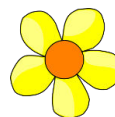
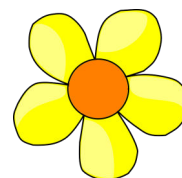
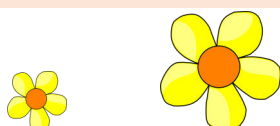


PADS NEWS



SPRING 2021

BUMPER PLANS FOR 2022



WELL, CAN YOU SPOT IT? - YOU MUST AGREE THERE IS DEFINITELY THE TRACE OF A CANINE SMILE HERE ON THE FACE OF THIS RELAXED AND HAPPY DOG. GOOD NATURED AND WELL BEHAVED, HE

HAS JUST HAD HIS FIRST TREATMENT AT THE DOGGIE SPA. AND NOW WE KNOW THAT AS TIME GOES BY THAT WEE SMILE WILL GET JUST A BIT BROADER. — BUT IT WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS!

—THE LITTLE CHAP WHO CAME TO PADS WAS ONE OF THE HARDEST EVER DOGS TO REHOME! THEN A DOG LOVING MUM AND DAUGHTER SPOTTED HIM AT OUR KENNELS AND SAW HIS POTENTIAL. NOW THE LITTLE DOG'S LIFE HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED. ALL HE NEEDED WAS TO FEEL SAFE AND SECURE IN A LOVING HOME OF HIS OWN. THAT'S WHAT MADE HIM SMILE AGAIN AND NOW HE DOES IT JUST A TEENY BIT MORE EVERY PASSING DAY!

IT WAS A TOUGH DECISION TO MAKE.

PADS' ANNUAL 'SCRUFTS' DOG SHOW, WHICH USUALLY TAKES PLACE IN AUGUST, HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD UNTIL NEXT YEAR. WE RECKON THAT ALTHOUGH PANDEMIC RULES WOULD PROBABLY EASE OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS THINGS ARE STILL TOO UNCERTAIN TO MAKE ANY FIRM PLANS TO RUN THE SHOW THEN. WE ARE A SMALL CHARITY WITHOUT THE RESOURCES TO PUT IN PLACE COVID RULES WHICH MIGHT STILL BE IN OPERATION IN AUGUST FOR LARGE OUTDOOR GATHERINGS. ALSO, IF IT WERE THE CASE THAT EVENTS LIKE THE SHOW WERE SUDDENLY BANNED WE WOULD HATE TO HAVE TO CANCEL AT THE LAST MOMENT. SO WE HAVE DECIDED ON THE 'BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY' APPROACH. THIS WILL BE THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW OUR DOG SHOW HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE. IN 2019 IT WAS THE VICTIM OF ATROCIOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS AND A FLOODED VENUE AND LAST YEAR COVID 19 DEALT ANOTHER BLOW WHICH PUT PAID TO OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS! NOW THIRD TIME UNLUCKY!

HOWEVER, WE WILL SOON BE MAKING PLANS FOR A 'VIRTUAL' SCRUFFS SHOW LATER THIS YEAR, AND WE ARE ALREADY THINKING UP IDEAS FOR AUGUST, 2022, WHICH, WE HOPE, WILL MAKE PADS 'SCRUFTS' DOG SHOW AN EVENT TO REMEMBER! OUR CHARITY DOG SHOW HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR PERTSHIRE CANINE EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO WIN BACK OUR CROWN NEXT YEAR. WE MIGHT EVEN HAVE A DELAYED 30TH ANNIVERSARY! WATCH THIS SPACE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES ON THIS AND WHERE YOU CAN MEET US IN 2021!

THE KENNELS AT FORTEVIOR ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO COVID RULES AND ANY VISITS ARE ARRANGED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. POTENTIAL ADOPTERS MUST FILL IN A FORM. TO FIND OUT MORE, CALL US ON 01764 684491, OR EMAIL padskennels@btinternet.com YOU CAN ALSO CHECK OUT ALL THE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE www.padsdogsrescue.com

PADS G-R-R-R-UMPIEST DOG GETS A NEW HOME AT LAST !

WHEN ZUMA the Chihuahua cross was brought to PADS almost two years ago he was not so much badly behaved but impossible! A 'wee monster'. Our experienced staff at the kennels could manage him, but he was decidedly unchuffed to meet other dogs or people. Even with staff he would nip and snarl if they tried to stroke him and assistant manager Joanna High remembers, "We took him to the vet to check if he was in pain but he was fine. We tried him on a calming supplement but that had no effect and just made him itch!" In November, 2019, a kind couple adopted Zuma, aged 4, but his fear of strangers made him a nightmare to walk, and 3 weeks later they brought him back to PADS. From then, the kennels diary would read 'Zuma really noisy today, or 'Zuma back in his kennel for time out...' Staff tried everything they could think of to calm him during his rages. If any visitors tried to approach his kennel he went into a temper tantrum, leaping at the bars and snarling. He hated strangers coming anywhere near him. Joanna added, "The pandemic restrictions were a blessing as far as Zuma was concerned, for visitors were not allowed". The wee dog just couldn't deal with folk from the outside world, and it looked as though he would have to become a PADS permanent resident. Then, 18 months after he arrived at PADS, along came Tonia Stout and her daughter Abbi, aged 13, and the transformation of Zuma's little life began in his new home... Tonia says, "He was grumpy at first but he is now really relaxed at home with us. He still has an issue with the postie and chews mail. He hates the doorbell



and when someone has to leave the house, but we can now take him for walks. He is doing really well and is enjoying his new life. I think he just needed lots of reassurance and a permanent place to call his own. Recently he had his first visit to the local dog spa to have a wee groom and his nails done. I took along a muzzle just in case, but he had his full makeover without it! **HE WAS SMILING FROM EAR TO EAR AFTER HIS TREATMENT!**" Tonia has an online business selling natural remedies and Zuma has benefitted from just a drop or two to help him back to happiness. You can find her at www.naturalcbdbalance.co.uk

Let's hope Zuma's little smile gets even broader. But do dogs actually smile? How to they do it and why? Well, when a dog smiles he or she is showing what experts call the 'submissive grin'. The posture is relaxed and the teeth may be exposed. This proves to us, of course, that a toothy 'grin' is certainly not always a sign of aggression! Why does the dog do this? Well, scientists are sure that dogs do display emotions such as joy and happiness, which leads them to smile just as humans do. We praise our dogs for being cute and friendly, so they are

motivated to smile to gain our attention and a positive response. A dog will smile when happy, for example in anticipation of receiving a well deserved treat! And like humans, dogs have learned to use a canine smile to summon or seek friendship and affection. A smiling dog is saying to you that all is well and you can come play with me! But the most common reason for your dog's smile is YOU! The dog relates smiling with happiness and he or she is smiling to please you, make you happy, relaxed and safe, warm and cosy inside! Wow!

PADSmile

**SEND US A PICTURE OF
YOUR SMILING DOG!**

**BY E-MAIL TO
padskennels@btinternet.com**

BY SNAIL MAIL TO:


**PADS-smile, FORTEVIOT
KENNELS, FORTEVIOT,
PERTH PH2 9BS**

**OR POST YOUR PIC via
private message to PADS
Facebook page. We may use
it in our next newsletter!**

**PLEASE INCLUDE DOG'S NAME
AND WHERE HE OR SHE LIVES!**

DONATIONS ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF ALL CHARITIES. PADS IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE A LOYAL AND GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE OF PERTSHIRE WHICH HAS NOT DIMINISHED DURING THE PANDEMIC. OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE HELPED US DURING THIS UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS.



A very special thanks to Linzi Thompson, who wants to give £1 to PADS for every bag of her delicious Pumpkin and Peanut Butter dog  treats sold! Linzi is a freelance costume and set designer whose career was put on hold by Covid. She turned her talents to creating delicious gluten and grain free TREATOS to suit every dog's tum! Pictured here with Theo (A Nova Scotia Duck Toller Retriever, or Toller for short), Linzi tells us, "Theo was diagnosed with epilepsy last year. He needed a new diet, and the usual treats were off the menu! I decided to make my own and they have turned out to be a big hit. I now have a new business and, as a huge animal lover I decided to help a fantastic charity like PADS." Linzi, who lives on a farm in Perthshire makes her TREATOS with the help of a friend who is a chef by trade. The doggy snacks are now the 'pick of the litter' and she is hoping soon to increase production. Visit www.treatos.co.uk, call Linzi at 07841379114 or check out TREATOS on social media.

Our special thanks goes to all who have sent us donations in memory of Calum Rollo of Keltie Castle in Dunning. Calum, who died last year, was a staunch supporter of the charity and had a PADS dog called Maia who was his canine companion for 15 years. All of us at PADS remember both of them with great fondness.

HOW WE SPEND YOUR MONEY

Our mission is simple. We are here to shelter, care for and rehome unwanted and abandoned dogs, many of whom have been abused or neglected. The **SHELTER** for these animals is the charity's kennels at Forteviot, a few miles south of Perth. There are 30 kennels in all, 20 in our main building and 10 in the quarantine block. This main block also contains an office, kitchen, toilets, and outside runs for the dogs in our care. Here, outgoings include heating and lighting costs, cleaning bills, essential insurances, water, maintenance, the running costs of our PADS van and our security system which has CCTV and alarms. Last year we completed some overdue renovations in our quarantine block, which had not been modernised since the kennels were built 30 years ago. This included refurbishment of all 20 kennels and the construction of a safe outside area for the dogs.

The **CARE** of our animals is the responsibility of the staff we employ. We have 2 full time staff, 2 part time and 2 weekend helpers. They spend many hours rehabilitating animals to make them ready for new homes and care for their well-being in every possible way. Dog health is a priority. We have a nutritious diet for our residents and also for any animals who need special food. One of our biggest regular outlays each month is veterinary fees. We are 100 per cent committed to giving treatment to any dog which requires it to extend life and improve its quality. Vet fees have in general increased very much in recent years and as a result some owners decide to give up sick animals to us for rehoming because they cannot afford the cost.

When this happens we follow our commitment to help all sick animals and pay the fees to help them back to health. In order to find homes for the animals we care for we have to publicise the work of the charity and the options available for **REHOMING**. Like almost all households and businesses we have regular expenses for telephone, broadband, website, newsletter and postage. Social media is expertly handled by our young staff members and general publicity and the newsletter are the job of one of our trustees. Our small board of 4 trustees plans the charity's strategy, directs its general management and masterminds and organises all its fundraising events. PADS trustees are all voluntary contributors and none benefit in any way from the charity. Thus there are no additional administration or management costs involved in the running of PADS. We may, however, from time to time need legal advice, and charity law requires that we employ a treasurer and independent examiners to present our annual financial statement to OSCR, the charity regulator.

The monthly cost of running PADS can vary considerably. We may have an animal which needs an operation, or a section of roof which needs urgent repair. We are currently having new external doors fitted in the main block and we shall soon need some new windows to replace the old and leaky ones. In normal non-pandemic times the average cost of running PADS kennels for a month comes to around £8,500. This is a small price to pay for the welfare of all the dogs we help to get a second chance at life when they find new homes.

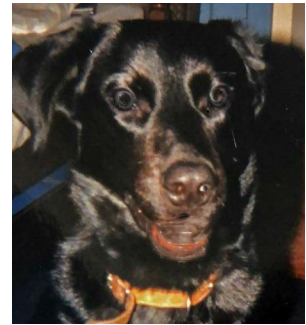
DOGS :THE BIG ISSUES

The pandemic is changing the shape of human society, for we will most likely have to learn to live with the effects of Covid 19 for some time yet. Will the future hold changes also for our dogs and other animals? Will the post-Covid world treat them better, or will there still be many animals who slip through the net of care and protection? It is very likely, for example, that the end of lockdowns and the looming economic problems they leave in their wake mean there will be a very large number of unwanted dogs whose owners for various reasons cannot care for them. The demand for dogs from many people who had never owned one before has surged during the past year. Predictably, this pushed up online sales of puppies and swelled the profits of those who run the horrific puppy farms we hear about almost daily. (How these breeding practices are permitted to continue is beyond our comprehension). The effect of all this, of course, has been a huge increase in the price of pups, and young animals have been bought and sold for ridiculous sums. Now, with no thought for the animal, owners who spent thousands on a 'pandemic pup' and find they can no longer cope are now trying to re-sell the animal on the internet. Tragically, this artificial 'boom' in the dog 'market' has inevitably resulted in a 200 per cent increase in the number of dog thefts in the UK and responsible dog owners' lives are shattered by the cruel loss of a beloved canine companion.

However, if the pandemic has done anything good at all it has highlighted more acutely animal welfare problems which already existed and has given a more prominent platform to animal charities and campaign groups. Animal welfare groups now have a higher than ever profile and PADS has voiced its support for some of these. We recently added our comments to back the campaign to make pet theft a specific offence with stiffer penalties to deter thieves. Sadly, despite a petition collecting a quarter of a million signatures, UK justice secretary Robert Buckland decided to take no further action on this. Another petition run by change.org collected 25,000 signatures last month on the banning of the sale of live animals online. Campaigners know that the industry is driven by a network of unregistered breeders and dealers who put profits first and the welfare of animals last. Some good news is that new legislation which aims to crack down on the curse of puppy farming has at last been sanctioned and will be in force in Scotland this September. It means that puppies and kittens can no longer be sold by a third party. Anyone wishing to buy or adopt a puppy under six months old must either deal directly with the breeder or a rehoming centre. This is a big step forward and one which we all hope will help to crack down on puppy farms.

All at PADS were also very happy to see that the SSPCA has issued an 'animal manifesto' to put welfare high up on the agenda of the next Scottish Parliament. Among many demands, the charity wants a National Animal Cruelty Register to track offenders who try to breach bans. Check it out online and sign the petition. We have!

MEMORIES OF A DOG CALLED SAM



Mark Duncan of Blairgowrie wrote to us about Sam, the lab-collie cross he adopted in 1993. It's a lovely story, and here it is in his own words,

"Sam, who was 9 months old when I saw him at PADS, had been battered, starved and kept in a cupboard. When he came to PADS he was only 25 % of his normal weight.

From the first moment I saw him I knew he was mine and we bonded instantly. It took me 2 years of patience and hard work to help him trust other people and finally he was able to do that. But I never managed to quell his need to grab food he found outside! That was due to his starvation as a young dog.

I like to think we gave him a happy, carefree life. He was father to children of his own, one of whom stayed with my Mum and Dad.

I had Sam for almost 18 years. I loved every single moment of that time and have very, very precious memories.

I taught him to trust but he taught me so much more. He gave me patience, and the dogs I've had since have benefitted from that. I thought this little story might bring a wee smile. I shall always thank PADS for trusting me with Sam and I hope to adopt another dog from you in the future."