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LOOKING BACK AT 2014

LOVE UNDERDOGS REACH **500** ADOPTIONS!

OUR NEW COLLABORATOR & ANIMAL TRAINER

Say hello to Jay Pratte

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HOME
APPEAL**

FOR BUMBLE & HEMINGWAY
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Pictured: Chip. Chip is currently looking for a home - is it you?



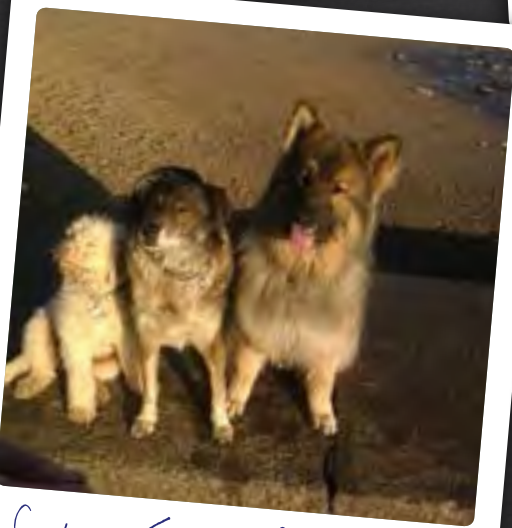
Cotton, that's the life!



Tasha by the fire.



Duchess enjoying the snow!



Fenton, Tom and Fletch, their UK big brother, at the beach!

OUR FAVOURITE PHOTOS FROM YOU...



Two cuties!
Poppet and her friend.



Chilli (was Pepper) a little beauty!

Many more can be seen on our facebook page:

www.facebook.com/LoveUnderdogs

Please keep sending them in!



Luke is definitely ready to find happiness

...AND A COUPLE FROM US!



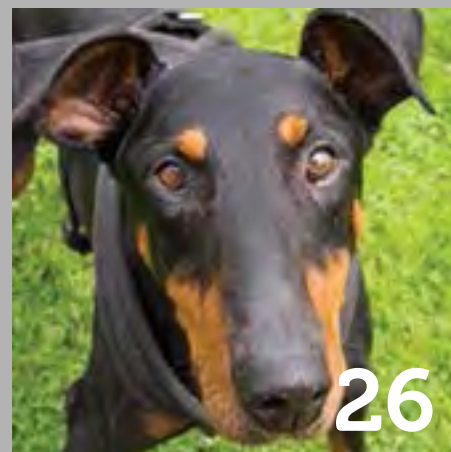
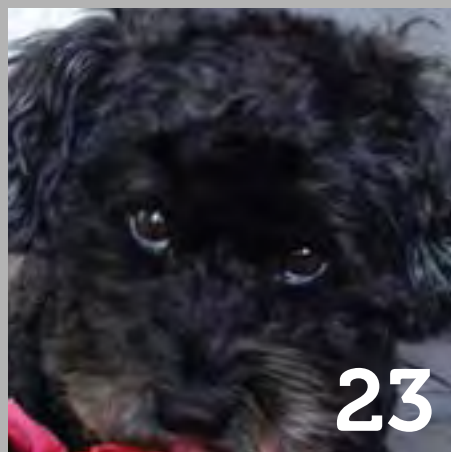
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Welcome to the Underdog!

As some of you know, Love Underdogs is ran by a very small team outside of the kennels. There are just 5 in grand total that are full time!

Along with our full timers, we also have some wonderful volunteers helping out, as well as our part time team members in admin and at the kennels, helping with rehabilitation and additional grooming.

In addition to our main work, last year we also started taking on medical cases; those who need operations and subsequent rehabilitation therapies.

We are also constantly looking to improve our processes and support to our families, so you can imagine our time is very limited.

Therefore, rather than a newsletter, going forward we have decided to bring out 4 magazines a year, jam packed with

all of our news and the contributions of interesting people too. This is our first edition, we hope you enjoy the read!

For those of you on facebook and twitter, we are always updating news on those social media, so for very up to date information be sure to follow us.

2015 promises to be a wonderful year for Underdogs.

We have lots of plans and hope to find loving homes for the many dogs who are patiently awaiting their turn at the shelter.

Among other things, we are redesigning our website to accommodate tablets and iPhones.

This has been an ongoing issue for us as more and more people do not own PC's anymore. From the end of February we will be compatible with all devices. We certainly hope that this will make a difference to our adoptions.

Another one of our projects is a collaboration with a fantastic trainer Jay Pratte who we are introducing to you in this edition. Love Underdogs is very keen to support dogs in every way that we can and one of the key areas which needs attention is training and behaviour. We feel strongly about positive training methods and education.



Most dog owners want to support their dogs in the best way possible.

Figuring out, among the many schools and training methods out there, which is best, can be overwhelming and a minefield.

For the team, there is no question that positive training is the only way forward and this year, we will be creating material to go on our website in the form of videos, short blogs and Q and A's, with the help of Jay Pratte our new collaborator from the US. Reading lists and recommendations will also be available on the website.

This is a year long project for us, so keep checking in and see what's new on the website from March onwards.

Finally this year we are looking to refine our methods to rehome long termers and access special homes. Whilst we all know that the dogs who come to us from Romania have a nice quality of life in our kennels, our aim isn't to keep them with us once they are ready for homes.

We want to find them families who will give them the one to one and attention they need and of course conversely enjoy getting to know these wonderful dogs who themselves have so much to offer. We welcome any ideas on finding homes for dogs who are older, larger, who have guarding tendencies or perhaps are not keen on other canine companions at:

info@loveunderdogs.org

We invite you to participate in our brainstorming activities and welcome your thoughts.

**Once again thanks to all of you
for your wonderful ongoing
support and enjoy reading our
news for Winter 2014/15.**

LOOKING BACK NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD - A REVIEW OF 2014



LOOKING BACK NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD

A REVIEW OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT 2014!!

2014 was a wonderful and adventurous year. It is the perfect time of year to look back at everything we have accomplished both here and at our Romanian partners, AMP in Brasov over the last 12 months.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE NUMBERS.

Adoptions in the UK	220
Vet appointments	168
Surgeries	10
MRI scans	3
CT scans	2
Ultrasound scans	1
Endoscopy	1
X-rays	19
Appointments with specialists*	31
Hydrotherapy appointments	48

* such as orthopaedic, neurology and soft tissue specialists

MEDICAL CARE FOR UNDERDOGS

At Underdogs we believe in giving our animals the best care available. Our association this year with one of Europe's most reputable clinic, The Willows Veterinary Centre and Referral Service in Solihull has made a huge difference to our dogs' welfare. All our dogs are treated for any medical conditions prior rehoming them. We also benefit from the expertise of one of the country's most proactive and well established hydrotherapy practices, Hawksmoor Hydrotherapy in Nuneaton. The surgeries have been mainly orthopaedic but we also had a spinal surgery and a liver surgery. The vet appointments also include all dental appointments. Our dogs had specialist appointments with orthopaedic surgeons, soft tissue specialists, dermatologists, ophthalmologists and neurology surgeons.



Bobbi at hydrotherapy following his spinal operation



Jolie seeing her vet following an orthopaedic procedure.



Plato at hydrotherapy before his shower.

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FROM THE UK WITH LOVE...



2.5 tons of food were sent over to Romania.



Medical supplies are an important part of the donations that we send.



The supplies have arrived at the Victory shelter in Brasov!

Being responsible for so many dogs, the AMP shelter in Romania gets through vast quantities of supplies.

Without your kind donations of such things as; food, bowls, leads, collars, toys, medication, cleaning products, coats and blankets, AMP just couldn't carry out the important work they do.

A total of 4.5 tons of supplies, including food, found their way to our Romanian partners last year.

The team in Romania, and of course the dogs, cannot thank you enough for your kind generosity.

*Thank
You*



The Animal Shoe Box Appeal

In conjunction with The Animal Shoebox Appeal, December 2014 saw over 300 shoe boxes, jam packed full of food, pressies and treats, make their way to the Victory Shelter in Romania, arriving just in time for Christmas! Thank you all so much for your generosity - you guys are fantastic!

To donate in kind visit:

loveunderdogs.org/donations-in-kind/

OUR EVENTS

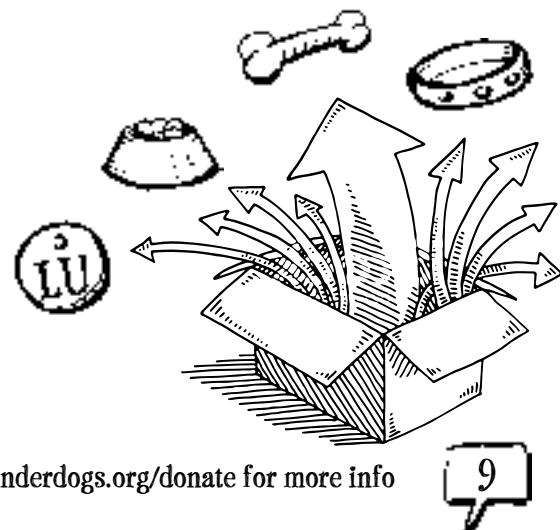
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Stall Applications

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



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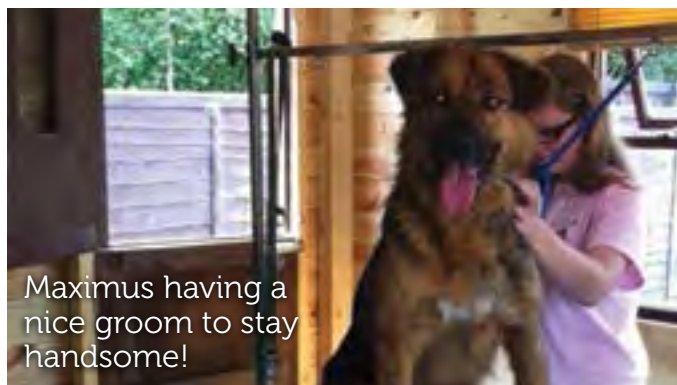


MEANWHILE AT THE KENNELS...

2014 saw some major improvements made at Glebe Farm, including the addition of a grooming parlour, a swimming pool, new accomodation blocks and some new play equipment.

Love Underdogs do not own the kennels and all the improvements below were funded by the kennel's owner Sheena, to whom we are incredibly grateful. She's a wonderful lady, very experienced and nothing is ever too much trouble. All these improvements certainly made a difference for the daily lives of our dogs, who occupy a great part of the kennels.

To start with, a grooming parlour exclusively for the rescue dogs was built. It has all the mod cons of a brilliant space for the pooches' baths and haircuts. We were donated lots of fabulous shampoos and these are being put to great use! After a transport, the staff can spend up to 3 hours a day getting all our dogs spruced up and looking presentable. We are so lucky to have access to such a place.



Maximus having a nice groom to stay handsome!



More pool action for our furry friends



Sheena created an additional free running paddock to exercise the dogs. All our dogs do supervised free running every day and really enjoy it, so it means more time out in the fresh air for them.

A swimming pool was also set up, and not just a little one! Not all the dogs turned out to be water babies, but those who are really love it. It is also a very good form of exercise for them, gentle on the joints and good to keep those muscles toned.

New lovely kennel blocks were also built to accommodate our dogs and they are absolutely first class. Each kennel has an outdoor and an indoor run and, as Glebe Farm is located near woods, some of the bedrooms do have fantastic views!



New kennels at the back and foundations for a new block.



Lavender showing off her bedroom – nicely padded as she had just had her amputation.



Finally to make things a little more fun, new climbing structures and toys were bought and they all love it!



Bruno
is arriving in February 2015

ON THEIR WAY TO THE UK

Our next transport is a mixture of Underdog long termers, dogs who need vet treatments and puppies who we always like to pull out to give them as much chance to be rehomed as possible.



We are particularly looking forward to welcoming 2 very very special boys who have been on our list for a couple of years. Bruno and Basil.

Bruno as you can see from the picture is suffering from depression at the shelter and will need some time with us to rehabilitate and start seeing the world as a happy place rather than a scary one. He is estimated around 8 years of age and was rescued from the public pound 4 years ago.

To adopt 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

Basil is estimated at 6 years old. He is a survivor of the Zarnesti kill shelter which was discovered by our Romanian partners in December 2012. In the depth of winter, hidden at the base of the Carpathian mountains, a 'shelter', where dogs collected in the area were thrown in and left to die, was found and all 47 dogs survivors were rescued. Many of our dogs have come from this place, Renata, Scuby, Heston, White, Rosco to name a few.

Basil is not coping very well at the shelter and we noticed on our last visit that he was not looking engaged anymore.

We need to get him out so he will be boarding the next transport. So many dogs do need help, we always try to mix our transports and get medical emergencies out, we always have some Underdogs, puppies, and then a mixture of sizes and ages.

You can contribute towards the cost of our transports by donating online:

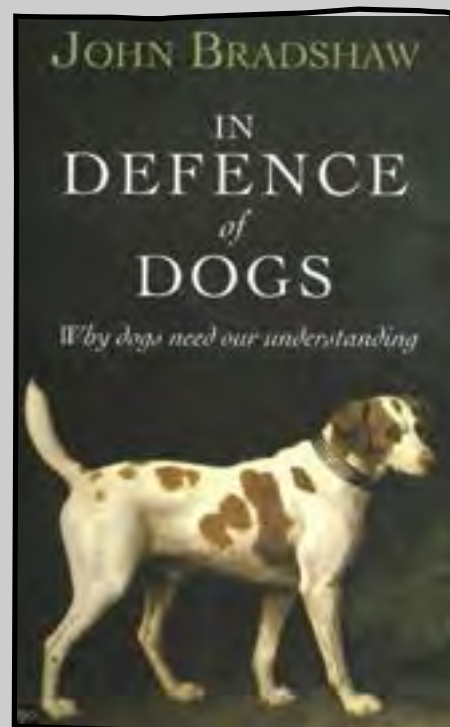
loveunderdogs.org/donate/monthly/

Basil

is urgently looking for a home



RECOMMENDED READING



All dog owners should read this wonderful book. A must read and a good basis to understand our training philosophy.

Amazon says:

"John Bradshaw, one of the world's leading dog experts, brings us a compelling insight into what dogs would ask us for, if only they knew how. The dog has been mankind's faithful companion for tens of thousands of years, yet today finds itself in crisis throughout the western world. Until just over a hundred years ago, most dogs worked for their living, and each of the many breeds had become well suited, over countless generations, to the task for which they were bred. Now, in their purely domestic roles we fail to understand their needs. And it is time that someone stood up for dogdom: not the caricature of the wolf in a dog suit, ready to dominate its unsuspecting owner at the first sign of weakness, not the trophy animal that collects rosettes and kudos for its breeder, but the real dog, the pet that just wants to be one of the family and enjoy life."





BRASOV, ROMANIA

with AMP "Millions of Friends"

Love Underdogs contribute yearly to vaccination and neutering campaigns, which are essential to improve dog welfare at source.

A lot of the focus always takes place around neutering and vaccinations, which are incredibly important to reduce the suffering of street dogs.

A bitch left unneutered for example will generate tens of thousands of puppies over the years and despite a high mortality rate, it amounts to thousands of dogs born with very bleak futures ahead.

Neutering stray dogs spares much suffering hence the emphasis put on this activity. Vaccination obviously prevents the spread of diseases. Again an essential component to good dog welfare.

You can make a real difference for the Romanian dogs by donating towards these essential needs. It costs £25 to neuter an animal and your donation could save the lives of thousands of unborn puppies.

to donate, visit:

www.loveunderdogs.org/donate/charity-gifts/

The activities involving dog care are split in two: Work at the Victory Shelter owned by AMP, and work at the Public Pound owned by the City of Brasov.

AT THE VICTORY SHELTER

**FOLLOW
OUR LEAD!**



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

Improvements at the Victory Shelter, managed by AMP, are really taking shape.

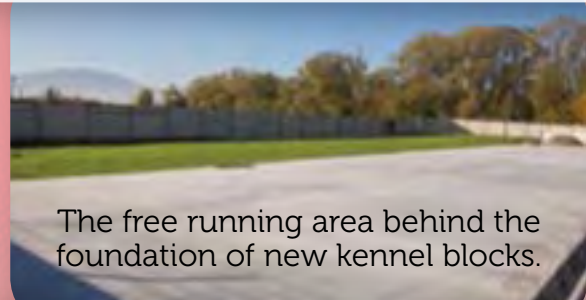
In 2014, with the support of LU and BMT Germany, a brand new building to house the puppies in the winter was created.

Last year, the Brigitte Bardot Foundation kindly funded the creation of a free running area at the back of the shelter which will allow the long termers to go and enjoy some free running.

We have certainly found that this activity is very important in the rehabilitation of the dogs and wonderfully enriching!

One of the major improvements at Victory in 2014 has been the construction of new kennels to replace old and rusty ones.

This was achieved thanks to your support through Love Underdogs and that of BMT in great part. This has made a huge difference to both dogs and staff. The old cage concrete floors were very damaged and pitted, which meant that a lot of the time dogs were standing in water and cleaning was very difficult.



The free running area behind the foundation of new kennel blocks.

The new kennels have both outdoor and indoor areas and the floors can be cleaned very easily and well.

More will hopefully be built throughout 2015 and a lot of the shelter will then be modernised.



old kennels

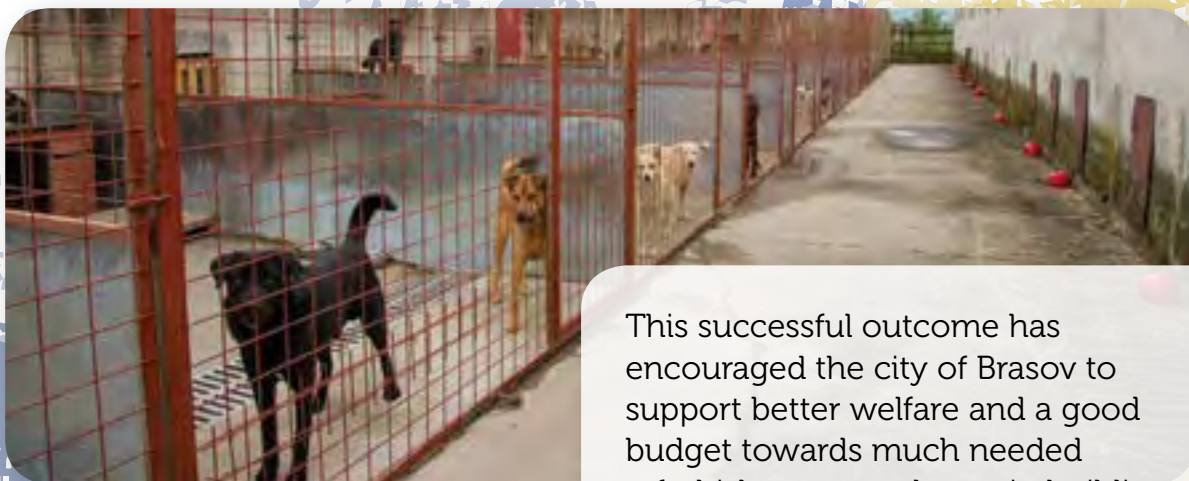


new kennels

AT THE BRASOV PUBLIC POUND >>

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

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The refurbished and well managed Public pound of Brasov

Much has been achieved at the public pound in the last couple of years through AMP and Love Underdog's input.

Some of you may have followed the progress of the infamous dog pound of Brasov, which is known to have been one of the very worst in Romania with over 36'000 deaths in ten years. Our joint efforts have led to a significant transformation and this case is regularly cited as an example of what can be achieved when NGO's work hand in hand with the public sector, focussing on common grounds.

The pound was transformed from a death camp to a place where dogs are cared for, vaccinated, neutered, walked and given a chance to be adopted.

AMP and Love Underdogs involvement started in March 2013.

This successful outcome has encouraged the city of Brasov to support better welfare and a good budget towards much needed refurbishments to the main building were allocated. A basic vet surgery was also created.

Additionally a successful local adoption program has been put in place as well as a volunteering program.

Involving the local population is vital to changing attitudes. The Brasov pound is a flagship of hope for the animals of Romania whose persecution is endemic to the system and cruelty is the norm.

This result makes us all the more positive and keen to see what the next couple of years will bring.



Brandusa who manages the pound and Leticia last summer.

AT THE PUBLIC POUND

Hugo



MILES FOR SMILES



We have some wonderful people running miles for smiles.

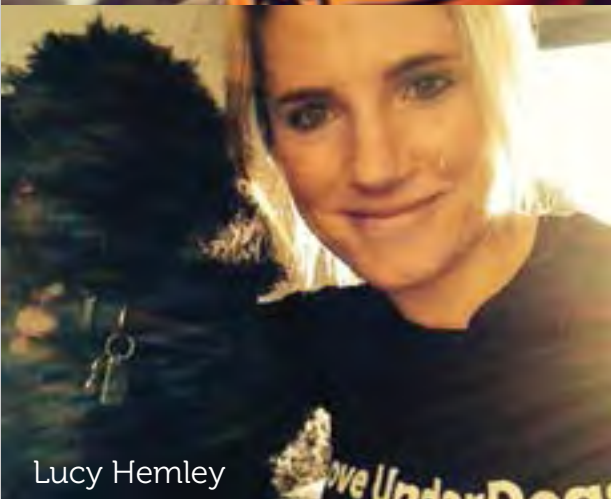
On 26th April, Nick Knowles (Hugo's dad), is running the London Marathon for us, support him via Virgin Money Giving by following this link:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/nick.knowles.LU>

On 22nd February, Lucy Hemley is running the Brighton half marathon for us, support her via Virgin Money Giving by following this link:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LucyHemsley>

Thank you so much guys you are awesome!
Please everyone support their incredible efforts.



Lucy Hemley

OUR ANNUAL VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

The yearly vaccination campaign is taking place at the shelter again.



AMP need to vaccinate over 300 dogs and we have pledged to contribute to 150 vaccines by March

Please help us reach our target by supporting this incredibly important part of the work in Romania.

Each vaccine cost £3.00 and you can buy a gift of a vaccine to protect a shelter dog online:



www.loveunderdogs.org/donate/emergency-appeal/



THANK YOU JUST DOGS SHOP!

A HUGE thanks to Just Dogs Shop who picked us as one of their chosen charities for 2015!

A big thanks to all of you who nominated us on Facebook too!

www.justdogsshop.co.uk

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SPECIAL HOME APPEAL



HEMINGWAY



"These two boys are fabulous characters, but there is no other way of putting this: They are most definitely independent fellows."

We are looking for two special homes for our boys who are similar in character.

Homes who see themselves very much as part of the rescue and rehabilitation process for these two dogs who have had a hard time, who have most certainly suffered at the hands of man and need us to put it right for them as best as we can.

Hemingway was dropped at the shelter in Romania

having been fed by this person for a number of years on the street.

He came with a terrible flea allergy to his back end and received treatment for it. He also had terrible teeth which have all been sorted.

Life on the streets of Romania as a Chow must have been difficult. The summers are incredibly hot, and the winters very harsh. He managed to survive these many years and is enjoying a much improved lifestyle with us in kennels.



BUMBLE



Hemingway was a little grumpy when he first came to us but since he has had his dental treatment and rotten teeth removed he has been much happier.

We have no doubt that he has the potential to develop a wonderful bond with a family. He has been through so much and at his age we sincerely hope that a loving home will come forward for him soon.

Bumble, or Bumblicious as we affectionately like to call him, gives the best smiles when he wants some attention and is happy to see someone.

Generally speaking he is a really pleasant dog. But to get the best out of Bumble, he needs to be given his own space. He doesn't like being messed with, so groomers and vets are not his favourite people at all.

He doesn't want for much though, he is generally a content dog and we feel that an attentive home would bring out the best in him and have a wonderful companion.

Both Hemingway and Bumble are stunning looking dogs and both are estimated at 10 years of age.

To adopt Bumble or Hemingway please email:
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 or fill in an application form online under the 'adopt' section of the website:
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Both need very similar homes: We are looking for families with no cats and no children.

They also choose their dog companions (all dogs are introduced beforehand at the kennels to get a feeling for the chemistry), but can live with the right dog.

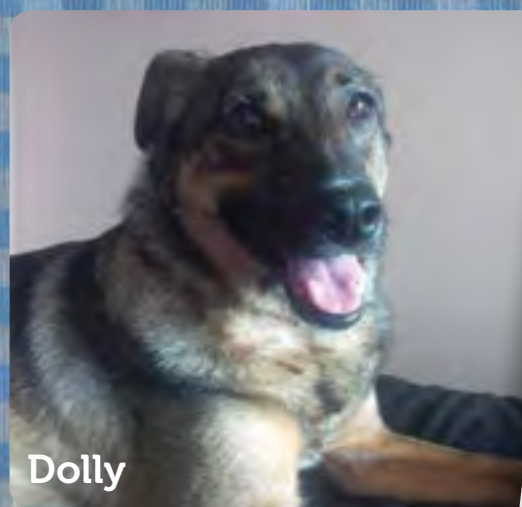
We know that there are special homes out there who want to give back by taking on dogs who need more support and we sincerely hope that by sharing their plight we will find them their special people.

Dolly's Doggy Doughnuts

A big thank you to Dolly's mum who runs Doggy Love Bakery and generously shared with us her recipe named after our very own Underdog!

To find out more about Doggy Love Bakery, please visit:

www.doggylovebakery.co.uk



Dolly

Dolly's Doggy Doughnuts

Ingredients:

- 4oz of plain flour
- 1 egg
- 1 fresh chicken fillet
- 1/3 of a sweet potato
- Chicken juices or water (either works fine)

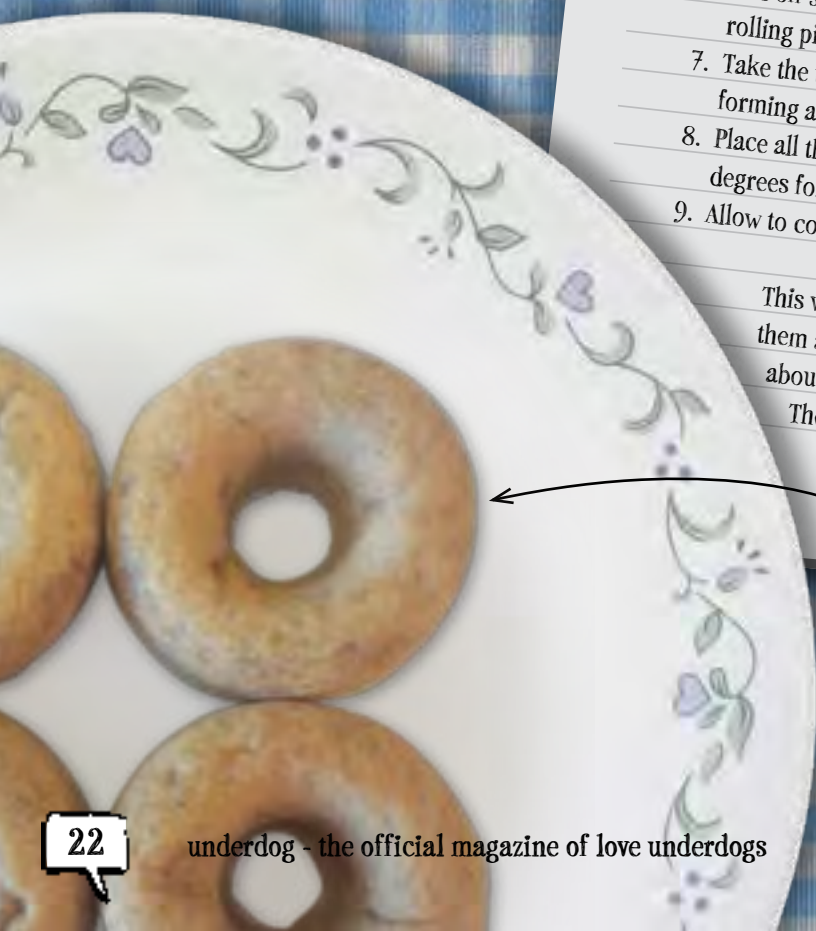


Method:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180 degrees.
2. Bake the sweet potato and chicken fillet for around 40 minutes in the oven, until the chicken is cooked thoroughly and the sweet potato is soft.
3. Leave the chicken and sweet potato to cool before adding to a blender and blending.
4. Add the flour and egg to the blend and blend all ingredients together. Continue blending while adding the chicken juices or water little by little until the mixture becomes dough like.
5. Remove the dough from the blender and keep in a ball.
6. Pull off small balls of dough and use your hands, a glass or a rolling pin to roll into a sausage-like roll.
7. Take the two ends of the roll of dough and push them together, forming a ring of dough.
8. Place all the rings onto a baking tray and bake in the oven on 180 degrees for about 15 minutes.
9. Allow to cool before giving to your dog.

This will make about 12 doughnuts, but you can make them as big or small as you wish. The doughnuts will last about 5 days and should be kept refrigerated. They are also suitable for home freezing.

Dolly's Doughnuts



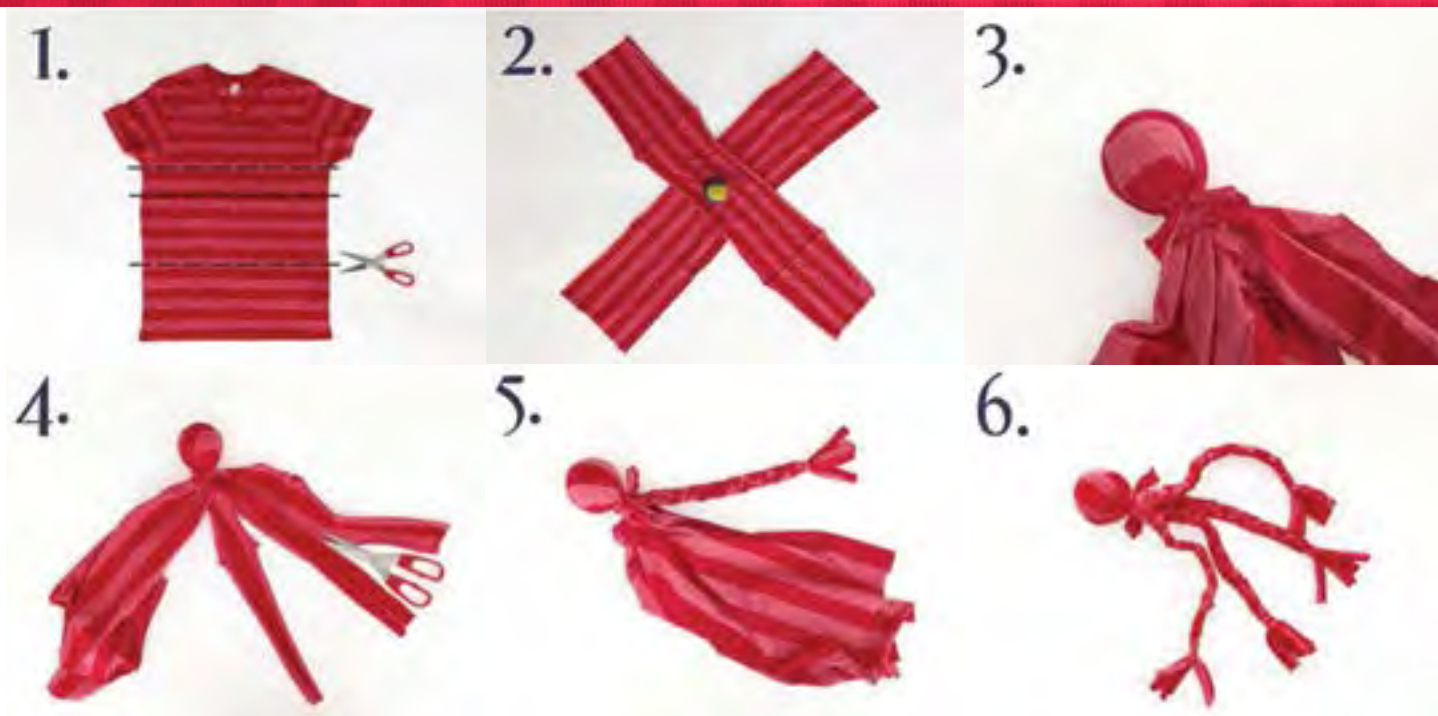


DIY: ball & tug dog toy

Our dogs can go through so many toys and quickly get bored too! So how about a little bit of upcycling for your old t-shirt. Your best friend will love you for it!

This idea comes from:
yesmissy.com/diy-dog-toys/

or visit the love underdogs pinterest for more ideas:
www.pinterest.com/loveunderdogs/



INTRODUCING JAY PRATTE

WORLD RENOWNED ANIMAL TRAINER AND OUR **NEW** COLLABORATOR

We are delighted to introduce you to our new collaborator Jay Pratte, currently the animal training coordinator at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium in the US.

Love Underdogs is committed to supporting dogs and dog owners by offering post adoption support. In the last couple of years, the rehoming team have been supporting families post adoption with advice on training, behaviour, diet and any other areas where our experience was required. As part of our commitment to our families and good dog ownership generally, we have started a dog training and behaviour education program.

We are privileged to be working in collaboration with one of today's most competent and exciting trainers, recognised worldwide for his contribution to positive training not exclusively for domestic animals but also for exotic animals who find themselves in captive environments

such as zoos, aquariums and sanctuaries. Jay's work has been instrumental in providing some of the animals he has worked with, with a more positive experience of life.

Jay does not train for exhibition or show purpose, but solely to improve the care of the animals and reduce stress levels by creating partnerships between animals and their carers. His contribution to animal welfare in Zoos is tremendous and his 'positive only' approach regularly enables veterinarian procedures such as blood draws, vaccinations and inspections to take place without stress or the need for anaesthetising the animal.

His current favourite clients involve Mr. Big the lion, Sam the giraffe, and Jasper the octopus who have all benefited a great deal from Jay's input.

Jay is also an adjunct professor at UNO, having created a special class on Human-Animal Interactions with Dr. Rosemary Strasser, and is the

vice president of the Bear Care Group, an international non-profit dedicated to improving the care and welfare of bears around the world.

Jay has worked with domestic species as well as exotic, and has worked with dogs in particular with local humane societies. He is currently working with two different dog rescue groups in the central United States.

The same training and learning techniques apply to dogs as they do to tigers and dolphins, and what we are actually teaching the animals (as well as what we should be learning FROM them) is the focus of Jay's work. Jay and his partner have four dogs of their own at home (from small to pony-sized) and regularly foster French bulldogs for a local rescue organization.

Jay will have a column in our Newsletter, going through some of the common issues many owners are facing.



▲ Jay working with Panda cubs in Chengdu China
 Jay and his pack of dogs >

Please feel free to email: **info@loveunderdogs.org** if you have a question for Jay and we will choose one for the next edition.

Our aim for 2015 is to create material in a variety of formats such as short videos, action plans for specific issues and a solid adoption pack which includes material to help families have a fulfilled and positive relationship with their dogs. It will by no means replace our post adoption one to one support but add to the palette of resources available. All of it will be on the website for anyone to use freely.



Q&A WITH JAY

‘Jay can we talk a little about the learning process and common mistakes that us as dog owners can make which trigger unwanted behaviours?’

“In captive exotic animal management, particularly training/operant conditioning, we succeed in reaching our goals with the animals when we take a step back and think about what is ACTUALLY happening in the learning process, and not just what we THINK is or should be happening.

continued...

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Q&A WITH JAY continued...

One of the best examples to illustrate this point is a common mistake many animal caregivers make. Over time, your dog has learned to come to you for praise and affection. You have taught them to 'come' when you call them, and they should regularly receive verbal praise, treats and scratches.

Then comes a day when we are frustrated with the dog. We may be at the park and they're running away or scrapping with another dog.

Regardless of the situation, WE are unhappy with a behaviour, so we call the dog over, and they discern the angry tone and creep over, unsure of what to do. We as people assume the dog 'knows what it did wrong' (which they don't, they don't think like people) and we proceed to scold or punish the animal for their perceived infraction. Unfortunately, from the DOG'S point of view, they are running around being a dog, and their beloved human companion suddenly calls them in a sharp tone. Not knowing why, they still follow their learning and approach their human, only to end up being punished or put into a time out.

All they DO know is that they did come when called, and then experienced an aversive consequence. This, by definition in operant learning, is how to EXTINGUISH a behaviour.

Except that while we think we are addressing the unwanted behaviour (running away, scrapping with another dog, knocking things over or whatever the situation may be), what we are actually doing is punishing the dog for coming when we called them, which is (and should be) a desired response.

We as people need to realise that our actions have consequences on what the animals learn in any situation, and try to temper our responses accordingly.

Reading an animal's behaviour and altering our response is the very basis of 'behaviour-based training'. An animal displays a behaviour, we alter our response accordingly while still trying to build rewarding associations so that the animal is learning what we hope.

Since, like with other people, we cannot have a conversation that is one-sided, we need to 'listen' to the animals and respond accordingly. This increases both trust and the willingness to learn. It works with a lion, and it works with dogs as well ”

Got a question for Jay?

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



RIP Carla

It is with huge sadness that we had to let Carla go on the 5th of January.

She was suffering with wobbler syndrome and we had to make the decision to let her pass away in peace.

Her health had deteriorated in the last days of her life and it was time for us to say goodbye. We miss her very much but are comforted by the thoughts that the end of her life was lived in comfort and she enjoyed real moments of happiness with us, the walkers and volunteers at Glebe Farm.

Carla's ashes have been returned to kennels to go in the remembrance garden that Sheena will build when the weather brightens up.

With Love from us all xxx

WIN!

A bespoke ceramic pot with a hand drawing of your dog on it!

Enter our photography competition for your chance to win!



ROY

Roy's wonderful family are offering you the chance to win a very special piece: **A ceramic pot decorated with a hand drawing of your own dog.**

Penny and Maddie are very talented artists and they are generously offering to make this unique piece to raise money for the Underdogs. The drawing is fired on to the porcelain under the glaze.

It is quite a lengthy process to make such a piece, it takes about 8 weeks in total, so we hope that many of you will participate in this competition to win this beautiful bespoke item.



www.loveunderdogs.org/fundraise/photography-competition

THE COMPETITION:

This is a photo competition and we are looking for the best dog photo to win this fabulous prize.

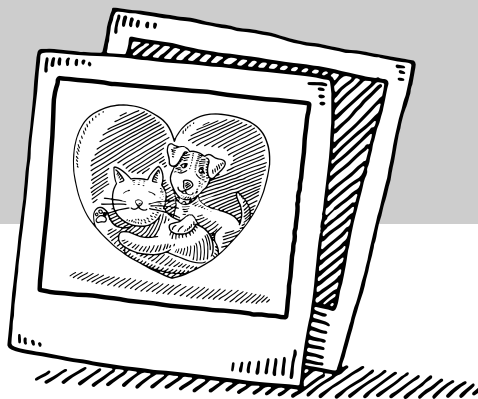
Cristina Lapis, president of AMP our Romanian partners, will judge the competition and choose a winner.

TO ENTER:

Please send us your photo to michelle@loveunderdogs.org, it costs £3 to participate, which you can pay through the link above.

The deadline is the 15th of April.

The pot will be made over the following weeks.



MEDICAL APPEAL



Give one of our dogs in need the gift of better health.

Many of the dogs in our care are in need of specialist care and surgery.

We specifically take dogs who cannot get the right medical care at the shelter as priority on our transports. We give them the best possible care and many of our dogs who have had surgery benefit greatly from hydrotherapy.

Building muscle strength is a very important part of the rehabilitation process and we welcome the financial support to be able to do this for them. They all really enjoy it as well which is a bonus.



Bobbi at Hydrotherapy on the treadmill

Thank you for your kind support, Genie and Plato are currently going to Hydrotherapy, and with further orthopedic surgery candidates coming to us on our next transport, we will be very grateful for the support.



Plato gets his harness fitted ready for the pool.

Please consider buying one of our dogs the gift of health by sponsoring a hydrotherapy session.

The cost of a session to us is £32.50 and most of our post op cases go twice a week for 3 months.

Bobbi and Jolie are just finishing their sessions and they are literally transformed.

The muscle tones on their legs mean that they are able to run and play almost like normal dogs now and it also minimises the risk of further injuries.

To sponsor a hydrotherapy session, please visit:

loveunderdogs.org/donate/hydrotherapy/



Flynn, 9 months old and looking for a forever home.