

# PADS NEWS



## MYLO MAKES HISTORY!

**MYLO**, an adorable 14 month old Collie X Lurcher has been awarded the title of PADS RESCUE DOG 8,000! He was adopted by the McArthur family on 5 January, and was the first dog rehomed in 2020, the charity's 30th Anniversary. When PADS opened the kennels three decades ago space was limited and we were full to the brim with unwanted dogs. Records in those days were not kept as efficiently as they are now, but we are certain that the number of dogs rehomed has reached the 8,000 mark! Because Mylo was the first dog to find a forever home in 2020 he got the title! - And it couldn't go to a nicer dog! Mylo is a hugely affectionate, sweet dog who loves his new family and even frolics around with Oscar the cat! Six months ago the McArthurs had to say goodbye to Logan, the family dog of 12 years and were broken hearted. Now Mylo has filled the gap and brought joy to this young family. And he has made history for PADS. Good luck Mylo!



A proud family! Dad Steve, mum Mary, son Jack (9) and daughter Molly (7). Mary says. "Mylo is the best dog we could possibly have. We all love him so much and we are so lucky to have found him at PADS. He is a very, very special dog!"

## HAPPY 30th ANNIVERSARY PADS!



The charity that rescues and rehomes abandoned dogs



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**THIS YEAR WAS TO HAVE BEEN A VERY SPECIAL ONE FOR PADS. WE MADE PLANS TO CELEBRATE OUR 30TH YEAR OF RESCUING AND REHOMING UNWANTED DOGS WITH MAJOR EVENTS IN 2020. THIS, HOWEVER, WAS NOT TO BE. THE COVID19 HEALTH CRISIS HAS DESTROYED ALL THAT. OUR SPRING 'BARK-BQ' AT PERTH'S HUNTINGTOWER HOTEL WAS CANCELLED. THE POPULAR SCONE EVENT 'PAWS AT THE PALACE' AT WHICH WE WERE TO HAVE OUR STALL AND AGILITY SUFFERED THE SAME FATE. NOW IT LOOKS AS THOUGH PADS 'SCRUFTS' DOG SHOW, SCHEDULED FOR THIS AUGUST MAY HAVE TO JOIN THE LIST OF CANCELLED CANINE EVENTS IN 2020. WE ARE MORE HOPEFUL THAT PERHAPS OUR ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING, WHICH IS PLANNED FOR SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER IN SCONE'S BURNSIDE HALL, MAY STILL GO AHEAD. BUT NOTHING IS CERTAIN.**

**IN THE MEANTIME WE WANT TO SEND OUR GOOD WISHES TO ALL PADS SUPPORTERS, AND HOPE YOU STAY SAFE AND WELL. PLEASE STICK WITH US! WE HOPE VERY MUCH TO SEE YOU SOON AND WELCOME YOU TO BACK TO PADS FUTURE EVENTS !**

# HELP FOR PADS FROM BOTH YOUNG AND OLD!

There are very few ten year olds who have created from scratch a successful small business, even fewer who also use it to help an animal charity like PADS. That's why Amelia Milton is one in a million! Aged seven, Amelia made soap for a school contest and now, at the tender age of ten, she is selling her gorgeous hand made Smelleez soap creations as far away as Europe and the US. Having just sniffed Amelia's lovely fragrant lemongrass and bergamot soap for humans, I can tell you it is no wonder her product is selling well! Amelia also makes dog soaps branded Smelleez 4 Paws based upon wonderful scents such as lavender and rose geranium.

The Bridge of Cally youngster has been celebrated right across the media for her amazing talents. Asked- why soap? She replies, 'Because everyone needs it!' (Smart girl!) She cannot have a dog of her own as her father is allergic to them, but by giving a large soap donation to PADS she can show her love for animals .

Amelia's soaps-for humans and dogs-will be on sale at PADS events this year and all money raised will go to help our dogs.



FRONT, L-R, MARY ELDER, ELAINE STODDART, MARGARET HETHERINGTON, MARGARET BURGESS, AND BACK, ROSE SULLIVAN, NORAH HEALEY, NETTA ALLEN, DORIS MACKAY

Margaret Burgess and her friends raised an amazing £700 for PADS. It was all very simple. Come along for afternoon tea and a good blether—and put something in my charity can! And so the weekly tea, which was set up as a social get-together, became a good cause fundraiser and a big boost for Perthshire's abandoned dogs. Margaret, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday this spring, was the genius behind the idea for her pals, five of whom are in their sixties, one in her seventies and another in her eighties. Margaret said, "Our afternoon teas started as company for those who lived alone and ended up as collecting for charities. I must admit we do also enjoy the wonderful home baking and a good chat!"

*Were it not for the kindness and generosity of Perthshire folk over the last thirty years PADS would never have been able to rescue and rehome the county's unwanted dogs. Our gratitude goes to PERSIE GIN, the Bridge of Cally craft distillers who are our main sponsors. PERSIE give us £1 for every bottle sold of their 'dog day' gins. A huge help for the charity! Our thanks to PETS AT HOME, who allow us fund raising facilities in their store which we hope will soon be rebuilt after the tragic fire last year. Our latest helper is the HUNTINGTOWER HOTEL, which will host our spring 'BarkBQ' on 17 May to help raise funds. To good folk like dog photographer Craig Cantwell for his donations and to Katie McCandless-Thomas, the 'Dog Friendly Perthshire' campaigner for her support we are indebted. AND to everyone in the last three decades who has donated money, food, toys, cosy blankets and special treats we send our gratitude. AND, of course to all the fine folk who have opened their homes to our dogs to give them the love and care they deserve and a second chance for a safe, happy home and a good life. You are all very special people. And, of course all special dogs!*



THANKS FROM US TOO !!!

# SUNNY IS OUR BLUE EYED BOY!

SUNNY, pictured here with PADS kennels manager Louise Perrett and assistant manager Jo High, has been with PADS for eighteen months. Check out those eyes! Sunny is a cross Labrador-Husky, hence the black coat, the white chest and paws and the piercing ice-blue peepers. A boisterous six year old who can run like a greyhound, so far he has not found the right home, but Louise and Jo keep hoping that will happen one day. Louise says, "If he doesn't find a home he will stay with us as one of the PADS family at Forteviot. We just love him. One day the right person may come along but if not he has a loving home here with us always." Those eyes just bowl us over!!!"



Louise Perrett has been with PADS now for 27 of the thirty years PADS kennels have been open. No one knows more about rescuing and rehoming dogs than she does. Louise says, 'There are some dogs like Sunny who find it really hard to find the right home, while others are adopted soon after they come to us. Often it's just the luck of the draw. But he will be safe with us until we know we have found the right person for him! We once had two Malamutes for well over a year. We had no wish to split them up and finally they found a good home. It took a while! Some dogs need a lot of care and attention before they leave us. I shall never forget the fattest dog I ever saw, a very large black Lab who went on a strict diet before he found a home with a caring couple who gave him lots of exercise. What a transformation! He lost so much weight he won a 'slimmer of the year' title in London, and went on to live an active life. Then there was the dog that refused to leave us, a cute mixed breed called Frank who simply would not settle in any of the nice homes we found for him.

He just loved being at PADS! Eventually we gave up and he became a permanent resident with us until he died. Then there was Jess, a dear, sweet, gentle German Shepherd who was found at the bottom of an old mineshaft covered in cigarette burns. You can imagine our fury! She found a wonderful home with a lady whom she trusted and loved and lived to a ripe old age. Now we often see the results of people choosing a dog without researching the breed. A couple with a young family living in a flat buy a mastiff puppy off the internet then cannot cope when it grows and starts to bark because it hates being left alone all day. People who get a husky don't realise it needs miles of regular exercise otherwise it will get bored and eat the sofa. Choosing a dog is not all down to what it looks like, or which 'celebrity' has one. A wee mixed breed dog can be the best pet ever, happy to give you so much love and loyalty. Often it's the funny little scruff that can best establish that precious bond between dog and human which is such a unique relationship.'

## PAST

Imagine a filthy, freezing, disease ridden Perth Dog Pound with rotten, rusty enclosures and no running water in which terrified, neglected stray dogs spent their last miserable days. A kind dog lover called Sylvia Hales, horrified at the conditions in the place, formed Perth Dog Aid, to find foster homes for the dogs to prevent them being put to sleep after seven days in this hell. A few months later PADS came into being and in 1990 the kennels at Forteviot were opened to rescue and care for unwanted dogs until homes were found for them. It had taken

some years to establish the animal refuge, but at last there was new hope for the county's abandoned dogs. Now we come to the PRESENT, when dogs arrive at PADS due to relationship breaks-ups and often the inability of owners to afford vet fees for their pets. We see the creation of the 'celebrity dog', the handbag pet and new crossbreeds such as labradoodles and cockapoos. We see sick dogs bred in puppy farms and hastily acquired poorly bred bulldogs bought via the internet who are hardly able to breathe. Many people do not bother to research a breed before they buy and come to us because they cannot cope,

hence the number of large dogs which arrive at our door. And now we face a rather scary FUTURE in which no doubt dogs will become less and less a loyal friend and more like an extension of their owner's ego. We now have IVF clinics which create 'designer dogs' from badly bred animals unable to mate or give birth naturally. Little French bulldogs now often have very narrow hips and must have litters by means of Caesarian section. Five years ago there was just one of these clinics in the UK. There are now 37 of them. How is it right to treat dogs like this, as just a money making commodity? The future looks bleak!

## **HAPPY TOGETHER AND YOUNG AT HEART !**

THE STORY of wee terrier cross Mickey and his human Willie Cairns hit the headlines last year.

PADS revealed that Mickey, then 16, was the oldest dog the charity had ever rehomed in the 30 years of its existence. And on top of that, Willie, a retired lorry driver, was, at age 87 the oldest re-homer on record! Kennel manager Louise Perrett said, "A good few years ago we re-homed a little Scotty called Wee Mac and he was 14. Earlier last year we found a good home for a Golden Retriever called Heidi, also 14. However Mickey beat them both! And Willie, as far as anyone can remember, comes top for age in the rehoming stakes."

Mickey is now an amazing 17, and Willie will celebrate his 88th birthday in May. Willie says, "He is a fantastic little dog. We are inseparable. He is very protective of me and just stays by my side all the time. He changed my whole life." Willie's wife died in 2018 and he was a lost soul without her. His dog-loving family heard about Mickey, who had come to PADS and was looking for a new home. When he was introduced to Willie, they were the best of pals at first sight!

Walkies? You bet! Mickey toddles along beside Willie's scooter but that could all change soon. Willie is recovering from one hip replacement operation and hopes he will be fit enough for a second op on the other hip quite soon. Then there will be no stopping them!



*Mickey may look like a ordinary wee dog, but his background is rather exotic. He was born in Mexico and came back to the UK with his owner, a retired lady who sadly died, and Mickey came to PADS.*

*Willie smiles, "He is my best pal. He's had quite an interesting life but is now settled here with me. He's the best wee dog in the whole world!" Good luck with those hips Willie. Time to get back on the road!*

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [padsdogrescue.com](http://padsdogrescue.com) to find out all about the charity and see some of the dogs we have for rehoming. If you think you might want to give a forever home to an abandoned dog our staff are always available to give you expert advice on the right dog for you. You are welcome to visit us any time from 1.0 pm till 3.0 pm on weekdays and from 1.0 pm till 3.30 pm at weekends. There is plenty of information about us online, but you can call PADS on 01764 684491 or e-mail us at [padskennels@btinternet.com](mailto:padskennels@btinternet.com) if you have any questions. And check us out on Facebook to find out all the latest news!**

**DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. SEE THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS FOR A DIRECT BANK TRANSFER AND FOR PAYPAL. YOU CAN ALSO TAKE A DONATION TO THE KENNELS OR SEND A CHEQUE TO PADS, STATION HOUSE ROAD, FORTEVIOT, PERTH PH2 9BS. MANY PEOPLE LIKE TO GIVE US DOG FOOD, TREATS, EQUIPMENT, TOYS AND DOG BEDS. THESE ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. WE HAVE AMAZING SUPPORTERS WHO SPONSOR US FOR RUNNING, WALKING, CYCLING AND WHO ORGANISE EVENTS THEMSELVES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CHARITY. KEEP GOING! OUR QUARANTINE BLOCK, WHERE DOGS GO ON ARRIVAL, IS BEING RENOVATED. IT'S A BIG JOB, SO IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU CAN HELP WITH A DONATION. THANK YOU.**

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