

LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE SOUTHERN ENGLAND

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Welcome to our December Newsletter.

As we reflect over the last 12months it has certainly been a year of ups and downs. We were delighted that we were finally able to start bringing over our China dogs to start their new lives in the UK but are absolutely shocked and deeply worried at the sky-rocketing numbers of dogs being abandoned all over the country. Our ardent Christmas wish is that all dogs have a safe, warm and loving home.

We'd also like to wish you and all your family, 2-legged and 4, a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

We thank you for your continued support and hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/LRRSE



Sending a special THANK-YOU to our fabulous team of Dog Walkers, Fosterers, Crafters, Volunteers and Supports who are vital to our rescue. We treasure you all.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Sue & Louise

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THE IMPORTANCE OF FOSTERING





Autumn – 2yr old abandoned



Pepper



Jasmin - 7mth old pup abandoned

Having a foster home available when an emergency happens can mean life or death to that dog. So many dogs are being dumped at the moment, probably due to the financial climate that has affected many families who are now suffering hardship with many losing their homes.

When the dogs are found they go into the council dog pound and contact is made with the person on the dog's microchip (if they have a chip). In many cases, the person will deny recent ownership of the dog. If the dog remains unclaimed after 7 days, they will be offered to rescues.

If rescue space is not available, the council will then put the dog to sleep. We do our very best to help as many Labradors and Labrador crosses as we can, but we do not own our own kennels. And private boarding kennels are very expensive, which limits us to a small number of kennels.

So, we rely on, people like you, to foster and to help us save these dogs.

Just recently we urgently needed a foster home for Pepper, who we had to take into kennels whilst finding her a forever home. Pepper cut her foot which required surgery and nursing to heal and recuperate in a home environment. One of our lovely dog walkers stepped forward and cared for her in her own home. And we are pleased to say Pepper has made a full recovery. The worry of not having a place for an injured dog like Pepper or beautiful Autumn and Jasmin, who had death sentences waiting for them, is something we are facing constantly.

We are appealing for your help:

Short- and long-term fosterers are urgently needed. Please help us if you can. Share this plea with your friends and family, and direct people to our website for a <u>foster application form</u> or pass on our email <u>sue.lrrse@gmaill.com</u> or <u>louise.lrrse@gmail.com</u> You really can make a difference to these dogs' lives.





















China Dog Update

We are delighted that many of the beautiful China dogs that arrived recently have now gone into their forever homes and we hope you enjoy reading their updates that we have shared with you in this newsletter. Fergus and Daisy are now in a foster home receiving lots of love and care; and are becoming more confident with life outside a kennel environment.







Sadly, Trevor is still waiting for a forever home. He has come on in leaps and bounds over the past few weeks. He likes the company of other dogs, is now enjoying good walks and lots of cuddles. We hope his wait won't be too much longer.

We have more dogs arriving in January. Information and photos will be available on our website very soon. If you are interested in adopting one of these gorgeous dogs, then keep watching our website.

We would like to thank everyone that has donated to help the China dogs over the past year Without your help, we would not be able to help these wonderful dogs - THANK YOU!

If you would like to make a Christmas donation, please visit our donate page:

https://www.labrador-rescue.org.uk/donate.html







BELLE, was CONNIE



Belle is one of our dogs from China who was saved from the meat trade – Ed.



Morning Sue.

Connie, now known as Belle, had a fantastic night.

She had a little scratch at the door and whimper for 10 minutes when we went to bed (she slept in the kitchen).

After that not a peep until I came down this morning.

So pleased to see us today.

She is absolutely adorable and seems to be settling very well so far.

Thank you! Best wishes, Clare



STAR BOARDING KENNELS

The facilities and staff are excellent, and the immediate care and compassion given to the dogs we have placed with them has been wonderful.

If you are looking for holiday care for your dog or cat, then we thoroughly recommend the STAR BOARDING KENNELS

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Email: info@starboardingkennels.co.uk

Visit their website:

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CHRISTMAS COOKIES?





HERBIE



Herbie is one of our dogs from China who was saved from the meat trade – Ed.





Good Morning Sue, I hope you are well.

Just another little update on Herbie. He slept right through the night last night. He settled around 10:30pm on a blanket in our bedroom. We went down around 7am, he got right to the back door, but just couldn't get outside, so had a little accident. But we don't care as he had such a good night, and he was heading in the right direction but couldn't make it (we've all been there!).

He is smart enough, to get up from sleeping, give me a nudge, then I know he wants to go out the garden, but needs help down the stair if we are in the home office.

Yesterday, on our walk, we experienced some new sounds etc including police sirens, diggers and other machinery types and busy traffic and he was not phased one bit. Last night, we had some really loud fireworks nearby, and he was snoring all the way through them and not bothered at all.

He went to the groomers yesterday, went straight in with tail wagging, was really well behaved and loved having a bath etc. He is now a lovely clean fluff ball.

I worked from home and he slept behind me on a blanket most of the day. We did the stairs around a dozen times, he is still really nervous, but as long as I hold onto his collar, he feels safe and goes up or down.

We have a secure field for an hour for him tomorrow, to see if he is interested in fetch etc.

Then we have a 1 to 1 dog training session in the afternoon, to start to help him understand what we want of him, and us to understand what he wants from us.

Kind Regards,









TRUDY



Trudy is one of our dogs from China who was saved from the meat trade – Ed.







Just to let you know Trudy is settling in so well.

We are both so surprised how amazing she is being. Especially considering it's all so new to her.

No accidents, no problems last night and is just generally such a lovely girl.

Will keep you posted over the next few days on how she is.

Kind regards,

Lucy







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This is a lovely store with exceptionally nice staff and well worth a visit...with your dog of course!



CHEWIE & LEIA

Chewie & Leia are two of our dogs from China who were saved from the

meat trade – Ed.





Dear Sue and LRRSE team,

All is very well with these two beauties. They are all registered with the vets, chip company got in touch, and we verified their chips and insurance all sorted. We have noticed just over this last week how more relaxed they are. There have been no more accidents in the home as we have kept to a regular schedule. Walking them twice a day, feeding twice and they have slept pretty much all through the night, bar a few odd outside noises that woke them.

Leia is very nurturing over Chewie, and they easily make friends with all the dogs they meet on their walks. Appetites are good, poos good and they still love being brushed. Leia still won't go up the stairs but now loves jumping in the van.

Chewie goes along with anything.

We are hoping to meet some of the team at the dog training centre, next week to start some recall training before we let them off lead. They have adapted quickly to the household noises, washing machines, TV's, toilets, neighbourhood dogs, dustbin lorries, so amazed at them. My son Max even gets a high-five out of Leia, and Chewie likes to lean to stop you from moving, and so that you can continue petting him. We will keep you posted with new things

Take care and warmest regards

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Lisa and Bill

P.S. In the info you sent you asked about homecheckers for our area, just let us know what you need, glad to help xx



JASMINE





Morning Sue,

All going well this morning - Jasmin has settled in really well. A bit nervous of the garden, but very relaxed and happy in the house. No trouble in the night and got a lovely greeting and wagging tail in the morning (something to do with breakfast time I think!)

I think she is just a bit scared of the sky!

I've never seen a dog eat her food so fast! Slowed her down
for breakfast using a kong, which worked well.

Done a little bit of training (sit, paw, wait, etc) and she learns very quickly with treat involved - lots of potential. Scrumpy sulking a bit due to not getting all the attention, but he'll get over it...

Thanks again. Scrumpy should think himself lucky!
Steve





Please don't forget to <u>carefully</u> return our tag once you have your own made.

Our stock frequently runs low, and they are quite expensive for us to replace.



Thank you!









BARNEY









Hello,

Photos of Barney in forest pond swimming with M&R.

Then, all lovely & clean, he found bits of broken heather to drag around & then lastly look at my dirty face (3)

He is so funny at times. There was a stream to cross, so he was a bit cleaner in the end!!

All the best to everyone from us all x











ELLIE





Hello!
Adopted 3 years ago,
Ellie is a delight. Much loved and
well behaved.

Does not mind getting into the dog pond to be scrubbed down after walks. She still seems to operate on continental time e.g. getting me up between 5 and 6 in the morning.

Nothing I tried is working. No problem though.

Best wishes,

Barbara





The donations we received from Pets at home buy food – treats – bedding – toys etc for our rescue dogs. Please join their VIP club and make sure you choose Labrador Retriever Rescue Southern England as your chosen charity...details on how to do this are below...this won't cost you anything and will really help another rescued dog.

Pets at Home

By joining their VIP club and choosing us as your chosen charity, every time you make a purchase in their store a donation is made to us. Over the past months we have been able to purchase dog food, bedding, treats and toys for the dogs in kennels and in foster with the vouchers we are sent from this brilliant scheme. So, please sign up today and help us, help more beautiful dogs.

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MILLIE







Dear Louise & Sue,

Hope you're both well.

We finally all managed to get away for a few days. We rented a cute little cottage in Dorset. We weren't sure how Millie would take to be staying in a strange place, but she was absolutely fine. Though she didn't make herself too comfortable as she wasn't allowed on the sofas, as she does at home.

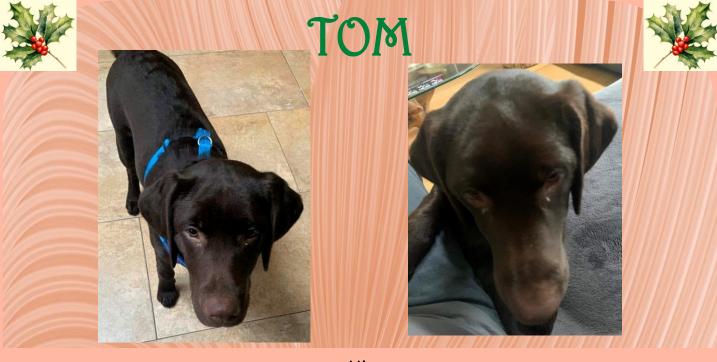
Millie was in her element down on the beach and even though she is twelve and a half years young, and it was the middle of November, it didn't stop her diving into the sea.

We forget how old she is at times when she dashes around like a puppy.

We all wish you all a very merry Christmas (can't believe it's upon us already and best wishes for the new year.

April, Ian, Frankie & Millie





Hi,

We've had a few toilet accidents & a few puppy related furniture issues which we've had to address but overall, Tom seems to be settling in ok.

He's had lots of very long walks & he is VERY strong on the lead.

First puppy training session tonight. Sleeping ok through the night but up at 5am with some barking, could do with an extra hour!!

Both kids love him, especially Ruby who can't spend enough time with him.

Definitely work in progress but still very early days yet.

Dave







SUNNY



Hi Louise,
2.5 years ago, we rescued
Sunny. This is him on the
beach today.
He brings us such joy.
Merry Christmas and a
happy New Year!









FUND-RAISING AUCTIONS

A very BIG thank you to all those who participated in our auctions this year. They are a great support in helping us to continue helping and supports dogs that need us. There will be a new auction in January. In the meantime, please join our LRRSE Fundraising group on FaceBook

https://m.facebook.com/groups/3924874049 17165/?ref=share





I do love my warm frothy milk on a cold morning. Just the thing to start the day!

I was so very pleased with myself for finding this furry friend in the garden today, that I rushed inside to show Humum. I can't, for the life of me, understand why she wasn't so pleased...







Tried to show my ball to the small human - told her sharing is caring but she was not amused ᠍























The Adventures of Tango' continued....







You must try harder

Humum,
we need to
talk.
These
appear to
"cat"
treats!





Just making sure that humum has some good ideas for our Christmas





























Please Remember Us In Your Will

Charity No 1105955

Including us in your Will is an incredible way of remembering the dogs that have given you so much love and pleasure during your life and continuing to help many other dogs in the future.

We will also care for your dog/s should the need ever arise and writing your wishes into your Will, will ensure that your pet/s continue to be loved and cherished for the rest of their lives.

LRRSE does not have any paid workers, so every penny we receive is spent on saving another dog.

We are only able to carry on our work by receiving donations and legacies.

Please remember LRRSE in your Will.

Made Your Will Yet?

You have probably worked all your life for everything you own

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