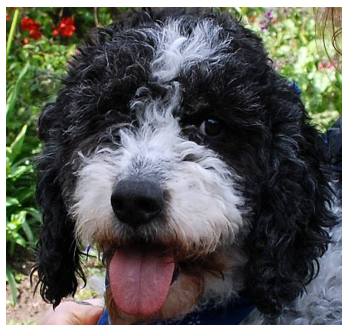


PADS NEWS



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THE CHARITY WHICH RESCUES AND REHOMES ABANDONED DOGS



Louis (above) is a curly-coated bundle of fun. He is also a very unusual dog. See inside to find out why!

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ABOUT..*

DOGS!



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PADS KENNELS WERE OPENED 32 YEARS AGO TO CARE FOR UNWANTED DOGS. SINCE THEN THE CHARITY HAS RESCUED AND FOUND FOREVER HOMES FOR WELL OVER 8,000 OF THESE ABANDONED ANIMALS.

NEVER has man's best friend been so popular. Charities estimate that the pandemic created 3 million more homes in the UK with pets, mostly dogs. Recent figures from the Kennel Club itself showed a 40% increase in pedigree dog registration in 2021. It has been boom time for dogs, and also for all the folk who want to cash in on that. The price of puppies has soared. A French Bulldog could now cost you £4,000 and a wee Dachshund £3,500. Living costs are high also. If you want a poodle you may be taking on a scary £120 per month of bills to support your pet. Books on dogs are published daily, dog advice is thrown at you by the minute online, where you can also order a regular delivery of meals individually created for your dog. If your new puppy proves difficult, for £1,000 per day you can have a 'behaviour modification plan' (previously known as training). And the new Aldi dog summer range includes a dog bed with a shade for a snooze on a patio! Or buy your pooch a Rolex watch? Yes, some people do!

Of course, as with every boom, there is a dark side. Puppy farms and the import to this country of sick little animals are two horrific practices for profit that must be stopped.

And there should be firm prison sentences for thieves who steal dogs to re-sell. At the law stands in Scotland now the theft of the family dog is no more important than that of your mobile phone or your wallet. It takes no account of the agony endured by families who lose a beloved pet in this way. Luckily there is pressure to change the law to jail pet thieves for up to five years as a deterrent. Let's hope that happens, and soon.

With every boom, there is also a bust. The latest news from the dog front is that pet foods are soaring in price by up to a third due to the cost of wheat.

Now charities fear that financial woes in general will force many families to give up their dogs. Indeed the looming crisis has even provoked suggestions that we set up foodbanks for our pets! How times change. And how quickly.



BEST BUDDY BULLDOGS WHO LOVE TO SNUGGLE!

This brilliant picture was taken by Liam Flinn who, with his partner Rachel Geoghegan, adopted Charlie on the left (she's a girl) from PADS and also rescued her best pal Cooper (on the right) from Help2Rehome Scotland. Two happy bulldogs in a wonderful home cuddled up together! We love this picture Liam. Thanks from all of us at PADS!

Charlie, who is 5 and Cooper, aged 6, are both Old Tyme Bulldogs who have fewer wrinkles and longer noses than their 'cousins' the English Bulldogs. This means they do not snore so much when asleep, which is a blessing! Liam told us, "They do love their sleep. A half-hour walk requires about 4 hours sleep to recover. When Charlie arrived she was a bit hyper for the first 24 hours at home, but after that they became best pals and love being together." What about romance? Well, Charlie has been neutered and as a result, as Liam puts it, any romantic moments are nipped in the bud. They are essentially in a 'Platonic' relationship! The happy pair enjoy walks on the beach near Liam and Rachel's home in Burntisland, Fife, and even venture into the sea for the occasional swim together. The Olde Tyme Bulldog is described as intelligent, loyal, friendly, loving, courageous and strong. They are delightful dogs who enjoy

life together and have found a wonderful 'forever' home with Liam and Rachel in Fife.

Not so lucky are many English Bulldogs now sold by 'rogue' breeders who produce puppies with a host of health problems. These include breathing difficulties and eye problems which can stay with these dogs for the rest of their lives and can cause much pain. Indeed the Royal Veterinary College has warned that breeding of the English Bulldog may be banned entirely if the breed is not altered to prevent many debilitating conditions. In addition, vets are now urging people to stop buying other flat faced breeds such as Pugs and French Bulldogs in order to stop the proliferation of serious health issues. Yes, Charlie and Cooper are lucky to be 'Olde Tyme', lucky to have a wonderful home, and lucky to have each other. Many of their English Bulldog cousins are not so fortunate,

WALKIES? - FORGET IT! - MAYBE TOMORROW!

We all know the feeling. It's raining outside and there's something good on TV. -A wave of guilt washes over us so we groan and find the lead to take our furry friend for his evening stroll! Now, however, a dog expert has come to the rescue of the reluctant dog walker. Niki French's book 'Stop Walking Your Dog' tells us that traditional daily dog walks are a human invention and not necessarily helpful or healthy for many dogs. For example, too much exercise can make dogs with behavioural problems more excitable. Better to cut down the walking and give them home training games to help them live calm and happy lives. Not every dog enjoys walks and too many can affect the animal's behaviour. Good advice, Niki, especially for winter!

MEET LOUIS AND BARNEY, TWO VERY SPECIAL DOGS WHO HAVE FOUND HAPPY HOMES...



Fay says, " We were surprised there were no Collie genes, for he loves playing in the garden here in Forfar with his ball! You bet, barks LOUIS!

Yes, LOUIS, aged 8, is a Spanish- born bundle of fun and affection with a rather unique mixed heritage. Adopters Fay Sandford and her partner Andrew Duff found this out when they got the results of his DNA test. SEE BELOW! Fay said, "We thought he looked rather interesting so decided to find out more! We weren't surprised at the Spanish Water Dog or Springer Spaniel, but I must admit the Chihuahua genes came as quite a surprise!" It does look as

though LOUIS' varied gene mixture has resulted in a very clever dog. Fay explained, "During a recent canoeing trip he just hopped in to the boat and sat there perfectly behaved during the journey. We reckon he is a pretty smart guy." Fay and Andrew spotted LOUIS on PADS website. He and two other dogs were left homeless when their owner, an elderly lady, died out in Spain. Her family brought the animals back to Scotland to find new homes.

SPRINGER SPANIEL 32%, SPANISH WATER DOG 27%, ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL 4%, BARBET (FRENCH WATER DOG) 1%, BAVARIAN MOUNTAIN HOUND 27%, POODLE 5%, ICELANDIC SHEPDOG 1% AND CHIHUAHUA 3%.



Meet BARNEY the Skye Terrier, who has found a new home in Crieff with Anna Olson and Neil Thomson. BARNEY is only the second Skye Terrier PADS has rehomed in 32 years and is just one of 5,000 of the breed in the entire world. Scotland's most famous dog, Greyfriars Bobby—who stayed by his master's grave for 14 years- was a Skye Terrier, and so it seems strange that the breed has suffered such a dramatic decline. One expert said, "The trend now is for designer dogs like Labradoodles, and the old breeds are ignored. This is a great shame, for dogs like BARNEY are a joy. They were initially bred for hunting but they make wonderful companions."

The Skye Terrier is loyal, friendly and a good choice for first time dog-owners like Anna and Neil, who are in their fifties. Neil said, "He is a wonderful dog, perfect for us. It is a great shame they are so few of the breed left." Anna added, "As untrained dog owners we wanted to adopt an older dog, but really BARNEY, who is 8, is just like a puppy when he starts to play!"

Neil was nervous when they brought BARNEY home from PADS for the first time. A few days later he made the big mistake all new dog owners do! "I walked BARNEY to school to pick up our daughter and he had a little accident just outside the school gates. To my horror I found I had forgotten my poo bags!" He grinned, " We managed. But I shall never, ever do that again!"

THANKS FROM PADS TO OUR SUPER-SPONSORS AT PERSIE GIN!

IN June, Persie Gin celebrated 4 years as PADS main sponsor. PADS was delighted too!

Boss Simon Fairclough says, "We have relished every minute. Our ambition was to find a dedicated charity partner who would team up to help us make a meaningful difference to a deserving cause and PADS has proved a perfect fit!"

PADS receives £1 per bottle sold of Persie's 'dog gin' range. The flavours of these delicious gins match the personalities of each dog breed. The Labrador Gin is classic and mellow, Spaniel Gin is lively and spicy and Dachshund Gin Liqueur is sweet and sharp. Simon added, "We have seen how hard PADS works tirelessly to find loving homes for unwanted dogs and to care for sick and injured strays. We are proud of their achievement and how they have made Scotland a better place for dogs. Working with PADS is inspiring, for you know you are playing a part in something special."

Alison Kennedy, PADS Chair, said, "We are all very, very grateful for the support we have had from the dog lovers at Persie Gin. It has helped us give the animals who come to us the best of care and a new start in life. It has also helped us establish a sound financial future for the charity." Thank you, Persie!



Meet Simon and Chrissie Fairclough, pictured here at their lovely distillery near Bridge of Cally, Perthshire. Their dog gins have captured the imagination of gin-loving dog owners and the dog range took them to Crufts as the first alcohol exhibiter in the show's 200 year history. The range has won gold and silver in competitions and in 2020 Labrador Gin won Best Gin in Scotland by Scottish Field Magazine. Congratulations!

THE CHARITY is currently drawing up plans for a 'therapy garden' to help dogs in our care who have been abused, locked up or neglected. Often, when an animal has been traumatised it can take days, even weeks for it to venture out from its kennel to face the world. These dogs are often very poorly socialised and we believe that a quiet area at the kennels, where they can potter around, play, and perhaps make new friends would be beneficial to their rehabilitation. We've found a couple of very large old tractor tyres and will create a 'tunnel' for them to explore in a garden environment .

This will help them relax, enjoy a good 'sniffaround' and learn to socialise with others to improve their chances of finding the new 'forever' home they deserve.

FOOD, FUN AND FIDDLERS will all be on the menu at PADS winter coffee morning in Scone. It has been four years since we had the last one so we want to make it one to remember! This year it will be held in the Burnside Hall on Saturday 19 November, from 10 am until 1 pm. Come along to enjoy home-baked goodies, a fantastic raffle and music by the Blackford Fiddlers. Dancing will be permitted! The word is that we could be heading for a miserable winter thanks to the drastic cost of living crisis, so throw caution to the wind at the PADS Coffee Morning. Enjoy a blether with friends, make some new ones, listen to the music and at the same time remember you will be helping us keep our dogs warm and well fed this winter!