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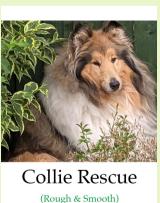
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Hope you all had a better summer, though not quite normal yet.

It has not been too busy since the last newsletter and unfortunately some people have been waiting quite a while for a rescue collie. One good thing that did happen was Rescues and individuals working together to save collies from abroad. Lots of thanks to all concerned. Two dogs in particular were saved from the Chinese meat market and are now safe in foster homes. Well done everyone. It was lovely to see owners and their dogs getting together for a day out in different areas. It is good to see lots of collies together and all getting on. Christmas cards and calendars have now arrived, but unfortunately no new memorabilia stock this year up to now

Keep Safe

Chriss

JESSIF

Jessie (S/W) came to us at the end of May. She had lived in Ireland and hadn't had a very nice time.

She was very thin and needed medication, as her previous owners had not sought help from the Vet when she became ill. Jessie hadn't lived inside and was a scared, timid



little girl. Before coming to live with us and as she was too ill to travel, Jessie stayed with her foster mum Lynne who did an absolutely amazing job of getting Jessie on the road to recovery and building her confidence. Slowly but surely, Jessie felt confident enough to go into Lynne's home.

On the day Jessie came to us, she had travelled from Ireland on the ferry to Scotland, then in a car to South Shields. Some journey indeed for a scared little girl, but she had been amazing. She didn't know what was going on and was reluctant to come in the house at first. Our gorgeous boy, Brodie, was eager to meet his new sister, but she wasn't too keen to meet him at first

Before Michelle left on her return journey to Scotland, Jessie had made herself comfortable on the sofa next to my husband John.



SADIE

When we re-homed Sadie, (formerly Lady), in March this year, we couldn't believe a young dog of only just over a year and a half could be so

over weight. Her fur had been cut to presumably remove tangles and her general look was shabby with greasy fur, but how a few months has changed her. We now have a changed dog. She has lost a good deal of weight through exercise and good diet and following a recent grooming her fur gleams and shines. She is experiencing things now that she probably missed out

on as a puppy. She loves her walks and a cuddle and is partial to a tummy rub. She also likes her treats and toys.

She has settled in the car and jumps in of her own accord. The one thing that she does do is bark a lot trying to get attention, but in time all will come right. A huge thank you to Collie Rescue and especially Chris for making it possible for us to re-home her.









She was clearly exhausted and confused and slept for the rest of the evening.

We had a scare with her health after about two weeks when she had a severe flair up of her pancreas problem. After trips to the vet, blood tests and a change of diet, Jessie recovered well and has been putting on weight and building up her strength.

Jessie is such a feisty little girl. She loves to play with her ball and has developed a liking for tug of war with hers and Brodie's cuddly toys which usually ends up with a great deal of limbless cuddly animals!

She has been on lots of caravan holiday adventures which she has thoroughly enjoyed. She can be a bit of a bully to Brodie, as he's a big softy, but we're working on that and know it will be fine. It's understandable, given her previous experiences, that she likes all the attention. We just want her to know that we have enough love for them both. Jessie just goes from strength to strength and her personality is developing every day. She is very vocal and likes to talk. She will sometimes join in with my video call meetings as I work from home. Everyone enjoys hearing her contribution, ha,ha We are so grateful to Chris, Lynne and Michelle for allowing us to adopt Jessie and supporting us to get her to her new forever home. She is truly an asset to our family.

LindaG

SPONSOR DOG UPDATE



Alfie speaking - All is well with me and Tassie at Cramlington Hall.

The servants (Jimmy and Affra) are in good health too and have remained free of that super bug that's doing the rounds. Autumn now and the leaves are falling hard and the nights are cutting in. This means that I have to accompany Jimmy with the torch and show him my favourite place to go toilet. Poor Jimmy spent an age the other night trying to pick up a leaf he was convinced was a poo - hehehe

Life is good and I'm a very happy chappy who's looking forward to Christmas.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to two of our long-standing sponsor dogs, Bonnie-Prince and Shelby.



Brothers Jock and Brucie

are well and extremely happy.
We are sure that many of their online supporters enjoy following these boys' antics in their regular 'blogs' on our Collie Rescue Facebook page. There are always great photos with very clever captions as well!
What a marvellous life they have now. Off on holiday last year to



Devon and just recently returned from a week staying in an 'Ecolodge' in North Yorkshire. There was also a Collie 'Get-together' this summer at Carsington Water, Derbyshire, to meet up with a few friends, and especially exciting to see their litter brother, Ross again. They hadn't seen each other since that very unhappy and frightening time, about 2 years ago, when they were handed over to Collie Rescue. Ross has been as lucky as Jock and Brucie, and he too has a super home and a beautiful companion in blue merle, Rosie.

What a successful and happy re-homing for these three lovely litter brothers !



It is with great sadness that we had to say a fond farewell to Bonnie-Prince in the summer, after an aggressive cancer diagnosis. He suddenly went off his back legs, could not stand up or support himself and the vet diagnosed cancer in his spine. He had been struggling for a while on getting

up, but once up and about, he seemed fine. He was on tablets to help him, as his mum and dad suspected it was the onset of arthritis, and these did seem to help him in the beginning

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The veterinary diagnosis was a shock to everyone, especially his mum, who only two months earlier had lost her husband to cancer. Unfortunately, there was no choice to be made, and Bonnie-Prince fell asleep for the last time in the arms of his mum. Everyone was devastated at his loss, as it just seemed unbelieveable this could happen so quickly. Reunited with his best buddie, Ailee. Rest in Peace, Bonnie-Prince xx



Shelby and her daughter, Misty

In August this year we sadly had to help **Shelby** over the Rainbow Bridge as the later stages of degenerative mylopathy had taken it's toll. We got Shelby when she was about ten and had her just a week shy of four years. She was a wonderfully sweet natured dog, quiet and serene - she wouldn't leap on you like Teddy or her daughter, Misty, but would sit quietly in front of you nudging under your arm or hand for a pat. She loved tearing around our land with

the other two dogs chasing pheasants and also loved to hog the best spot in front of the log burner in the winter. She was a large, strong, rangy dog when compared with her daughter. She survived for a week in the forest in the middle of winter having got lost after chasing a deer; a horrible, scary time out looking for her. Christmas got cancelled that year as we spent all daylight hours out searching for her and all evening trying to contact anybody who could help. Thankfully we did find her and she continued on for another three years or so. She died very peacefully at home with us by her side. RIP Shelby xx

It was such an exciting day when my husband Chris and I drove from West Sussex to collect our new puppy from Collie Rescue in Ayrshire. We were warmly greeted by Mrs Pat Corney, who we connected with immediately. "Toby" is a 4 month old sable and white rough collie male who was extremely playful when we first met. So much so, that when we were due to leave we gently ushered him into the back seat of the car but he had other plans! Toby proceeded to dart out the other door and tried to head back to his familiar kennel.



TOBY

During the long journey to West Sussex Toby was as good as gold and is now thriving with us in his new home. He is a gentle and sensitive dog who is always aware of his surroundings and is eager to please every member of the family. Watching him grow from strength to strength is a joy.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Irene Green, who graciously listened to my sincere desire to rescue a collie. And a huge thank you to the most kind and considerate Mrs Chris Slater who has blessed my family with such an awesome and loving companion.

Toby will continue to be treasured.

Loraine D

After having Bobby for over a year, he has now settled in, but is very clingy. He had a trial night in the kennels in March.



which went very well. His groomer spotted an ear infection, so we went to the vets for some drops. My son came up in April with his dog Walnut, a Whippit, and we went to Woodhorn Colliery and Drurridge Bay. Bobby would just stand or walk along side us. Cont'd over ...



Xanti and Xandro came to the attention of Foreign Dog Rescue at the end of August last year, but the new owner, Lesley G has changed this to Lola and

Their back story is that they were bought by a Spanish couple when they were 4 months old and living in Germany. The couple subsequently

moved to the Czech Republic and when the virus hit last year they had to return and couldn't take the dogs with them.

They'd both been looked after, although their coats were a mess and they were overweight, but they hadn't been treated badly. Xanti was castrated and the rescue shelter spayed Xandro.

They are a bonded brother and sister, so it was important to home them together.

FOREIGN DOG RESCUE



LASSIE AND DAKOTA, THE TWO DOGS RESCUED FROM THE LIVE MEAT MARKETS IN CHINA ARE NOW SAFELY IN THE UK, after a big fundrais-

ing effort, and in their forever homes, Lassie in Scotland and Dakota in Notting-

hamshire. A big Thank You to One Paw at a Time Dog Rescue for all their hard work rescuing these dogs from a nightmare situation and to everyone who donated towards their rescue. Look out for their stories in the next issue.



Remembering Collie Chaos, new local Collie Meet Ups are now being organised over the Country. Here are some photos of meetings which have taken place in Cleethorpes in Lincolnshire and Betws y coed in Wales. These are being advertised on our Facebook Page for anyone to come and join in. They will also be advertised on the Collie Rescue Website from next year.

THE CLEETHORDES MEET UP









THE WELSH MEET UP

Bobby - Cont'd ...



BOBBY AND WAL-NUT, THE WHIPPET

We took Bobby to Chester in a cottage for a week in May and had some lovely walks along side the



BOBBY'S SOCK

canal. We went for a short break to Belfast in June and Bobby had a week in kennels where everybody said he was a perfect

gentleman. They said he was very quiet when with them. Bobby was in kennels again in August for a week as it was our son's wedding. He got an infection on his paw and they had the vet out to him as he was licking it and making it sore. It got better, but as a precaution we put a baby sock on it. Bobby was always reluctant to come outside in the back garden until we put his lead on and we were unsure if it was because he only had one eye and is more confident on his lead. Bobby was 25.8 kg's when we got him and now, after a year, he is 21 kg and looking good. Bobby gets very impatient if we stop to talk on his morning walk as he knows he gets his breakfast when arriving home. He is very vocal for his daily brush (because he gets a treat afterwards). Bobby will be 10 on the 10th November.

Rodney B

A fabulous day meeting a lovely bunch of Rough Collies, Sheities and their owners. We caused quite a stir in Betws y Coed. One chap said "ooh look 2 Rough Collies and another one" as we paraded them up the High Street. I said "look again there are 15 of them!"







