



DAS Dalmatians Newsletter

July 2021

Welcome to the latest edition of the DAS
Newsletter

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

HOPE EVERYONE IS OK ?

Things continue to be eventful at DASVILLE as you can imagine with all the spots and furry critters around!

It's still flooding but not as badly as a trough has been dug in the field to divert the water and there is one little drain which we have put in that has to cope with all the rest. There has been some torrential rain here and the kids are always a shade of red from the soil!

They continue to enjoy life in the field and running about after each other no matter what the weather.

MOuse now likes to make aMOusements and often pops up on the facebook page with information and a little chat about how things are with his brothers and sisters and of course his Mum and Dad. Everyone seems to love his 'speeches'



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- As everyone is hopefully slowly returning to work we hope that does not mean an influx of dogs that can no longer be cared for, though undoubtedly there will be some that will need to be rehomed in the coming months....spoke too soon :(
- Although DAS made the decision to no longer rehome, inevitably there will always be some dogs needing help. Those that will be available to adopt will be advertised on our Facebook page and also on the website but will have very specific criteria <https://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/adoption> It is important that people read the criteria and ensure that they fit it and do not apply if they are not suitable.
- Thank you to everyone who continues to take part in our raffles and auctions as they are great at helping to keep DAS going, feeding the kids and helping with vet bills. We hope that you enjoy taking part and like your items if you have won anything. Keep an eye out for some more amazing items coming up in the future
- If anyone has any ideas or fundraising or anything to donate please let us know. Email info@dasdogs.co.uk or contact Shirley Plummer through facebook
- Our website shop continues to expand and Sue is using her artistic skills to make lots of lovely items. Please take a look at the Spotty Shop on the website. Postage is included in the price for most things.
<https://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/spotty-shop>
- The weekly lucky paw draw continues... now called the Saturday Spot. We have increased the amount of numbers available and the winning number receives £55. Second Prize is dependant on the numbers sold but can be up to £25. If you would like the same number every week and its available please let us know on info@dasdogs.co.uk or message Shirley. You can pay in advance and we will remind you when its next due. Lots pay monthly but its up to you.
- DAS still has issues with flooding and deliveries and it can be very difficult to get up the track in certain weathers. Non of the landowners that border the track to them cut the hedges or trim the weeds so they have to maintain it all that's 1/4 mile of double sided hedges to trim and in summer, it is no joke. If they don't do it, their cars get scratched on both sides. DASVILLE truly is in the middle of nowhere - great for the dogs but not so for Sue and Dave. The hunt for a rental properties continues

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ADOPTED DAS DOGS

Since the last newsletter and adhering to COVID regulations the following dogs have been adopted



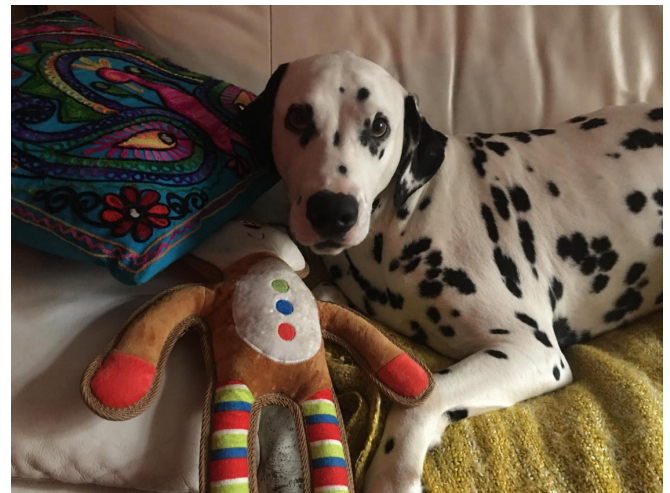
Minnie



Herman



Cooper Pinky



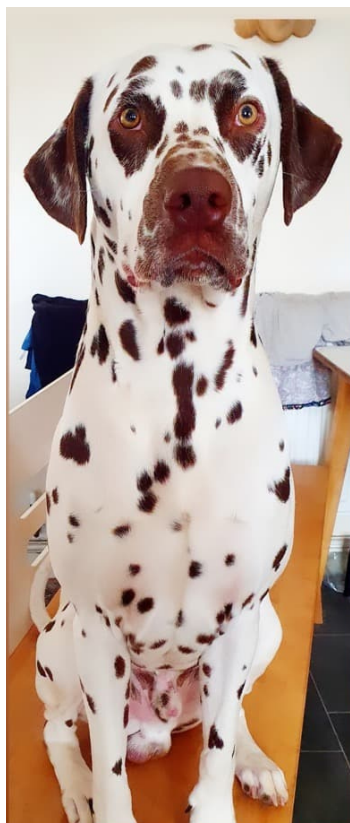
Bailey

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Fidget



Pimple



Max

Wishing them all and their
new families
a happy ever after



Molly

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like to share their story,
please send to
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LARA

Lara is about 4 years old, no exact age is known as she was found wandering the streets of Romania. She was taken in and fostered for a while but that was coming to an end and Lara needed a home or she would be back on the streets, where she would probably be picked up by the dog catcher and we dread to think what might have happened to her then.

In stepped DAS...Sue is not the sort of person to sit back and do nothing. This beautiful girl needed a chance at life so an appeal was put up to raise enough to bring her to England.

The AWESOME DAS family raised over £1500 in less than 24 hours

As a result Lara set off from Romania on 7 July and made the long journey to her new furever home in England, meeting her new family on July 10th.

She is going to have an amazing life and its all down to **YOU**, the wonderful, amazing DAS Family.

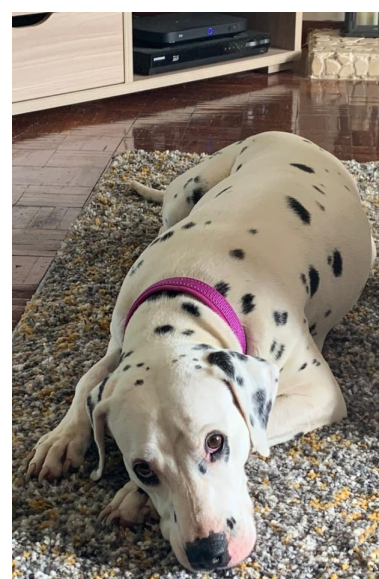
THANK YOU - THANK YOU -THANK YOU



In Romania

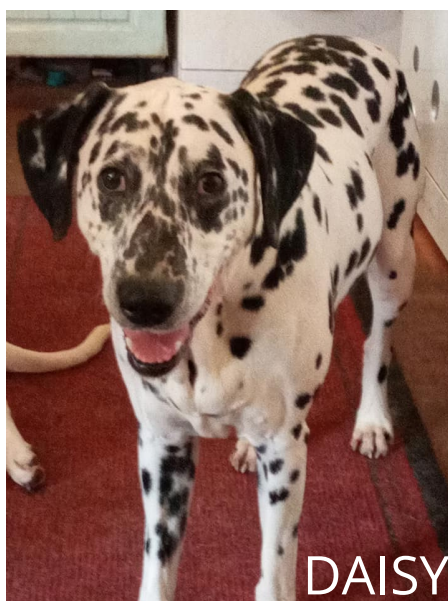


En route



Furever home

SPOTLIGHT ON PERMANENT DAS DOGS



I am 10 years old. I am here as my family didn't have time for me anymore. I have epilepsy and my Mum is now giving me the medication I need to try to help me and my vets are looking after me too.
I am a cheeky girl who really likes it if you feed me I like one biscuit at a time and to drop bits everywhere, my Mum laughs at me.
I have lots of brothers and sisters here at DAS and there is always someone to play with and my Mum and Dad give me lots of cuddles

Daisy has now been spayed as it was thought her epilepsy could have been made worse by hormones. She had one set of cluster seizures after being on Epiress for a few weeks, her bloods were good too.

She has only had a single seizure in the last month so her meds have been slightly increased to 1 3/4 tablets twice per day so that will be reviewed if she has another seizure

Unfortunately, Daisy continues to have seizures and is now taking 4 tablets per day to help her.....her last 2 were very violent and prolonged.

UPDATE 07/07/2021:

Daisy Doodles now takes both Epiress and Libromide and we have finally managed to get her dose right and as of today ...

DAISY IS 151 DAYS SEIZURE FREE !!

It comes at a price though as Daisy's medication now costs us £100 per month
She cannot be rehomed but is available to sponsor
from £5 per month

<https://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/sponsor-a-spot>

Where are they now?

LOKI

Since marrying in the late 80s, My wife and I have had 4 wonderful spotty dogs in the family, all boys. Our most recent were Brian and Geoff. Brian reached the end of his innings in early 2019. It was a very emotional day, the vet came to our house and he went to sleep with all the family around him. He was a very loved Doggie.

This left Geoff on his own for the first time in his life. Geoff was a special dog - definitely on a spectrum of some sort but he coped well and enjoyed all the extra fuss. Sadly we lost Geoff very suddenly in April 2020, just weeks into lockdown. He went to the vets to have a lump on his leg removed and during pre-op they discovered he had a very large and aggressive tumour in his stomach. The vet advised us that Geoff had only weeks, maybe even days to go. As he was already sedated we took the terrible decision to let him go. Geoff was 12 and we had hoped for a few more years with him. Our hearts were broken. The whole thing was par for the course for 2020.

Our house was without a dog for the first time in many years. We were devastated and because of COVID we were unlikely to be able to get another dog anytime soon. We had been following DAS on Facebook for some time and were getting our fix of Spotty dogs from the lovely videos and photos of the residents. Hari had us both in stitches every time he opened his mouth.

Then one morning in June 2020 a photo of LOKI appeared with a note that he was going to be available for re-homing. He looked amazing with his big black patch on his face and at 4 years old he had many years of good living ahead of him with the right family. We stared at the screen together, not saying anything - we were both thinking the same thing though. After a minute or two we said 'Sod it, let's apply to re home him'.

We went into action straight away and completed all the paperwork. We were nervous. We knew that during lockdown there would be a big queue of people wanting to help LOKI and our chances of becoming his new family were slim. We were also anxious about the challenge. LOKI had been with two families already, he was obviously going to be a handful but we were ready, Geoff 'the pest' as he had been affectionately known was enough preparation.

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Stage 2 of the process followed when one of the lovely DAS volunteers asked if we would attend a video interview. It seemed to go well and before we could catch our breath Sue rang us and had a long chat and we were told the wonderful news that we had been selected to be LOKI's new family.

We were over the moon. The week between that and when we finally met him went painfully slowly.

LOKI is the most affectionate and faithful dog you could imagine. We are now 12 months down the line and he brings us such happiness every day. Physically he is in tip top condition and a very handsome boy. He is obedient (he has obviously had good training when he was younger). His recall is really good and he loves meeting new friends (2 legs or 4). He is a celebrity with all the kids in the neighbourhood and gets lots of hugs whenever they see him (and he loves it). We get compliments from other dog walkers on his good nature and handsome good looks, we are so proud of him.

As an experienced and dedicated Dally owner I can tell you LOKI is a shining example of the breed. We are so lucky and grateful that the stars aligned and LOKI found his way to us.

His favourite thing in the world is chasing after tennis balls. We have one of the plastic throwing stick things and he will spend hours chasing after a ball, but he doesn't always like giving it back. We found one solution was to have 2 balls so as he returned with the first we would throw the second hoping he would drop the first before dashing off again. This didn't always work so I decided to try and teach him a bit of sign language.

It took a few days but he got it. When I hold the throwing stick horizontally in both hands that is the signal to drop the ball. Eureka - he is a smart boy indeed.

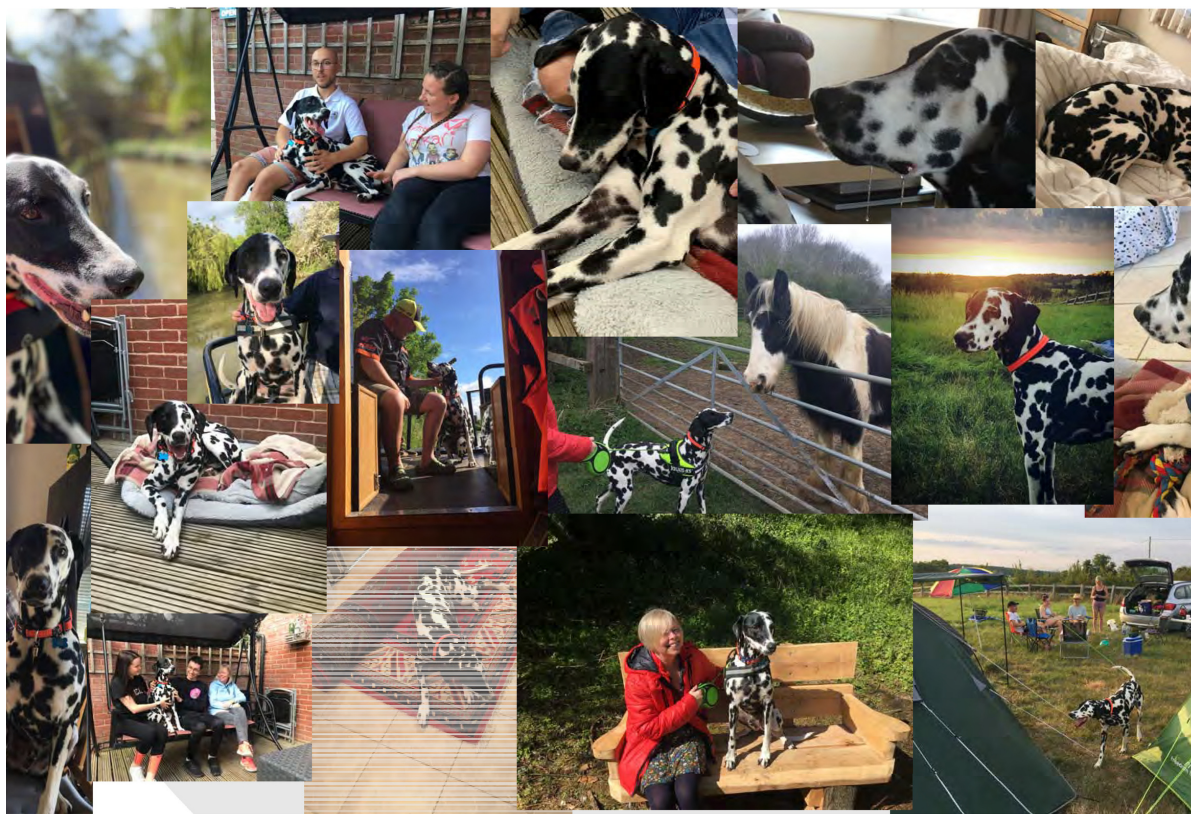
We are the luckiest people to have such a wonderful dog in our lives. I remember our spotty cross, Bungie, from my childhood being just as awesome as LOKI - maybe it is a rescue dog thing! Having said all that there is one small thing..... boy is he a stinky bum. Those silent but deadly can stop you in your tracks..... but if that is the worst of him, we will take that any day.

LOKI, the God of mischief? Not a chance. The God of fixing broken hearts more like. We would like to say a great big thank you to DAS for making this possible for us, and a big hug to LOKI's foster family who looked after him for the week or two before we brought him home.

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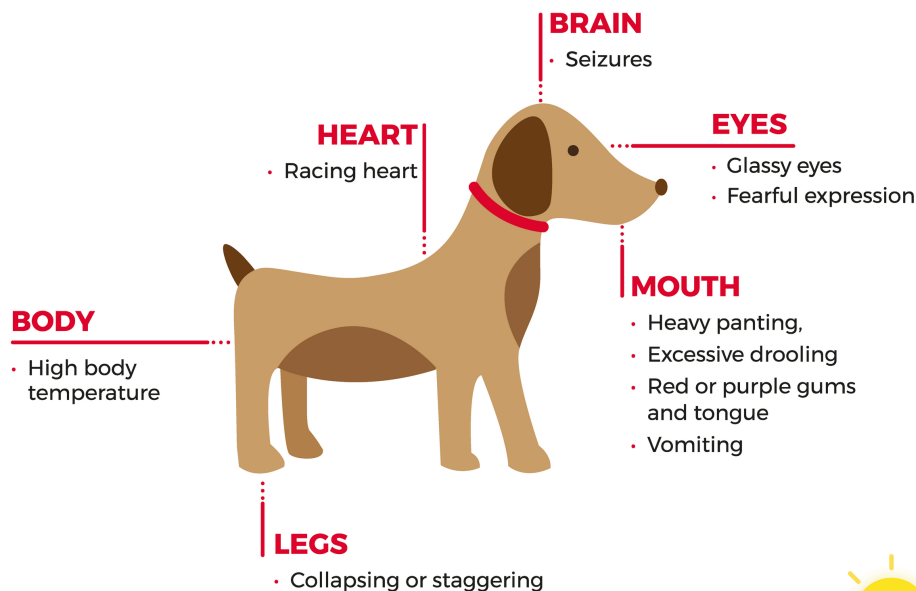


Thank you to Loki's family for sharing this update with us.

If anyone would like to share their story please send to info@dasdogs.co.uk

Just a reminder about the Summer sun

Heat Stroke Know The Signs



How to keep your dog cool on hot days

- Restrict exercise
- Never leave in car, hot room or sun trap
- Ensure drinking water and a cool, shaded spot is always available
- Walk early in the morning or later in the evening
- Spray with cool water

Steps to take if you're worried your dog has heat stroke

- Move somewhere cool
- Offer small amounts of tepid water
- Soak the hair coat with cool (but never, ever cold) running water
- Place in the breeze of a fan
- Contact your vet or, out of hours, your nearest Vets Now pet emergency clinic straight away

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50%

Average survival rate of dogs diagnosed with heat stroke



2°C

This small increase in a dog's body temperature is all it takes for heat stroke to kick in



60

Amount of days it can take for dogs to acclimatise to temperature changes



38.5°C

Dog's normal body temperature



15

Minutes it can take for a dog to die of heat stroke

6°C

Average temperature white cars are cooler than black cars after being left in the sun for an hour



43°C

At this body temperature a dog's organs begin to fail

Vetsnow
Your pet emergency service

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Sue often gets asked about food the spots are fed and they are all (with the exception of Denzel) fed on Dr John Silver, chicken and veg which is floated in water to help avoid urinary stones that Dals are so prone to.

They are fed 3 times a day to minimise the risk of gastric dilation volvulus (GDV)
GDV is a life threatening event where the stomach bloats and twists.
It needs urgent medical attention or the dog will die in a very short space of time .

Sue knows exactly how much each dog has at each mealtime, the medications and supplements for each dog too and whose dish is whose. In fact, she could probably do it with her eyes closed!!
The dogs have supplements too to help their joints and keep them as mobile as possible and pain free.

With a total of 30+ to feed at any one time (including their own 8 danes, 3 fluffy Sarps and Crumble) the dogs are fed in various places but in the same order every time and meal time is a highly organised affair. Each dog has its own place to eat, outside, inside, by the brown sofa, in the kitchen, in front of the sink, you get the idea !

Once fed the dishes are collected and washed, ready for the next meal. This happens 3 times a day so not much time for going out. Vets appointments are worked around feed times. A HUGE commitment and sacrifice of their lives, 365 days of the year, I am sure you will agree.



Can you Help?

We are looking for outlets to sell our items to help raise funds. If you know of a business who could help, please contact us

Do you know of a business who would like to sponsor one of our spots?

Fundraising ideas are always welcome. Anything different?

Do you have any items to donate for the auctions?

Its less than 6 months to Christmas. Our fabulous cards are available on the website and 2022 Calendars will be soon.

Take a look at our Spotty Shop - not everything is spotty but items are being adding to it all the time.

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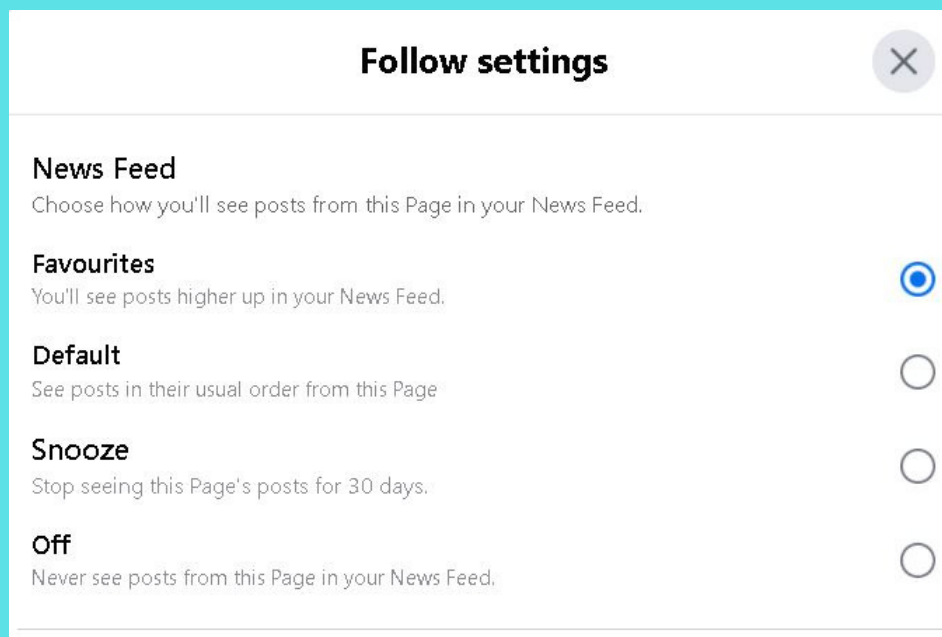
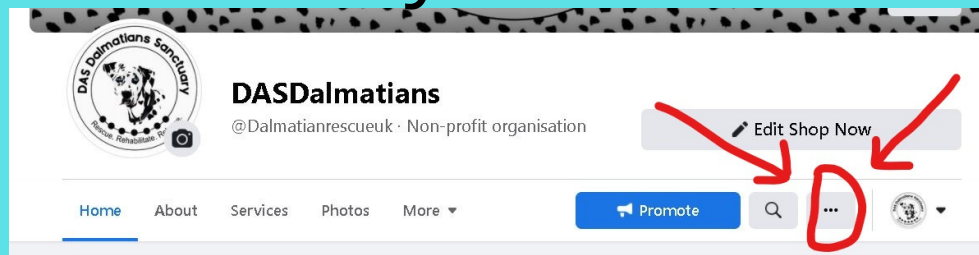
Join easyfundraising and use when online shopping, download the reminder too so you never miss a donation

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WE CAN'T DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT **YOU**

Please contact us via email - info@dasdogs.co.uk

The wonderful world of Facebook
seems to be at it again.
If you want to see our posts or don't
want to see our posts, then this is
how you do it



**Thank you Aunty
Shirley for your
hard work with
the newsletter**

Lots of love from M0use
xxxxxxx

