



PADS NEWS



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PAWS AND FINGERS CROSSED FOR 'SCRUFTS' 2022 !

FOR MANY YEARS PADS 'SCRUFTS' DOG SHOW WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE CANINE SUMMER SEASON, WITH WEE SCRUFFS COMPETING WITH FANCY PEDIGREES AND PROUD DOG LOVERS ENJOYING A FRIENDLY DAY OUT. WE CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THAT OUR POPULAR DOG SHOW HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE FOR 3 YEARS. IN 2019 TORRENTIAL RAIN FLOODED OUR VENUE IN DUNNING THE DAY BEFORE THE EVENT, IN 2020 ALONG CAME THE PANDEMIC AND IN 2021 WE CANCELLED AGAIN, FEARING ANOTHER POSSIBLE DANGEROUS COVID SPIKE. WELL, WE ARE PLANNING TO KICK START OUR SHOW AGAIN IN AUGUST, 2022. WE WANT TO MAKE OUR COME-BACK A DAY TO REMEMBER, SO WATCH THIS SPACE, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND SEE PADS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. WE SHALL KEEP YOU POSTED WITH OUR PLANS!

IN THE MEANTIME WE ARE RUNNING ANOTHER VIRTUAL DOG SHOW WHICH WILL BE JUDGED BY AWARD-WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER CRAIG CANTWELL. SEE PADS ON FACEBOOK FOR DETAILS.

WE SHALL BE AT BURRELTON XMAS MARKET ON 28 NOVEMBER AND AT THE DOGGIE XMAS MARKET - BARKET - IN PERTH ON 5 DECEMBER. SEE YOU THERE!



"LIKE THE HAT? THERE'S MORE LIKE IT ON THE BACK PAGE!" SAYS VETERAN PADS DOG EDDIE, A SPRIGHTLY LHASA APSO WHO WAS REHOMED A YEAR AGO AND HAS JUST TURNED 15. LICKING HIS LIPS IN ANTICIPATION OF A NICE TURKEY DINNER, THIS CHEEKY CANINE PENSIONER IN THE SEASONAL HEADGEAR WANTS TO WISH ALL PADS DOGS, PEOPLE AND SUPPORTERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR IN 2022!

DUE TO COVID, PERTHSHIRE ABANDONED DOGS SOCIETY KENNELS ARE STILL CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND VISITS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE IF YOU WISH TO GO ON OUR DOG ADOPTION LIST, FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THE CHARITY AND ALSO 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.

HAPPY ENDINGS THE TALES OF TWO TERRIERS



When Bear the Yorkie came to PADS he could hardly walk, his legs tangled in his unkempt coat. Breathless, he puffed for air through a mass of matted hair, dirt and grease.

VETS COULD NOT BELIEVE their eyes when they first saw Bear. His owner was ill and unable to look after the wee dog, who became a classic example of serious neglect. A simple good brush was not an option. Bear's entire coat had to be shaved off before he could recover. Luckily, underneath they found a healthy dog! Lesley said, *"When we first saw Bear he looked like a poor wee skint rabbit! But he has never looked back and now rules the house. We visited him at PADS 5 times to get to know him ... and watch the coat grow in!"* She added, *"Now he is one of the family and has really bonded with my 5 year grandson, Connor."* Bear, also 5 is Lesley's third PADS dog. The last one was Staffie Kash, who sadly died last year.



Now look at Bear! Coat neatly trimmed and shining with health, with boundless energy he enjoys a joyful existence with Schnauzer—Westie Cross Murphy(6) and their human, Lesley Gibbons at her Blairgowrie home. Lesley says, *"He is a wonderful wee dog and we love him!"*



When Paul visited PADS Holly, scared of the noise in the kennels, was in the peaceful surroundings of our hospital unit. Paul said, *"I couldn't bear to see her all alone in there and I had tears in my eyes all the way home. I picked her up a few days later."* Paul and Teri's WALLED GARDEN will be open to the public next summer as part of the Scottish Garden Scheme. If you are lucky, you might just spot Holly having her swim!

LITTLE HOLLY'S WORLD is one of TASTE, SMELL TOUCH and TRUST. The brave 13 year old has no eyes and is almost completely deaf. But if we add to the senses that she does have the love and kindness of her adopters, Paul Hodge - Neale and his wife Teri, Holly has a wonderful new life. The wee Yorkie developed cancer in her eyes and they were removed in an operation which saved her life but not her sight. Then, 7 years later she was left alone and came to PADS to find a new home. Now the TASTE in Holly's life is unbeatable. Teri, an inspired cook, adds organic veg to Holly's home-cooked mince and chicken. The SMELLS Holly encounters in Paul and Teri's gorgeous, dog-proof walled garden near Alyth are a canine dream come true. The gentle TOUCH of her humans give her a sense of security and she knows she is safe and can TRUST them. She sniffs out a familiar route around the garden every day, stopping for a wee swim in one of the pools before heading back for breakfast. Paul says, *"We put our souls into the creation of this garden and I am sure Holly can sense the dedication and the love that went into it. It was designed as a therapy garden and I think she senses the peace and security there. She was confused and scared at the start, but gradually settled in when her new surroundings became familiar to her."*

**LIVING EACH DAY
WITH THE FEAR OF
LOSING THE DOG
↓ YOU LOVE**

In a fast-changing world there are many new issues for dogs and their owners to deal with. PADS NEWS will try to keep you in touch with at least some of these.

**THE MOST
IMPORTANT THING
YOUR DOG MUST
HAVE ↓**

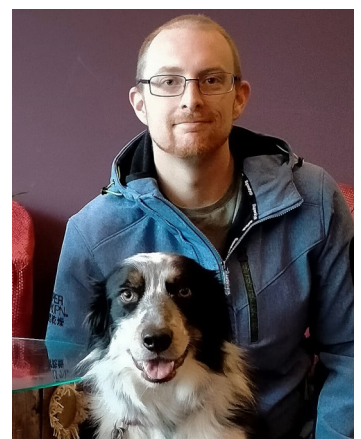
Holding her tiny dog gently in her arms, a frail, elderly lady from Perth said sadly, *"I am terrified to let my dog out in the garden by herself in case she is stolen. We should not have to live like this!"* The awful truth is that there are many thousands of dog owners in Scotland who feel just the same. It once was the case that the dog, large or small, guarded our home with a warning bark. Now it is the owner who has to guard the dog. The rise in dog thefts is due to the rocketing prices people were willing to pay for puppies during the pandemic. The fear of losing a pet to theft causes serious anxiety and if it should happen the emotional damage is immeasurable. Scottish SPCA Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn said, *"Animals are stolen for breeding purposes or because they are sold on for profit. Owners must remain cautious. And make sure they are microchipped."* In order to deter theft, the UK Government is to introduce in England a new law which will make a specific criminal offence of Pet Abduction. Currently, stealing a dog has the same penalty as stealing a phone. It is not a specific crime, but this will soon change in England. UK Environment Secretary George Eustace said, *"Pet owners should not have to live in fear. This move acknowledges the unique distress caused by this crime."* The new law, however does not apply to Scotland, and campaigners are demanding that lawmakers here do the same. We asked the Scottish Government in mid October if there were plans to follow Westminster in creating a specific crime for pet theft, but so far we have had no response.

You have the dog bed, the fluffy blanket, the shiny new lead, the bowls, the food and the tasty treats. Now, let's think. What have you missed? Well, the most vital thing of all isn't there. **PET INSURANCE!** In the last decade or so, vet fees have risen...a lot. In fact, the cost of treatment for your dog is going up by around 12 % each year. There are several reasons for this. Dogs are big business. They were even before the pandemic. Now investment companies are buying up vet practices and the result is almost always higher prices for treatment. In addition, due to advances in veterinary medicine and the use of new diagnostic and imaging equipment treatment bills go up even further. Vets themselves say that the big cost rises are brought about by the increased number of options which have become available. Now, the cost of a relatively straightforward procedure such as tooth extraction can run into hundreds of pounds. An MRI scan for a dog could set you back £3,000 and the cost of drugs for animals is also on the increase. BBC presenter Justin Webb recently shocked viewers when he revealed that an operation to remove a sock from his dog's stomach had cost £5,000. Luckily, the animal was properly insured, but on average only 1 in 4 companion dogs in the UK are covered by pet insurance which, of course, has also increased in price. *The latter, however, is by far the best option.* Imagine if your beloved dog had to suffer or die because you could not afford a vet bill! Check out the insurance options and protect your dog. *Remember, there is no NHS for dogs!*



CONGRATULATIONS to our main sponsors, Simon and Chrissie Fairclough of PERSIE GIN, Bridge of Cally. They have just won two more prizes! The first is from the Agriculture and Farming Awards 2021 for Best Botanical Craft Spirit Distillery in the UK and the second from the Scottish Gin Awards—for the fifth year running - a silver medal for their best selling zesty citrus gin. Brilliant!

THANKS to new supporter Stuart Bryce of Auchterarder's Gin Thistle cocktail bar for raising money for us, helped by his loyal Collie Solo. And **GOOD LUCK**, Stuart, with your new business!





**MERRY XMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL OF US
AT PADS !**

Joanna High, PADS Assistant Manager, has been with us for 8 years. She is at the sharp end of our dog rescue operation and deals daily with its joys and heartbreaks. As the pandemic subsides, Joanna says... “ With so many people having bought puppies the dog world has gone crazy! Vets are incredibly busy, training classes are overflowing, dog groomers are all booked up. There are many more dogs for society to handle and the result will be a big increase in the numbers of unwanted animals coming through the doors of the shelters. Not all, but many of them will be neglected, abused, poorly bred and with behavioural problems. At the moment, for example, we have a badly-bred French Bulldog who is stone deaf and will need a great deal of rehabilitation. There is a lovely, happy Chocolate Lab who has had five litters of puppies. She weighs in at 37 kilos (80 lbs) and will have to go on a very long diet before we try to find her a home. We recently rehomed a lovely little Collie who had spent the first five years of her life locked in a shed! Post-Covid I imagine there will be many more like these!”