



DAS Dalmatians Newsletter



November 2019

Welcome to the latest edition of the
DAS Newsletter

This is the last newsletter of the year so

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

and a

MASSIVE

THANK YOU

for all your support

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WE COULDN'T DO WHAT WE
DO, WITHOUT YOU!
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

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Where has the last year gone ? Time flies by so quickly.

It has been a very busy year for DAS Dalmatians.

I know that Sue and Dave are in the thick of it and probably don't realise exactly what has been achieved. So, lets take a look

48 dogs will have been re-homed by the time this newsletter is published - that's one nearly every 8 days and one dog rescued every week.....Amazing for a rescue that is run almost single handedly plus the logisitics that make that possible plus looking after the resident dogs, dealing with time wasters etc etc.

Sponsor Our Spots was launched in March with 13 Dalmatians to sponsor.

There are now 19 that need yur help, only Snogga and Fido remain sponsor-less

Thank you to all those who are sponsors, its much appreciated.

More fencing has been erected to keep the spots safe thanks to the hard work from Dave, Sue and a few volunteers.

The mammoth job of concreting the yard has begun - hard work given the logistics of where the rescue is, everything has to be carried in by hand.

Bark has been delivered and spread by S & D to help with the muddy ground with more still needed.

April saw 25-30 Dalmatians on a DAS Beach Day at Weston Super Mare.

New website launched.

Consultation for Hunter with the amazing Noel Fitzpatrick resulted in conservative treatment as surgery was too risky. Hunter is enjoying life in his foster home, all home comforts and the medication needed for his condition plus hydrotherapy sessions.

Sam, our fundraiser gave birth to a little boy Parker.

Four dogs were taken in by DAS Dalmatians from a rescue that was raided by RSPCA. 3 were Dalmatians and one an American Bulldog. All now safe and loved.

There is an over 60's club at DASVILLE! Several elderly Dalmatians grace the fields with their distinctive plodding and gorgeous faces. They even get to go out for afternoon tea sometimes!

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Bi Monthly Newsletter started to keep up to date and share Dalmatian information.

Lots and lots of Vet visits. Sue must think she lives there sometimes!
Vet bills have been sky high this year with some months being in excess of £1000.

This year has seen the loss of EC and Thor, Sue and Dave's own Dalmatians.
Gorgeous spots who knew real love despite their past.

Ironcally, they no longer have their own spotty critters.

Henry, one of the first Dalmatians to be adopted from DAS also crossed the Bridge
and is missed by his Mum and Dad.

Bradley, Haribo and Tatty Teddy all began hydrotherapy to help their creaking back
legs, some also have laser treatment. Got to keep the oldies going!!

People have continued to give generously, through the lucky paw draw, auctions,
appeals to help with vet bills, etc.

Others have taken on personal challenges - Nick and Tracey walked the 3 National
Peaks in 24 hours and Martin Smith and Jon Grant completed assault courses etc - all
to raise funds for the rescue.

Volunteers help with transport and dally trains, fostering, home checks and dog
assessments.

DAS won a Clever Paws Memory Foam Bed through facebook nominations.
Also won snuggle sack the same way!

£180 raised through K9Trail Virtual Races - a great way to raise money. You can run or
walk with your dog anywhere in the country. Pay an entry fee. Send in pics of you
doing it and you even get a medal.

Money raised by Sam Orchard Jones through her amazing photography.

Thank you to all who have donated items for auction or raffle.

Apologies if I have forgotten anyone or anything.

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There are lots of things that go on behind the scenes. Sue deals with these on a daily basis. Sometimes her posts give an insight into a little of the frustrations but they are just the tip of the iceberg.
She says thanks for putting up with her posts.

A Day in the life of Sue.

Wake up at god knows what time (but its still dark) cos one of the spots is barking/howling. Up in dressing gown, wellies on, half asleep to see whats going on. Greeted by a sea of spots and can't go to loo alone! Try not to think about the day ahead and tasks to do.

Feed all the dogs breakfast - all 31 of them. Make sure each dish is weighed out, supplements given and all fed in the correct order in their correct place - sofa, crate, inside, outside, one room and another room. Pick up all dishes for lunchtime. All out if not already been out and pick up poo - that's a mountain of poo for 31 dogs ! Answer important emails - never ending and unable to catch up.

Post on facebook - need a dally train, home check, dog assessment.

Need to go to hydrotherapy with Bradley and Haribo. Have to do a dog food run too later which takes a 2 hour round trip... DAS dogs get through 15kg a day! Phone is ringing - need to sort out a dog that needs rehoming - what time is it ?... going to be late to hydro! Make sure all dogs safe and inside before leaving. Get dogs in car.

Somewhere in this mayhem Sue tries to get dressed and have a coffee, no time to eat breakfast! Off to hydro. Back for lunch feeding time. Breakfast routine again! Fill up buckets of water. Feed Baba by hand cos shes not eating. What a life she had before she came here. More emails/facebook/phone calls. Give Betty her injection, check on wounds, operation sites etc. Go on food run, pick up more poo first though. Back with food, 20 x 15kg bags to carry in. Need to put bark down, its so muddy. Wheel it from the massive pile and lay where need it. Phone rings - need to go assess a dog nearby. Will have to be weekend when is Dave home. Wonder if anyone can help with dally train I posted this morning? Answer emails again, they are still coming in. Take the oldies up the field for a walk. Got to do the washing! What's for tea? Oh jeez they need feeding again, same routine as breakfast - takes at least 20 mins now to do it all. Pick up dishes for morning. Wash them. Answer questions on facebook. Pick up poo. Need to order some supplements. Daves home, food - whats that? Have something to eat. Do some admin. Sit down and fall asleep.....Go to bed to start it all again tomorrow and the next day and the next day and the next day

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES - OURS WEARS WELLIES AND A DRESSING GOWN (Spotty of course!)

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What's been happening at DAS since the last newsletter

- DAS Dalmatians have rehomed 6 dogs since the last newsletter, photographs of these lucky spots are further on in the newsletter and managed to keep several more at home with financial help towards food and vets bills.
- The weather has been atrocious and the ground is very muddy at DASVILLE. Some great guys delivered some bark to help and this has been painstakingly moved barrow by barrow by Sue and Dave.
- Christmas cards have been designed specifically for DAS by Sarah Weatherburn-Bird and are still available. ALL proceed to DAS (See next page).
- The vet bill has been well over £1000 in the last month, donations and fundraising have helped with the payments, so a MASSIVE thank you to all who helped.
- Christmas is coming so watch out on the fundraising page for stocking fillers and spotty items.
- Some of the oldies have been to the beach and had a paddle.
- DAS Calendars now sold out - thank you to all who bought one.
- Sue found out that she had a Mum and Son in the house!! Poppy (Lemon Sherbet) is mum to Cooper! She had 3 deaf babies and he is one of them. Pretty stunning news.
- GoFundMe Page has been launched. Please share and help spread the word <https://www.gofundme.com/f/das-dalmatians-need-your-help>.
- There has been a lemon and an orange spot in the house. Lemon spots apparently have black noses and orange spots have brown noses. You learn something new everyday !

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TALES OF THE ADOPTED DAS DOGS

SPOT 1

Was I nervous about replacing my irreplaceable heartdog?

Was I worried I'd forever be comparing that I wouldn't love his replacement? I'd resent the new addition or struggle to accept that my heartdog really was gone forever?

Was I massively concerned that an adopted dog would bring issues and that a new shiny puppy would be SO much easier and have an instant bond with our child?

Was I hesitant about bringing an unknown (possibly risky & knowing me a dufus!) personality into my home with my child?

Was I nervous about doing a 12 hour car journey, with a young child in just her 4th week of starting school who had homework commitments, missing her weekend hobbies, forking out for a weekend hotel to commit to a spotty creature we had NEVER met??

Was I apprehensive about my new family member not being the right match for us? Thinking he'd be better suited elsewhere? That maybe we didn't deserve him because he was too good for us?

Are we now a complete family again?

Heck, YES to all of the above and then some! (Without hesitation!!)

Was he worth it? Without a doubt. Emphatically yes.

BUT we could not and would not have done it without Sue's communication, support & expertise in great matching and her telling me to shut up several times. Without the foster family's willingness to let us in (Leon & Jane) for whom we will always be grateful & Shirley with whom I communicated when I felt I was interrogating Sue too much - sorry, Sue! Thanks, Ms Plummer! And big Cheers to L&J.

Our new addition was meant to be. He has dodgy hearing, a dodgy eye and definitely a dodgy bum - he fits in with husband and child perfectly, haha!!

Scooby sauntered around from the minute he entered his furever front door, in fact it really was from 'Foster home to Furever Home'...same furniture, same wall colour, same carpet.....same spots!

Sue has a wealth of advice on the dogs perspective of how they may feel when they arrive and I read it, read it again then re-read it.

Scooby is the polar opposite of my previous Spot but has taught me how to love again. We're learning from each other. He is perfect for us. DAS are perfect at matching.

A brand new shiny puppy? No thanks.

A DAS dog who can teach my child a life-lesson that others need help & that there are humans that do good.

Now THAT is completion.

Looks like he has been there all his life !



Thank you so much to all who have shared their stories. It's always lovely to hear of 'success' spots and how they are doing. They all have a story to tell but whatever their past has been, good or bad, they are all loved and leading great lives now.

Certainly landed on their paws.

Thank you and Thank You DAS

For those that have sent in their stories we will be featuring them in future newsletters.

If you would like to share your story please send it to spotsfundraising@gmail.com

UPDATE ON HUNTER

Hunter has had a lovely summer with his foster family on their small holding in the Lincolnshire countryside. He shares his home with 3 other DAS spotties. Hunter's foster parents run a small tack shop from home ensuring Hunter has plenty of company and the freedom to choose how much exercise he needs either playing in the garden or having a "zoomie" through the paddocks. He's also quite a favorite with our customers particularly mini humans. Thanks to his fund, Hunter continues to have access to hydro sessions once a week which has strengthened his muscles and improved his mobility. He is on quite a bit of medication however his three monthly blood tests so far are showing no damage as yet to his system which is great news.

Hunter is also given feed containing milk thistle to help support his liver function as well as Bettalife Pharmaquin supplement to preserve his joints for as long as possible (This supplement is available to order through Equisign Tack and Feed via facebook and £10 is donated to DAS for every 1kg pot sold). Hunter knows his feed times and is always the first to let everyone know when his next meal is due. He enjoys the company of his foster sister Pretzel who he has been very protective of since she arrived as a puppy last Christmas and at the end of their busy days they often curl up on a sofa together.



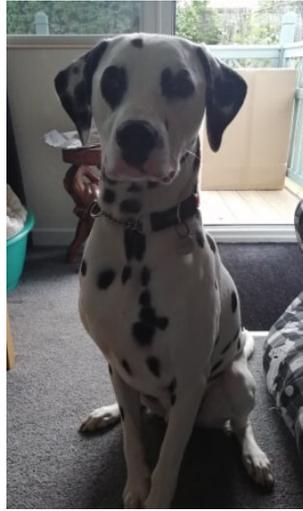
SUCCESS STORIES

DALMATIANS THAT HAVE FOUND THEIR FURVER HOME
SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

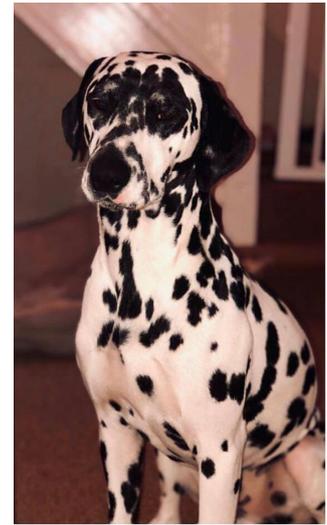
These gorgeous spotties have found their furever home



Josh



Dave



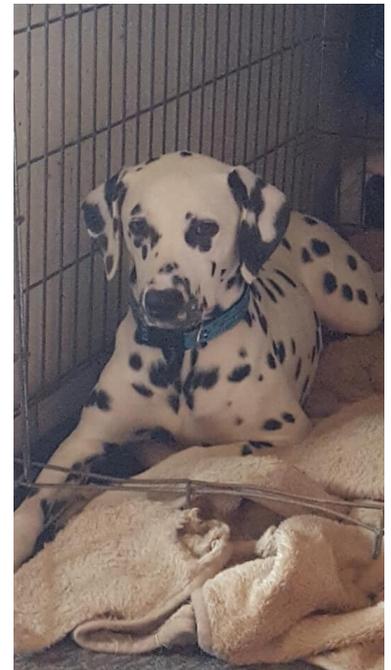
Loki



Lou



Milly



Rosie

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FOR SALE
ALL TO HELP DAS CONTINUE SAVING SPOTTIES

Please join our fundraising page for other items, details, auctions and raffles.

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



Christmas Cards with our own DAS dogs
Designed by Sarah Weatherburn-Bird
Available in packs of 5 - £6.50 or
2 packs for £10 (free p&p)
If you would like to buy some please make
payment via paypal friends and family to
lukeweatherburnbird@gmail.com
**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE NAME
AND ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY**

All proceeds to DAS

CHRISTMAS TAGS

Christmas Tags
Pack of 12 tags,
GOLD, SILVER OR RED
£1 per pack + £1 postage
can combine post too,
just ask



Christmas Tags
Pack of 40 Assorted
£2.50 per pack, Postage £1
Can combine postage, just ask



Dog/Cat Christmas Paws
Bone or Fish tag Paw Stockings
Just waiting for all those
Christmas Treats!

17in long x 10in wide across paw
Several available £6 each inc
postage
Can combine postage, just ask

Payment for tags and paws to [Paypal.me/SPOTS/DAS](https://www.paypal.com/SPOTS/DAS)
Item(s) required and Address for delivery. Thank you

WAYS YOU CAN HELP DAS DALMATIANS

Could you foster a Dalmatian whilst he/she waits for their furever home.? If you have the patience, love and commitment, please complete the form on the website <https://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/being-a-fosterer>

Do you have time to spare to complete a home check or dog assessment ? If so please contact info@dasdogs.co.uk with your details. We need people all over the UK to help.

Could you donate £1 a month/week to help feed the dogs ? It costs approx £11 a day in food for the DAS dogs.

Bank details - TSB Sort Code 77-26-17 Account 23149968.

Can't adopt? Would you consider sponsoring one of our gorgeous permanent residents?

There are lots of choose from and only Fido and Snogga have no sponsor - they are wondering why?

<https://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/sponsor-our-spots>.

Join our fundraising page. Auctions, raffles, weekly draw and other goodies.

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

Register at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dasuk1>. It costs you nothing and DAS benefits by a donation on what you spend. Great at this time of year if buying pressies online. Donations on mobiles, car and home insurance too. Amazon, Ebay. Great way to raise money. We are registered on Amazon Smile too.

Share our posts and spread the word.

Send old mobiles etc for recycling. Details of all recycling items can be found on <https://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/recycling>

If you know of any businesses that could help, - donate a raffle item, Sponsor a Spot please let us know.

If you have any ideas for raising funds or you would like to do a sponsored walk, run, climb or something else. Contact us

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Hold a coffee morning with proceeds to DAS.

If you have any ideas or need further information please contact



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KEEPING OUR SPOTS SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS

Just a little reminder of things we might already know but its useful to recap

CHOCOLATE

We all know Chocolate is a huge no no for dogs
Bakers, dark and milk chocolate all contain THEOBROMINE in toxic doses. White
Chocolate less so but is very fatty and can cause pancreatitis.
Make sure all choc treats and tree chocs are out of reach.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol has the same effects as it does on humans - wobbly, drowsy, lowers bloody
sugar and temperature, so dont let them steal your drinks-- AS IF !!!

CHRISTMAS PUDDING, MINCE PIES, CURRANTS, RAISINS, SULTANAS

All toxic to dogs, even small amounts can cause kidney failure
Chocolate raisins have a double whammy - chocolate and raisins

ONIONS, GARLIC, LEEKS, SHALLOTS, CHIVES, SAGE

Toxic raw, cooked or in powder form.
Beware of stuffings. Effects of toxicity may not been seen for 2-4 days

MACADAMIA NUTS & WALNUTS

These can cause neurological issues, lethargy, stiffness and lameness

ZYLITOL

This sugar-free sweetener can cause death in extreme cases. Lots of 'sugar free'
items may contain Zylitol so please beware and check the ingredients

CINNAMON

If your dog ingests a large amount in powder form or via an essential oil, they could
suffer from diarrhoea, liver disease, vomiting and low blood sugar. Dogs that eat too
much can even die

GRAVY

Premixed gravy may contain onions so beware



HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



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Christmas at DAS Dalmatians.....

We do not rehome our dogs during the Christmas period.

Our last re homing weekend will be 14th/15th December.

We will then start re homing again on 4th/5th of January.

Christmas is stressful enough without inflicting it on a new spotty critter.

Our Christmas will be the same as every other day as none of the dogs can cook, pick their own poo up or weigh their dishes out but this year is going to be very special as my Mum Hilary and my son Dan are coming for a few days (we may have to cook Paloma to stop her eating them !!)

There is no such thing as an easy day here but everyday is filled with so much love, cuddles, fur balls, bruised feet and even more love.

Dave and I want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone of you that helps and cares about what we do and to the fabulous Shirley and Sam for their fundraising skills (it's not just running the F/B page but all the admin that has to be done too)

Also to the lovely people that have done things for us that no one knows about, we thank you for making us smile and feel even more apprecaited.

We have a house full of happy dogs (literally) and that is down to the kindness and generosity of YOU !!

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year
Dave And Sue

I was going to name all the critters too but there are a lot to remember.....