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UnderDogs**



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



Couscous out for a ride



Roman taking a bath!



Hugo enjoying the autumn



Chester :o)

OUR FAVOURITE PHOTOS FROM YOU...



Stanley helping to decorate the tree!



Skip having a cuddle!

Many more can be seen on our facebook page:
www.facebook.com/LoveUnderdogs
Please keep sending them in!



Wolf and Buddy

...AND ONE FROM US TOO!



Puppies in Brasov

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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'Tis the season
to be jolly...

The question on everyone's lips:
"Is it Christmas already?!"

Time flies when you're having
fun and we certainly cannot
believe that 2015 is nearly over!

And it has sure been an action packed year for us all, here, in the UK, in Romania and lately in Germany at our new facilities in partnership with BMT Tierschutz.

A lot of our efforts this year have been centered around improving conditions at the shelter in Romania with our German partners.

Transport conditions are also now significantly better with the new van purchased by BMT.

Our dogs undertake such a long journey from Romania to the UK, their comfort is essential.



Make a difference
to dogs who
have nothing and
nobody.

Love Underdogs
rely on your
donations to
continue our work.

Thank you ☺

CAN YOU SPARE

£3
a month?



With regards to our adoption procedures, hopefully the families adopting lately will have found our new post adoption resource pack helpful.

It comes in the form of a comprehensive dog ownership folder covering all aspects from behaviour training and diet to the more specific issues, such as dealing with fireworks.

The pack was created in collaboration with our wonderful trainer Jay Pratte. Next year we will add sections about health care. This resource will shortly be available online too.

From next year you will have the possibility to get the magazine sent to you if you choose to sign up for the postal option (see our homepage in the new year).

We will have it printed on recycled stock of course. Sometimes, it is just nice to have a hard copy.

We spend so much time in front of our computers as it is, catching up with our news with a cup of tea on your sofa might be quite nice?

We hope that you enjoy this edition, and as always THANK YOU for your wonderful support. As we say, it takes a village to write a book much the same as it does to get an abandoned stray dog from Romania in a happy warm and loving home in the UK.

And it's worth it ☺



Cain



 To adopt Cain 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

**"Cain is
a very sweet
natured boy"**

His favourite pastime is free running in the paddock, where he can burn off all that wonderful energy with other dogs. Cain plays with some toys, but mostly he loves treats and this is a really good training motivation for him. We expect him to excel, if taken to training classes, as he is generally very sociable with people, as well as a good listener. He wants to please once he knows what is expected of him. Cain can be fairly strong on the lead, but will adjust his behaviour once corrected.

Because of Cain's big and bouncy ways, we recommend he shares his home with adults or children over 16 with dog experience.

Cain is an absolute charmer, and he is thrilled to discover new things. He will bring much happiness to the family who will give him a chance and will be grateful for a new life in a home.

*The perfect boy
for the perfect family*



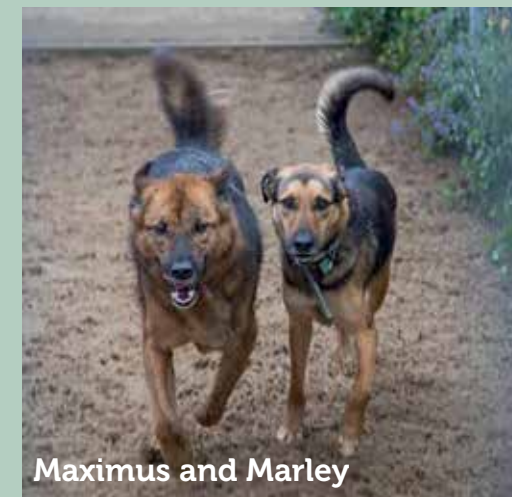
Cain is a super affectionate boy, full of enthusiasm and energy. He has so much to offer and definitely has ambitions of being a big lap dog. He must be one of the most affectionate boys we have in our care.

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

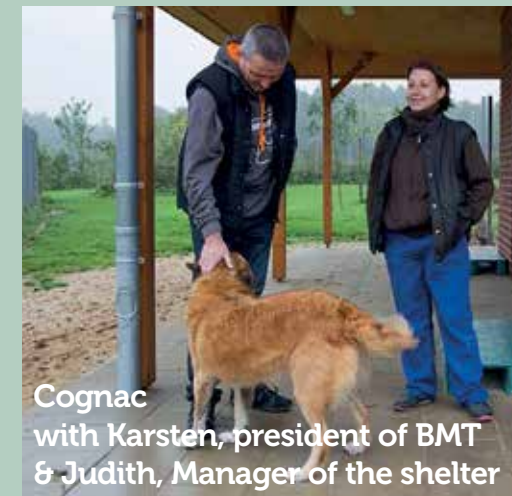
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Waiting for their biscuit: Scruff and Lucy



Maximus and Marley



Cognac with Karsten, president of BMT & Judith, Manager of the shelter

It is owned privately, and was built for the use of NGO's. It seemed too good an opportunity to pass for a number of reasons.

This shelter offers sanctuary standards. Our Bubbles moved there back in spring, for those of you who remember. It meant that for the number of long termers in the UK not finding homes, we could allow them to live in much more luxurious accommodations, whilst being on a new, different platform. Sometimes dogs become non movers at a shelter and a move to a new place means that they are a fresh face and they get a new start. The German public is also a little different to the UK, particularly in the north. Larger dogs are quite popular, which has typically been an issue for certain dogs here with us.

Love Underdogs and BMT are now also able to receive more transports from our Romanian partner's shelter. It means that more dogs can now be saved from Brasov.

A number of Underdogs have already travelled to Germany this year. Bubbles was joined by Cognac, Bumble, Scruff, Lucy, Marley, Maximus, Snoopy, Zani and Lavender.

We talk to our manager Judith weekly, and they are all doing fine. Bubbles is currently being treated for a slipped disc but is doing better already following a number of injections and new medication.

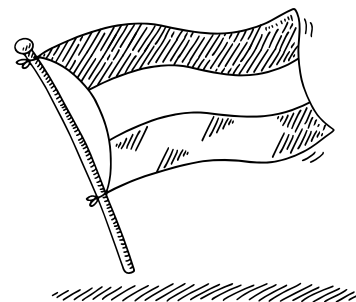
Love Underdogs Germany



Scruff and Bubbles



From the 1st of September, Love Underdogs teamed up with our partners in Germany, BMT Tierschutz, to co-share the running of what must be one of the most luxurious dog shelters we have ever come across.



Here are a few photos for you to appreciate this little bit of paradise on earth. More pictures and details on our website:

www.loveunderdogs.org/about-us/german-underdogs



It's a date!

THE NEXT UNDERDOGS FUN DOG SHOW
AND REUNION WILL BE HELD ON: **3RD JULY 2016 - 10am to 3pm**

We hope to see you all at this event for some fun, dog shows with many classes, stalls, cakes, teas, coffees, BBQ, tombola etc.. and hopefully lots of great times to be had! We look forward to seeing many of our

rehomed Underdogs paying us a visit and meeting up with friends too. All our dogs looking for homes will of course be there to meet you. You are welcome with or without dogs of course ☺

p.s. We welcome all positive thoughts for decent weather, as we are possibly the unluckiest rescue when it comes to choosing sunny dates for our reunions!

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FOR MORE INFO VISIT:
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Sadly overlooked: Clyde



Whilst we now have the possibility to give our overlooked dogs another platform at our shelter in Germany, wouldn't it be nice if some of our friends who have been waiting at kennels for a long time got a chance here in the UK?

We're a nation of animal lovers, and we know there must be a place in someone's home and heart for Clyde.

He came with Bonnie earlier this year, she found a home but our Clyde wasn't so lucky. This is a boy who arrived at the shelter in Romania two years ago as a puppy and has never had the opportunity to have a home of his own.

Many families will tell you, once they get a taste of the sofa and a seat by the fireplace, those Romanian dogs won't want to leave the house! Clyde is truly a wonderful boy, and we feel that people are missing out on a super dog!

You will find everything you need to know about our Clyde and how to adopt by visiting:

www.loveunderdogs.org/our-dogs/&ref=LU%20652



BRASOV, ROMANIA

with AMP "Millions of Friends"

With the end of the year approaching, so is the project to completely refurbish the Victory shelter, a project which started in June 2014.

We couldn't be more delighted for the dogs of course, but also for the team out there who for 18 years worked in seriously basic and difficult conditions.

All is well when the sun is shining and the shelter dry, but when temperatures drop to -30C, 600 dogs have to be kept clear of 3 feet of snow and fed and watered somehow despite the icy temperatures, it's another matter.

Love Underdogs' contribution to the project has been a third of the cost of the new clinic, and the foundations where the new kennels have been built. BMT, WAP and Brigitte Bardot have all been contributors.

BMT Germany paid for all the new kennels which are top class, WAP contributed towards the costs of building the new clinic and Brigitte Bardot paid for the grassy areas surrounding the kennels as well as the garden.

All the dogs have now access to pens with both indoor and outdoor areas, they each have their wooden kennel with straw inside for the winter and they get to run outside every day for a little while. It's not perfect but it's a million miles away from what it was.

The UK team have felt the difference in the behaviour of most dogs arriving. They have lead manners already, and they are for the most part more balanced. It's a huge step up.

The clinic is also a lot warmer, and the sanitary conditions are worlds apart from what it was. More dogs will survive operation and illnesses, with dry and warm conditions for their recovery.

Below are a few pictures of the latest kennels to be installed. The last pieces of the puzzle so to speak.

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

Neutering:	280 animals
Vaccinations:	306
Entry at the shelter:	264
Dogs gone abroad for adoption:	194

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Pam

She is only young, about 2 years of age. We met her at the Victory shelter in person in October and she was a delight!

We will know more about her character when she come to us but for now Pam looks like the kind of munchkin who might just be the addition you are looking for, get in touch!

You can fill in an application form under the adopt section of our website.

www.loveunderdogs.org

We know she will be ultra popular being a small to medium size with her super shaggy hair and great smile, so don't wait.

All aboard!

The Lovely Pam will be boarding our next transport in January.

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



SURGERIES UPDATE

Tabitha

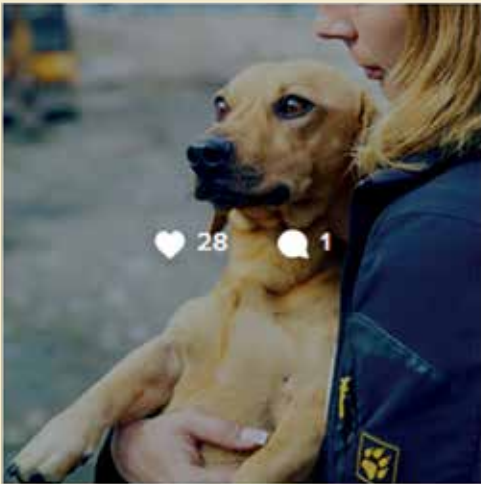
Tabitha had her surgery, she had to have her back leg removed, which was in a terrible state. She is doing great and we would like to thank all who contributed to her medical fund via her Fundrazr link.

Thank You



Complementing our other social media channels, Love Underdogs are now on Instagram too! Make sure you come on over and check us out:

#InstaUnderdogs



Calendars are in!

Stuck for a Christmas present idea? Maybe you just want to treat yourself? Well here is the perfect gift for any Underdog lover, and getting your hands on one could not be easier! You can now buy your 2016 Love Underdogs calendar online.

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Cooking for your Dog

Make Doggy Egg Nog for your dog – and why not!



Homemade Doggy Egg Nog!

Ingredients:

- 1 x 200g container plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 of a 100g jar baby food (We used organic sweet potato & chicken)
- 1/4 of a cup of water
- 1 x egg (free range if possible)
- Some Gingerbread Buddy Biscuits (for topping)

Method:

1. Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend until frothy.
2. Top with a small dog treat such as the tiny Buddy Biscuits.
3. Enjoy!

The recipe can easily be doubled and kept in the fridge for a couple days or frozen!

You can leave the raw egg out if desired.

Ice & Snow

If we get a cold snap it is great fun to get out and about with your dog, but keep a regular check on your dog's paws as ice and snow can ball up in the space between toes.

Salt and other chemicals used to grit roads and pavements can be irritant to your dog's pads (especially if they have any small abrasions), so we would advise wiping your dog's paws with a cloth and warm water when you get home.