



EPSOM CANINE RESCUE

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NEWSLETTER

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WE ARE AT CRISIS POINT

The credit crunch has affected everyone in different ways but sadly it would seem, that with increasing vet bills/pet insurance the family dog is the first to go. Small rescues like ourselves have seen a dramatic increase in dogs needing a rescue place and we are now in the heart-breaking position of putting dogs on a waiting list or having to turn them away. This is compounded by the fact that our **EXPENSES HAVE INCREASED** dramatically and with everyone

tightening their purse strings our **DONATIONS HAVE GONE DOWN**. We have always prided ourselves on believing that every dog deserves a second chance and taking dogs in that for some reason have been refused a place elsewhere due to age, disability or increasingly, breed. We have been in a position to offer medical and behavioral care, a safe and warm environment and most importantly love and affection.

However, we have now reached **CRISIS POINT** and have had to reduce the number of spaces we can offer at any one time by **50%** in order to reduce our ongoing overheads which currently amount to **£1500.00 PER MONTH!!!!**

A VERY SAD SIGN OF THE TIMES....

HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT

KENNELING PER DOG PER NIGHT	£ 8.00
NEUTER/SPAY	£ 150.00
VACCINATION EACH (2 REQUIRED)	£ 35.00
MICROCHIP IMPLANT	£ 15.00
AVERAGE DONATION FOR A DOG	£ 140.00

CSL PET—TAGS

We are pleased to announce that we can now supply a wide range of pet id tags for your dog (and cat) and the rescue gets a minimum of £1.50 for each tag ordered and they are delivered directly to your door!!!! Email nikki@epsomcaninerescue.co.uk for more details....

FUNDRAISING— WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.....

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Shop online and raise funds for us by registering at www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select **EPSOM CANINE RESCUE** as the organisation you wish to support, what can be easier, it's completely **FREE** and you won't be paying any more for your purchases. There are over **2000** stores on there including all your favourites and by using the easyfundraising link you are giving us a donation of up to **15%** per purchase dependent on retailer, and you may even save money as there are always special offers and discounts!!!! This is a brilliant way to help us, so please tell everyone you know and add it to your favourites bar to remind you—it could even pay our monthly vet bills if we can get enough people to use it!! **Get spending!!!!!!!**

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Please support Warren Floyd, pictured here with his two rescue dogs from ECR, Warren is running to raise funds desperately needed to pay ongoing vet and kennel fees. A regular supporter at all our events with his family, Wozza is keen to complete this course likely to be used for the 2012 Olympic Marathons in under an hour!!!! Go to www.justgiving.com/epsomcaninerescue or use the sponsor form on the back page.

DONATIONS ONLINE - We are currently setting up a Paypal donation button on our website to enable you to make a donation online, and also a Just Giving facility please check our website www.epsomcaninerescue.co.uk and our Facebook Group - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=431979330076>

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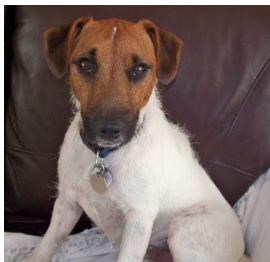
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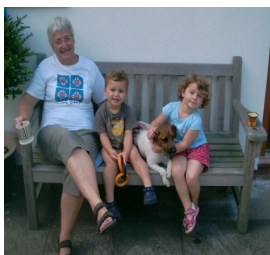
LEGACIES

ECR rely entirely on voluntary donations to pay for food, vet fees kenneling, toys and treats for our rescue dogs and our dedicated volunteers transport the dogs at their own expense. Please help us to continue this vital work and kindly remember us in your Will - it could help to save a dog's life....

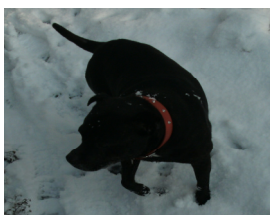
SOME MORE OF OUR HAPPILY HOMED DOGS



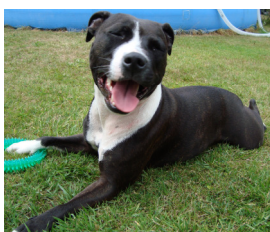
BOYO



MOLLY



CLEO



My request for dog attributes last July were a Jack Russell or a Parsons Terrier of between 1– 3 yrs with a waggy tail to greet me as I arrive home, a loving disposition especially with children and well-behaved— I didn't want much!!!! However he has been all of these things and more—Bravo to ECR for matching me up so well. We didn't have any real history of him but his behaviour suggested he was perhaps left for long periods and was a jumper who had run away several times. He is happy and relaxed until I leave him, even in a different room, then he yelps not so good when a client is there for a relaxing massage!! I asked for advice on how to control this and his habit of jumping up and this was provided as behaviour modification sheets within 24 hours—Bravo again to ECR for providing me with advice and support that has enabled me to curb these habits. Four months on, Boyo is very settled, passed his initial dog training course and has just started Agility Classes! He is so tolerant and loving towards my grandchildren, is the best possible motivator to get me out of the house and exercising and sits on my lap at every opportunity! Thank you so much ECR for giving me the chance to have a loving companion. Julia Walsh

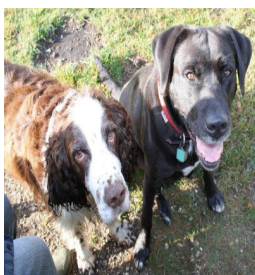
We adopted Molly in October 2008 and cannot believe how lovely she is. Molly has a fantastic temperament and loves everyone she meets. She loves nothing more than being amongst a crowd of people getting as much love and fuss as she can!! Her favourite thing is to have a good tummy rub and cuddling up on the sofa! She adores our teenage daughter and always seems to know when she is due home from school. We are so glad that we met Molly and that she chose us for her family, she is truly special and adored by all that meet her Mr and Mrs Pinfield-Wells

Cleo came to live with us nearly a year ago following the loss of our German Shepherd Sheba at 14 ½ yrs. We had a huge hole in our lives and loads of love and affection to give to a new companion. We had thought about a puppy but decided to give a home to a dog that needed one. We visited the kennels over at Horley and it was love at first sight, a week later Cleo arrived and things haven't been quite the same since. Having friends and family with staffie's we knew they were "high energy" and boy Cleo is no exception. She has boundless energy, a massive capacity to make us laugh as well as being the most affectionate and loving dog you can imagine. We count ourselves really lucky to have been able to give Cleo a home, she can be a "little monster" at times but she is fantastic & we love her to bits. Andy Young

SOME MORE OF OUR HAPPILY HOMED DOGS



JESS



Jess came into our lives in March 2009 after a very long period in kennels. She settled in very well but after a couple of months she developed hip and shoulder problems which caused her a lot of pain. The vet recommended hydrotherapy which Jess took to like a duck to water, looking very fetching in her life jacket and after several sessions in the pool there was a tremendous improvement and she is now the fittest girl on the block. She is a very loving dog- adores friends and neighbours and would win any waggiest tail competition. The Lab in her means she would sell her soul for a scrap of food, I won't mention the stolen birthday cake, or the incident with the block of parmesan cheese and the freshly baked loaf.... She is very playful - we didn't know how she would react to the snow, but she loved it and loves to play with her toys, especially her rubber chicken. We did need to be patient at first and take it carefully while we got to know each other, and she now gets on very well with other dogs & loves children.

Brian and Dolores.



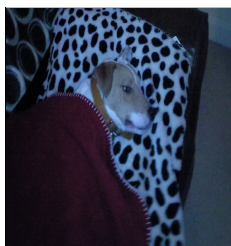
HOLLY



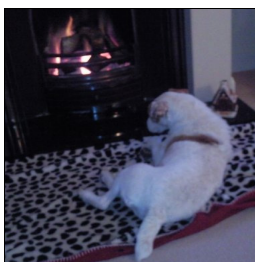
In July we decided to look for another dog as we lost our dog due to sickness in March 2009. I found the Epsom Canine Rescue website after searching for dog rescue centres online, and on their site was Holly the Sussex Bulldog who was looking for a new home. I decided to fill in the questionnaire and sent it to the rescue. I got the call from ECR to say that Holly was still looking for a new home and would we like to visit her. When we both saw Holly walking down the lane with Nikki we both knew Holly was the one for us, so we took her for a little walk, and on the way home we had a good chat and both decided we would like to offer Holly a new home. I contacted ECR and told them our decision and while we waited for the home visit we decided to visit Holly every weekend. Due to holidays we could not take her home straightaway, and it was a little strange for her being in a home at first but we made sure there was somebody at home with her for most of the day for the first 2 weeks, building up the time we could leave her alone to the maximum of 4 hours. Holly has been with us now for a few months and its like she has been with us for years, she has taken over all of the sofa and we have to squeeze into a little space to sit and watch the TV. Holly loves her 3 walks in the park which includes a 3 mile run in the morning. We are so glad we have found Holly she gives us hours of fun. Thank you to all at ECR for all the help and advice over the last 5 months.

Tim, Ivan and Holly

SOME MORE OF OUR HAPPILY HOMED DOGS



JACK SPRAT



Hi Auntie Nikki.

What a lovely life I have in my new home, my favourite pastimes are walks at the woods, playing football and chasing my new girlfriend Daisy. The food is pretty good and hopefully it will get even better as I gave dad a book for Christmas called Cooking for your Dog, yum, yum...

With true terrier style I am occasionally naughty and mum tells me off, but I just love it when dad says, leave him alone he had a bad start in life, heeheehee, got him wrapped around my paw.

Anyway must sign off, as now its time for my snooze in front of the log fire.

Thank you for rescuing me.

Lots of kisses Jack Sprat.

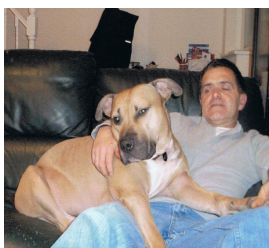


HARRY

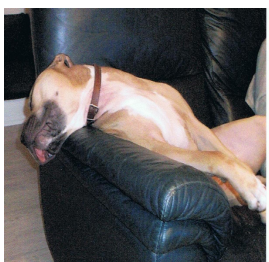


One afternoon last summer mum took me to the local park. It was such a lovely afternoon & when it was time to go home I decided I did not want to go.(I often do this) Mum was calling & getting angry & I was hiding amongst the trees.She really got angry & started chasing me around the trees when all of a sudden I came across the inside of a shop till. There was no money but lots of credit card receipts strewn around. Well mum being a police officer immediately phoned her colleagues & they came to collect it. Now I am known as Harry the Hero. Maybe I'll join the force one day if only I can learn to do what I am told!!!!

Mandy.



AMOS



Amos has now been a member of the family for seven months and is an absolute pleasure. Although he looks quite formidable and is a powerful boy, he actually has a very sensitive nature and can be a bit of a baby. We had braced ourselves for the inevitable destruction of our home (as had been our experience with our brilliant but mad ridgeback Oscar some years ago) but to our amazement he is so respectful and well behaved around the house that we couldn't have hoped for better. As you will see from some of the photos, he loves to sleep; he can sleep anywhere and anyhow and will squeeze into the smallest of gaps if he sees an opportunity to cuddle up on the sofa!

Lesley and John.

Dog's Dinner

Mince, potatoes & Veg

Mince (any kind)

Potatoes

Vegetables (any, but root are best)

Cook the mince in a pan with a little water.

Chop and dice the potatoes in their skins and boil in water, until thoroughly cooked.

Boil the vegetables in water, until slightly soft but still crunchy.

When the potatoes are cooked drain and mix with the cooked mince, stir in together so that the mince juice covers the potatoes.

Finely chop or puree the vegetables and add to the mince and potatoes.

Drain off any extra fluid.

This is a regular favourite of Sandy the Cairn prepared and dished up by his 'housekeeper' Caroline Benn !!!

Any old dog and bone



EPSOM CANINE RESCUE ARE WORKING ALONG SIDE DASHMOUNT BY RECYCLING OLD MOBILE PHONES. DONATE YOUR OLD PHONE TO A WORTHY CAUSE AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE SAME TIME. IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW OLD YOUR PHONE IS, PROVIDED IT WORKS IT IS WORTH SOMETHING TO US..... (Please remove your SIM card)

**To donate your old phone please post it in a well sealed package to:
ECR APPEAL, Connoisseur Products Limited,
Unit 1 Friesian Building, Brewerstreet Dairy Bus Park,
Brewer Street, Bletchingley, Surrey, RH1 4QP.**

Our appealing longtermers.....



Dotty is our **deaf** 2 year old English Bull Terrier cross and due to this disability she has had a very poor start in life, being passed from home to home. Despite this, you cannot get a more loving, affectionate and trusting dog, wanting nothing more than a cuddle, some fuss and acknowledgement that she has pleased you. She is a wonderful happy girlie, and seems well on her way to coping with her initial separation anxiety. We are looking for a patient and kind home that will take the time to train her. Full of beans and everybody's friend!!!



Freddie is a 3year Tiger Brindle Staffie boy. Sadly, he has come into rescue as his owner can no longer cope. He is extremely nervous of strangers and after investigation we have now discovered he has **glaucoma in both eyes**. He is now stable on his eyedrops which cost approx 30p per day and actually sits and puts his head forward to have the drops put in. Despite his problems, he is affectionate, loving and very sensitive wanting nothing more than a kind word and his head stroked. We are looking for a quiet, adult/retired home with some bull breed experience. Freddie has lived with another dog and a cat.

Many of our volunteers will remember Marley our big enthusiastic Staffie boy!!! Well after over a year in kennels Marley finally found his soul-mate in Ian Ferguson and two years on:-

Marley & Me

When I first read about Marley on the Internet it was obvious that he was a boy with some issues. It was also clear that he was a dog that loved life and tried to make the best out of his situation and didn't deserve to be in kennels for one moment longer. By the time I had reached the end of his page I knew that offering him a new start in life was what I wanted to do and so a visit was arranged. Within a few minutes of meeting Marley I was confident that with the right amount of understanding, a firm word now and again and enough time, his true personality would shine through. Two years later and as you can probably see from the picture(s) Marley is completely at home. His good behaviour and friendly disposition are commented on time and again by the people we meet and I feel very lucky that he chose me to share his new life with.....



DIARY OF EVENTS

27.03.10 Table Top Sale, Walton on the Hill Village Hall;

**25.04.10 Sponsored Dog Walk, Wray Lane Carpark, Reigate.
North Downs Ridge - walk along the ridge and enjoy the views!!
Walks for all abilities and ages. Tearoom on site and pub on route!
Use the Sponsor Form on the back or go to our Justgiving page.**

**09.05.10 Cowpie Show, Betchworth. Big show and great day out
for all the family and your canine companions;**

**31.05.10 Bupa London 10,000. Come along and support
Warren Floyd running for ECR**

27.06.10 Bletchingley Fete. A real village fete!!

**31.08.10 Godstone Fete, Godstone Another great event and fun
for everyone on the green!!**

**12.09.10 Banstead Woods Countryside Day , Banstead.
Lots of stalls, woodlands crafts and more for a great day!**

RAINBOW BRIDGE

A special mention to all our dogs who have passed through the Rainbow Bridge since our last newsletter and whom we miss so dearly, Daisy, Ben, Rosie, Sascha, Hazard, Sparkie, Dandy, Disney, Daisy, Poppy, Luke, Freya, Tessa and Gringo....

May they be enjoying endless play without any pain.....

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please help us to reduce our postage costs by emailing us with your current email address to nikki@epsomcaninerescue.co.uk in order that we can send future newsletters or event details this way... Thank you

FACEBOOK GROUP

For those avid Facebook fans, we now have our own group :-

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=431979330076>

So please join and send us messages, stories and pictures of your rescue dogs and look out for our latest events and fundraisers.....

ONLINE AUCTIONS/RAFFLES

Occasionally we are given items to auction or raffle, so please follow our website or Facebook group for more details. Should you have an item of value that you would like to donate, then please get in touch!!

Unicorn Leather Saddlery

07956 392272

A big thanks to Austin at Unicorn Leather who made a luxurious, soft leather, hand crafted, made to measure muzzle for Holly. Highly recommended please contact him for details and prices.

Nothing in Life is for Free!

By Sandra Pearson (Dog Trainer/Behaviourist)

“Nothing in Life is for Free” is a way of living in harmony with your dog and communicating to him or her that you are an effective leader and decision maker. This will help your dog to trust you and be confident of his place within the home. Contrary to popular opinion, almost all dogs find the responsibility of leadership stressful and they only put themselves in that position when they do not perceive you to be capable of the role. Do not confuse being a good leader, with being dominant. Dominance is an over-used and misunderstood word when it is used to describe a dog. Your dog’s number one priority in life is not to dominate everyone around him. In fact, your dog’s number one priority is almost always satisfying himself! The Nothing in Life is for Free system will put you in control of all the things in a dog’s life that he enjoys, and he will have to comply with your requests to get these good things.

Part 1 – Basic Commands/Cues

Basic commands will need to be taught first, ie sit, down, stand, stay, come/here, although any command that the dog understands can be used, such a ‘spin’, ‘give paw’ or ‘speak!’. If your dog cannot yet reliably perform several basic commands then attend a good dog training class first.

Part 2 – Ignoring your dog’s demands!

You need to stop giving attention to your dog when he demands it. When your dog comes to you and nudges your hand to be fussed, whines for attention, or dumps a toy in your lap, just ignore him. Don’t push him away or tell him ‘No’ as completely ignoring him will work faster and better than giving him the wrong kind of attention. Simply pretend that he is not there. Your dog may try harder and harder to get you to fuss him as this has always worked in the past so you will need to be patient. The nudging may even turn into pawing or other attention seeking behaviours. Ignore all of these. It will take a while for your dog to understand that these actions no longer gets him attention, so don’t give in to him.

Part 3 – Taking control of the dog’s resources

As the dog’s owner, you have control over all the good things in his life. Playing/toys, attention, fuss and praise, food, treats, walks, going in and out of doors, going for a car journey, going to the park - everything your dog wants comes from you. Until now, he has probably been getting most of these things for free so there is no real reason for him to respect your leadership or your ownership of these things. Now it is time to make sure that your dog does not get access to these things unless he has done something for you first.

This training does not need to be a long and drawn out process. Simply get your dog to perform a simple command that the dog already understands before allowing him access to what he wants. For example, dinner should be a few second encounter that consists of nothing more than saying ‘sit’, then ‘good boy’ then putting the bowl down and walking away.

So for example...

YOU	YOUR DOG
Feeding your dog	He must sit before you put the bowl down
Putting the lead on to go for a walk	He must sit whilst you put the lead on. (If he jumps up once you have clipped on the lead, unclip it and put it away again). Try again in a few minutes
Getting into and out of the car	He must wait/stay until asked to get into and out of the car
Opening the door to give access to the garden	He must lie down if the door is to be opened and wait until he is told he can go through
Playing Tug	He must not take a tug toy until asked to do so and must let go when asked to do so
Fussing him whilst you watch the telly	He must lie down and roll over before being fussed
Allowing him to sleep on your bed	He must not jump onto the bed without being requested and he must get off (happily) when asked to do so
Playing Fetch	He must sit before you throw the ball

You will need to be patient during this phase of change for your dog. He has already learned that he can make these decisions on his own. There is a long history of him taking control of these resources so you will need to persevere. Ensure he responds to the new rules (or he gets nothing) but bear in mind that he needs some time to learn new ways. There will be many other things that your dog views as valuable resources so remember to identify these and use them wisely. Control these resources and you control your dog!

Part 4 – Games and affection on your terms

So now that you are calling the shots, you will have to make an extra effort to provide him with attention and play time. For example, call him to you, ask him to sit or roll-over and when he does you can shower him with as much attention and fuss as you want. Alternatively, send him away to fetch his toy and when he brings it back to you, have a great game of tug or fetch. The difference is that now you are the one initiating the attention and beginning the play. Now you can spend quality well balanced time together.

You can see that this training method does not mean that you have to give your dog less attention. You can call him to you and hug and fuss him as much as you please if you wish, but you won't be acknowledging his attempts to get your affection. You can demand his attention, but he can no longer demand yours. Gradually your dog will see you in a different light and be eager to obey more, learn more and receive more!

Whether your dog is a shy character or a pushy character, this method will help them. Shy unconfident dogs will be more relaxed with this structured lifestyle and pushy dogs will be happy to hand back responsibility to you – no longer having to make decisions about what to do and when to do it themselves.

Muzzle Phobia (or m word meaning phobia)

Unfortunately many members of the public seem to have a negative opinion of dogs wearing a muzzle. Many people think that a dog wearing a muzzle is a “dangerous dog”. There are many reasons for a dog to wear a muzzle and they are not all aggression related, some dogs have a habit of eating disgusting things etc!! The truth is that they are far less likely to cause an injury to anyone or anything than an un-muzzled dog because they cannot use their teeth! In reality, they are the safest dogs. Spare a thought for the owners, who have done the responsible thing and muzzled their dog for whatever reason. This means that their own dog can no longer protect itself, so be sensible and put your dog on the lead, don't let it charge up to the other dog. These owners need our support not condemnation!!!

PLIGHT OF OUR STAFFIES

What a sorry state the world has come to when you open the newspapers and read stories of dogs dumped because they don't match the decor, teenagers stamping on puppies, dogs thrown from tower blocks and jobs fighting dogs in telephone boxes for 'a laugh' - what a sick society we now live in.... Perhaps the real loser and social outcast in all of this is the Staffordshire Bull Terrier—whom I quote is 'now a victim of his own success'.

When I first started doing rescue in the 80's the status dog was a Doberman (probably due to the Omen films) and as trends changed and the introduction of music videos from the USA reflecting bull breeds with prick ears and heavily studded leatherwear, our own Stafford became 'en-vogue' with the youth culture which then lead to mass back street breeding. From a rescue view point, they started to filter through, pups that had been bought in the pub were now 6 months and were chewing, families unable to cope with their new boisterous dog not bothering to have done any training, and saddest of all breeding bitches that had served their purpose and earnt someone a substantial income.... After all every teenager wanted a Staff it was the latest must have accessory.... That was 3 years ago, and now with all the bad press, bad breeding and irresponsible owners—no one wants them—they are worthless.... There are 1000s of these dogs languishing in pound kennels throughout the country, waiting for their 7 days to expire, and then with all the rescues inundated already, there is nowhere for them to go, no light at the end of the tunnel for these poor unfortunate creatures, whose only crime was to bear that staffie blood and have that big staffie grin... Sadly, their last sight will be a needle, pups, youngsters and oldies, there is no discrimination and it truly is a Staffie Holocaust. This is so aptly summed up in the poem overleaf, written by a member of dogsos.co.uk. Please, these dogs cannot speak for themselves, so as an animal loving nation their plight needs to be highlighted. The situation is getting worse, and there have been discussions about magistrates being given powers to assess dogs themselves, when even professionals struggle.... You may say that these dogs have earnt their 'Bad Boy Status' but there is infact no established dog attack breed statistics, as many go unreported and it is only the extreme cases that get covered by the media whom themselves have played a large part in portraying certain breeds as aggressive and dangerous, even using photographs of a Stafford before the breed has even been known. One must also remember, that 'dog strikes' meaning when a dog knocks you over, perhaps by way of greeting or during play, have also been included in some media figures—and we all know how enthusiastically friendly bull breeds are...

There have been a number of independent surveys carried out, and one mentioned on a solicitors claim site does not even include a Staffie/staffie cross in the top 10 Most Aggressive Breeds, instead a number of small dogs were featured highlighting that the public consider them cute if not a little snappy!!!

So perhaps with hindsight, we should not stereotype these dogs who have infact earned their status as Nanny Dogs with their genuine love of children, and have long been popular as loyal, kind and friendly family pets until we have infact experienced at close hand this sensitive and loving canine companion who sadly makes up 40% of Battersea Dogs Home annual intake of 9000 canines. Instead, perhaps we should take a long, hard look at which end of the lead needs the social cleansing.....

Just a Staffie

Today is just another day - to me they're all the same
I have the worst of genes you see, I bear the "staffy" shame.
The shame is in our numbers, there's thousands with no home.
Thousands just like me you'll find, in kennels all alone.
My mum was "just a staffy", my father - well who knows?
Mum, too, became unwanted, as the last puppy goes.
And then begins the process, of money - making deals
A life of "moving on" unfolds, who cares how the staffy feels?
If you have the cash to hand, the staffy pup is yours
But that pup is getting bigger now, just ...look at those big paws.
You brought me for your image, thought I'd make you look more tough
But you'll find my boisterous nature has already got too much.
If you had thought to train me, with kindness and with praise
You would have had a faithful friend to share your darkest days.
I would lay down my life for you, but you simply cannot see
You make sure you get your money back on what you paid for me.
And on it goes, until one day, I'm no longer worth a dime
The retail on an adult staff - not worth the waste of time.
So what happens to a staffy now? Do you really want to know?
Do you care what will become of us, when we leave our final home?
Have you ever thought to wonder, "Where is that staffy now?"
The "staffy" has another name; he's become a "stray" somehow.
Me, I was put into a car and driven far away
The door held open, I jumped out, I thought to run and play.
It was with joy and happy heart I turned to look for you
You drove away with all my trust... and a piece of my heart too.
I wondered round for many days before I was brought here.
Now I wait with heavy heart, trepidation and with fear.
Seven days is all I have you see, seven days for you to claim
The little dog that you threw out, for which you have no shame.
This is my last goodbye now my seven days are up
If only more thought had gone into the future of that pup
As the needle empties to my veins I lay down with one last sigh
I'm sorry I was born a staff, because it means that I must die

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OUR 'WANT' LIST.....

- 1) Field to use for a dog show, or event.
- 2) Advertising contact/ journalist at a local paper;
- 3) Fabric or wool for Paula;
- 4) Unwanted gifts for Tombola and Raffles;
- 5) Website help;
- 6) Plants to sell on our stalls;
- 7) Use of a hall for a fundraiser;
- 8) Corporate sponsorship for events, dog toys, treats and food;
- 9) People willing to run, cycle or do a sponsored event for us and general fundraisers ie pub/club to hold a Quiz Nite, band to play a gig, etc
- 10) A WEALTHY BENEFACTOR.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE THANK YOUS.....

Sandra and Clare for their ongoing support, with walking, training and helping at fund raising events. Paula, our new chief fundraiser, whom somehow manages to raise at least £100.00 per month by way of her hand-made cards, crafts and knitted goodies, and is still 'hands-on' with Sandra and Clare for kennel walking in the rain!!! Audrey Royal for her continued support in fostering, handling rescue telephone calls and most importantly keeping Nikki sane!! Tim, Holly's owner for his ongoing contributions. Ryan for his ongoing help. Hengest Farm in Banstead and Pets Choice in Ewell for monetary collections, Bridge and Banstead Village Vets, and all the vets that kindly display our posters. Penel and Laura at www.dogcommunication.co.uk for free training and assessment for some of our rescue dogs. Phylis, Eve, Phillipa, Lesley and John for their monthly contributions. Everyone that sent a donation at Christmas including Susie and Michael whose huge cheque was very gratefully accepted!! Alyson, Tina and Morris at the kennels for looking after our orphans until they find homes. Alison and Heather for walking our dogs during the week. Jacqui and Mandy for hand-made cards, gifts and their annual change tin emptying! Mary for her large donation that boosted our Godstone Fete takings. Laurie in Devon for holding a tombola and dog show and sending us the proceeds and her vet North Park Vets in Hatherleigh for providing the rosettes. Company of Animals for donating kongs for our kennel dogs to ease their boredom. Steve for his continued patience with burnt dinners, swift departures on a 'doggie mission' and dog clutter taking up the garage space instead of his car!! Thank you and apologies to everyone not mentioned!!!!

Last Minute News

A late entry for our happily homed dogs, is Ralphie who deserves some 'press' for looking after his new mum after a sudden illness:-

Ralph came into our life in May of 2009 and is the most gentle loving dog that anyone could ever have(I am of course biased) he is my friend and companion. As the photo shows he works with me during the day and likes a good run and a rummage on the heath, then on to the Pub. I have attached some pictures which show the busy life he now has. He has very good doggie manners due to his training before he came to us, we had a good start and have we have carried this on – thanks to all of you. I must add that there is a waiting list for him from friends & strangers alike when we give him up (no chance) I sincerely hope that all the other dogs are homed and loved as much as Ralph. Love to you all and keep up the good work. Claire Teasdale



We have just received our first cheque from EASYFUNDRAISING for the Christmas quarter totalling £97.18 well done everyone and keep spending—let's double it for this quarter!!!!!!!!!!

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