

# PADS NEWS



PERTSHIRE ABANDONED DOGS SOCIETY—THE CHARITY THAT  
RESCUES AND REHOMES UNWANTED DOGS



2022-2023



Elderly Lhasa Apso Eddie is snug in his cosy fleece muffler. When the heating is turned down at home to save on the energy bills his thick coat will protect him against the cold. But other older dogs and dogs with short fine coats may need extra layers to stay warm. If your dog shivers, whines, barks or curls into a ball, dig out that canine coat! At night, an old woolly jumper or fleece will help keep him warm. If the dog basket is on a stone or tiled floor, elevate it in order to retain the heat!

*At 14, Eddie was one of the oldest dogs PADS ever rehomed. Two years on he is now 16 and still going strong!*

## BIG SUCCESS FOR PADS NEW PLAN TO FIND THE PERFECT MATCH!

***MATCHING dog to adopter has always been a challenging job.***

Prior to the pandemic the charity's kennels were open to the public for part of the day so that people could come along to see the dogs seeking new homes. This worked pretty well until Covid restrictions denied people access. So, another way had to be found to connect with potential adopters who wanted to give our dogs new homes. Our staff came up with a plan to put a downloadable adoption form on our website at [padsdogrescue.com](http://padsdogrescue.com). When filled in, these forms would give them details about potential adopters and also the kind of dogs they were looking for. Interested parties could also call the kennels and staff would send out a form by post. It all worked. The forms started to come in and we now have around 150 of them on our waiting list. These are divided into single people, couples, families with young children, families with older children, and if there is a dog

or cat already in the house. The forms give staff invaluable information about households ready to adopt when the right dog for them comes along. The list is kept up to date, for every 2 months or so we send an e-mail asking everyone if they are still looking for a dog. This is why there are fewer dogs 'advertised' on our website than there were previously. PADS manager Louise Perrett says, "This system is much more efficient. I suppose you could say it's one good thing that came out of the awful Covid situation!"

We haven't done any exact calculations yet but there is no doubt that our dogs are going through the system faster than before. That means they spend less time in the kennels. And there are very few dogs returned to us.

It is much easier to match correctly the adopters to the right dog for them." *Thanks to Covid our charity has a more effective way of re-homing our dogs to the right homes and find a perfect match!*

VISITS TO THE PERTSHIRE ABANDONED DOGS SOCIETY KENNELS AT FORTEVIOT ARE BY APPOINTMENT. SEE OUR WEBSITE AT [padsdogrescue.com](http://padsdogrescue.com) TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CHARITY, HOW TO GO ON OUR ADOPTION LIST AND HOW TO DONATE. YOU CAN ALSO CALL US AT 01764 684491 OR E-MAIL US AT [padskennels@btinternet.com](mailto:padskennels@btinternet.com). THE KENNELS WERE OPENED 33 YEARS AGO TO CARE FOR UNWANTED DOGS. SINCE THEN PADS HAS FOUND HOMES FOR WELL OVER 8,000 OF THEM.



## 30 YEARS CARING FOR DOGS IN THE JOB SHE LOVES

**LOUISE PERRETT, PADS Kennel Manager, is our longest serving staff member. She joined the charity in 1993. Her devotion to PADS and to the thousands of dogs she has helped to rehome in the last 30 years is unequalled. On the left, Louise today with a 30 year celebration cake. Below, Louise in the early days with one of the many puppies who arrived at the gates of PADS**

***THANKS LOUISE, FROM ALL OF US!***

### ***LOUISE REMEMBERS: PERTH UNDER WATER, DOGS IN THE CAR AND A SAD LITTLE DOG CALLED LUCKY***

#### **IN HER OWN WORDS**

“There had been terrible flooding in Perth in March 1993. People were sent to temporary accommodation and they couldn’t take their dogs with them. PADS kennels were packed with more than 30 dogs and I was asked by a friend to help out. I jumped at the chance for I had always loved dogs. It was chaotic, for in addition to the displaced dogs there were lots of strays in those days! And of course when people got back to their homes after the flood a lot of them didn’t want their dogs back! Very soon I was working there 3 days a week. We had no phone in the kennels and no van to take animals to the vet. I remember hooking the leads of four large dogs to seats in the back of an old Austin Maestro car so that the dogs would behave on the journey. Where the food for the dogs came from I have no idea. It just seemed to appear from

nowhere! There is always a special dog you remember and mine was a dear little Staffie—Lab cross called Lucky. Nobody wanted him and he was with us for nine months 8 years ago. He became ill and the vet told us he had a tumour on his heart. I took him home but a month later he had become so ill he had to go to sleep. I remember I drove past the vet’s 6 times before I took him in. It broke my heart and I have always regretted I didn’t take him home sooner. Still, I have enjoyed every moment of my job and look forward to every day. The best bit is always to see a dog who arrives at PADS terrified and lonely gradually get back to normal and be happy again. Times have changed so much since those early years. There are very few strays, but more dogs come to us now because very often people don’t understand the level of commitment involved in giving a good life to a dog”.



“There were a lot of puppies in PADS in the early days! I remember one morning 6 arrived at the kennels in a basket. Their mum had died and they were just two weeks old. We set up a network of volunteers to take on the task of feeding them every 2 hours. It was quite a job! They all survived and they all got good homes. Now we rarely get puppies, as so many dogs are neutered. If we do there is a nice, quiet ‘mum and baby’ room at the kennels for them in our newly refurbished quarantine block.”





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**THIS IS ROMAN, A 55 - KILO CANE CORSO, AN ITALIAN MASTIFF, PICTURED WITH LARGE DOG LOVERS MARK AND CAROL ANDERSON. GENTLE GIANT ROMAN IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST DOGS PADS HAS REHOMED.**

**WE DO OUR  
BEST TO  
REHOME THEM  
ALL...**

**FAT, THIN,  
YOUNG, OLD,  
GREEDY,  
CHEEKY,  
MISCHIEVIOUS,  
GENTLE OR  
JUST PLAIN  
SILLY ...**

**BUT LET US  
INTRODUCE  
YOU HERE TO  
THE VERY  
LARGE AND THE  
VERY SMALL!**



**HERE WE HAVE MILO,  
A TINY CHIHUAHUA  
ADOPTED BY JENNY  
DALTON OF PERTH. HE  
IS JUST ONE 20TH THE  
SIZE OF ROMAN, BUT  
HAS A BIG HEART AND  
MUCH LOVE TO GIVE  
TO JENNY.**

**ROMAN** has found the perfect new home. The Andersons, who live in a spacious rural environment suitable for a big guy like Roman, adore him. And he is also a stunningly handsome addition to the family for his two new 'sisters', Brie, a one year old Dogue de Bordeaux (French Mastiff) and Taz, a lady Cane Corso aged almost 7. The Andersons, who are both fitness experts who work from home, lost two beloved dogs two years ago, leaving them with Taz alone. Mark says, "We then got Brie as a puppy and thought two would be just fine until we heard about Roman at PADS. It was love at first sight and we decided he would complete the family of 3 big dogs again! Roman is a gentle giant who gets on so well with people and other dogs. He loves the car and we can take him anywhere!" Mark and Carol have always had large dogs because they love their gentle personalities. They lived in Cyprus for 10 years where they rescued a number of them. They were horrified by the neglect and cruelty suffered by dogs there and were volunteers at rescue centres on the island. Roman is the second (large) PADS dog Mark and Carol have adopted. In 2017 they gave a home to Cass, a Dogue de Bordeaux who died 18 months ago. Carol added, "We are very happy to have found Roman. He is a wonderful dog!"

**MILO** the Chihuahua didn't wait long at the kennels for his new home with Jenny Dalton, whose name was on PADS adoption list for a small dog. Jenny is 60 and Milo is her very first dog. She told us, "I now work mostly from home now and decided to take the plunge and find myself a little dog. It wasn't long before PADS rang to tell me about Milo. There is another lovely little Chihuahua in the family so I went to meet Milo and that was that! He trots around after me and cuddles up on the sofa. And we just love our walks together." Jenny added, "I had a very bad time during the pandemic. My mum, with whom I was very close, died from Covid in a care home. It was really awful trying to see her and be with her before she died and our family was completely traumatized. It was a terrible time. However, now I have this lovely little dog who has brought great joy into my life. I just love him dearly!"

#### **HERE ARE FOUR MORE LUCKY DOGS WHO HAVE FOUND FOREVER HOMES**

**KOVO**, a 5 year old German Shepherd, handsome but vocal and needy went to an experienced GSD couple in the Borders. **SKY**, an 8 year old Border Collie who needed surgery for a lump (benign, thank goodness) on his side was adopted by a family in Crieff. **SPARKLE**, an overweight 9 year old cross went to a new home in Scone where she is on a diet and like a new dog. **BELLE**, a 7 year old Lhasa Apso who was with us for only a month found a lovely new home in nearby Dunning!



Fiona Lowry, of Bridge of Earn, has published two books on Amazon, 'Franco and the Green Light Fairy' and Felix's Favourite Day. Her third, called 'Meeting Pip' is due out soon with a publishing house.

INTRODUCING two star PADS supporters...on the left Fiona Lowry and on the right Margaret Burgess. Author Fiona, wants to donate money to PADS from the sale of her children's books.

Margaret, who is 94, is a long time collector of cash for charity at her home based tea parties in Perth. They are both amazing in their own way. Fiona says, "As a family we are dog lovers and I wanted to help a local charity, which was why I chose PADS".

Margaret smiles, "PADS does such great work in rehoming dogs and has always been on my list for raising money. I'm a bit too old now, but I would be very happy to have a houseful of dogs! Thanks to you both for your kindness and help. You are both superstars!"



The Covid pandemic called a halt to Margaret Burgess's fundraising tea parties. Now, however, she is back in action and has recently raised £254 for PADS. At 94 she has to be our very oldest fundraiser!

## PADS 'SCRUFTS' DOG SHOW—BACK AT LAST!

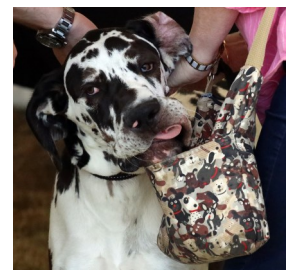


Terrified and alone, it took this little Bichon Frise called Bear 6 weeks to come out of his kennel at PADS. That was 5 years ago and look at him now! Best Dog winner at PADS show! His adopter Paula Findlay says, "I am so proud of him. He is a wonderful wee dog."

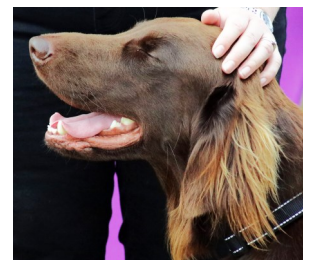
### ...AND IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

The biggest was a huge mastiff cross the size of a sideboard, the smallest a tiny dachshund puppy cradled in its owner's arms. There were dogs of all breeds, crossbreeds and exotic mixtures paraded proudly around by their besotted owners. The show was re-designed in arena style with agility and competitions in the middle. There was a large marquee and a host of craft and dog stuff stalls. This was the first 'Scruffs' show since 2018. The event planned for 2019 was cancelled due to flooding and the next two years it could not go ahead due to Covid restrictions. This 2022 show took place near the end of the heatwave in August and temperatures were still high. That did not deter the canine loving public who came along to enjoy the day and tasty treats from the 'Just Baked Pasties' stall. There was a special prize reserved for a young Ukrainian refugee whose little Chihuahua was still in quarantine and could not attend! PADS Chair Alison Kennedy said, "It was wonderful to get the show going again after all this time and we hope to have a terrific show again in 2023. Thanks to all who came along and took part in the day."

TWO PICTURES BY HOLLY STEVENS



"There has to be food in here somewhere...!"



"Oh lovely, lovely. Pleeease don't stop..!"