



December

Welcome to our December Newsletter and looking back over this year, we have to say that we have placed some truly wonderful dogs in some truly wonderful homes. Your updates and photos have been great and have kept us going. We are hoping that 2025 will see many more good homes coming in and some more beautiful China boys and girls coming over to us, but we may have to do some extra fund raising as the costs of transporting them have doubled.

We'd like to wish you and all your family, 4-legged and 2, 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 Supporters 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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CHOU CHOU



Chou Chou is one of our dogs from China - saved from the meat trade



Hello there, Chou Chou here.

I have recently arrived from China, saved from the meat trade, and was in kennels in Chessington waiting to be rehomed.

The clarion call went up. It is Easter 2024. I hear 'we can bring more dogs back from China, but we haven't any space to house them'. 'Our kennels here are full'. I waited in anticipation.

Would someone like me so that a kennel space could be freed up?

I then learned that someone was very interested in rehoming me. They already had 2 'China Girls' litter sisters aged 2, from 2022, so I was hopeful of a forever home here in England.

Maybe I knew them. I slept well that night.

The next day, a lady arrived at Chessington and agreed to take me. She was going to be my Mum. I was excited, but nervous. I did well in the car, after I had been lifted in and arrived at my new home. I was met by three dogs, the two from China I had heard about, together with a black labrador, called Bertie. I understand he was a stray and also rehomed. He gave me the once over, and I thought I heard him mutter 'here we go again, another one that doesn't understand English'. 'She'll have to come to my language school'





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I was taken to the vets for what they called a check-up. They were taken aback when I got on the scales and the number 44 appeared. 'She's a heavy girl!' I heard them say. I'll show them, I thought. I didn't particularly like the food I was being given, but outside in the garden was great. There was this green stuff they called grass. It was soft to walk on, much nicer than I'd been used to. The others made me feel very welcome and encouraged me to join in with them, but I couldn't keep up. It was exhausting! I quickly got used to how things worked though and soon got my appetite back. Now when I went out, I could play and explore and do a little running about.

When I next went back to the vets, they invited me on the scales, and this time it said 38. Everyone was pleased. However, my hair was matted, and I had to have lots cut out which I didn't mind as I liked the attention I was being given. It was nice to be stroked, brushed and combed.

Fast forward 4 months. Look at me now! I'm almost svelte even though I say it myself! My hair is almost all coming back, and I am not as itchy as I was. I go for walks and enjoy the smells in the verges and hedgerows. I play with my ball, and I love to have something in my mouth even if it is the arm of Mum! I stay with a lovely lady called Pauline who is a good friend of Mum, and she spoils me whilst I am there. She has friends called Mary and Tom and they love to see me.

I really love it here and know that I am a very lucky girl. I have been made very welcome by everyone and feel as if I am part of the gang. Bertie has taught me some English... and some of his tricks of the trade, not all good I hear Mum say.

I must go now, there is playing, eating and sleeping to be done. It's a dog's life, you know.



BENJI



Hi Sue,

Benji had a good journey home and has made himself comfortable. He has eaten and drunk well. And had a very wet walk before having a doze on the sofa.

Will send you further updates.

Many thanks,

Katrina





KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS!

All these things are **POISONOUS** to dogs.



Christmas Pudding



Alcohol



Mince Pies



Chocolate



Nuts



Grapes & Dried Fruit



Onion



Avocado



Garlic



Sweeteners



Poinsettia



Holly



Mistletoe



Christmas Tree





NANA



Hi Sue

Last week we took Nana to the coast for a week. She travelled really well, settled down and slept.

She loved the beach and the sea and chasing her ball on the sand, not bothered by any of the many dogs enjoying the beautiful weather we were lucky enough to have.

Here are some pictures - the little Dachshund was trying to take her ball, but she didn't mind!

Best wishes,
Rosalyn, Dave and Nana





ARTHUR



Hi Sue

All good here. No accidents in the house. He has thoroughly checked out the garden and obviously doesn't like foxes. We had a quiet night, and I was greeted warmly this morning. He did his business in the garden followed by breakfast and has been quietly laying next to me while I have breakfast.

John





TIGGER



Hi Sue

Snow dog! On what I believe his second birthday today.

Tigger is still so adorable and loving, and everyone who visits, loves him, as he is such a good boy. I hope to take him to a safe field to be let off and test his recall. He is getting good at coming in from the garden on 2 whistles, so there's hope!!

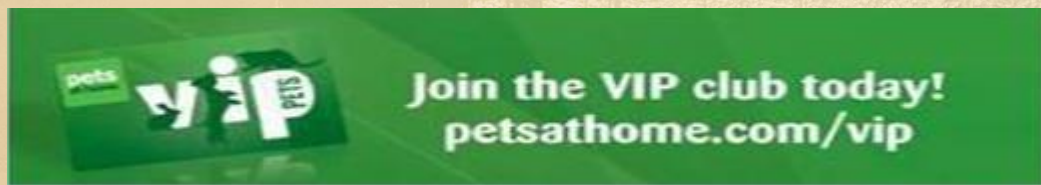
Hope all is well with you
Best wishes Veronica

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By joining the Pets at home VIP club, downloading their app, and ordering online, every time you make a purchase, a donation is made to us.

The donations we receive from Pets at Home buy food, treats, bedding, toys and so much more for our rescue dogs in kennels and foster through this brilliant scheme.

Just make sure you **choose Labrador Retriever Rescue Southern England** as your chosen charity, in the "Lifelines" section of the Pets at Home app. This won't cost you anything and will really help another rescued dog. So, please sign up today and help us, help more beautiful dogs.





JIMMY

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Hello, we hope you are both well.

I'm so pleased to say Jimmy has settled in so well, we can't quite believe it's been 3.5 months already! He's making friends with all the dogs (and owners!) we meet in our local park, he loves his dog walks and visits to the beach, he's loves a cuddle too! He's losing weight and the injury on his back has healed so well. He's a very content boy and often can be found in his bed snoring his head off! We are very lucky, thank you for letting us adopt him!

Best wishes

Sarah, Warren, Charlie and Lily

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MOLLY

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Merry Christmas Louise and Sue!
 Thank you for finding my forever Mum and Dad.
 I'm not sure about this Christmas thing but a new football and turkey dinner sounds good.
 Have a Happy New Year!
 From Molly



Please don't forget to carefully 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!





MENA

(was called Summer)

Update on Summer/now called Mena...

When Mena joined me in early April, she was very overweight (40kg). She changed shape initially, but her weight increased - she was changing fat into muscle - but now she is losing weight. Just over a week ago she weighed 37.9kg.

She has learned how to swim and really enjoys it. She goes to hydrotherapy every other week. She runs in, opening the door herself, if necessary, and whines until she has got the float jacket on, and then she runs into pool. She works really hard and zooms up and down the pool at speed. In the summer, when the sea is warmer, she has a swim in the sea most days.

She hasn't given up on her ambition to run up 30 ft oak trees after squirrels, but progress is slow!!

Everyone comments on what a happy and lovely dog she is. She is such a lovely companion and quite a character. It is not clear yet if she has hip problems. The vet hopes when her weight is lower this will go away. She has also had problems with her bowels, the vet thinks the bone, etc in raw dog food is causing irritation so now she is on Waitrose minced chicken, which she loves. The irritation seems to be reducing.

Mena sends a big lick to you all





DON'T FORCE ME TO BE SOCIAL !

DO YOU WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE YOU MEET ? NO ?.... NEITHER DOES YOUR DOG JUST LIKE US - DOGS HAVE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SOCIABILITY & TOLERANCE



SOCIAL

Generally likes any dog even ones that are irritating or rude
Usually a young dog or a very social adult

TOLERANT

Gets along with most dogs
Tolerates rude behaviour
Usually calm / relaxed / confident

SELECTIVE

Only likes some dogs
Cautious / suspicious of unknown dogs
Intolerant of certain play styles / breeds

SOLO

Just not into other dogs
Happier alone
May be highly sensitive
Prefers to be with a person
Needs space

Sociability is not a fixed trait - often changes with age / health / negative or positive experiences

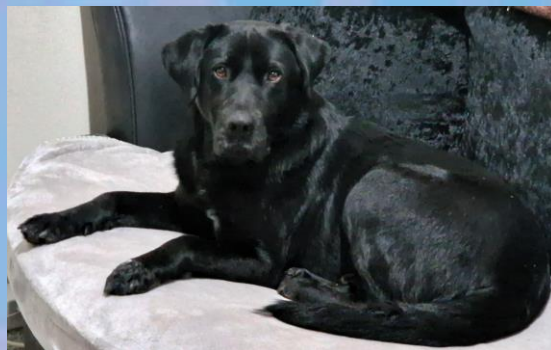
Despite all the appropriate socialization at the right time, not every dog will be sociable

Dogs are individuals - never force a dog to be what you believe they should be





BRACKEN



Hi Sue

Just to let you know how Bracken's first day went.

After leaving you, Bracken got a little nervous and jumped over the back seats into the boot with Bear and stayed there for the rest of the journey without any problems. He even laid down for part of the journey.

We gave him dinner and he seemed quite relaxed and content.

He spent the night on his bed downstairs without any problems.

Today, Bracken and Bear did zoomies together in the back garden.

He seems to be settling in quite well.

Please find attached some pictures.

Kind regards,

Lynn

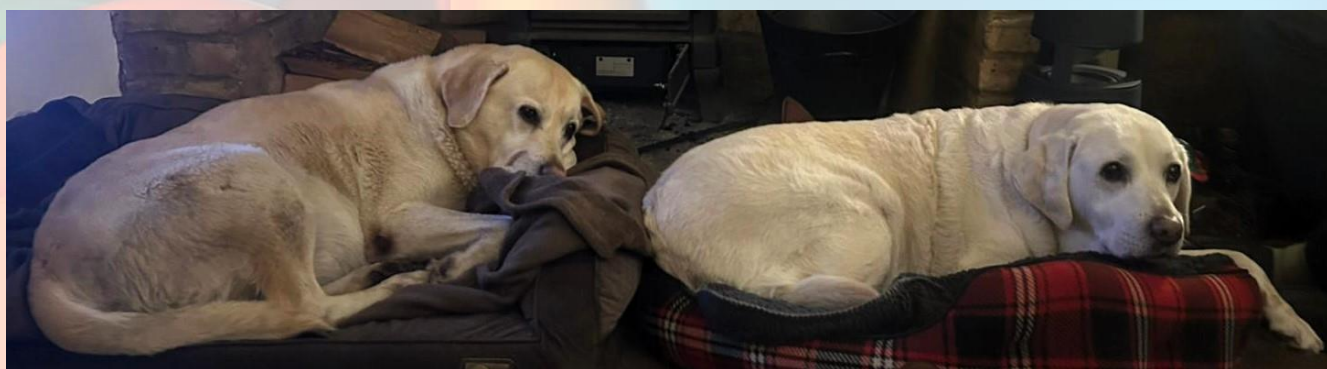




BELLA



Hi Sue,
Bella is settling in fine! Initially told Arthur off but they've sorted out their differences! 😂😂. She's explored the house thoroughly and has been out on a walk with Arthur meeting some of the locals. Had her supper and now out for the count! Will keep you informed on her progress but so far so good.
Kind Regards,
Shena





SAM



This is Sam. Sam is a 2-yr Yellow Lab/Saluki mix and he came to us from LRRSE in early October '24, initially on a fostering basis.

As you will see, it took him all of 24 hours to settle in with us.

He is an engaging, affectionate, playful, energetic yet calm young dog, with tons of charm and some quirky but amusing personality traits.

It did not take very long for us all to fall in love with him and we decided to offer him a permanent home with us.

We are pleased to say that, as of November '24, Sam is now a full member of our family who is warm and loving to all of us and well-loved by us all.

Obedience-wise, I think the kindest description would be that he has his own personality – that's the Saluki genes for you – but he wins in spades with charm and affection.

Thank you all at LRRSE.

R&PP





NALA

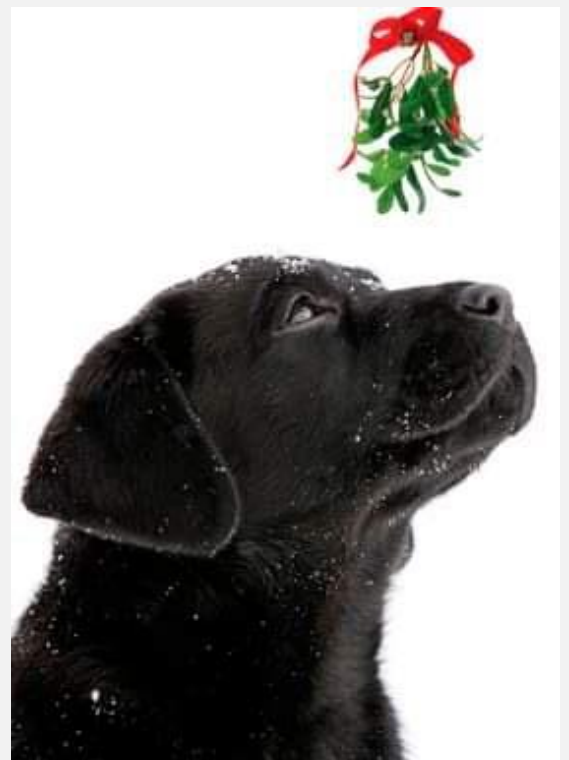


Hi Sue,

Nala had a good night overall, lots of pent-up energy from the long car journeys. Really settling in well. Had first walk and all well there too - likes muddy puddles. Now snoozing in the kitchen - see photo

We are blessed, thank you.

Kay





BERTIE



We picked up Bertie from Labrador Rescue in early August. From the first day he has been a complete joy to us. He settled in very quickly and although not used to being indoors he has never messed in the house and is quite the gentleman and takes his food very gently.

We enjoy watching him zooming around the garden and has found his special places, he just seems so happy to be with us just as we are delighted to have him. He is my shadow in the home and follows me everywhere. He walks beautifully on the lead and never pulls although he can sometimes be a little reactive with other dogs.

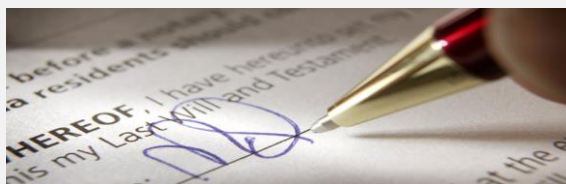
His 9th birthday is approaching in a few days, and we hope to have him for a long time to come.

Thank you to Labrador Rescue for finding Bertie for us

Best wishes to you all,

Jill





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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?

Hey...What About Me?

You have probably worked all your life for everything you own

Without a Will government rules decide who inherits it all

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