

The Kerry Blue Terrier Rescue is Keeping Calm and Kerrying On

That's our new motto!

As we have just passed our first 6 months of our 4th year I thought that it would be nice to let you know how we, and you, continue to make a difference in the lives of many kerries and their owners.

Although times have changed quite significantly, as has our ability to move dogs around, we have continued to work as best as we can. When lock down came all the dogs that we had on our books were safe in homes, and one in a wonderful kennel, where they can stay until we have more freedom to be able to move them. We have continued to take on dogs, accept Interest Forms from potential fosters and adopters and will be ready to start moving dogs around once the current situation has been lifted. Just as lock down was happening we even managed a video homecheck and the dog was able to go straight to the home, to ensure continuity in its health and welfare. Of course, a real home check will happen when we are able to. A very special mention goes to Gayle, who, as well as looking after her family and her 3 kerries, is still managing to provide vital aftercare advice to those who need it and sends a full report to us all once a week.

Our Finances and Our Thanks to You

We have had a very busy 6 months with a huge amount of work going on behind the scenes at the Rescue. We had a number of dogs in foster care who required significant veterinary treatment and kennelling whilst we found them the homes that they deserved.

Our deepest gratitude goes out to all those who have donated funds to us so that we have been able to continue to provide the standard of care that these kerries have needed.

Our donators also include all the wonderful people out there who have donated their skills and expertise to raise funds for us:-

- Aileen at www.k9cleancoats.co.uk
- Peter at www.peterbruce.co.uk
- Cara at www.etsy.com/uk/shop/MaisieandMurphy

Please do have a look at the links and make your order through them. Part of their proceeds will be paid to us.

A special thanks also goes out to Stephanie who donated two beautiful handmade dog coats and a beautiful Christmas collar. One coat was sent to one of our rescue dogs who was in much need of some warmth and the other was won by a lovely lady in the USA. The collar was sent to a very special lady who had fostered and then went on to adopt one of the kerries mentioned below. Stephanie, as well as Louise, have also been very busy giving talks to the WI along with their kerries. As well as collecting donations from the ladies and passing it on to us, they been out promoting the Kerry Blue. Brilliant work ladies.

I can't leave this thank you until I give a mention all those people who fetch and carry, perform homechecks, attend vets' appointments and pay for the various expenses they incur on our behalf all for the love of the breed and the dogs trusted to their care.

In the first six months of our current year a total of just over £9,300 has been spent on veterinary fees to get various dogs back on their feet. Many of the vets that we work with also give us good discounts. All expenditure that has been incurred has been necessary and truly, without your help we wouldn't have been able to give the immediate "yes" that was necessary on a few occasions. A few examples will follow, but they are not by any means the only cases that we've had.

Holly and Bonnie

Holly and Bonnie came to us as their owner was elderly and suffered from advanced dementia. Both girls had tumours when they were surrendered into our care and went straight to a couple's home for some much-needed tender loving care.

Sadly, Bonnie's cancer was advanced and her condition quickly deteriorated, upon veterinary recommendation we had to let her go. Holly had a smaller tumour on her toe and the vet felt that removal of the toe would be enough to remove the cancer. She had the operation and was enjoying a full and happy life when after a month or so the tumour returned. The only option to stop the cancer spreading was to have her leg amputated. She had the surgery a couple of months ago and is recovering well.

Bruno

Bruno was picked up on the streets, he had large lumps on his body, an infection in his eyes and his mouth, and was in poor condition. He went into foster care with a super family while he received all the necessary veterinary care he needed. He now has a clean bill of health and we are delighted that the family fell in love with him and he has been adopted.

Smurf

Smurf came into the rescue as her owner had become too ill to care for her. She had a mammary tumour, which had not been detected prior to her being placed with her foster mum. The tumour required removal and following the operation the vet discovered that Smurf had a rare blood clotting disorder. It has taken months of vet visits and medication to get her health under control and we're so happy to say that Smurf waved her magic charm wand and has now been formally adopted.

And finally

As well as these major cases we have had a number of dogs in kennels while waiting on the right home and all these costs really mount up. If you would like a full cash flow of our first 6 months of this accounting year please do let me know, as I'd be happy to pass it on to you. On behalf of all the dogs who pass through us we want to say thank you to each and every person who has supported the Rescue and enabled us to help all of the dogs. You're all amazing.

Have a wonderful long weekend, stay safe, keep calm and kerry on!

With love from the whole team

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Autumn Newsletter 2020

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Although times have changed quite significantly, as has our ability to move dogs around, we have continued to work as best as we can, always with the dog at the centre of our agendas. We have changed our procedures slightly to accept videos of home checks done by families, we have continued to take on dogs and accept Interest Forms from potential fosters and adopters. We are so happy to say that since 1st October 2019 we have had 11 of the dogs surrendered to us fully adopted, and another since 30th September. During the year we were made aware of two dogs who were in a very sad state, they were also surrendered to us and fostered directly by an incredible couple. Both girls were loved very much for every second of every day by the foster couple until each of them crossed over the rainbow bridge to run free. We really do work with some very remarkable people, with the biggest hearts.

We have also been approached by other rescues who have identified kerries or cross breed kerries within their systems and we have helped them to find their forever homes too. As we are a pure breed rescue, we do not spend our organisations funds in the rescue effort of the cross bred kerries however we do allocate a considerable amount of time and expertise in our field in helping them also find their loving families. One of the upsides in doing this work is that our name is becoming very well known in the rescue world and as such we are establishing good working relationships so that when a pure bred kerry is surrendered to them, we are the first call that they will make. We currently have 4 dogs placed with wonderful foster parents and another coming into the rescue shortly who has already lined herself up with a very excited couple.

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We have had a very busy year with a huge amount of work going on behind the scenes at the rescue. We had a number of dogs in foster care who required significant veterinary treatment and kennelling whilst we found them the homes that they deserved. Our kennelling and vet costs during the year have amounted to £ 11,987 and we saw an unusual illness present itself, completely unexpected, in the form of a very rare blood clotting disease.

When dogs come to us, we normally like to have them vetted before being surrendered, so that we have a good idea of the general health of the dog. For many reasons this isn't always possible but your funds allow us to get poorly dogs back up on their feet and into their forever homes.

Our deepest gratitude goes out to all those who have donated funds to us for the few events that have happened. Fran very kindly donated funds to us following the sale of facemasks that she had made and Stephanie and Louise managed to give WI talks accompanied by their kerries before lock down. A special thank you once again to all those who dipped into your pockets to donate to my half marathon (which I think was the only one to take place in the UK) in September this year, to the lovely lady who donated in the memory of her wonderful kerry too and to the little one who sent in her pocket money. Donations from fundraising events amounted to £2,310 and donations in general amounted to £11,002. This doesn't include a further amount that is going to be donated by the Kerry Blue and Native Terrier Association of Northern Ireland, following an on-line dog show that they held earlier this year. It was beautifully organised with over 85 photos being submitted and all judged by Rhonda Dearnaley in Australia.

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A little more on our income generation

As well as the above, you've all been raising funds in other ways too. The calendar sales generated £1,976, hoodies £295 and poop bags a further £295, whilst your spending via the Easy Fundraising app has generated yet another £893.

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Our Expenditure

With regards to our expenditure we continue to negotiate discounts with vets and we have seen some exceptionally kind foster parents who have taken on some complicated behavioural cases and following months of hard work have gone on to adopt the dogs in their care.

General News

Full accounts will be ready shortly, they are currently with the independent accountant for preparation and will be posted online in accordance with our promise to you all. We have also been talking to a very kind gentleman about the prospect of becoming a fully fledged registered Charity. He has drafted an analysis of what our first three years would look like had we been able to claim "gift aid" and also written a compete paper on the benefits that could be gained by being a registered UK charity. On the flip side we are also investigating the cost implications and additional volunteer work that would be necessary if the rescue moves towards registration.

And finally..... shopping experience to be advertised shortly

We will shortly be advertising our 2021 calendars, poop bags and Kerry Christmas decorations, so please look out for that on Facebook and email. Last year we sold all 150 calendars and I even sold my purchased calendar on! Don't worry, I still had the printers proofed copy. This year we have ordered 200 as our FB traffic has significantly increased. The poop bags will run out this year and next year will see a revamp of them but in fully biodegradable form.

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