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Welcome to our May newsletter. It's a bumper issue this month, as we've had so many lovely updates. Thank you for sharing these with us.

We have some exciting news regarding our China Dogs – see below. We have also been approached to help rehome another China dog, this time via a rescuer who have managed to get her as far as Italy, so she'll be arriving soon. We also have a "behind the scenes" update for you, on pg 2.

We thank you for your continued support and hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

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China Dog Update

All of our dogs continue to do well. We are so excited to let you all know we have <u>confirmed</u> flights for 3 Labradors and our gorgeous little Westie - Purdy (honorary Lab ⓐ). Purdy is currently displaying her Yeti look ⓑ but will be visiting the beauty salon before her flight to an amazing new life.

They are due to arrive with us overnight on the 9th June, all 4 dogs will need foster or foster with a view to adopt them. All are dog friendly and love people but will not have lived in a home before. More details on the individual dogs travelling should be available very soon.

Please contact Sue sue.lrrse@gmail.com if you are able to offer one of these wonderful dogs a foster or adoption home.

If you'd like to donate to help cover their travel costs, please do so through our Justgiving link below.

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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 https://www.labrador-rescue.org.uk/donate.html for many simple ways to donate.

Thank you

BEHIND THE SCENES

Sadly, there is an increase in dogs being found straying and ending up in the dog pounds around the country.

If they haven't been claimed within 7 days, then they are often moved on to rescue charities, which include us.

We have taken several in the last month. And have been successful in finding them their forever homes, or supplying the veterinary treatment they need and letting them recuperate until they are ready to be rehomed.

These are just a few of these beautiful dogs...



Cookie & Crumble



Max



Stella



Freda



Doris

HOPE

You may remember Hope from our September '22 newsletter and FaceBook appeals.

She was rescued in Egypt, having been found in a cage with two other dogs who were being trained to fight. Hope was being used as bait for them.

Unfortunately, she came away with numerous scars, as well as losing an ear.

We also believe that she was either pregnant, or had just had puppies, whilst being used as bait. The rescue in Egypt did a fantastic job in treating her wounds and getting her ready for travel.

And, thanks to all your generous donations, we were able to bring her to the UK, place her into foster care and ensure that her medical care could continue.

We are now utterly delighted to share her latest update with you, from her forever home. - Ed







Hi Louise,

After having Hope with us for 8 days what can I say, and we remind ourselves of that as she's settled in so well.

She is getting used to her surroundings and enjoys going for walks and meeting other dogs and her confidence is growing.

She's beginning to play with her toys and her tail just keeps wagging!

She's realised that she can be in the garden and birds are not always for chasing and her table manners are improving.

She knows patient girls get a treat at the end.

Hope is so quick to learn if there's a treat involved, and her recall is getting better every day. She has a lot more to see and a summer of adventures ahead.

Thank you LRRSE from the 3 of us.

Best Wishes, Cheryl



FREDA

Hi Sue

Thank you very much for your kindness and help yesterday when we collected Freda.

She had a good journey home and settled in the garden well playing with Toffee. We had a little problem in the house with Toffee being a bit jealous so kept them apart. They were fine again later on a walk together.

We made a bed up out of an old mattress as you suggested, and Freda appeared to be very happy with it. She slept ok, waking up a couple of times but went back to sleep after a couple of minutes. She appeared happy today and we did the same walk as yesterday's, and I am sure she remembered and was leading me the way

. Toffee has gone back to my son's today, so Freda is on her own.

Best wishes,

Stuart





MAX





Thought you might like a quick update on Max.

His surgery went smoothly on Monday and he's recovering well, although the vet has resorted to calming tablets as he's put all his "bounce" into trying to find ways to bend the cone so he can rub his stitches! His eyes are already so much more open and are no longer weeping so once he's healed, we are confident he will be so much more comfortable.

Last weekend we took him to the beach, and he loved swimming, splashing through the waves and running up and down the sand dunes.

He was one tired dog!





TEDDY

Hi Louise and Sue

Well, we adopted Teddy over a year ago and he's settled well into our routine (and us into his!)

He's far more confident now, albeit still somewhat anxious around scooters - but that's something we're working on and hopefully this fear will dissipate.

Teddy is a wonderful companion and thank you again for bringing him into our lives.

Karen & Gerry





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.



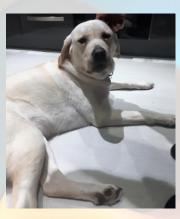
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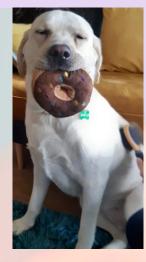












Good morning!

Well, what can I say, we are soooo lucky to have found Libby! She is the sweetest, most adorable, affectionate, loving, intelligent and well-behaved dog!

We took her for a walk around the park behind our house last night and the boys had her on the lead, she was so good for them. She's already learnt to wipe her feet when she comes in too!

We were expecting a bad night's sleep last night, but we didn't hear a peep out of her all night! She slept downstairs and we put Classic FM on for her and a nightlight.

Our hearts absolutely go out to her previous family, they must have made the toughest decision, we really feel for them.

We're off to the horses now, so we'll see what she makes of them!

Will send another update soon! In the meantime, thank you so much for letting us adopt her, she really is perfect.

All the best, Danielle







Hi Sue

Meeting the horses went really well yesterday, she's a little nervous of them but no barking or anything like that at all. She's already getting better with them today. This morning Charlie and I took her for a walk with me riding my horse and Libby was so good! But oh my did she come back muddy! She loves puddles! Thankfully, we have a stream running through our fields, so she had a good wash in there before going in the car!

She's bonded really well with the boys. We dropped them at school on our way to the horses and she had a little whine as we drove away! And was so excited to see them this afternoon!

Tomorrow we're off to our neighbours with the horses, she also has a lab and a huge sand arena which I'm sure Libby will love! Hopefully, she'll become firm friends with my neighbour's dog!

A couple more pics from today. We honestly cannot believe how lucky we are with her. She's just perfect!

All the best, Danielle



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

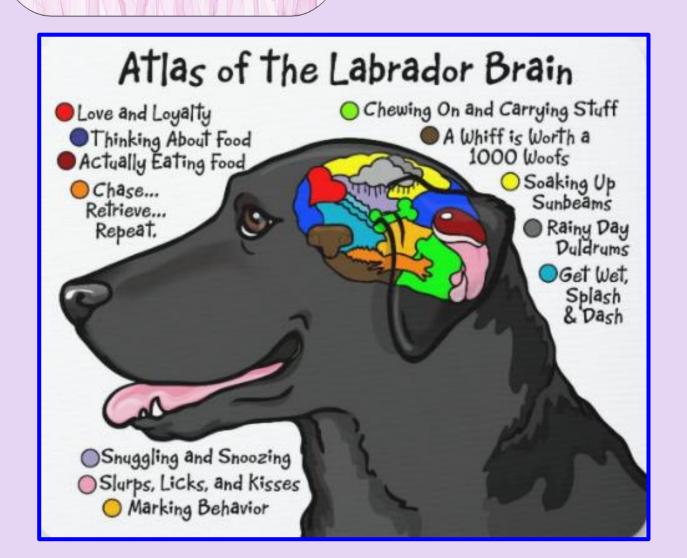
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ARCHIE

Morning Sue,
Archie has been brilliant. He didn't sleep soundly, but that's understandable and he did really well.

He is loving playing with the kids and is currently asleep on the floor! He has managed all toilets in the garden and is eating absolutely fine.

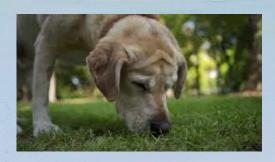
We are so pleased to have him.
Abi





To Sniff or Not To Sniff





Sniffing is an important function for dogs, fulfilling some of their hard-wired natural behaviours. It's mentally stimulating and provides them with vital information about their environment, be it the scent of dog neighbour or a furry creature they'd like to chase!

It's not surprising dogs love to sniff, given their noses have up to 300million scent receptors, compared to our 6 million. They use them more often too, sniffing between 5 and 10 times per second, while we only sniff once every 1.5 seconds. And the part of their brains that analyses and processes scents is (proportionally) 40 times greater than ours.

Allowing your dog to sniff on walks gets them moving in different directions, giving them a full body and brain workout.

For worried or anxious dogs sniffing can help them feel more secure – it allows them to assess their environment and whether they need to be worried or whether, far more likely, it is safe.

So next time you go for your walk, take it slow. Allow your dog to lead the way and allow time for her to sniff the world in – after all, whose walk is it anyway?



sunny





Sunny is 3 today and may have peaked too early! We love him so much. He is living his best life and bringing us such joy and fun. Thank you.











The Adventures of Tango

Well, what a month! I have been really poorly (well I thought so but She who knows all, said I wasn't serious (3) How can She know? She doesn't even have a tail!

Anyway. We had some "Cattery builders" here and the small person (school hols I was told). These lovely humans were such great fun and like me they loved playing with the ball. I was in heaven. Until... I couldn't lift my tail and it really did hurt, so much I cried and cried. I was in too much pain to even get pictures 😥 She gave me some medicine and said it would be better in a few days. Well, it wasn't, and it still hurt lots. So, She put me in the car and took me to the dog doctor. I didn't think much to that, a black puppy (looked like me but small) was the first encounter, so I growled at him but he didn't get the message so I had to growl again, at which point She started telling me how miserable I was, and She couldn't take me anywhere. Then another dog came in, so I told that one too!

The dog doctor seemed ok to start with, until he started messing with my hurty tail, then I didn't like him, but there was worse to come. I heard him say something about ace glands (I may have missed heard that!) He was squeezing my bottom, how rude, I liked him even less then!! So, home we go with some more medicine and told to rest, really, clearly doesn't know me.







I decided things could only get better. Took dog doctor's advice had a rest with small person.



The Adventures of Tango cont.

And then went for a nice walk up the field (on my own as I was supposed to be resting), and then hurt my leg.

Oh no! I can't let Her see in case She marches me of the dog doctor again!

She saw!

Had to have it cleaned and checked by her every day.

As She seems to enjoy cleaning me, I took myself off for some odour of $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{$\sc d}}}$





So, I have only had a little time for other things, but I carried them out to cause as much damage as possible.

Go Tango...



She who knows best has a special morning teacup... She now only has the saucer as I dropped it (it was heavier than expected)

The frying pan is one of my favourites but this time I excelled; it is no longer a round pan.







As you can imagine she had a few choice words to say to me.

Hoping for a better month.

Love & licks, your pal Tango T





















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MAX S.







Hi Sue,

He's doing great. Fine in the car, coped on the ferry even though it was so busy with lots of dogs. Explored the house, no accidents, so house trained. Slept all night. Amazingly calm. Loves cuddles and fuss. Gives paw and Sits, starting to get used to coming when called. Had breakfast this morning played ball in the garden, loves the big back garden!
Only problem so far is he's strong on the lead, but we can work on that.

Out for a long walk this afternoon,

Thanks for your help, I will keep you posted!

Day 3.

Max is doing so well, it's like he has always been here!

Another Long walk today much calmer on the lead and much less pulling. He Said hello two dogs no aggression, just sniffing and waggy tails.

We even popped to Morrisons today, we left him for 45 mins, returned to find him asleep. Thank you SO much, he's so obviously very happy and he's making us very happy too!!

Andy x



Hi Sue,

Please see attached photos and videos of Pablo & Ace. Pablo settling very well. Kind regards

Peter & Roela



Violet is settling in well. She is absolutely adorable - we love her she has brought us so much joy since losing Molly.

The last couple of days particularly, she seems to be a little more confident - less crying / able to rest better / ate all her dinner the last two evenings. Her cough is also getting better.

It must be very confusing for her.

She is a lovely, gentle girl and we can't wait to take her with us on adventures, when she is ready.

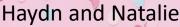
Thanks again xx

BAXTER & MISSY

Hi Louise,

Well Baxter and Missy have been with us a year now. They have both settled in well and are ruling the roost. They have both progressed well and are calm, loving and funny members of the family.

Kind regards,













Grass Seeds and Dogs

With summer on the way, grass seeds that look small and harmless, can cause your dog a great deal of discomfort and pain. In fact, many look and act like little biological arrowheads. And once lodged, are able to track deeper and cause infection.

So if your pup likes to run through long grass, it is always worthwhile checking them over thoroughly afterward, particularly in their paws, armpits, groin and around their eyes.

And if you think there may be one embedded somewhere on/in your pup, it best to seek vet advice sooner rather than later.

Some common symptoms:

Ears: If your dog has a grass seed in their ear, you may notice them excessively scratching it, or shaking their head.

Eyes: If your dog has a grass seed stuck behind their eyelid, they are likely to develop a painful, weepy eye.

Paw: If your dog has a grass seed between their toes, they might excessively lick or nibble their paw, and overtime you might notice saliva staining and a swelling.

COOKIE & CRUMBLE aka "The Golden Girls"





Have got home. All ok on the way and the girls are into everything!

Love them to bits!

Sue and David

MILLIE

Hi Sue & Louise

It's been exactly two years since we took Millie home.

She's now definitely settled; this is certainly her home and we just live here!

We celebrated her twelfth birthday on the 14/4 with a banana and oat cake, which was in one of the previous newsletters. Given half the chance she would've eaten the whole lot. She still barks at a few other dogs, but we don't mind we love her too bits.

Best wishes,

April, Ian, Frankie & Millie xxxx









BARLEY





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Sue, he is amazing. Such a gorgeous boy. He ventured upstairs yesterday and then got scared and ran away back down.

He is growing in confidence daily.

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He wouldn't walk through our hallway to go for his walk, so Tim carried him through. Today, he had his harness put on and he ran through and out for his walk. He walks off the lead, when he sees something he doesn't know or like, he freezes, so Tim talks to him and encourages and then off he goes.

Lots of new experiences, children on bikes in the street, wheelie bins etc, but slowly he is getting braver and knows he won't get hurt.

We have had some anxiety appear last night, the constant bed digging and carpet digging, so I came down and sat with him and he fell asleep and started snoring his little head off. He slept well 3 me on the other hand did not 3 but it takes what it takes for him to realise he is safe and not on his own \bigcirc



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!

LEO

Hi Sue,

Some pics of Leo last night, just for your reference to see how Leo has settled. We are now home, and Leo has once again settled into his new home and life. He settled well last night at bedtime. No problems, he is a very well-trained boy, a credit to his last owners, and must have been very much loved and cared for.

Yours faithfully,

Larry.







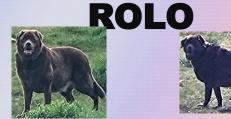
Update: Things are going great here. Leo has found his feet and is a very good house dog. Apart from the issues we know about, which I am working on with distraction training walking past the beef herds in the nearby fields, Leo is taking less notice; being distracted with treats! Unfortunately, we don't have fields full of children but will work on this with ongoing training. Love's his food, no problems continuing his raw food diet. I will send more pic's

as and when I can let him fully off lead on the beach. Also, no more need for the figure of eight lead as Leo now has a Halti harness and walks very calmly

on it.

Yours Faithfully Larry.







Hello Ladies.

Hello to everyone in Lab rescue land it's Rolo here. You may remember last month I was telling you about my new life with my hoodad and my 2 new bruvvers and new sister.

Well, I thought I'd borrow hoodad's phone again and just update you on my progress.

I'm really beginning to settle into my new routine, and I've even started to play a little with my tennis ball. Hoodad has put me on some kinda supplement with my food, I call it ceebeedeebee oil, but hoodad says it's CBD oil and boy do I feel better on it. I move like grease lightning now when it comes to food time or walk time. And I have my own little happy dance which makes him laugh.

My bruvver Blue who is a blind Husky has taught me to bark at hoodad when he prepares food, it seems to make him hurry up, so he now gets a chorus from us both.

I go down onto the dunes for a nice walk with Uncle Billy and hoodad and it's amazing!

I've never really had an experience like this before and I'm loving it. I even greet hoodad with a little tail wag and love rubbing up against his legs whilst he walks, he says I'm a labrador not a cat lol.

I've started to visit the staff and residents where Uncle Billy lives. Auntie Carole, who runs things there, gibs me lots of treats. She is really impressed at how gently I take them from her, I'm an old man but I do remember my manners.

Well, I hope you all have a lovely month. I'll be sure to update you on how I'm getting on again very soon.

Hope you like the photos of me with Uncle Billy and me patiently waiting.

Love, Rolo

MAX C.

Hello Louise

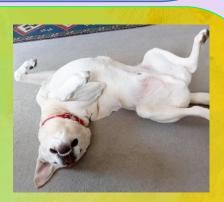
It's coming up to Max's seventh gotcha day in May so thought you might like to know that he's doing well and though beginning to look a little older, is pretty sprightly considering he will be 9 in August. He's on YuMOVE to help his joints as a precautionary measure, as suggested by the vet, but he can still shift!

Max is loving life and his routine but has also been on a couple of cottage holidays with us. He copes well with our three young grandchildren on their occasional visits.

We're so glad he's a part of our lives.

Many thanks for all your work to help the dogs.

Pam & Dennis





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