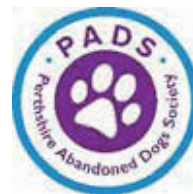


PADS NEWS



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**PADS 'SCRUFFS'
DOG SHOW IS ON
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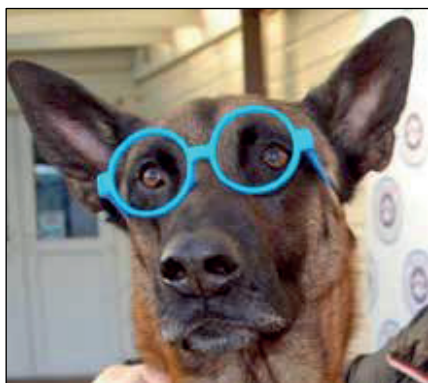
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**THE WORLD'S SMARTEST
DOG - SEE INSIDE**

DEALING WITH THE LOCKDOWN DOGS

"WELL," says PADS manager Louise Perrett, "it's definitely not an easy job!" Louise reckons that in the last 10-12 months 60 dogs - that's half the number of dogs who have come into the care of the charity in that period - were obtained by people during lockdown. How do Louise and her staff spot them? She explained, "They are usually a year to 18 months old, poorly socialized and in some cases not socialized at all. This means that although most lockdown dogs get on well enough with humans, they are not good with other dogs and often want to fight." Louise added, "Many of them are bigger dogs and most of these have never been trained to walk on a lead. Large numbers of folk who got a dog during lockdown were first time owners and didn't stop to think about what would happen to the animal when restrictions were lifted and they had to go back to work. Then problems started when their pets were left alone all day. And at the same time those cute puppies had grown into boisterous, disobedient teenagers with wills of their own!"

It is in the last year or so that staff at PADS have seen the intake of lockdown dogs rise significantly. They come with problems which must be resolved before they can be successfully rehomed. Staff spend many extra hours building confidence in some animals who have never been properly socialized or trained. It took days to get near a little Pomeranian who hated people and loathed all other dogs! Thankfully, the wee chap is happy and relaxed now. He was lucky to come to PADS!

The fate of the 'lost dogs' of Covid is yet to be fully assessed. In 2020 it was estimated that 40,000 dogs were abandoned in that year alone. With 12 million dogs now in UK homes that number is expected to rise dramatically. In addition, the economic crisis means soaring costs in dog ownership. Dog shelters will be under pressure for a long time yet. Let's hope there are plenty of adopters out there!

THE TRAGIC STARVING DOG WHO FOUND A WONDERFUL HOME

DESPERATE for food, this lovely dog – now named Sienna – rummaged frantically for scraps amongst the bins behind a Perth supermarket. Clearly half starved, she shivered in the dank December cold in the hope of finding a few life-saving morsels of food. However, an anxious phone call had alerted the Dog Wardens to Sienna's plight and suddenly they arrived to take her in their van to PADS. Staff at our kennels were heartbroken to see such a lovely animal so thin and with cuts, sores and bruises on her body. Within days, however, care, warmth, love, comfort and food began to transform Sienna into the beautiful animal you see here.

She caught the eye of Graham Hepburn, a regular PADS dog walker who had arrived to exercise one of his canine clients. You may say it was love at first sight! A few days later Sienna had taken up residence at Graham's home in Perth, where she has her very own double bed, a choice of sofas on which to relax, a garden to dig up, treats galore and lots of love. And Sienna will never, ever, go hungry again! Says Graham, "She is a beautiful dog, affectionate and lively. She occupies every soft space in the house and whines at me when she wants to have some play time. We had her DNA done to find she is half Saluki half Greyhound."



Sienna has found the perfect home – and Graham has given a truly wonderful home to the perfect dog. He explained, "I have MS and Sienna is just the right dog to keep me going. We have a 45 minute walk each day and she enjoys a daily sprint. She is very good for my health. We lost our beloved spaniel last year and were so sad. We really did not plan to get another dog for a while, but I am so glad I found Sienna." They are, quite simply, the perfect match!

PADS ALSO VERY RECENTLY REHOMED.....

BUSTER, a sweet natured, 9 year old Patterdale Terrier who found a new home with a fit and active elderly couple in Perth. Then along came **ROCKY**, another Patterdale aged 2 who went to a young man in Edinburgh where the lively wee dog is responding well to training. **KENDI**, an 18 month old large German Shepherd X Weimaraner now lives with another big dog in Dundee where they tear around the garden all day and snuggle up together on the sofa at night. Next comes **HARLEY**, a 5 year old Lhasa Apso whose owner died. He is now rehomed with a lady in West Lothian. They adore each other and Harley will be spoiled rotten! Border Collie **BLUE** lost his home after a change in domestic circumstances and found a new one with a kind couple in Milnathort. Last but not least there was **DAPHNE**, a Doberdane (Doberman X Great Dane). Yes, she is a very large dog and we thought she would be with us for a long time before we found someone to give her a new start. However, a family in Lanarkshire gave her a wonderful home where she is continuing with her training and enjoying her new life.

VISITS TO PERTHSHIRE ABANDONED DOGS SOCIETY KENNELS ARE BY APPOINTMENT. SEE OUR WEBSITE AT padsdogrescue.com TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CHARITY, HOW TO GO ON OUR ADOPTION LIST AND HOW TO DONATE. YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO E-MAIL US AT padskennels@btinternet.com OR CALL US AT 01764 684491.

IN 33 YEARS WE HAVE REHOMED AROUND 8,300 DOGS



THE PADS ADOPTER WITH A HEART OF GOLD!

That's **CHRISSY** McKAY on the right with Jazmine, a Spanish street dog she rescued 3 years ago to be a companion for her beloved Border Collie Patrick. She adopted Patrick from the SSPCA and he was with her for 13 years. Beside Chrissy is Nina Pysmenna from Ukraine and at the front Ronan, the Spaniel Chrissy adopted from PADS. Yuliia, Nina's daughter, cuddles Persik (Ukrainian for 'Peach'), the tiny Chihuahua they brought with them to the UK from their war-torn homeland. Chrissy opened her heart and home to them and their little dog. Now, thanks to Chrissy, 3 dogs and 3 humans live safe and happy lives in a lovely wee house near Coupar Angus. Yuliia, a former accountant who works at a local hotel, is striving hard to improve her English and mum Nina enjoys her favourite hobby .. cooking. Chrissy herself works in forestry regulation. What made big hearted Chrissy the dog rescuer, who also helps a charity which finds missing dogs, give these Ukrainian ladies a home with her? *"When I get a very strong feeling about something I just know it's the right thing to do. It has been a big success and I feel responsible for Nina and Yuliia now."* And Yuliia replied, *"Chrissy is a wonderful host and we are very lucky to be with her."* Well Chrissy, all of us at PADS think the same. – You are our special **RESCUER** of dogs AND humans!



LIFE WITH A GENIUS DOG

IT'S OFFICIAL! *That long term champion of canine intelligence, the Border Collie, has been knocked from its number one place by the Belgian Malinois. Researchers in Finland who put 13 breeds through rigorous tests including logical reasoning, social cognition and obedience to human gestures proved dogs like Arco, pictured here, came out tops in the intellect chart! His human, PADS own dog behaviour expert Agata Brzek, is sure the scientists are right!*

Agata reckons her beloved Arco, a Malinois aged 6, is an intellectual giant. "He can pretty well learn any exact words, tricks and behaviours I teach him. He understands all my hand signals and his recall is fantastic. We encountered a hare during a recent walk and off he raced. I called and he returned immediately. He also knows the time of the day for everything we do and keeps me right!."



Agata added, "In fact I sometimes reckon he is two steps ahead of me most of the time! He reads me very well and anticipates things. He is a serious thinker!" Not only that, but Arco is protective of his human. On a walk, if a car approaches, Arco is by her side in seconds. "He is more like a companion than a dog. I know he would defend me if he had to. We have a very close bond." It is true then that Arco, who is clearly very, very bright in the conventional canine way, is also tops in emotional intelligence.

A HUGE 'THANKS' THIS TIME TO THE 9 MUSICIANS OF THE BLACKFORD FIDDLERS WHO HAVE DONATED THEIR TIME AND TALENT TO PADS ANNUAL COFFEE MORNINGS. THEY HAVE ALSO WRITTEN A SPECIAL TUNE FOR OUR CHARITY, APTLY CALLED THE 'PADS FOUR STEP'. WE HOPE TO HEAR THE FIDDLERS FINE MUSIC AGAIN AT OUR COFFEE AND CAKE EVENT IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR!



The foot tapping music of the Blackford Fiddlers takes an ordinary Coffee Morning to another level. Last November we even had some young folk dancing along to the lively tunes. This happened in the wake of the flooding the night before and cheered everyone up! Dog lover David Gardner (especially Scotties and Westies..) thought the 'Four Step' dance music would raise a gentle smile, which of course it did! He said, "We play at charity events and do not take money. We do it for the love of music and enjoy every moment." David (that's him on the right) added, "We have a lot of fun and we know it's for a good cause like PADS."

MSP MAURICE HAS A MISSION – TO PROTECT OUR DOGS FROM THIEVES

HOW MUCH DO YOU VALUE YOUR BELOVED DOG? More than the TV, your phone, or the lawnmower in the garden shed? We bet you do. The law in Scotland doesn't. It treats dogs as objects. Nothing more. North Eastern Tory MSP Maurice Golden wants to change that and make dog theft a specific offence which would be punishable by up to 5 years in jail. Thieves would then think twice before stealing your pet. Maurice, who won the 2018 Holyrood Dog of the Year contest with his Lab Leo, has been working on a petition and a consultation after which he plans to introduce a Bill to the Scottish Parliament. He says, "As a dog lover this is something I feel incredibly strongly about. Dogs means the world to me and to millions of others, but in Scots law they are considered in the same bracket as ordinary household items. That must change. By toughening the laws we shall increase deterrence and help safeguard dogs and their loving families across the country." He added, "I want to push this legislation along to get the Bill into law and help reduce instances of this awful crime." Like Maurice, we all know that dogs are part of the family and in many cases the most important thing in someone's life. GOOD LUCK WITH THIS, MAURICE. WE ARE 100% WITH YOU!

DON'T FORGET! PADS 'SCRUFTS' DOG SHOW SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2023.....