermelon (pureed)
- 1 cup coconut water or milk
- 1 tablespoon honey (optional)

Method:

1. **SCOOP OUT WATERMELON**
it must be seedless. Remove seeds if any, but save yourself the trouble and buy a seedless watermelon. Add to blender and puree until smooth.
2. **ADD COCONUT WATER/MILK**
(I used milk with the treats pictured here) and honey to blender and pureed watermelon. Blend well.
3. **POUR INTO ICE CUBE TRAYS**
Cover with plastic wrap or bag to avoid spillage. If you're using hard plastic ice cube trays, you're safe from most spillage. But if you're like me and used silicone bone moulds, you'll need something flat to lay them on. If you don't, you're looking at a sticky mess on your floors and freezer. Before you pour, put the silicone mould on something flat that you can move to your freezer, like a cutting tray or a piece of cardboard. Instead of lifting and placing just the flexible silicone mould, you can pick up the stable surface area instead.
4. **FREEZE OVERNIGHT.**
5. **REMOVE FROM TRAY AND ENJOY!**
Let the mould sit on counter for a few minutes to loosen frozen treat. Twist tray to remove treat from mould.



For more lovely recipes for your dogs
visit our Pinterest board:
www.pinterest.com/loveunderdogs/dog-cuisine/



Cooking for your Dog

This time our recipe comes from petguide.com





< "Family" by Lorraine Corrigan

✓ "Kisses" by Lorraine Corrigan

WE LOVE THE WORK OF LORRAINE CORRIGAN

" I began sculpting dogs with paper around four years ago and have now developed a sophisticated technique using wire and layers of fine paper from recycled books. Each piece is individually made to order and develops a unique personality as the finishing touches of the expressive eyes and fine ears are added. At the end of the process, due to the use of the text, the piece is almost stone-like in texture. Each piece is then finished with two layers of sealant wash to preserve it for many years to come."



CHECK OUT MORE OF HER WORK HERE:

houndsofbath.tumblr.com

STUART HOLROYD PHOTOGRAPHING OUR DOGS

A couple of months ago we had the pleasure and honour of being visited all the way from Spain by the wonderful artist and photographer Stuart Holroyd. He took pictures of our dogs and created 2 incredible works of art featuring Lord and Betty.

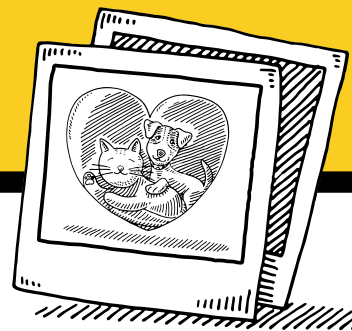
Stuart Holroyd is a Conceptual and Commercial Photographer who started on a philanthropic journey last year, when he photographed Cyprus rescue dogs and published a book, with all profits going to the rescue, compiling his work. The book has the name of the rescue: The Baytree Project and can be bought on Amazon.

Here are the two beautiful portraits that Stuart has created for us. We sincerely hope that showing these two Underdogs in a different light will catch someone's attention and that they will finally find their way home.

These works of art have each taken nearly 30 hours to compose and we can't thank Stuart enough for his wonderful generosity and talent.

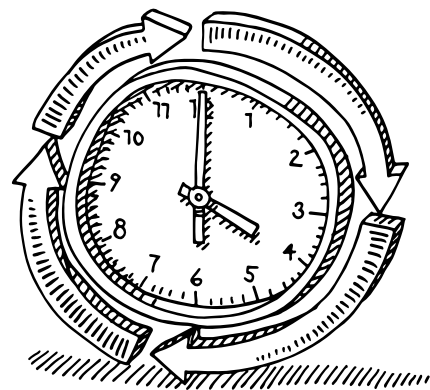
^ "Betty" by Stuart Holroyd

"Lord" by Stuart Holroyd v



VIEW MORE OF STUART'S WORK ON HIS WEBSITE:
www.stuartholroyd.com

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

The team is over the moon for every one of our dogs who get a home, it is always a cause for celebration and even after 3 years on this journey, the happy feelings are the same!

Every family adopting from us is very special.

The long termers, the boys and girls who had to stay with us for a long time before someone wanted them or have come from particularly terrible situations always bring an extra emotional dimension when their turn finally comes. And to be fair we use up a lot of tissues waving them goodbye from the drive!

For all of these friends who stayed with us a long time we have had moments of wondering if their day would ever come, days worrying that we just could not find them the perfect home – but when their family comes along, it's just like falling in love. Yesterday they were nobody's dog and today, hurray they have a surname! The next time they are at the vets, they will hear their first and last name called out and that is very very special!



Renata in 2012



Renata now in 2015



Renata's new family!



Renata at home!

"What a difference a day makes, 24 little hours" as the song goes.

Renata is one of our super special girls. She comes from a hideous kill shelter abandoned in the mountains with 46 other dogs, left to starve. She was rescued by our partners and the Love Underdogs team who happened to be there on this very difficult day in December 2012. She then came to us a few months later and we battled to get on top of her skin condition for nearly 2 years!

Finally her family came for her, she is now someone's dog, someone's special friend and a very important part of their life. We couldn't be happier for her!

**FOLLOW
OUR LEAD!**



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

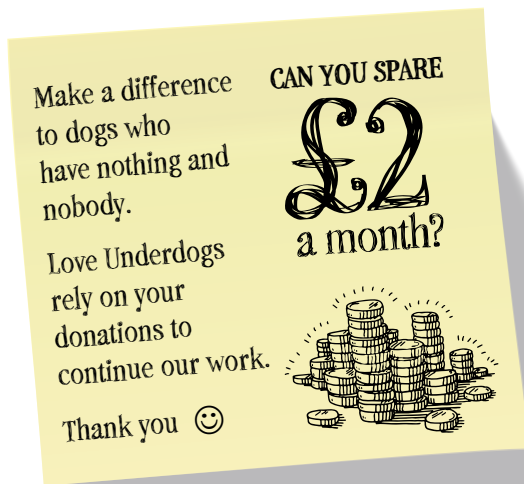
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"... She will hear her first and last name called out and that is very, very special!"

Rares and Pilot
having snuggles

A MONTH AT THE KENNELS



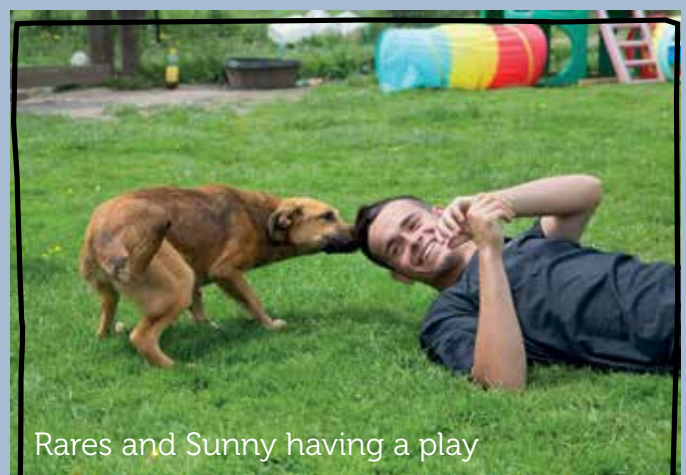


Rares, our Romanian friend, has recently spent a month at Glebe Farm kennels.

In the month of June, we had the pleasure of welcoming Rares Popa, the son of the Brasov pound's manager, Brandusa Popa.

He is 19 years old and studying to become a vet in Romania. Rares probably has the most experience of all of us with Romanian dogs as he has been helping his mother since the age of 9!

It was great to have him with us, we enjoyed his sunny personality and infectious laughter. We hope to see him sometime next year. 😊



REUNION 2015

On the 28th of June, hundreds of you came to see us and many with your fabulous pooches!

Here are a few pictures of the stars of the day!

A Big thanks to Roger Collett (McKinley's dad) for the fabulous photos, and we would also like to say a big thank you to Debbie Heaven of Heavenly Baked Cakes for donating the incredibly beautiful cake for our show day.



See you all





Vitabiotics very generously provided us with 100 packs of their Health and Vitality products for prizes at the Reunion dog show ☺

Thank you!



AND THE WINNERS ARE...



Jinny won Best In Show



Tango won the Special Achievement Award as voted by you!

again next year!



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**We are all a little
broken, but broken
crayons still colour
the same.**