

Labrador Rescue Kent

September 2013 Newsletter

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Charity Day 2013

What a fantastic summer we had and what a great day at our annual Charity/Reunion Event. As usual we thank you all for turning up and supporting us! We raised over £2000, a magnificent result, which will go a long way to supporting our ever increasing kennelling and vets costs. This year there was a great mix of dogs such as these two beautiful and very "chilled" Dalmatians.



"Over the Bales" was a great success again although there were several dogs who had to be encouraged to jump those awful heights! Entries were high for this, as they were for the Search and Rescue, which produced some stunning times with the smallest dogs sometimes the quickest, desperate to find their lost owner.



The Fun Dog Show, as always, proved popular. The Fancy Dress class with Dog and Owner even more so and indeed innovative with one of the owners being a dog! We always like to see people interpreting (should I say bending?) the rules. But after all it is meant to be fun!

For the first time we had an award for Best in Show and this year it was awarded to Troy. What a beautiful dog!



There was also a fabulous display of agility and obedience by Roger and Diane.



No doubt, those of us watching were amazed by the relationship that they have with their dogs.

We thank everybody who supported us in whatever way, whether by making burgers or cakes, manning a stall or the kitchen/barbecue, giving donations, providing prizes for the raffle or tombola or just by turning up. (Too many to mention by name!)



We are already planning for 2014

and if you know someone who would like a stall please contact Roy, who will be coordinating next year's event, at roybingham@europe.com or by phone 01233 750421

Christmas Event

Christmas will be soon be here and we are looking forward to our next event. Following our very successful Christmas event in 2011 we are holding a similar event this year but this time Janet will be demonstrating how to make a



Welcome Ring (otherwise known as a Christmas Wreath) on 23rd November at Stockbury Village Hall 2pm onwards.

During the afternoon you will be given the materials and guided on how to make a large bow which you can use

in Christmas decorations or a Welcome Ring. There will be a range of stalls too and you will be able to buy all your Christmas cards, wrapping papers and small gifts/stocking fillers knowing that you are supporting LRK. If you know someone who would like a stall or for more details about this year's event please contact:

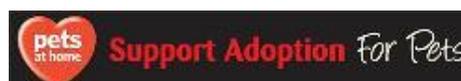
Janet at lowoast@aol.com

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Another way to support us

Many shops these days have a Charity token which is given at the till and you drop into the Charity boxes for the month as you leave. We have already received nearly £3000 from John Lewis from this scheme and are waiting to hear what we have received from Asda in Tunbridge Wells. Please support us in two ways – fill in the card as your nominated charity and/ or drop your token into the LRK box.



Your Stories

Ben



We rescued Ben from you 4 years ago in April this year and I wanted to thank you for giving us such an amazing dog!. Ben had some aggression issues that came out after a few days but tackling them head on, he is now fabulous. Since getting Ben we have had 2 boys who are now three and one years old, Ben was very unsure to start with and wasn't too sure about the things crawling around but now he plays and loves them very much; the boys being the first to be greeted! Ben knows his place within the house and is very happy. He has lots of lovely walks in the woods and loves coming running with me. Very sadly Ben developed epilepsy last year. He is doing very well with it though and hasn't had a fit for a few months so let's hope it stays that way. He is the most food obsessed animal I know and we really have to keep that in check! Ben has many faults but he is one of the best dogs I've ever had the pleasure to have. We wouldn't be without him and I'm so glad we found him and was able to give him the loving home he deserves!

Katie

This is Katie who we adopted from Labrador Rescue Kent in May 2013. She was nearly 5 years old when her owner died suddenly and unexpectedly. Katie was then passed around family members for several months, but was unable to settle with anyone. She was a rather sad, confused lab!!!



One Tuesday in late May she arrived here and walked around her new home. Katie settled in very quickly and happily shares the garden with 2 bantam hens. She had been well trained and loves to play with a ball, which she brings back to you, and sits on your foot! A rather overweight dog when she arrived, she has now slimmed down and is much admired by everyone she meets and now has a wonderfully waggy tail and a smirky smile. Katie is great with people and enjoys visits to old folk, grandchildren and the cricket club (particularly at tea time). At the beginning she was rather anxious when meeting other dogs, but now she seems much more relaxed and thoroughly enjoys her morning walks through orchards. We were very lucky to be asked to look after Katie and she has enhanced our lives; she is a delightful dog and has helped us get over our sad loss of Purdy aged 14 and a half.

Want to see your dog in print?

Please send your stories to Heather
heather.howe1@hotmail.co.uk

Our Dogs

We thought you might like to know about the dogs that LRK have rescued themselves. We hope that this will become a regular feature over the next few issues.

Jazz

I first met Dave and Heather when my previous home could not cope with me anymore. I was a real escape artist and the dog warden had warned my owners of the consequences if I he was called again. I stayed with Dave and Heather as a foster dog for the first few days but I was so quiet and well-behaved (a little bemused and nervous actually) that they decided to keep me.

Ha-ha! I could now show my real colours. Well, I do like food (after all I am a Labrador) so the first time that they knew about this side of me was when I stole a pizza that Dave had kindly left on the work surface.

Since then I have eaten a whole curry or two, several packs of butter, cheese and the other dogs' food. I am very accomplished at picking up bowls of food. (If it is full, pick it up from the nearside; if empty pick up from the back - simple!) I can also take heavy pans from the sink to give them a really good clean. I like to raid the kitchen bin and cupboards and the work-service if anything is left there.

Unfortunately, they have now got the measure of me and so I have to be a good girl and have been taught not to do all these things (although it's always at the back of my mind!)

Murphy, one of their other dogs, is my truest, bestest friend but I am the bossy one and do try to drag him around by his collar at times and I get told off for this, but I also love to lie beside him whilst he rests his head on me as we lie in the sun side by side. It's great when we go for a walk together and the two of us get to run in the woods.

Despite my naughtiness, I know that I am loved to bits and that I am in my "Forever Home" forever.

P.S. I always have my eye on the kitchen bin! Love Jazz



Bonfire Night is coming up and whilst most Labradors are not disturbed by the bangs some general rules are:

- During the firework season, walk dogs during daylight hours and keep dogs indoors when fireworks are likely to be set off.
- At nightfall close windows and curtains and put on music or the TV to mask and muffle the sound of fireworks.
- If your dogs show any signs of fear try to ignore their behaviour. Leave them alone unless they are likely to harm themselves.
- Make sure your dog is always kept in a safe and secure environment and can't escape if there's a sudden noise.
- Have your dog microchipped just in case he/she does escape.