



PADS NEWS

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NANNA the Turkish Kangal is the biggest dog PADS has ever had to rehome. Pictured here with our helper Lucy Lovett, the 2 year old whose breed is also known as the Anatolian Shepherd dog tips the scales at 120 lbs (about 54 kilos). She is 2ft 5ins (about 70 cm) tall, strong and frisky with it. We had to find a experienced human for Nanna, for Kangals are NOT lapdogs or casual pets. Bred as livestock guardians, they are friendly but also very independent with a very protective nature. PADS' Joanna High says, "She is a lovely dog, but needs a very special owner." At time of writing, Nanna was being fostered and we hope she has found a forever home. If you think she's huge, the biggest dog ever was an English Mastiff who weighed in at 343 lbs (almost 156 kilos)! That's not much short of Nanna x three! Some size of a dog! Imagine that cuddled up on the sofa!!!



WHERE TO FIND US THIS SUMMER!

PADS will be at BARK IN THE PARK in MacRosty Park, Crieff on Sunday, 29 August, 1 pm—4pm. This promises to be a great day out for dogs and their humans! PADS stall will be there alongside the SSPCA and PDSA folk and our own Kairyn Beatson will run a dog agility space and give advice on training to dog owners. We will sponsor the Best Rescue Dog class in the dog show event, which will also include contests for Handsomest Dog, Best Junior Handler, and Scruffiest Dog. On Sunday September 5 we shall be at the PAWS AT THE PALACE event at Scone. Organised with Dog Friendly Perthshire this promises to be a dog day out to remember! Look forward to parades of different breeds, agility classes and yummy food stalls for both dogs and owners. The first ever Paws event took place in 2019 and was a huge success, so we look forward to another great day for dogs. Let's hope all goes to plan with both these shows. And all being well, our own 'Scruffs' Dog Show will resume next year. We've missed three years, so in 2022 we hope to make a dynamic comeback! Watch this space!

Due to COVID restrictions we are still closed to the public and visits to PADS at Forteviot are by appointment only. If you wish to go on our dog adoption list, check out the procedure on our website where you can also find out all about the charity and how to donate to PADS. Our website is at padsdogrescue.com You can e-mail us for information at padskennels@btinternet.com or call us on 01764 684491

TWO VERY SPECIAL WOMEN AND THEIR PADS DOGS

JOY AND QUEEN



Joy Milne is a woman in a million. Her amazing ability to smell Parkinson's disease on a sufferer has made her the crucial link to a whole new realm of research into diagnosis. She works with medical researchers all over the world who have found she can also sniff out TB, cancer, diabetes and Alzheimer's. Our space here is very limited, but her incredible story you can find on the internet! Joy is a very busy woman, but she recently made the time to adopt Queen, a beautiful Collie who had a scary start in life. Joy says, "When I got Queen from PADS 6 months ago she was very scared of the world. It took a while to socialise her, but now she is a happy, affectionate dog. I am very lucky to have her!" Joy, your many talents also extend to giving a lucky dog the confidence and trust she needed to enjoy a safe and happy life with you.

There are human beings who can very quickly bring out the love and trust of animals with whom they have a special kind of empathy. Maggie Burns Bellingham is one of these. She hit the headlines when it was revealed that over a period of seven years she had gained the trust of an injured seagull who still visits her Perth home another two years on. Maggie says, "That's nine years now and he is fully recovered. But 'Mr Seagull' still comes most days for his regular snacks!" The latest addition to the household is Jodie, a 5 year old Pomeranian cross, who had clearly been used for breeding when she came to PADS. "My own wee dog had died and the time came for another, so I thought about PADS. Wee Jodie was a bit 'down' when we met, but a few minutes into our very first walk her tail went up and that was that!" Now Jodie and Maggie are happy together. And Mr Seagull? Safe and well fed, he relaxes in his usual place on the garden wall!

MAGGIE AND JODIE



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MEET THE McCABES - PADS' TOP ADOPTERS!

AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THE McCABE FAMILY OF PERTH HAVE RE-HOMED MORE PADS DOGS IN THE LAST 2 DECADES THAN ANYONE ELSE.

PICTURED HERE IS RYAN McCABE WITH POINTER HARRIS AND COLLIE TARA, BOTH FROM PADS. HIS WIFE LISA KEEPS AN EYE ON THEIR OWN BASSETT HOUND ROCKY, WHO IS 5, AND SON KEIRAN HAS A FIRM GRIP ON THE OTHER FAMILY DOG MAX, A VERY LIVELY POODLE-FRENCH BULLDOG CROSS AGED 7 WHO JUST LOVES TO PLAY! OUR THANKS TO THIS AMAZING FAMILY

HERE IS THEIR STORY...



Since 2001 there have been only a brief 18 months when the McCabe household has been *WITHOUT* a PADS dog. In the twenty years since then they have had ten dogs, five of which were from PADS. The first PADS pooch they adopted was a black lab called Jake, who was with them for 14 years. Ryan recalls, "He was a wonderful dog. He was a great teacher and we learned a lot from Jake about rehoming all the other dogs that followed!" Then along came Belle, a wee black Staffie who was 8 and another Staffie called Shadow which they adopted when she was 14. The McCabes had Shadow for only 6 months, but you can be absolutely sure she had a great retirement!

Tara, the little Border Collie cross that came from PADS last year is 11 years old but still sprightly and full of fun. And this year they adopted Harris, a young French pointer who is settling in just fine. No wonder. He was welcomed into the McCabe home by Tara, by Max, the French Bulldog cross who is an adorable, fast moving ball of fun and by Rocky, an affectionate droopy eyed guy who loves everyone he meets at

first sight and immediately gives you his very large paw. The McCabe home just seems to echo canine joy.

On the wall of the lounge, which has plenty of room for both human sofas and dog beds, there are pictures of all the dogs who have passed through the household over the years. Ryan says, "Rescue dogs come to kennels like PADS through no fault of their own. It makes us very happy to be able to give them a home. They respond to that and that's what makes them so special. All the rescue dogs we have taken in have been brilliant. They give us more than we can ever give them."

So, Ryan, Lisa and Keiran, what is your advice for adopters? "Well," they agreed, "We think the secret is to understand that a rescue dog coming into your home needs time and space to adjust. Don't force your own habits or routines on the dog, let it do what it is comfortable with and it will settle in. It just takes time, but it will be OK."

PADS would like to thank the McCabes for all the love and kindness they have shown to these rescue dogs over the years. Yes, we know that our dogs are special, but then.... **SO ARE YOU!**

FOR LESS EXPERIENCED ADOPTERS HERE ARE SOME BASIC TIPS!

Feed your dog as recommended by kennel staff ...Not off the lead in a public place for at least two weeks and until you have mastered recall in a secure place...No fuss from family and friends the day the dog arrives, wait until it has got used to you...Don't take the dog to the door to meet visitors right away, wait until everyone is relaxed inside...Don't leave your new dog all alone in the house for a few days then start for short periods...Get your dog insured if you possibly can, for vet care is expensive and make sure the policy has public liability insurance. Call us for advice or help on 01764 684491.

MICROCHIP MIRACLES..



IT WAS a warm summer's day this year when Sarah Covell got the call from the local vet. "We have found your little dog", he said quietly. Sarah was speechless, for her Jack Russell puppy Crumpet had vanished 11 years ago. The vet told her that the wee dog had been found wandering on a golf course just a few miles away from Sarah's home in Dorset. When Crumpet the puppy vanished from the secure garden all that time ago the family searched for at least a year but no trace of her was ever found. Her disappearance remained a mystery until now, when the little stray was identified as belonging to Sarah and her family. It was clear that Crumpet had been used for breeding. She had also been neglected and had badly infected ears. But now she is back in the loving home she lost in 2010.

In November, 2020, a similar story came to light. A family in Durham whose beloved Cocker Spaniel Bonnie had been stolen six years previously in 2014, got wonderful news from the vet that she had been found 200 miles away in Norfolk. It seemed incredible, but it was true.

As with Crumpet, the vet had checked the chip and the connection was made! Also like Crumpet, Bonnie had been used for breeding but is now safe at home once more.

Both families have said that without the canine microchip they would never have seen their dogs again. Sarah Covell advised all dog owners, "Get your dog microchipped and keep your details on the chip up to date! Your never know what can happen."

By law, every dog owner must have their animal chipped. The chip is a tiny object not much bigger than a grain of rice which is inserted at the back of your dog's neck. It is a simple, fast procedure during which the animal feels virtually nothing. The law now is that every owner must have their dog

chipped and properly registered, with the owner's details kept up to date at all times.

Failure to do so can cost a £500 fine. It is absolutely vital that owners keep the chip details up to date, so if you move house or change your phone number let the chip company know about it! Then, should your beloved pet be lost or stolen, a rescue centre or vet can easily link you to your dog.

If the dog is stolen tell the chip company right away so that no-one else can change the details on the chip. This, of course is crucial now that dog thefts have soared by 250 per cent since the Covid crisis began. PADS Assistant Manager Joanna High says, "If a lost dog comes to our kennels we can scan the chip and link the dog to the owner. Obviously we cannot do this if the chip has never been registered, or if the details on it are out of date. Neither can the vet ID the dog correctly if owners do not take care to update them. However I think the biggest problem with the chip system is people not registering the details in the first place. *And do remember that the chip is NOT a GPS device!* The system only works via a scan to link the dog to the rightful owner!

Unfortunately there are around 4 different companies who deal with chips! It would make life easier for everyone, dogs included, if there was one central data base."

No system is perfect, but the microchip does help to return thousands of lost dogs to UK owners every year. Make this tiny piece of technology work for you and your dog.

If you want peace of mind and a chance to avoid the heartache of losing an animal should the worst happen, the solution is clear. Get your dog chipped, properly registered, and with your details kept up to date. *That's what the owners of Crumpet and Bonnie did—and it paid off big time!*

AT LAST! SOME LONG-AWAITED FIREWORKS LAW IS ON THE WAY

AS DOG FOLK ALL KNOW, IT IS WELL NIGH IMPOSSIBLE TO COMFORT A TERRIFIED ANIMAL ON FIREWORKS NIGHT! HOWEVER, FOR DOG OWNERS AND THEIR PETS EVERYWHERE, THERE IS A GLIMMER OF HOPE. THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT IS TO TIGHTEN LEGISLATION ON THE POSSESSION AND USE OF FIREWORKS. THE FIREWORKS AND PYROTECHNICS BILL WILL CRIMINALISE THE POSSESSION OF THEM IN A PUBLIC PLACE WITHOUT JUSTIFIABLE CAUSE AND WILL BAN THE SUPPLY OF FIREWORKS TO THOSE UNDER 18.

THE BILL WILL ALSO CREATE 'NO FIREWORK' ZONES. THE SCOTTISH SPCA HAS WELCOMED THE PROPOSALS AND NO DOUBT OTHER ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANISATIONS WILL DO THE SAME. PADS WANTS TO ADD ITS NAME TO THE LIST OF ANIMAL CHARITIES WHO SUPPORT THIS NEW LEGISLATION. ITS NOT PERFECT, BUT IT IS A GOOD START!