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Spring 2018 Newsletter

Letter from the Chairperson

The refurbishment of the kennels is almost complete. We do keep finding other jobs that require attention but the centre certainly looks a lot better now.

This winter, as you are all aware, has been so very cold, wet, windy with snow and ice. The fields at the rescue are so wet that exercising the dogs is a challenge. The staff, as usual, have all been tremendous, they just carry on regardless of the weather and the ground conditions.

During the very bad weather, we had to close some of the shops some of the time as the staff could not get to them. I would like to thank any and all volunteers who help us in whichever way, especially in this cold weather. Please keep warm and safe and well and do please keep an eye on the wildlife; they need our help too.

Lyn (Chair - AAA)

FUN DOG SHOW

Sunday 3rd June 2018

At the Rescue Centre Little Pydew Ffordd Ffynnon Prestatyn LL19 8BE

Show starts at 11am

Judge: Heather Sandham

1. Best condition Bitch
2. Best condition Dog
3. Waggiest Tail
4. Golden Oldie
5. Scruffiest Looking Dog
6. Owner and dog most alike
7. Best Irish Brace (2 dogs unlike)
8. Best Trick
9. Most Appealing Eyes
10. Child Handler (under 14 years of age)
11. Best Rescue
12. Judges Choice (the dog the judge would like to take home)

Winners of each class will compete for
DOG OF THE DAY
 £1 per class Rosettes 1st to 4th

LED and Fire Performance
 Refreshments
 Have a go agility
 Raffle
 Stalls
 Car boot
 And lots more

Stall and car boot space still available. For more information contact Carol Roberts on 01745 857975.

Jaz, Kira, Jack and Kevin are four GSD x Staffy pups that were left at the Rescue Centre gates with a note giving their names, that they were nine weeks old and saying that the owners couldn't look after them any more. They were quite subdued to begin with but they soon livened up after a bit of TLC. Being as they were very cute it didn't take long to find them forever homes.



AGM

31st May at 7.30pm

Prestatyn Parish Community Hall

(top of car park behind old library)

Off Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, LL19 9AR

Events 2018

Event	When	Where
Jumble Sale	Saturday 19th May from 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
A.G.M	Thursday 31st May from 7.30pm	Prestatyn Parish Church Hall
Fun Dog Show	Sunday 3rd June from 11am	Rescue Centre, Little Pydew, Ffordd Ffynnon, Prestatyn, LL19 8BE
Jumble Sale	Saturday 23rd June from 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
Charity Auction	Saturday 30th June from 7.30pm	North Wales Bowls Centre, Ferguson Avenue, Prestatyn, LL19 7YA
Jumble Sale	Saturday 28th July from 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
Family Day and Mini Fun Dog Show	To be announced from 11am	Rescue Centre, Little Pydew, Ffordd Ffynnon, Prestatyn, LL19 8BE
Jumble Sale	Saturday 18th August from 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
Coffee Morning	Friday 14th September from 10am	Church Hall, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, LL19 9LR
Jumble Sale	Saturday 22nd September from 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
Jumble Sale	Saturday 27th October from 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
Christmas Event & Annual Christmas Draw	Saturday 1st December from 7pm	North Wales Bowls Centre, Ferguson Avenue, Prestatyn, LL19 7YA
Jumble Sale	Saturday 8th December from 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP

Charity Auction

Saturday 30th June 2018
 North Wales Bowls Centre
 Ferguson Avenue
 Prestatyn, LL19 7YA
 Start 7pm

Raffle

Lovely Auction Items

Bar

Tickets £15 in advance, available from the Rescue Centre

Buffet

(Buffet included)



Vet Corner

Seizures in Dogs and Cats

If your pet is about to have a fit, you might notice them behaving oddly. Some animals may look dazed or stare off into the distance before a seizure. They can seem confused or nervous. If your pet has regular fits you might learn to notice these signs so you can tell when a fit is coming. Although seizures aren't immediately life-threatening, your pet may lose control of their body, which can be frightening.

Here are some things that usually happen if your pet has a fit:

Fierce trembling or jerking, glazed eyes, they may dribble, their jaw could be clamped shut, they might wee or poo during the fit and they might stop reacting to your voice or touch.

What to do if your pet has a fit

It can be very scary if your pet is having a seizure, especially for the first time. The best thing you can do is keep calm and do some simple seizure management:

Stay calm. Focus on your pet's immediate needs. Clear a space around your pet so they can't hurt themselves on any furniture or wires. If they're high up on a sofa, and it's safe to do so, gently try and move them down so they don't injure themselves by falling. Get children and other pets away from the area. Turn off the lights and any TVs or radios. Noise and light could make your pet's seizure worse. Don't try to touch them or restrain them. They aren't in control of their movements and might accidentally hurt you, or you might accidentally hurt them. If you can, time how long the fit lasts for. If your pet has more than one fit, make a note of how often they happen. All of this will help your vet to treat your pet. If possible, try and take a video of the seizure. This can also provide valuable clues for your vet. Try to keep your pet nice and cool. Don't wrap them in blankets as they can overheat easily after a seizure. Call your vet straight away for advice. They might not tell you to bring your pet in right away - it depends on how long the fit lasted and any other symptoms that came with it. Their fit may have been caused by an underlying illness which you don't know about. The fits could get worse with time and, if they aren't treated, your pet's life could be in danger so getting advice from a vet on this is essential. If your pet has had a seizure which lasts over two minutes or has more than one seizure in a day, it's important to get them seen by a vet immediately.

Home Vetter's Corner

Danny was adopted by a loving family who have since adopted another kitten and reports they are best of friends. They are both very much in love with their new home.

Baxter's owner says he is making good progress with his fear of men but he loves children. He has started coming to him for food and walks but always snuggles up to his wife instead. He said he has a bark that sounds like a strangled cat!!

Shop News

It has been another busy time at all three shops. Staff illness and the loss of some volunteers has added to the pressure at the shops. I must thank those volunteers who have continued to support Abandoned Animals Association and given up their time to either cover for absent colleagues or braved the adverse weather to keep the shops open. All three shops bring in valuable income and help in no small way to keep the Rescue Centre open and able to take in animals in their time of need. On a positive note we have welcomed some new volunteers at our Prestatyn and Rhuddlan shops. We are very grateful to them and hope they enjoy their new roles. We are always looking for more volunteers so if you are able to give up a few hours a week please contact the shop which you would like to volunteer in. It is a good way of getting out of the house and meeting other people. The shops always need clean, good quality clothing and bric-a-brac so if you have the spring cleaning bug please think of us and donate your unwanted goods. Finally, I must thank all our volunteers on behalf of the animals for all your hard work and for welcoming me into your shops. Lets make this a record year for income in the shops and help even more animals in 2018

Sandra

GUNNER

The Best-Beloved

22 July 2007 - 25 March 2018

So Palm Sunday became the day that is always lying in wait for everyone who has four legged friends. The day I find myself increasingly less able to cope with as I get older. The day I lost Gunner, my big gentle boy, to the killer thief lymphoma.

We - Billie and I - only had Gunner for just over 2 years; years filled with happy times that I know will eventually become memories I will love to linger over. But at the moment the injustice of the loss is overwhelming. "I just want him back" I want to wail, like a child. Or "It's not fair!" And when was life ever fair? Even if you have them as long as you can - 16 years with my old girl - it's never long enough.

Some people may have read about Gunner's exploits when he first came home with us. In the first week he exploded a pouffe, customised a side table by biting a leg off it and ate a first edition! Maybe it was the insecurity of a rescue dog. Or maybe he just wanted to confirm that he was indeed a true bull terrier with their notorious capacity for impressive destruction. Whatever the reason, this initial mayhem was all he ever did. I realised very quickly that he could have the run of the house, even when I was out, because he was absolutely trustworthy. Except, understandably, with food!

With food, all bets were off and he was an expert counter surfer. His tongue must have been hinged with elastic because it could stretch out to a completely unnatural length and swipe things off the very back of the worktop.

He also brought some robust masculinity into our female home : spitting in the water bowl, much to Billie's horror; paying noisy, enthusiastic attention to his personal hygiene; refusing to wear a coat whatever the weather and curling his lip in manly scorn when we passed other, lesser dogs snuggled into their jumpers.

In other respects, like all bull terriers, he loved his comforts. At vets or other places with a lamentable lack of sofas, he would simply sigh in disbelief - was he actually expected to lie ON THE FLOOR? - and hoist himself up onto my lap, feet digging into my legs like crampons for purchase, sturdy white body displacing as much of me as possible to make room for himself whilst not sacrificing his comfort, thanking me for my involuntary cooperation by swivelling his big head to slurp that elastic tongue over my face.

And so we came to the day when the glands in his throat affected his swallowing and he refused his food for the first time. And later I held him and talked to him and wept as he left us and his head grew heavy. And cuddled him through a final night so that I could remember the shape of him in my arms and Billie could say goodbye. Wishing that it was 6 months from now when I would be more able to cope with his loss. And Billie wouldn't be looking for him.

He bulldozed his way so far into my heart. He gave Billie the confidence she needed

outside the home, the big bro she loved inside it. In the final weeks she was never far from his side.

Thank you AAA, for the priceless gift that was Gunner. And Gunner, my beloved boy, wait for me. Wherever we're going, I'll find you.



Cher was a very timid little girl when she arrived at the centre, but her sparkling personality is starting to shine through. She can still be a bit shy, but food and treats are definitely the way to this petite girl's heart. Cher does have an independent streak and can be happy with her own company however she will be affectionate when she is comfortable with you. She can be playful and string toys are her favourite.



Suki is a lively older lady who's always on the go. She likes to play with toys and loves lots of fuss. She is extremely affectionate and would gladly shower her new owners with lots of doggy kisses. She walks fantastically on the lead and her recall when off lead is excellent. Suki is an amazing girl who can't wait to prove that age is just a number.

