



PADS NEWS



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THIS STUNNING MURAL, SPRAY PAINTED ON THE WALL OF PADS KENNELS QUARANTINE BLOCK, IS BOTH A REFLECTION OF PADS WORK WITH DOGS AND A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE AMAZING TALENT OF DUNDEE GRAFFITI ARTIST PACO GRAFF. IT WAS DONATED TO PADS BY THE FAMILY OF A LADY WHOSE WISH BEFORE SHE DIED WAS FOR THEM TO GIVE FUNDS TO PADS FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT. ALONG WITH THE

MURAL, THE FAMILY FINANCED A MAJOR REFURBISHMENT TO OUR MAIN KENNEL BLOCK, PAYING FOR BADLY NEEDED NEW WINDOWS AND DOORS AND A COMPLETE REDECORATION OF THE ENTIRE BLOCK, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. THE DOGS PACO CHOSE TO PAINT ARE (L-R) EDDIE, A WEE X-BREED ADOPTED BY JO HIGH, PADS ASSISTANT MANAGER, A BOUNCY COLLIE (ANON), A BIG DOG (ANON), A LOYAL COLLIE CALLED

CHESTER WHO WAS REHOMED BY PADS AGATA BRZEK AND CAIRN TERRIER ARCHIE, A WEE DOG LOVED BY THE FAMILY. PADS CHAIR ALISON KENNEDY SAID, "WE ARE VERY, VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THIS KIND FAMILY HAVE DONE FOR US. THE LADY'S SPECIAL PROJECT HAS HELPED US HUGELY IN PRACTICAL WAYS AND PACO'S MURAL, BRINGS GREAT JOY TO ALL WHO SEE IT HERE AT PADS. THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US."

THE TERRIBLE WAR IN UKRAINE has displaced, injured and killed thousands of animals. However, huge numbers of family pets have been taken to safety by Ukrainian refugees who crossed into Poland and other neighbouring countries. One family took turns to carry their large, elderly German Shepherd the last twelve miles of the journey to safety at the Polish border because the poor dog had collapsed from exhaustion. However, while thousands of dogs escape, countless others are left to suffer, starve and await their fate in the ruined streets of Ukrainian cities. Local shelters in Ukraine and Poland do their best and big international charities like PETA and Network for Animals have moved in to give support. UK charities send donations, food and vet supplies to ease the pain of sick and wounded animals.

No dog lover could fail to be deeply moved by the plight of the animals who have been innocent victims of this awful war. PADS staff swung into action and collected all the items we could send. They packed up small animal carriers, harnesses, leads, blankets, towels and warm dog coats and jackets.

Everything went to a collection point in Errol which had been set up by the charity Dog Friendly Perthshire. Jo High, PADS assistant manager said, "We had to help. We are confident that the people who had donated items like these to PADS would have approved of our decision. This is a terrible crisis for helpless animals and we are glad we found a way to send what we could spare." The PADS donation was part of a load which was taken to Poland by the animal transport charity Dogbus Transporting Paws, Saving Lives. Contents of each box were written in Polish, by PADS Agata Brzek and Jo added that thanks to Google's translation app we had contents written in Romanian on our boxes too!

PADS is glad to have helped even a little in this dire situation, and we wish we could do more. In the most terrible circumstances the deep bond of love between human and animal is incredibly strong. Indeed some Ukrainians refuse to leave the country without their dogs and cats. Others hand the animals over to shelters at the borders for fear of not being able to find refuge together with them outside of the Ukraine. Our thoughts are with them all.

PADS 'SCRUFFS' DOG SHOW IS ON SATURDAY, 13 AUGUST, AT ROLLO PARK, DUNNING. A DATE FOR THE DOG'S DIARY! SEE BACK PAGE ➡

HERE GOES! LET'S GET READY FOR A NEW HOME!

THE WHITE BLOB on this little terrier's head is doggie shampoo. He hasn't figured it out yet, but he is due for a good soap, rinse and dry to help him get a new start in life. Some folk, however, still think a brisk shampoo and set is all it takes to help a dog catch the eye of a potential adopter. But this is **NOT** the case. Many abandoned dogs need a lot more than that before they are ready to be put on our adoption list and hopefully find their forever home.



Young PADS helper Lucy Lovett with terrier Whisky and PADS Manager Louise Perrett, brandishing the shower spray!

The first thing Louise and her team at the kennels do when a dog arrives is to check to see if it has been chipped. If it has, and the chip has been registered, then they are able to contact the animal's owner. *"If not," says Louise, we find out if it is a boy or a girl. A look at teeth will give us a rough idea of age. But sometimes, if the animal is traumatised, it takes 2-3 days before we can even get close to it. And if the poor animal has been abused it can take a lot longer than that. It's all about gaining its trust and it can take a long time."*

Some animals who arrive at PADS kennels have never been socialised with other dogs and they are deeply disorientated and scared.

Louise has known countless dogs who hide behind the bed in the kennel for days on end. One Labrador she remembers did this for six weeks before staff could get her to the vet for a full check up and any treatment she needed. *"The poor animal was terrified and it took all that time before we could even give her a wee pat on her head. It was so sad."*

Some dogs are brought to PADS in a terrible state of neglect. *"I remember a little Staffie with a severe skin allergy all over her which had never been treated. Then there was a*

large dog, virtually bald with painful sore patches all over him. We couldn't even figure out what breed he was. When he began to recover after veterinary treatment it turned out he was a Dogue de Bordeaux, a large French mastiff and a really beautiful animal."

PADS rescues animals with serious injuries and dogs needing treatment for injured or diseased eyes, ears, paws. We now are receiving animals with more and more medical conditions needing urgent veterinary treatment. This is a sign of the times. Vet fees have rocketed in recent years and many people simply cannot afford to help their animals. And so they come to PADS. This is why it is really important for owners, if possible, to have their dogs insured.

For an abandoned dog to have a chance of finding a new home PADS must try to make it as happy and healthy as possible. Sometimes that is very hard, and at the end of the day it is up to the adopter to transform it's life. There are many kind folk who have done just that. But for many of the rejects of the canine world it takes a great deal more than a shampoo, a blow dry and a good brush to make them ready to out into the world and enjoy a second chance at life.

MEET TWO PADS STAR SUPER-SUPPORTERS..!



Zoe is pictured here at home with Jack Russell Harry, who enthusiastically covered all the ground along with Zoe and her parents!

ZOE CURRIE, who is just eleven years old, raised an amazing £610 for PADS ...by running 100 km! A school project based upon social responsibility gave young Zoe the idea of raising money for charity. As a devoted animal lover, she decided to help PADS and over a 4 week period last winter, she ran 5-8 km per day, along with mum and dad, Annabelle and David. The routes took them across frozen fields, forest tracks and riverside paths near to home in the Perthshire countryside. Zoe said, "Whenever I felt my motivation was going I thought about the dogs I could help and that gave me inspiration." Mum Annabelle Currie, added, "I am sure the running did us a lot of good too! We are very proud of Zoe." We at PADS are too, Zoe. And very grateful!

MARYSIA MACFARLANE was stunned when she looked at some of the beautiful shots of Perth produced by amateur photographers in her social media group. Marysia, who is a care worker, had a brainwave. Why not publish them in a calendar for 2022 and donate the proceeds to charity? She smiled, "We are all dog lovers, so we plumped for PADS!" The calendar 'Pictures of Perth and Beyond', was a huge success. It featured glorious pictures of the Fair City and the wildlife around it, and raised a fantastic £3,510 for our dog charity. Our thanks to Marysia and her talented pals for such an amazing donation. Next year, her plan is to raise cash for a human charity, Womens' Aid.



Eddie, the Boston Terrier Cross, and his human, PADS assistant manager, Jo High, were delighted to receive the cheque from Marysia Macfarlane.

A FASCINATING STUDY into the similarities between dog and human health is under way in the US. Many conditions that affect older humans, such as fading hearing and eyesight, heart disease, kidney failures, osteoarthritis and even dementia, affect older dogs too. Dogs even get cancers at roughly the same times as we do. The Dog Ageing Project at the University of Washington will study pet dogs in their own homes to record how environment, diet and lifestyles impact on how they age and the risk of age related diseases. In addition, scientists on the project are developing a drug which they believe may extend dogs' lifespans by a third, a drug which may benefit humans also.

HERE THEY ARE—FIVE OF THE VERY BEST!

-A SPECIAL PICTURE COLLECTION OF THE WINNERS OF
OUR VIRTUAL 'SCRUFTS DOG SHOW' OF 2021-



BEST DOG

Handsome Joey Jackson is a one year old X-Breed from Broughty Ferry. Check out those gorgeous dark eyes!



BEST BITCH

Cheeky little Carrot Andreu aged 3, also a X-Breed, is from Scone. She is a lovely blonde with blue eyes and dainty white paws. A real stunner!



BEST EX PADS DOG

Brodie Miller, a Patterdale Terrier from Monifeith, is an amazing golden oldie, aged 15. He may be elderly, but he is sprightly, and very wise.



BEST PUPPY

Paddy Sharp, a 12 week old Yellow Lab lives in Luncarty. The gorgeous playful pup is set to break a few hearts in the future with those floppy ears, waggy tail and cool, steady stare!



BEST TRICK

Otis Ness, a 3 year old Spaniel, from Perth, has amazing vocal talents. He sings in sweet harmony to the old favourite, 'How Much is that Doggie in the Window?'

During the pandemic PADS ran two 'virtual' dog shows. We had lots of amazing entries via social media and it was a tough job to choose the winners! Great fun but not quite the REAL THING! Now the charity is planning the return of its popular 'SCRUFTS' DOG SHOW to take place on Saturday 13 August at Rollo Park, Dunning, Perthshire. All dogs, of every breed, cross breed, shape, size and age, are welcome to come along with their humans to make this a DAY TO REMEMBER—so get this date in the dog diary!

Two days before our show in 2019 torrential rain swamped the Dunning site and we had to cancel. Then followed two years of Covid. Now we are back in business to make this 2022 show the BEST EVER. We have dog contests, stalls, music, food, a large marquee, and most of all a fantastic atmosphere where dog lovers can get together, make new friends, and do what they all do best—talk about their dogs!

Come along and help us make our show a DOG DAY TO REMEMBER!

AT PERTHSHIRE ABANDONED DOGS SOCIETY KENNELS, FORTEVIOT, 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 padsdogrescue.com OR YOU CAN E-MAIL US FOR INFO AT padskennels@btinternet.com OR CALL 01764684491