



Dalmatian Adoption Society and Rescue Newsletter



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Welcome to the latest edition of the
DAS Newsletter

DAS BEACH DAY

April 27th saw the first DAS Beach Day at Berrow Beach, Weston Super Mare. Despite the weather and the beach being closed! Several arrived with their DAS dogs and none DAS dogs for a rather bracing walk along the beach.

There was some initial confusion about where to meet due to the closed beaches and conditions but those that could met in the car park where the dogs were able to meet their spotty friends and their owners. There was somewhere between 25-30 Dalmatians at a guess, all running on the beach and getting to know one another. Sue and Dave were of course there and greeting everyone whilst the DAS dogs ran around saying hi by sniffing the bums of their 4 legged friends!!

We all met the following DAS dogs:

Haribo, great height for sticking his nose in your pocket when you have treats !! Very friendly Scooter, who was a massive hit with the youngsters there and he was impeccably behaved, despite his grumbling reputation.

Denis, a gorgeous, gentle fella who again was very friendly.

Also the lovely Betty, with her slobbery Dane chops and ears getting blown away by the wind.

MOuse, of course, the DAS pin up boy, running and enjoying every minute. How beautiful he is with his blue eyes.

Some had come away for the weekend to attend and some travelled on the day. Was a lovely experience, despite eating sand for a few hours. Here's to the next one and hopefully better weather!

Some pics from the day.



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DAS is 3 years old on 26 May 2019.

During this time an amazing woman with her partner have rescued and rehomed many, many Dalmatians

Only they feel the true emotions that go with this difficult task. We, as supporters can only imagine.

However, the devotion, love and darn right hard graft that goes into DAS is plain for all to see. Wearing their heart on their sleeve and being truthful is why we love this charity and why so many support it.

As Dalmatian lovers, we not only salute you but thank you so much for your tireless efforts in loving these amazing spotties. Below are some of the babies you love and some who have their happy ever after.

THANK YOU



DALMATIANS AND HEALTH

Focus in this newsletter is on Epilepsy

Epilepsy is a general term for neurological disorders that are characterized by recurrent seizures (fits) Some dogs can have seizures which are caused by trauma, toxins, brain tumour, infection or an issue with the dogs blood, kidneys or other organs. However, the majority of dogs have idiopathic epilepsy which means there are is no known cause

Dogs with idiopathic epilepsy typically have their first seizures between the ages of 6 months and 6 years and whilst it can occur in any breed, there are some breeds that have had a genetic basis identified. Obviously it would be unwise to use dogs with this for breeding.

Dalmatians are not identified as one of the breeds with genetic predisposition. The following breeds are: Labrador and Golden Retrievers, Poodles, Dachshunds, Cocker Spaniels, Irish Setters, German Shepherds and Beagles

Seizures fall into 2 categories:

1 Generalised or Grand Mal Seizures. This type of seizure appear as involuntary jerking or twitching of all 4 limbs with a loss of consciousness

2 Partial or Focal seizures. These involve one limb, one side of the body or face but may progress to a generalised one

Seizures may also result in abnormal behaviour, salivation, chomping/chewing and involuntary urination and defecation.

There are 3 distinct phases to the seizure

Aural phase – here behaviour may change, this can be subtle, but they may be restless, attention seeking or display anxious behaviour

Ictal phase – here the seizure occurs and may last a few seconds, few minutes or longer

Post Ictal phase – here the dog begins to recover but may be disorientated, restless, uncoordinated as the effects wear off

Diagnosis is made by the vet who will listen to the history and may do more tests before commencing medication.

Epilepsy cannot be cured but medication can help with controlling the seizures

What to do if your dog has a seizure

It can be very upsetting and frightening to see your dog have a seizure. Try to remain calm and ensure your dog is safe. Move things that may be around so that no injuries are caused during the seizure.

If possible, try to video the seizure and make a note of the time, so you will know how long it lasts. This will help the vet

Make the area calm, turn off TV, lights etc, try not to touch them but talk to them calmly so they know you are there, - they can still hear you

Be prepared for any loss of control of bladder or bowels.

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If your vet has given you medication in case the seizure lasts longer, be prepared to give it

If this is the first seizure then once it is over ring the vet for further advice

Prolonged seizures lasting more than 5 minutes or two or more consecutive seizures without full recovery are referred to as status epilepticus. You should seek immediate veterinary advice. Two or more seizures in 24 hours are referred to as cluster seizures and are an indication for beginning anti-seizure medication

Further information and support can be found at the

Support Group for Canine Epilepsy

They have leaflets and guides (I have a few if anyone would like one please contact me)

www.blus-tale-foundation.co.uk

facebook.com/Blus_Tale

<http://www.canine-epilepsy.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/canineepilepsyresources/>



Hydrotherapy



Does your dog have stiff back legs, finding it difficult to get up? Recovering from joint surgery?

A couple of DAS dogs, Bradley and Haribo have issues with their back legs and so attend hydrotherapy every week. They work hard in the water and Sue says it has improved their mobility so much. I think they are rewarded with a sausage when they have finished so I am sure they love that!!

Hydrotherapy uses the properties of water — buoyancy, viscosity, resistance, and hydrostatic pressure — to enable a dog (or human) to move their joints. Water makes the body buoyant, so when submerged, the weight of the body is supported. This means the dog is not fighting gravity. The buoyancy of water reduces stress on the joints and this creates a much safer environment for recovery after surgery.

Hydrotherapy is also beneficial for dogs who are recovering from an injury, dogs who suffer from degenerative joint disease, and those who have been paralyzed.

Water therapy can also help dogs suffering from fractures, hip dysplasia, the amputation of a limb, and neurological disorders. Hydrotherapy may be especially beneficial for dogs who suffer from arthritis due to old age; the warm water helps reduce joint swelling.

Benefits of Hydrotherapy

Simultaneously, water therapy stimulates, strengthens and relaxes the body. Water therapy may also improve balance, coordination, and increase overall energy levels, all while reducing pain and stress. Water increases circulation, ideal for skin and coat, can increase lymph drainage, rid the body of toxins and improve the immune system. Water can also encourage better digestion and promote balance and co ordination as well as being a low impact exercise which helps with weight loss and general fitness

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Adopting a Spot

DAS is UK based and only rehomes in UK. If you are interested in adopting from DAS :- Visit the website and download an adoption form. these can be located at the top of each page or underneath the dogs for adoption. Once this is completed and returned and all is ok then you will receive a call from a volunteer who will visit you to complete a home check. If all is approved then wait for a suitable dog. Of course, you can also chat with Sue too. It is important to understand that some rescue dogs require a lot of patience and time as they may have been traumatised by situations they have been in prior to rescue. They need commitment and love to help them adjust to their new home. If this is the case then you will be given as much information as possible. It is important to recognise that it may take many months. However, DAS is always available for help, advice and support.

Handsome Donut needs a home

I am Donut and I am 8 years old, I will be 9 in October.

I am 62.5% dalmatian, 12.5% pointer, 12.5% German Short Haired Pointer and 12.5% sporting / terrier dog (Mum did a DNA test on me)

I was abandoned when my Dad died and his family sold the house, they left me there on my own then a new family moved in and they didn't want me either I was thrown out and ended up in a shelter and I really didn't like that so I stopped eating and was really sad



I was on my way to England to a new life and the family changed their mind so my rescuer rang my Mum and asked is she would take me in who could refuse my cute face!

I am covered in old scars but the nice lady doctor said I am fit and healthy I am still thin but am slowly starting to gain weight and confidence. I am living with lots of other dogs here and I am very happy but Mum says I need my own family to love me and give me lots of cuddles everyday. I am still a puppy at heart and love to play and run

If you want to be my family, then please visit the website and download the application form. All adoptions are subject to registration, home check and an adoption contribution is payable.

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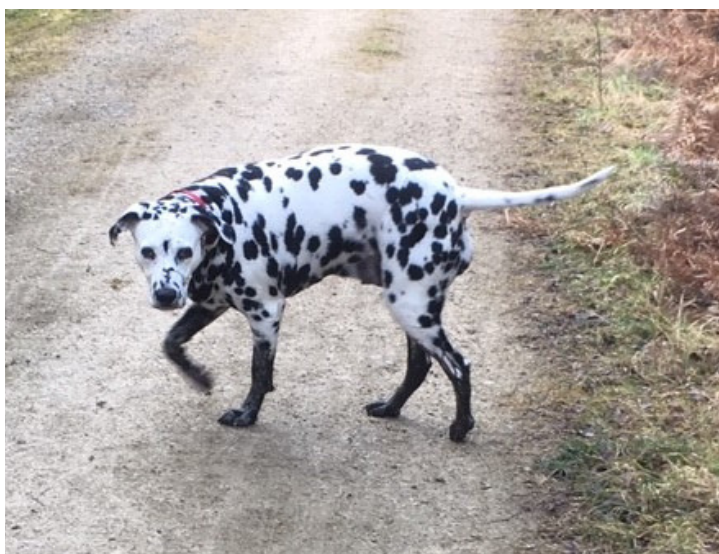
Adopting a Rescue can be very rewarding. However, you must be prepared to be patient and allow the dog to settle and do things at their own pace. Some rescues have had difficult lives and this can need a lot of work on your part. You must be prepared to not give up at the first hurdle.

Below is a story about one dog that has been rescued by DAS and now has their Happy Ever After

IZZY This is her story

Sue has this wonderful gift of matching the damaged dog to the right home. Sue rescued Izzy from being PTS and Izzy came to live with us instead. Through lots of love, patience, consistency of routine and endless cuddles, Izzy has flourished into a confident and contented 10 year old. She quickly learnt the basics of commands through her love of cheese! Over time she is now content to leave our sides on walks out and wander off on her own. The muddier the water and the dirtier she gets the happier she is! See photo enclosed of her wearing black wellies from the dirty forest streams!! However, no matter how much she loves wallowing in the mud she will return happily to our voice or the whistle to enjoy the cheese reward!

My son is autistic so bringing such a loving and caring dog into our home is something I will always be glad I did. Izzy has helped him through dark depression, being by his side when he needs someone to talk to and they both benefit from endless dog kisses and cuddles



Izzy is such great company on walks in forests, by the river and at the beach, happily fitting into whatever scenario we take her to. She is now relaxed and confident to approach people for strokes and seems offended when people walk past her and don't acknowledge her!!

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We have dog proofed the garden and house, so it is her home to roam and own! She leaves a lovely trail of white hair on our beds, so we know where she's been if ever we do have to leave her home alone! She has won over the heart of her dog walker too, happily going for walks while I have to work. Her recall, most of the time, is fantastic unless she stubbornly finds a scent that she wants to follow before coming back to us! And I won't mention the absolute delight she gets from rolling in fox poo!! It is great that she is confident to wander and roam by herself a short distance from us. Being an older dog has never stopped her from enjoying the adventures, I'm sure she thinks she's still a young dog! To anyone that is thinking of adopting a Dalmatian, you will never regret the unconditional love that you are constantly given by them. We drove to Newton Abbot from Yorkshire and back in a day to collect Izzy and it was love at first sight for myself and my son. Sue matched us so perfectly with Izzy even though I would have loved to bring all the other Dalmatians & Great Danes home too!

Thank you Sue & Dave x

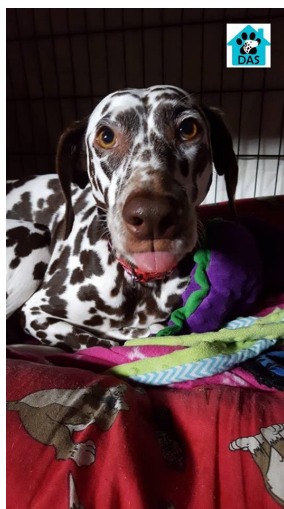


**If you have a rescue dog and would like to tell their story, Please contact
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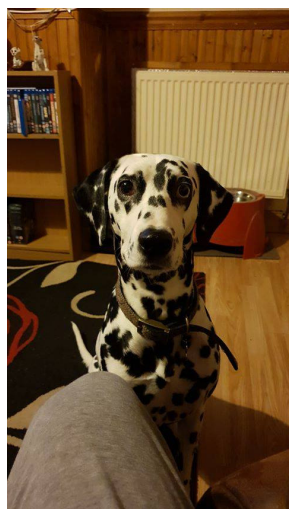
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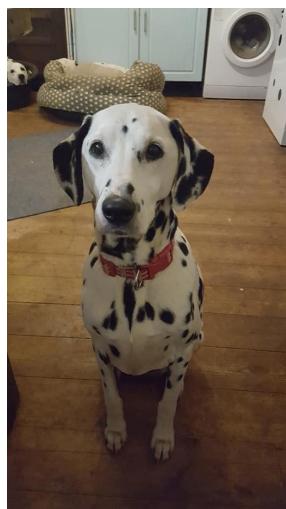
DALMATIANS THAT HAVE FOUND THEIR FURVER HOME
SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER



Kira aka Noodles



Chelsea



Polly



Sonic & Indy



Mac & Donald



Pip

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FOUND THEIR NEW FAMILIES ARE:

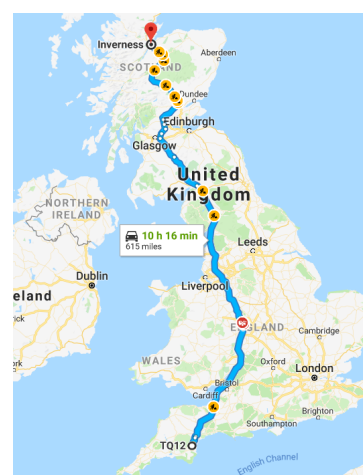
Fidget
Bobby
Monty
Obi
Lexi



Molly aka Fergie with her
2 new sisters

As you know many of these gorgeous spots reach their new homes by dailly trains. Volunteers take them on part of the journey until they reach their new family. Molly aka Fergie travelled 625 miles to reach hers!!

Thank you to everyone who helped these furbabies to their new lives and thank you DAS for doing what you do



Treats for our Dallies

CARROT BITES

Ingredients

250g Wholemeal flour
125g Oatmeal
125g Porridge oats
150ml Sunflower/Almond oil
2 Lightly beaten eggs
200 g Grated carrots
1 tsp Caraway seeds
1 tbsp Finely chopped parsley

Method

Sift flour and mix together with porridge oats and oatmeal. Make well in centre, add oil, beaten eggs then carrots, caraway seeds and parsley. Mix well until you have a sticky dough. Knead on floured surface until smooth then roll out to 7mm thick. Cut out biscuits shapes, place onto lined baking tray and bake for around 50 mins until crisp and golden. Allow to cool



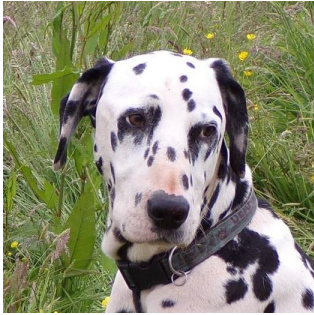
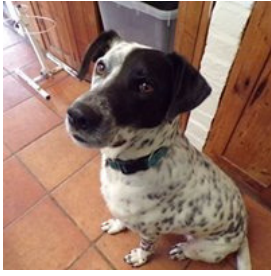
CHEDDAR & ROSEMARY BITES

Ingredients

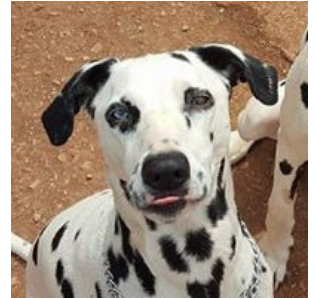
225g Coconut/rice flour
50g Grated cheddar cheese
120ml Unsweetend Almond milk
1 tsp Rosemary

Method

Mix together all ingredients until forms a soft dough. Knead on floured surface until smooth, roll out to 7mm thick. Cut out biscuits shapes, place onto lined baking tray and bake for around 25-30 mins until crisp and golden. Allow to cool



HOW YOU CAN HELP



Donate via standing order. Just £1 a week - less than a cup of coffee- can make a massive difference!

Bank Account details are TSB Sort Code 77-26-17 Acc 23149968

Sponsor Our Spots - see the website. You can sponsor one of the permanent DAS dogs

Join our Fundraising Page on Facebook for raffles, auctions and weekly draw

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DAS101>

Join Easyfundraising online - a donation of what you spend comes to DAS

Use easyfundraising to switch your car & home insurance, purchase a new tv package, take a new mobile contract or switch your gas supplier and you can raise up to £200 for Dalmatian Adoption Society and Rescue! You can get yourself a better deal at the same time so check it out
Aviva will donate up to £30, More Than up to £22.50, Vodafone and EE up to £35, SKY up to £52.50 and British Gas up to £25, to name just a few.

today: **<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dasuk1/>**

Take a look at our ebay shop **<https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/dalmatian-adoption-society>**

EVERY PENNY HELPS AND GOES TO THE DOGS.

This month has seen a number of dogs find safety at DASVILLE.

In fact one 15kg bag of dog food now only lasts ONE day.

SO if you can help in any way, no matter how small we would be very grateful.

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DAS has registered with Recycling for Good Causes
Making money from broken and unwanted items

You can donate all your broken and unwanted jewellery to raise money for Dalmatian Adoption Society and Rescue (DAS).

If you have any gold, silver, odd earrings, broken chains, costume jewellery and watches, you can recycle them at no cost to you whilst making money for Dalmatian Adoption Society and Rescue (DAS).

Any jewellery – gold, silver, costume jewellery, watches, broken and damaged items (like odd earrings, snapped chains or items with missing stones).

You can donate any unwanted banknotes from **ANY** country of any age, so all of those obsolete pre-euro notes are a perfect start!

Our partners at Recycling for Good Causes will reuse and recycle the jewellery and Banknotes, giving the proceeds to Dalmatian Adoption Society and Rescue (DAS), saving precious raw materials at the same time.

If you would like to send your jewellery and banknote recycling to us, simply use your own envelope or jiffy bag (No bigger than A5 in size) and post free of charge by printing out the freepost label below and attaching to your envelope.



These items directly to the
freepost address in
A5 envelope

Freepost RSXA-GJBY-ARRZ
Dalmatian Adoption Society and Rescue
Unit 14
Amber Business Village
Amber Close
Tamworth
Staffordshire
B77 4RP



Other items, see next page

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LARGER ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED BUT PLEASE SEND THESE TO

Shirley Plummer, 3 Park St, Brighouse HD6 1AD

These will be collected and placed in a sack for free collection when the sack is full
Examples of items that can be recycled are included on the pictures.

ALL FOREIGN COINS AND STAMPS can also be posted to Shirley as these are not
freepost

If you have any questions please contact Recycling for Good Causes directly on
Tel 0800 633 5323

Email: info@recyclingforgoodcauses.org

INKJET CARTRIDGES AND TONERS ARE RECYCLED BY ANOTHER COMPANY SO
PLEASE CONTACT

AND WE CAN SEND YOU AN ENVELOPE FOR THOSE - JUST ASK

They must be genuine makes and not compatible ones ie HP Enson Brother etc

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