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# “Paws for Thought” NEWSLETTER



HERE COMES SUMMER 2022

## SUMMER WATER BABIES





## News from the Control Centre

Hi everyone

Not a lot has gone on since the last newsletter.

Our AGM was able to take place in November and was well attended. We welcomed a new committee member Miss Emma Yerrell to join our team and it was nice to meet up with the rest of the committee after 2 yrs.

Only a handful of collies needed our help over the last six months, but sadly we lost some of our oldies.

This year, Crufts will be on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March and we will be having our usual stand. It will be nice to meet up with anyone who is going.

The collie meet ups seem to be taking off around the country which is a lovely idea for a day out.

Take care of yourselves and your doggies. Hope you have a lovely spring and summer.

*Chris S*



ATTENTION

If you have moved please be sure to let us know your **NEW** address. Also if you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter let us know by e-mailing [nette.rebmann@ntlworld.com](mailto:nette.rebmann@ntlworld.com) or telephone/text on 0772 4774611 with your name and we can remove you from our database.

### UKRAINE CRISIS - SUPPORTING THE PETS IN KENNELS

**COLLIE RESCUE (Rough and Smooth)** are having a collection for Ukrainian pets who are being placed in kennels in Romania and Poland. If you would like to donate to keep these pets safe until their owners can return to their own country or re-settle elsewhere you can do so via PayPal

([nette.rebmann@ntlworld.com](mailto:nette.rebmann@ntlworld.com)) (Monica Rebmann)/BACS to Lloyds Bank, sort code 77-22-25, account 41093168. You can also BACS direct to the Collie Rescue Bank Account - Yorkshire Bank, sort code 05-08-48, account 19919435, making sure you put "Ukraine pets" in the reference box.

There will also be a donation tin at Crufts and other money raising events taking place around the Rescue Stand on the day.

All monies collected will be sent over to Lesley Bassett, for onward transit to the relevant kennels.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Rod & Chris Slater and the Rescue Committee xx



### BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

"Listening Ear"

One of our Committee members, Sheila Yerrell, is starting a Listening Ear

(bereavement service) for anyone who has lost their precious collie and would like to talk through the feelings of loss you are experiencing at this devastating time

Sheila lost her precious Collie, Henry, a few years ago and to help her through the feelings of loss and devastation spoke to another Committee member, talking things through with her, which highlighted a need for this kind of service.

You can contact Sheila anytime on 07794553686



REST IN  
PEACE,  
ROCCO  
Fly high, boy x



### ROCCO

#### The former Show Dog

I am sure you all remember Rocco and his adventures in Wales since being rescued many years ago.



Rocco was put to sleep last night. He had a tumour on his spleen and his blood pressure was very low. He'd gone down so quickly yesterday and really didn't seem 'with' us at all, struggling to walk. So we felt with vet's advice it was the kindest thing to do for him, though not for us. We are both in bits and the house and office are hideously quiet.

Losing a collie doesn't get any easier. Really hate not having a bundle of fluff following me around.

Well, our thanks to Rescue for putting us in touch and allowing us to give Rocco a home. It was a total pleasure taking care of him.

I've had lassie collies since being a child, but Rocco was the first blue merle. He certainly did make people notice him wherever we went, with many children saying "he must be very old as he's so grey"! Both Ian and I were amazed how quickly he settled in and seemed pleased he'd no more show rings to deal with. Instead, car trips for beach and forest walks and local National Trust property. We loved getting him used to stairs on his walks. He became such a special dog for us and we are gutted, but it was the kindest thing for him. I did keep telling him I wished we'd had him as a puppy, but at least we had him for a good six years.

The house and office seem way too quiet and, of course, we are both still looking for him, wondering where he is.

Ian and Kath



Over the last year, we have lost a lot of our Sponsor Dogs, due to old age and medical conditions. This has given us a chance to look at how we raise funds and we have come up with the following. This means you can still support our "Golden Oldies" as a group rather than an individual dog.

### SUPPORT OUR PERMANENT FOSTER COLLIES

Many collies who come into our care are over the age of 10, or have long term medical conditions that need regular medication which can be very costly for a prospective new owner to afford, and consequentially these collies cannot go through our normal channels for adoption.

Thankfully we are lucky to have some dedicated members of our Charity, and also occasionally other people who feel able to take on the challenges that one of these collies can hold. In these cases we offer financial support, i.e. covering the cost of any excessive vet bills that may arise and also paying for long term medication needed for supporting existing medical conditions.

Over the years we have received a lot of financial support in the way of individual sponsorships for just a handful of these special need collies. What we are suggesting now is that your support is spread to cover ALL our collies in permanent foster.

If you would like to help contribute to this area of our rescue, for any annual donation of £24, or more if you wish, you would receive a twice yearly copy of our "Paws for Thought" newsletter, which will highlight individual cases you have helped us with, and a certificate.

If you are interested in supporting our permanent foster collies, please contact Margaret Birch on her e-mail [margaret.birch@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:margaret.birch@tiscali.co.uk)

#### UPDATES FROM TWO OF OUR "GOLDEN OLDIE" PERMANENT FOSTER COLLIES



**JOCK AND BRUCIE**

Life for Jock and Brucie couldn't be better, only the best of everything for these two brothers. Great food, nice regular walks and lovely trips out to different places. If they are especially lucky they might even be taken away on a weeks holiday to a cottage by the sea this summer?

One trip that Brucie wasn't too keen on the other week, was a trip up to Nottingham to visit that vet again who had some unfinished dental work to do on him, still it wasn't too painfull and it was nice to see and stay with his 'Aunty Margaret' again. It is nice to know that thanks to the financial support received from supporters of the permanent foster collies, the money is always there to pay the expensive vet bills that these collies so often need.

LIFE NOW FOR XANDRO AND XANTE (Cont'd from last newsletter) - NOW KNOWN AS

#### BEAU AND LOLA

Well we adopted Beau and Lola aka Xandro and Xante on 24th September 2020. They have settled in so well and have filled a massive hole after losing our other collie. They are the most loving dogs I've known, love their cuddles, Lola always shares the sofa with me and keeps me warm and Beau is such a character especially with his teddy. They are the most famous dogs on our walks everybody loves them and are always taking



**ALFIE**

Hi Alfie here - Well Christmas came and went. A bit of a quiet affair really, as sadly many family members were either ill or testing positive - so it was just us, the terriers and Jimmy and Affra. (Just how I like it.) However Tassie and I kept them well entertained and occupied. We enjoyed lots of goodies and presents from our friends in Blyth and apparently we're going on a thing called 'a diet' ? What's that about We're hunkering down at the moment as quite a few storms have come our way and we've been confined to barracks - there's been quite a few lose slates and branches from the old trees cascading down. Fortunately no great amount of damage done but enough to keep Jimmy and I occupied. Apparently I'm chief supervisor and pleased to keep Jimmy company. Tassie doesn't go far now but happy to trot along to the gate - especially when the kind lady who rescued us comes. She has treats in her pocket and I'm always up for a treat. Did I say 'diet'? Well those things always start tomorrow .. and I've still got quite a few happy tomorrows yet to come.



pictures of them . We wouldn't be without them now, even though Beau drives us mad barking at everything, seems to hate cars, mobility scooters, anything that makes a noise and he still loves chasing birds. They are so good when going to the groomers, she couldn't believe how well behaved they are .

Lesley G





### NORTH WALES ROUGH/SMOOTH COLLIE & SHEL-TIE MEET

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at BETWS-Y-COED**

Today's meet was very well attended considering the inclement weather. We had a collection of nine rough collies and one sheltie. Our group of collie and sheltie lovers assembled in the pouring rain, most dogs sporting their fashionable rain jackets.

We set off on a lovely walk along the banks of the fast flowing Afon Llugwy with the weather improving until eventually we had blue skies and sunshine. The dogs were allowed some off lead play which they thoroughly enjoyed. After the walk we visited the pet shop then it was drinks and snacks plus sociable chat at the Alpine cafe.

Once again all the dogs were very well behaved, as were their humans.

Everyone agreed it was a very enjoyable and sociable afternoon.

A big thank you to all who turned up to make it the lovely event it was.



**DON'T FORGET..... Saturday 19th March DELAMERE FOREST MEET**

### NORTH WALES ROUGH/SMOOTH COLLIE AND SHEL-TIE MEET UPS 2022.

Betws-y-coed Rail Station, LL24 0AE

Meet 11.30 - 12.00

Dates – Saturday, 9th April  
Saturday 25th June  
Saturday, 3rd September  
Saturday, 28th December

Contact Peter Vernon on 07368 339610 or e-mail [petervernon42@gmail.com](mailto:petervernon42@gmail.com) for further information.

Come and join us for the North Wales meet ups and enjoy the company of our wonderful fur babies and their owners.

After meeting at the rail station enjoy a leisurely stroll along the riverbank, allowing our dogs off lead playtime where possible.

On return enjoy a drink/snack and socialising in one of the many dog friendly establishments in the village.

Betws-y-coed is a beautiful village known as the gateway to Snowdonia and boasts several dog friendly hotels in the locality for those wishing to make a weekend of it. In the village centre we have the Glan Aber and the Gwydyr hotels.

Just 3 miles north is the Maenen Abbey on the A470  
5 miles south Elen's Castle in Dolwyddelan on the A470  
(the landlady here grew up with rough collies)

### DELAMERE FOREST, CHESHIRE ROUGH/SMOOTH COLLIE AND SHEL-TIE MEET UPS 2022.

MEET 11.30 – 12.00 AT DELAMERE FOREST PARK – sat  
nav CW8 2JE

Large car park, cafe and toilets. Beautiful forest trails.

Dates – Saturday, 19th March  
Saturday, 21st May  
Saturday, 23rd July  
Saturday, 22nd October

Contact Peter Vernon on 07368 339610 or e-mail [petervernon42@gmail.com](mailto:petervernon42@gmail.com) for further information.

Signed from B5152 near the rail station.

**DIRECTIONS:** from M56 Junction 12 onto A56 for Frodsham then B5394 and B5152 to Delamere rail station. Venue on the right just after station. From A556 follow B5252 to the rail station. Venue on the left.

Anyone wishing to make a weekend of it.... Caravan/camp site near the station.

Several pet friendly hotels in Chester.



### LASSIE

**RESCUED FROM THE LIVE MEAT MARKET IN CHINA TO LIVING HER BEST LIFE IN SCOTLAND**  
This elderly Collie was brought to our attention via Lesley Bassett. As she did not have any contacts in China she contacted One Paw at a Time Dog Rescue (Romania and China) to ask for their help. They immediately got in touch with their people on the ground who got Lassie to safety. She had to spend quite a few months in a rescue shelter until funds for a flight to the UK could be arranged. Covid had caused China to increase their flight charges to £4,000, so Lesley and Foreign Dog Rescue started raising funds to cover her stay at the shelter and towards her flight. Eventually a flight was secured for Lassie and she began her journey to safety in the early autumn of 2021, eventually arriving at Heathrow and being placed in a temporary foster home. Interest had been shown for Lassie and she was adopted

by a couple in Lanarkshire, who had recently lost one of their rescue collies, a sponsor dog called Shelby. At this point, Collie Rescue became involved and put Lassie on Permanent Foster Care, as she was presumed to be over 10 years old.

The old girl settled well, and although had one or two medical problems in the beginning is now doing very well, settling in with her other rescue siblings and enjoying all that life has to offer her.

