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Welcome to our February Newsletter. I think we are all looking forward to some warmer, less muddy dog walks, so roll on Spring! Lots of beautiful dogs on our website waiting for offers of forever homes, so please spread the word with your dog loving friends. 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



China Dog Update

We still have a few dogs in China awaiting their flights to their best lives here in the UK. These dogs have waited so long, since Covid, and we are desperate to get them out. Sadly, the meat trade in China continues and is truly disgusting. How these dogs suffer so much and yet are still loving and trusting of us humans is beyond comprehension. We must continue to help as many of the meat trade dogs as we can until there is no more meat trade. At the moment we are unable to bring them out due to the cost.

PLEASE help us with fundraising, as without funds we are unable to help the many dogs in the meat trade desperately needing a lifeline to save them from the torture that awaits them – see page 2 for more info and ideas.



If you could offer a space for a truly worthy & wonderful dog, please do contact us.

If you'd like to donate to us to help cover their travel costs to their new lives, please

[Click here for PayPal](#) or [here for JustGiving](#)

Please tick for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer, as we get 25% on top of your donation.



Fostering a dog isn't a lifetime commitment.

It's a commitment to saving a LIFE.

We urgently need people that could join our small team of fosterers.

If YOU would like to help, then please contact us

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU COULD OFFER A STARTING PLACE FOR ONE OF THESE VERY SPECIAL SOULS.

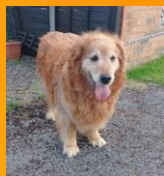
LOUISE.LRRSE@gmail.com Or SUE.LRRSE@gmail.com

If you are able to help by donating or joining our fundraising page or by simply sharing our posts, we would be very grateful.

Visit our donate page <https://www.labrador-rescue.org.uk/donate.html> for many simple ways to donate.

Thank you

FUND-RAISING APPEAL



Raising funds to help dogs in the UK and to bring our dogs in China to their new homes here in the UK, is crucial to keeping us going and sadly we never have enough help with this.

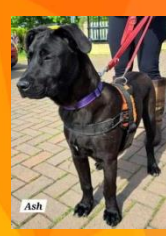
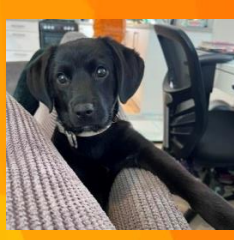
We're hoping that you might help us with this.

There are so many ways fund-raising can easily be done:

- Selling unwanted items on eBay/FB Marketplace/Gumtree etc. and donating the proceeds from sales to us
- Doing a car boot sale
- Holding a coffee morning or afternoon tea & cakes with your friends and neighbours in your home
- Raffles
- Organising a sponsored dog walk in your local area

We are always happy to talk to you about helping with fund-raising and these are just a few ideas that we hope might inspire you to help us, help many more dogs have a better future.

Just a few of the dogs whose lives have immeasurably improved as a direct result of your fund-raising.



On behalf of all the lovely dogs THANK-YOU!

ACE



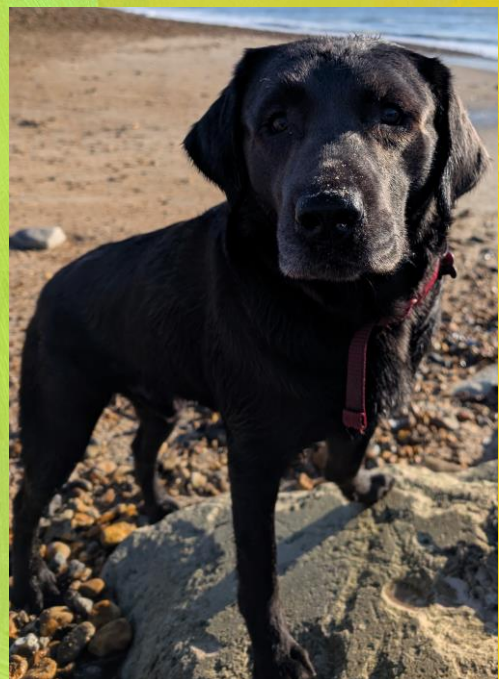
Hi Sue,

It's now been 5 months with Ace!

We have loved the past months with him and can't thank you enough for bringing him into our lives. Here's some pictures of him on different walks!

Thanks,

Vanessa & Rob



JETTY



Hi Louise,
We've had Jetty 6 years now and he's 12 years old. He is suffering from arthritis but has been going to hydrotherapy which he loves, and it helps to strengthen his muscles. Let's hope he has many more years with us.

Regards,
Heather and Eric

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!



MILLO



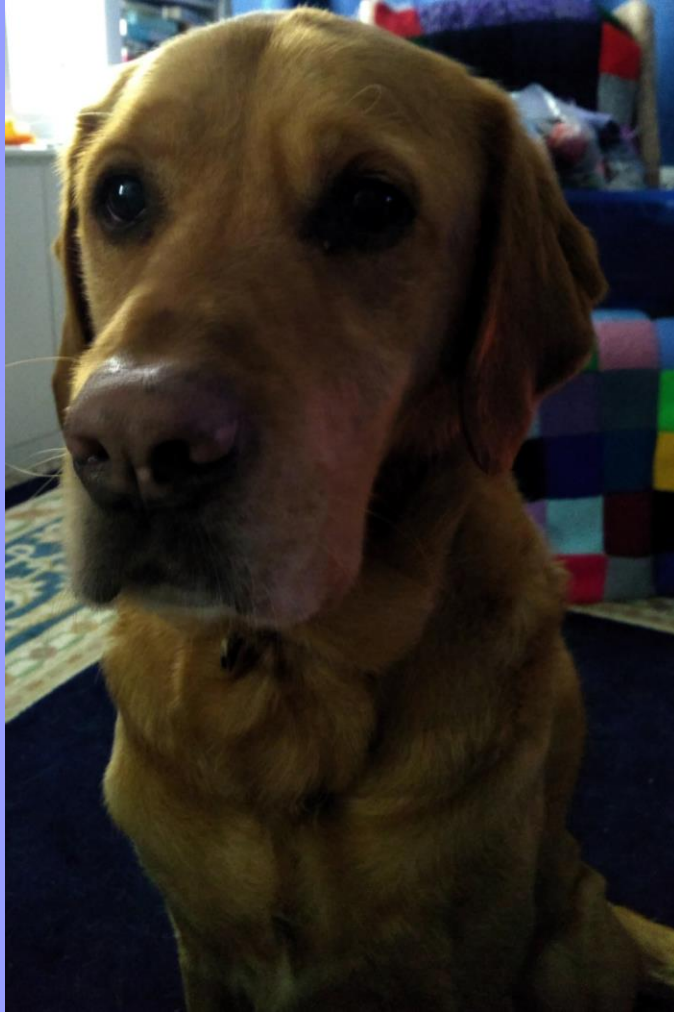
Dear Sue and Louise,
You probably won't remember him, but we adopted Milo, a 4-year-old blackie, from you back in March 2020. It was a couple of weeks before the COVID lockdown when we picked him up from Chessington, so we just managed to sneak in! He has been absolutely brilliant; we got him over his problems with children and he has been the most wonderful and steady boy.

While we were in France in January we noticed a small swelling on his lower jaw under his tongue, so we took him to our vet there. Sadly, it is a tumour which has grown rapidly since then and is inoperable. In himself he is absolutely normal, he has no pain and is has just as much energy as always. We are back home now, and the tumour is still growing – it is now pushing out his lower front teeth, but he is still himself, eating and running around quite normally. We saw our vet last week, and we are all agreed that we will let him go on until there are any signs of discomfort, infection or difficulty eating etc, at which time we will have to say goodbye and let him cross the rainbow bridge. We are absolutely devastated; it has come as a real shock. We don't know how long it will be, days or weeks, but I thought I would like to let you know now rather than waiting till the day.

I am sorry it is such bad news; we are heartbroken.

Kind regards,
Roddy & Penny

ARCHIE



Hi Louise,

It's been a while, but I suddenly realised that next week it will be ten years since Archie joined us. After a very rocky start he settled and is now a popular dog about town - It suits him here. There are lots of people to charm on his walks and there are many paths and places to explore. He came out of retirement to appear in a film produced by the Royal Veterinary College charity last year, enjoying the opportunity to catch up with the blood donor team but generally, he behaves as he did as a puppy (but not wicked!). Thank you again for trusting us with Archie. He has been an amazing member of our family for all these years! This picture was taken today to prove Archie still enjoys his treats, kept in the drawer near his nose...

With all good wishes,
Margot and TK

NERO

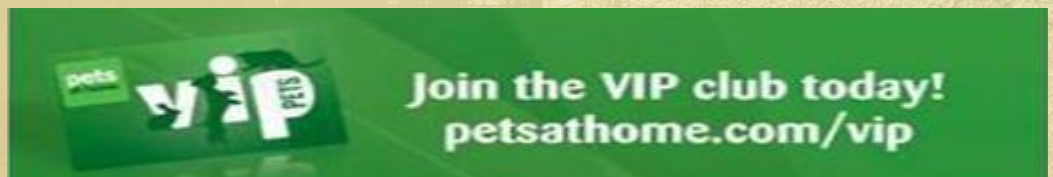


He has been such a good boy. He was clean overnight, slept in his bed and has been playful and happy. He loves absolutely loves walking around with a toy in his mouth...

Pets at Home VIP Club

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.



EROS



Hi Sue,

I've now had Eros for 8 months and he has settled well. He loves his belly rubbed all the time and sleeps with me on my bed, sometimes with his front leg over me as if he's cuddling me.

He loves going to the park and has a friend he plays with sometimes. It took a while to get him used to other dogs, but he's come a long way. His recall is absolutely incredible. He loves rolling in fox poop and has had to have several professional grooms to freshen him up!!

He loves his food and has "Fish Friday" every week when he has oily fish (usually mackerel) with his dinner to help prevent joint issues which he absolutely goes mad for. He also loves his carrots and apples.

He loved his birthday steak, a real treat (all my dogs had steak on their birthdays) and wolfed it down in seconds!



ARE YOU WORTH COMING BACK TO ?

COMING BACK WHEN CALLED IS FAR MORE LIKELY WHEN IT'S REWARDING
COMMON REASONS DOGS DON'T COME BACK



ANGRY TONE

Would you want to go back to someone calling you with an angry voice?

Use a happy, excited, upbeat tone of voice to call your dog

SCOLDING / PUNISHMENT

Shouting / punishing dogs when they do come back creates fear / anxiety

COMING BACK = BAD THINGS HAPPEN

Always praise/reward even if it takes longer than it should

FUN IS ENDING

Avoid calling **only** when the fun is ending

Call your dog back to you **during** an activity praise /reward then continue

INTERRUPTING

If a dog has just found a really interesting smell - a response is less likely

Why not wait a bit ?

Set dogs up to be successful / get it right

LOCATION, LOCATION !

1st practise in low distraction areas - play hide & seek inside then try outside - reward with praise / treats / toys /games when your dog finds you

REPEATING

Repeated calling = loss of interest / white noise
Call once or twice, whistle / clap / run in the opposite direction, give lots of encouragement

Always reward dogs for coming back & keep on practicing
Make sure you are worth coming back to !

Xylitol

Kills dogs

Read labels and look out for:

- ☑ Xylitol
- ☑ Birch Sugar
- ☑ CAS 87-99-0
- ☑ E967

Found in the following:

- 🍬 Sugar free gums and lollies
- 🦷 Toothpastes and mouth washes
- 🥜 Spreads including some peanut butters
- 💊 Medication and vitamins (especially liquid)
- 🍷 Sugar alternatives
- 🍦 Desserts, ice cream and yogurts
- 🍷 Sauces etc.
- 🌐 Anything and everything

JED



Hi Sue,
Hope you're well.

Jed has settled in really well, we're both surprised at how well! We've been having lots of cuddles on the sofa and playing with toys. He's been in the garden, getting used to that and has done his business out there no problem. There are some obvious and expected signs of anxiety, but on the whole, he seems to be setting well.

We left him downstairs when we went to bed and at first, he wanted to come with us, but we stuck to our guns and went up. We didn't hear a peep from him all night. When we came down this morning he was curled up on the sofa and was pleased to see us. We are going to take him for a little walk soon, so he can start to get used to his new area.

We both thank you, and all the volunteers, so much for your help yesterday and for all you do. Can you send us bank details, or a way that we can make a regular donation to the charity? I have attached a couple of pictures, will of course keep sending you more and keep you updated on his progress.

Early days I know, but safe to say Jed has won us over already!

Many thanks,
Mark, Lewis and Jed x

JED (cont...)

An update on Jed and he has settled down more over the last week and is now a star on the WFH zoom calls

Hi Sue hope you're well. Just another quick Jed update from me and Mark. All going really well and he's definitely more confident and settled with us day by day which is great to see 😊 and showing us both love and affection, sometimes too much 😂

Took him to a secure enclosed dog field yesterday for recall training and playtime which he loved, even in the muddy rain! Again, doing really well.



MOLLY



Hi Louise,
Some pics of our gorgeous Molly playing on the beach and walking the
coastal path
Best wishes,
Marion x



They say... the **black** lab throws the party, the
yellow lab attends the party, but the **chocolate** lab
IS the party!



PEXLE & LIZZLE



Arrived home after a tortuous three-hour journey, road works everywhere. The girls were brilliant not a peep out of them.

Went out for a walk which was full of adrenaline!! I had help in the kitchen cooking dinner 😊.

Once we had sorted out the sleeping arrangements, and yes, you guessed, our bedroom not a sound from them all night.

They decided I should get up at 6.00 this morning hence this early email. Just waiting for it to get light then out for a walk.....all good so far.

Many thanks,
Chris and Terry

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AMBER



Hi Louise

I thought it was time I sent a quick update about Amber who we adopted in December 2014. She's now 12 but still very bouncy and enjoying life here in France. She enjoys walks with her sister Layla and with friends and still loves a paddle in local rivers and lakes. Last year we went to the seaside twice for a few days of beach walks. We also had family to stay so Amber met our little granddaughter for the first time and suffice to say they struck up quite a friendship - probably helped by Amber's willingness to always help finish leftover dinners!

A belated Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for all the great work you do.

Maggie, Mark, Amber and Layla xx





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

Without a Will government rules decide who inherits it all

The impact of Care Fees, Tax and other issues could also reduce your loved one's inheritance

With the "Right" Will and good planning you CAN help ensure as much as possible goes to your chosen loved ones...not to 'unintended' others

I am pleased to offer
A FREE Basic Will *limited time introductory offer
to the readers of this newsletter

Specialists in Wills Trusts LPAs Probate

** We donate 10% of charged Will and LPA fees to the LRRSE Charity

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Hey...What About Me?



"I would really miss you... but what do you want to happen to me?"

With the "Right" Will you can name who you want to "inherit" your pets.

Plus, if you wish, you can also leave a financial provision in your Will for your pet together with your requests about their care.



Just contact Barry Halliday and tell him what you want for your beloved pets.