

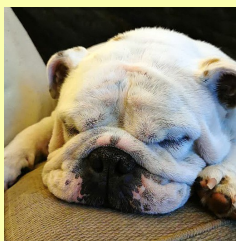


PADS NEWS

- JUST GRRREAT TO BE -

Back in Business!

....YES! Now that the lockdown is over we are back doing what we do best, caring for and finding new homes for abandoned and unwanted dogs. The process won't be quite the same as before, but we shall try very hard to ensure the best possible outcomes for our canine clients and their kind re-homers! In order to keep PADS staff and visitors safe during the Covid 19 crisis we shall follow the rehoming procedure of all rescue centres and invite prospective adopters to PADS by appointment only. If you would like to adopt a PADS dog, your first step is to obtain and fill in an *Adoption Application Form*. You can download one from our website at padsdogrescue.com, or e-mail us at padskennels@btinternet.com. You are welcome to call us on 01764 684491, or pop a request in the post to *PADS Kennels, Station House Road, Forteviot, Perth, PH2 9BS*. Along with the form we'll send you guidelines for *Visiting the Kennels*. We all know form-filling is a pain, but stick with it! It will ask all your details including contact numbers so we can get in touch if and when we have a suitable dog available. We will have a chat on the phone and fix a day and time for you to visit, but just one household at a time! Remember, we also need all your contact details just in case there is a Covid case linked to the kennels about which you should know. Let's hope not. We have sanitisers to be used when you enter the kennels and when you leave. Gloves and masks are available on request and we shall be observing social distancing at all times. You will meet a dog outside in the kennels secure yard, so bring a



A new life for sleepy
Dozer....See inside



PADS Agata Brzek with Zuma—a wee Chihuahua cross with attitude!

brrolley in case of rain! We have found that dogs can get a bit spooked by masks and this means you may not see an animal's true character. Social distancing is best. If you want to walk the dog outside the kennel grounds, bring a lead and poo bags. If you forget, the staff will give you these.

Although dogs cannot transmit COVID 19 to humans, the virus could possibly remain on their coats, collar, toys so do not touch your face after petting a dog. Remember to hand-sanitise when you leave us and wash hands when you get home!

Yes, it's a different world, but there will always be dogs who need loving homes with kind folk who will care for them for the rest of their lives. So stick with the form-filling and the social distancing. If you find the right dog it will be worth it!

SOME DOGS HAVE A TOUGH START IN LIFE. HERE ARE TWO OF THEM. BELOW IS GENTLE BORDER COLLIE TESS, WHO WAS CRUELLY TREATED IN HER EARLY YEARS, AND DOZER, A LOVEABLE BULLDOG WHO GOT TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING WHEN HE WAS A YOUNGSTER! THANKS TO PADS AND THESE TWO KIND PEOPLE THE DOGS HAVE FOUND LOVE, TRUST AND HAPPINESS!



Tess with her human, award winning dog portrait photographer Craig Cantwell. She is his faithful friend and companion.

As you can see, Tess the border collie's right ear is crumpled and limp, the result of beatings when she was a young dog. After Craig Cantwell and his wife Suzanne adopted Tess from PADS in 2007 it took two whole years for them to gain her trust. Craig remembers, "If we raised our voices or tried to train her using hand signals she was petrified. She thought she was going to be hurt, poor thing. She was so scared of people, men in particular." Craig is a volunteer youth worker and now Tess is always with him in his charity work. He added, "I never thought 13 years ago that she would ever be happy to meet strangers!"

When Craig and his wife adopted Tess the vet told them she was between 4 and 7 years old. That means the youngest she could be is 17. Craig, however, gives her the average age count, which makes her 19, although she could possibly be as old as 21. She now has a raw food diet, with the occasional cheesy titbit and stays healthy and happy.

At the moment Tess is very proud of Dad! Craig has won a Gold and two Silver medals for his dog portraits in the highly competitive Guild of Photographers Image of the Month Competition, which judges thousands of entries each month. His Gold medal portrait of a German Pointer was in the top four. Congratulations to Craig, who is a great friend and supporter of PADS! We look forward to seeing him with his pop-up studio at PADS' events next year if the current crisis is over.



A wistful-looking Dozer in a Selfie with his fitness guru Elly McInroy. He's gearing up for his next walk on the nearby beach!

When 3 - year old Dozer came to PADS it became obvious how he had got his name! The young English Bulldog could just make it to the kennels' gate and back before he lay down in his basket for a lengthy snooze! His breathing was typical of a flatter-faced dog with airways too narrow to supply enough oxygen to his bloodstream. At first the vet thought Dozer might need an operation to open up his airways, but decided another solution might cure the problem. Dozer was around 8 kilos overweight. Now, a careful diet and lots of gentle exercise have given Dozer a new lease of life. The sleepy guy has lost 7-8 kilos and now lives a normal life in his new Carnoustie home with Elly McInroy, husband Michael and their cat.

Says Elly, "He has settled in well and we love him. We live just five minutes walk from the beach and now he looks forward to his exercise and enjoys being out and about. We took advice from PADS and stuck to his diet and he is now able to live a normal dog's life. He still loves to sleep and snore, but his breathing is a lot better due to his weight loss." Thanks to Elly and her husband, Dozer's life has been transformed. He can now stay awake long enough to love life and enjoy his walks along the beach and back!

BEN THE COLLIE is another weight loss champ! When he came to PADS in February he clocked in at a shocking 42 kilos. He is now a much healthier 30 kilos and is heading for his target weight of 24 kilos with great determination!

Check out Ben's progress on social media. His heavyweight plight has inspired sponsorship for the charity and he hopes to raise cash for PADS on 25 September, the day his diet marathon comes to an end. Good luck Ben !

Everyone at PADS was very sad to hear that wee Mickey, who featured in our previous newsletter as the oldest dog we had ever rehomed, has died. Our thanks to Willie Cairns of Errol, who gave Mickey a wonderful home for the last 18 months of his life. He was a great wee dog, a real character who lived until age 18. We know how sad Willie, who is 88, is to lose his little friend and so our thoughts are with him.

WINNERS OF PADS 'VIRTUAL' SCRUFFS DOG SHOW 2020. THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT IN PICTURES AND BEST TRICK VIDEO ENTRIES, WHICH CAN BE SEEN ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THEY WERE JUDGED BY PERTH VET HARVEY CARRUTHERS.

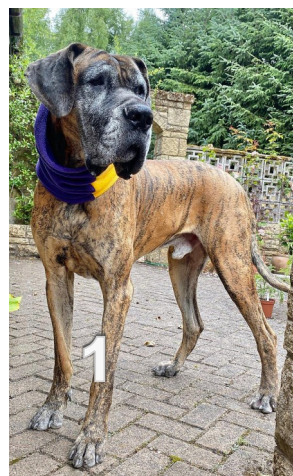


BEST MALE L- R

1st TAZ - VERY GENTLE STAFFIE FROM PERTH (WITH LAMB)

2nd OBELIX— GORGEOUS GREAT DANE FROM ARDARGIE

3rd RILEY - CHEEKY JACK RUSSELL FROM PATH OF CONDIE.

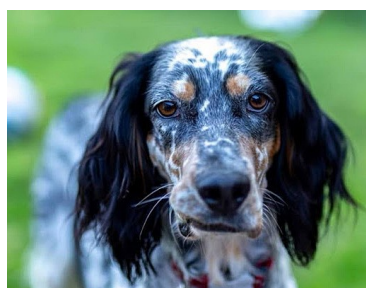


BEST FEMALE L- R

1st PIXIE—SUPERMODEL LURCHER FROM BLAIRGOWRIE

2nd PIPPA— LIVELY SETTER X FROM SCONE

3rd DOT - JOLLY STAFFIE X FROM PERTH

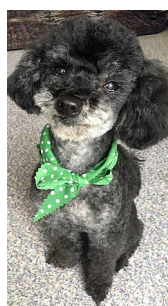


BEST EX-PADS DOG L- R

1st SEAMUS— FLUFFY TOY POODLE FROM OBAN

2nd CUTE SEALYHAM TERRIER X FROM FORFAR CALLED NOODLE

3rd GENTLE GSD KEISHA FROM KETTINS



DOG MOST LIKE OWNER L- R

1st LILY AND LUNA - THE BOSTON TERRIER FROM ERROL

2nd GORDON AND DYLAN - MIXED BREED ALL THE WAY FROM ROMANIA

3rd LORRAINE AND OBELIX—THE GREAT DANE FROM ARDARGIE



BEST TRICK L-R

1st KEISHA (KETTINS) - PERFECT AT PATIENCE CHALLENGE

2nd MERLIN - COLLIE FROM GLASGOW—JENGA EXPERT

3RD MISTY - SOCCER CHAMP COLLIE FROM AUCHTERARDER



A YEAR TO FORGET!

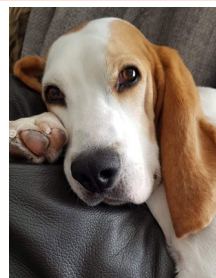
WHO WOULD HAVE PREDICTED, only 6 months ago, that a tiny virus 10,000 times smaller than a grain of salt would have changed so much about our lives? PADS was looking forward to its 30th anniversary and to hosting popular fund-raising events for dog lovers and their canine companions. We wanted to celebrate the fact that in 30 years the Perthshire Abandoned Dogs Society has re-homed around 8,000 unwanted dogs like the two lucky guys pictured here. But thanks to Covid19, that was not to be, and just as with other dog rescue charities our plans for fundraising events came crashing down. Hopefully, by this time next year we will start to forget all the miseries of 2020 due to Covid and begin to re-build our lives again in 2021!

In the meantime, however, what can we at PADS expect from the gradual easing of restrictions over the immediate future? Just a couple of weeks ago in Spain it was estimated that when lockdown was eased there the number of abandoned dogs soared by at least 25 per cent. And here in the UK Dogs Trust has now warned that as lockdown eases and economic woes increase, the fallout from Covid19 could mean 40,000 additional dogs in the UK could be abandoned over the coming months. We echo that particular charity's new appeal that '*A Dog is for Life, Not Just for Lockdown !*'

The renovation of PADS quarantine block is now complete. It was a big job, as it had not seen much modernisation in the three decades since it was built. This is the kennel area to house and isolate stray and abandoned dogs who come to us, but about which we know nothing until they have been seen by the vet. It is now a more cheerful and comfortable place for dogs suffering from trauma and fear. We have done our best to prepare for what might be coming our way over the winter months. And we are mindful of the importance of providing for our financial stability in an uncertain future. More urgently however, there is no doubt that many families will soon decide they can no longer afford to keep their dogs. And there will be those who have got a dog or a puppy for comfort during lockdown and on returning to work discover that they cannot cope. See our website at padsdogrescue.com for ways you can help PADS and how you can donate to the charity.

And remember to wish us luck for what may lie ahead!

THE GOOD LIFE !



Claude the Basset Hound, rehomed 2018, relaxes on his soft and luxurious leather sofa.



Beau the JRT, who found a home in 2016, prefers to enjoy the sun on his deckchair.



WE ARE PLEASED to know that our good friends at **PERSIE GIN** are now open for business again from 12 noon until 4pm every day at their lovely distillery in Bridge of Cally! Our thanks to them for their continuing support to PADS, for they donate £1 for every bottle of their range of dog-label gins to the charity. This is a real financial boost to us and we are very grateful to them. Keep up the good work, **PERSIE**, producing these delicious gins! **OUR THANKS** also to Bridge of Earn Netball Club for giving an amazing £775.00 to PADS. These stalwart fitness fanatics raised sponsorship cash by walking, running or cycling 2,020 kilometres in a ten day period. Sounds like quite an achievement! **THANKS GOES NEXT** to the Strathearn Cider Company in Methven, who produce the 'Scruffy Dog' Cider

brand. Company boss George Blues, whose Spaniel Ozzy inspired the cider's name, asked local dog lovers to 'do an extra mile' for PADS on their walks and donate via www.justgiving.com to our charity. George organised a daily draw for the month of June for dog owners who sent in pictures of their canines to win a crate of 'Scruffy Dog'. The company raised almost £700 for abandoned dogs. **OUR THANKS** goes also to hard-working Barbara Pow of Perth, who made and sold anti-Covid masks and raised £140 for PADS. Barbara has an ex-PADS staffie called Buster, rehomed by her in 2017.

- And all our gratitude to the good folk of Perthshire who donated to the charity despite the uncertainties of the last six months. It is wonderful to know that even in this time of crisis that people still care so much about the sad plight of dogs who have been abandoned. We appreciate your help so much!