

#### LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE SOUTHERN ENGLAND

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Welcome to our July newsletter. Thankfully, the weather has cooled somewhat, and we hope you are enjoying all the summertime walks with your dogs.

It has been another very busy month, made more so by a litter of 6 puppies that were surrendered to us for rehoming.

And our fund-raising auctions have re-started – see page 3 for more details.

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 Dogs Update**

We still have many dogs waiting in China for their journey to the UK and their new lives. We are desperate for flight buddies to accompany the dogs from Beijing to Paris. If you, or anyone you know, could help, please do contact us.

If you'd like to donate to help cover their travel costs, please do so through our Justgiving link below. Please tick for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer as we get 25% on top of your donation.

https://www.justgiving.com/Irrse/donate

Our three China girls that arrived in the UK in June are all doing really well. They are all now house trained and enjoying their lives in the UK. Mishka has been adopted by her foster home, Barley has gone with her adoptive family to her new life in Cornwall. Belle is still awaiting her perfect home, but we are sure it won't be long. We are in awe of these beautiful dogs, their temperaments and ability to trust and love is amazing. You really couldn't wish for more.



Belle



Belle



Mishka



Barley

### 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.

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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 <a href="https://www.labrador-rescue.org.uk/donate.html">https://www.labrador-rescue.org.uk/donate.html</a> for many simple ways to donate.

Thank you

## BUPDATE

As you may have seen on our FaceBook page, a litter of 6 puppies were surrendered to us for re-homing.

We are very pleased to say that all 6 puppies have now found fantastic homes.













## DEACON





Hi Louise,

Just a quick pupdate... Deacon has settled in well, favourite toy - plastic bottles which he helps himself to whilst we sort the recycling.

He's very helpful picking raspberries and blueberries!!! We give him some of his food in the ball to make him work for it.

We're off to the vet on Friday - just a social call to enrol him and meet the lovely receptionists!

He's going through the night 10pm-5am without any accidents and although he whined a little bit Friday and Saturday is now quite relaxed about being shut in his crate.

THANK YOU for letting us adopt him, he's bringing lots of smiles to our faces. Please thank his fosterer for all they have done as he is developing into a very wonderful pup!

#### RIVER







So, River has settled really well. The cats are an ongoing thing.

The 12-month-old kitty is desperate to make friends!

He is eating and drinking really well. His toilet training is going well. All poo's have been in the garden, and we have had 2 dry nights. He loves a 5am wake up so we find ourselves sitting in the garden with an early cuppa every day.

He wouldn't take to the crate; he gets quite distressed. But is ok in the kitchen. So that's where he stays overnight. He is getting very good with the sit command and is recognising his name.

He is now registered with the vet and insured. Thank-you so much for this precious pup. Xx.





## BUDDY

After a long hot journey home and some playtime in the garden, Buddy has now nodded off.

Thank-you for today, we love him to bits.



#### **FUND-RAISING AUCTIONS**

Our ever-popular auctions are now taking place on a monthly basis.

We have loads of fabulous new items that have been donated to raise money for our dogs, so please head over to our LRRSE Fundraising group on FaceBook for to grab yourself a bargin!

https://m.facebook.com/groups/392487404917165/?ref =share

Here are some of the items up for grabs this month:











## BRIAN



Dear Louise, Sue and all the LRRSE team

As we are rapidly approaching Brian's 3rd "gotcha day" anniversary on 11th July, we thoughT it was high time for an update on him – whom all life seems to revolve around!!

He officially turned 11 in March. As ever, Brian is all character and very good at making his wishes known – always in a gentle but insistent way!

At home, he is of course completely adorable (except to the Amazon driver, post person, or straying neighbours getting into their own cars, all of whom get a good bark).

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He is incredibly cuddly and ready for a good scroofle, especially if it involves rolling around on his back. Even though our two children have moved out, and we worried he might not stay so comfortable with them, Brian recognises when they pull into the drive and continues to adore them! Once you're in Brian's trust circle, you stay in!

He is still a very good boy and never goes upstairs or gets on the furniture, but sorry Jayne, the no-kitchen rule has long gone by the board! Brian is never really naughty, and even when he might push his luck, he's so sweet with it you can't possibly be cross! His only real naughty trait is having a sit-down — or even lie-down — protest if his walk isn't going in the direction he has decided he wants to go in! You're not moving him if he doesn't want to go!! His walks are still his favourite thing, and he does lovely laps of honour or a stampede down the hallway to tell everyone he's going. He still walks wonderfully on the lead (thank you again Roger!) and with our "watch me" training has become even more relaxed with other dogs around, especially familiar ones, and will only react if they really come in close to him.

Motorbikes are seen as a treat opportunity not a threat!

Naturally, Brian completely dominates our lives, and of course we wouldn't have it any other way!! He's adorable and a joy every day – in some ways we can't believe we have had him for three years, in other ways it's like he's been here forever. Thank you again for introducing

us!!!

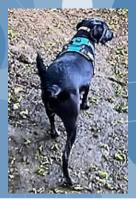
Love from John, Caroline and of course, Brian!!













Hi,

Just a couple of photos and quick update on Freda.

She is doing great, laid back to the point of falling over.

Loves her walks through the woods and stalking the squirrels. Never manages to catch one of course!

Gets on great with everyone, human and canine.

Best wishes,

Stuart



#### 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.

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## ROSIE





Hi Louise

Rosie joined our family 3 years ago when she was 5 years old. She is a total joy and is absolutely adored by us.

She wasn't great with other dogs for a couple of years, but we have seen huge progress over the last 12 months. She now tolerates most dogs in small doses and has definitely got a few favourites. She will be having her first sleepover with her friend Bertie, the border terrier, in September. A test for her as she's not had a night away from us since we collected her...she'll love it!

Her favourite thing in the world is to play in the sea, chasing her toy shark. She loves coming out on the boat watching dolphins and seals and wishing she could jump in to join them.

Long walks feature regularly along with plenty of sleeping on her favourite bed - her cuddly toys are never far away.

She's a bundle of energy despite now being 8 and we wouldn't swap her for the world. Like most Labs, she has a built-in alarm clock for mealtimes and also her evening biscuit.

Despite her size, she usually manages to clamber up onto someone's knee in the evening whilst we're watching a film, she turns upside down and snores 'gracefully' until the credits roll.

She's bonkers, funny, faithful, adored and above all, she's just perfect for us.

Thank you for bringing her into our lives

## **BOBBY**



5 years ago, our lives changed when we adopted Bobby.
Thank you so much LRRSE for your wonderful work, it's a pleasure to be a part

Nick xx

of it.



"That's not what I meant by 'sit,' and you know it."



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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## LOLA

Hi Sue,

All going well here. Lola has been out and about meeting Rupert's pals.
Hopefully, you have, or will soon, receive a parcel from us which has leads, a collar and the tag.

Best wishes,
Adrienne

## DIY FOOD ENRICHMENT

There is some truth in the saying that "a tired dog is a happy dog". However, dogs are incredibly smart. And tiring out a dog doesn't only mean physical exercise but mental exercise too. Challenging your dog's problem-solving abilities burns off energy, provides entertainment and gives dogs a safe outlet for their natural behaviours.

There are many toys and gadgets on the market to help provide mental stimulation, but these can be quite expensive. So here are a few DIY ideas to help with fulfilling this part of your dog's needs.

Remember, that with all these activities, make it easy for your dog in the beginning, to help drive engagement and limit frustration, even if that means showing your dog "how-to"!

#### **Egg Carton Game**

Take an empty egg carton and put a few smelly treats or kibble in each egg holder.

Loosely close the lid and let your dog have it. To increase the difficulty completely close and secure the lid

#### Hide & Seek/Find It

Ask your dog for a sit & stay or place/bed. Allow them to watch you place a few treats/kibble in the corner of the room, and then release them with a "find it".

Gradually increase difficulty by placing treats behind or on top of objects/furniture i.e., where your dog can't see where you've placed them, and then by leaving the room to hide treats in different parts of your home.

Some favourite hiding spots: Under rugs, behind doors, inside shoes, on shelves or arm rests, under tables or on table/chair crossbars

#### **Tea Towel Snuffling**

Take a tea towel and lay it out flat. Scatter a few treats/kibble across the towel. Then scrunch the towel up and let your dog have it.

You can increase the difficulty by rolling the towel up, as you would a newspaper.

And then further increase the challenge still by rolling and then tying the 2 ends together.

#### **Toilet Roll Tube Challenge**

Take an empty toilet roll tube (or kitchen roll tube), place a few treats or kibble inside and loosely fold over the ends – instant dog toy!

You can increase the difficulty by more firmly closing the ends, or by placing in another room and asking your dog to find it.

REMEMBER: Moderation is key, and any kibble/treat used should count towards their daily food allowance

#### OZZIE

Hi Sue,

I got back from London earlier today and Ozzie greeted me very well. He was very pleased to see me, which I was surprised about, but very happy with.

When he got to the house, he had a good old sniff around the garden. He was a bit jumpy at the activity, birds, squirrels, and such like. We have cows in the next field which caused him to bark but he soon wagged his tail too.

He did eat and drink, so that is good, and Martin played with the ball. He pulled a large twig from the hedge and brought it over to Martin. He does love attention and ball throwing, but he's not keen on giving it back! He has picked up most of the shoes in the house and walked off with them (Our other black lab, used to do the same thing).

He slept all night and woke Martin at 5am, by jumping on the bed and giving him a big sloppy kiss!

So, we think he is settling in nicely. We are going for a walk tomorrow up the lane so we will send you some pics.

You will see that Ozzie successfully defended us from a killer sponge that he found in a bucket. Phew!!

Jan x





#### Update:

Hi Sue

We had planned to camp at a local Steam Fair this weekend. Because we had Ozzie, we did contemplate cancelling but as it's literally 20mins down the road we thought we would give it a go and if he was perturbed in any way we would come home.

He was amazing and slept all night in the motor home. I can honestly say that everyone totally loved him. He loved the fuss too.

One judge at the dog show said if we had put Ozzie in, he would have won best in show!

What a lovely weekend. He is fast asleep now. After he ran around the garden! I think he was happy x

Jan x

# BEAR (formerly Ghost)







Dear Sue,

We wanted to give you an update on Bear.

Bear has fit into our family from day one. He is such a loving, happy boy with a big heart. He is literally a 6-year-old puppy who just wants to play with everyone.

He loves his daily walks and exploring the world and meeting other dogs and people. He has also enjoyed meeting cows, horses and he was in amazement of sheep. He also now has his own toy box which is overflowing with his own toys, which he loves to get out and play with and he also organises them into piles.

He has recently been on his first holiday, to Devon, and he loved every second of it. He enjoyed doggy ice cream, running on the beach, long walks along the beautiful coastline, walking through the towns where he got plenty of attention, exploring the breathtaking countryside and he took a particular interest in the seagulls. He even came home with a seagull toy, which he loves.

He absolutely adores our older girl Jessie and is never far from her side. He loves to be with all humans and is always by our side.

We can't thank you enough for bringing this gentle giant into our home and our hearts.

Thank you :-)

Kind regards, Lynn, Trevor and Leanne









#### **Attlee's Country Store Dorking**

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## STORM

Hi Sue

After a very noisy drive home, as Storm barked most of the way, he did settle once at home.

He slept through the night, and is calmer today.

Here are some photos.







# IF YOU SEE AN ON-LEAD DOG PLEASE GIVE HER SPACE!

THE ON LEAD DOG MIGHT BE...

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NEWLY ADOPTED OR JUST NOT INTERESTED
IN INTERACTING WITH OTHER DOGS!

PLEASE DON'T LET YOUR OFF LEAD DOG RUN UP TO AN ONLEAD DOG! SOME DOGS NEED SPACE. THANK YOU.

# **BARNEY (formerly Bruno)**

Hi Sue,
Early morning walk in forest. He
loves the water! We have
brought him a ball that floats. It
also has a rope on it so he can
carry it if he wants.
He was good overnight.
All the best









Over the heath, a 5 min walk from house.

Saw a deer, of which Barney just looked at, on lunge lead & his recall is not too bad. We call him and lots of praise when he comes back, a treat on the odd time.

We notice he tends to follow Ralf, as he sniffs more etc, Monty just likes to play ball more!

Another good night & a better day yesterday. All a lot calmer around each other. We will just take each day as it comes, we do not expect complete calm for a good few weeks. Keep safe & well all the best

Update: Hi Sue, thought you might like this one of Barney, contentedly asleep on his bed this afternoon. They are all beginning to settle in each other's company. All the best from all of us



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!



## BETSY



Hi Sue





Here are some photos of Betsy enjoying the water in our local country park.

She has been with us for almost 4 months now and is doing so well. If I could have written a wish list for my next dog, she would have ticked all the boxes!

She is brilliant and we love her so much and can't believe our luck in having her.

Best wishes to you all, Karen

# The Adventures of Tango



Excuse me humans. One of those must be mine!









Busy supervising the humans — it's a tough job, but somebody's gotta do it



Whew! All that hard work was exhausting.
This looks like a comfy spot for a nap!



















# The Adventures of Tango Continued...

I really don't mind my head being used for a pillow by the old girl – age before beauty and all that.











Don't mind me – I think I'll just take these biscuit crumbs, thank you.



















In celebration and loving memory of our dogs who have crossed over the rainbow bridge.

We say a big thank-you for the joy, love and adventures.

#### **ROLO**









Hi everyone in Lab Land,

It's with great sadness that I have to tell you all that at 12.34 on Saturday July 1st we had to help Rolo take his final journey across the Rainbow Bridge. Even though he was only with us a few short months I think he enjoyed his time with us. His back legs finally gave up on him and he could no longer get up unaided. Right up to the end he still enjoyed playing head tennis, heading his ball back to me and barking for more and he still loved his food and cups of tea and coffee. And on his final morning tucked into a full pack of his favourite treats after breakfast and a full pint pot of tea from his own special pint mug before falling sound asleep on my foot, snoring his head off.

He was only with me a short time, but he was greatly loved and will be missed so much.

Thank you to Sue and Louise for allowing me the pleasure of his companionship.

RIP Rolo, you will always have a place in our hearts. Regards,
Mark





## 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?

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