

# PADS NEWS

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see  
Kobe's  
story  
inside

...finding dogs their forever homes

Picture by Craig Cantwell

## THE SADNESS AND JOY OF THE JOB THEY LOVE

- It's not just about cuddles, treats and tickled tums. There's cleaning, grooming, bathing, training and calming the scared and lonely. Then there's the emotional drain on the rescue worker. Last year the charity took in SIX dogs who had been left together at a Perthshire roadside. They were in a terrible state, filthy, sick and neglected. Jo High said, "This was a grotesque example of negligence. They had been ignored for a long time, probably locked in a shed." It took weeks of care, shaving, washing, feeding and vet treatment to bring the 2 little lady CKC Spaniels and their 4 male pals (of mixed breeds) back to health. Jo added, "The staff were very upset to see dogs like this." It took PADS a long time to get them ready for adoption. Now, however, each one is in a happy, forever home where they will never be neglected again!



On the left, Georgie Prichard, on the right Jen MacArtney and in the middle PADS manager Joanna High with Brodie, a wee Bichon Frise who has gone to a new forever home in Perth.

The saga of the 6 abandoned dogs had a happy ending. However, there was another sad story at the kennels to bring tears to the eyes of PADS staff. There was KOBE. This hefty 10 year old Bulldog cross was ignored. Months on the website went by but no-one showed the slightest interest in the big guy. Granted, he wasn't exactly a canine version of George Clooney. KOBE was a big lumpy bloke. He was as different from a handsome, fluffy, blue-eyed Husky or a sleek, gorgeous black Lab as you can possibly imagine. But KOBE, who came to us when his owner took ill, had something going for him, which is why we have given him star status on the front page! Quite simply, but most importantly, KOBE is without doubt a NICE DOG! The staff knew this and as the months went by they were heartbroken to see that all those potential adopters out there were still ignoring him. Then, to their delight, after 15 anxious months along came Brian Ireland, from Dundee. They were all thrilled when Brian decided to give KOBE a home. Now the big friendly DOG has a new life. And it was his GOOD NATURE rather than his looks that found him that!

*Brian says, "It wasn't what KOBE looked like that attracted me it was his good nature. He is a fine dog, friendly and happy, and we feel privileged to have him." Meeting KOBE at his new home is like being confronted by a friendly tank. Boisterous, he just loves to make new pals and be cuddled and stroked. Brian, a retired ex-military construction expert, lost a beloved staffie last year and has had KOBE for 3 months now. "He has filled a great empty space with his friendly personality." It just goes to show that even in dogs looks are not everything! It's the inner dog that matters! Good luck Brian and KOBE!*





**A LITTLE  
STORY THAT  
WILL TOUCH  
YOUR HEART**

This wee Cockapoo puppy called Wonder was born in January. Her mum, a 5 year old spaniel named Golden had been used for breeding and came to PADS with 2 other dogs. Golden was in season at the time, but that soon ended and she was adopted by the McCleary family near Perth in late November. Wonder made her appearance 3 weeks later, completely unexpected, and in the family CAR! Golden, says Elaine McCleary, became a wonderful mum. "She adores her wee baby, perhaps because all the others were taken from her."



Elaine says, "I could never separate them. After all she's been through Golden deserves one of her own."

**THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENED.** Golden usually sat on the back seat of the car with son Daniel (30) but on this dark winter night was curled up on the vehicle's floor. Daniel switched on his phone light to make sure she was OK and spotted some blood. He said, "The next thing I saw was a tiny pup. I couldn't believe my eyes." Dad Brian McCleary put his foot down. The family were 10 minutes from home and there were no lay-bys on this stretch of road. On arrival Golden cleaned her puppy and Elaine McCleary slept all night close to her in case she had another one. Elaine said, "From the moment she was born I knew we had 2 dogs instead of just one." The charity was amazed. "It was as big a surprise for us. No one even suspected Golden was pregnant. We think she had a brief affair with a Poodle called Roger before she came to us along with him and another dog. Now Golden and Wonder can have a good life together."

**THESE TWO LOVELY DOGS** were found tied to a fence near a parking area on the outskirts of Perth. Both of them had scars on their bodies, which indicated they perhaps had been used in hare coursing. After some hours their plight was reported and they came to us at PADS. "Although they looked alike we had no reason to think they were related, so they were shown separately on our website." However, when adopters Matt and Becky Rodgers met them and took them home on trial it was only a few days before they decided to take BOTH of them.



**NOW STAN**, the bigger one next to Matt, and **TONY**, who is smaller can look forward to a relaxing sofa-loving lifestyle at their new home in Dundee. Matt tells us, "It's the same every night. There's a bit of a squeeze when the four of us get settled on the sofa to watch TV. They have easily adapted to a very different lifestyle. They are quite happy with one walk per day after which they can relax on the sofa or one of the many dog beds in the house." Becky says, "We had them on trial but we fell for them within a matter of days and decided to have both of them. They are great dogs and we just love them." Lucky Becky, an organizer for the RSPB, is at home all day. Matt, who lectures on research methods at universities has a blow-up planetarium which he takes around schools. But best of all is at home on the sofa – if he can find a space!

WE WANT TO GIVE A HUGE THANKS TO PET SHOP JOLLIES FOR THE THOUSANDS OF TINS OF DOG FOOD THEY HAVE COLLECTED FOR US OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS. THEIR HELP HAS BEEN INVALUABLE. EVERY XMAS AND EASTER, DURING THE STORE'S 'TIN CAN' CHARITY DRIVE, JOLLIES ASKS CUSTOMERS TO BUY AN EXTRA TIN TO DONATE TO PADS. MANAGER STUART BROWN SAYS, "WE GET A GREAT RESPONSE TO THIS. CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC." ALL 120 JOLLIES STORES IN THE UK DO THE SAME. YES, DOGS ARE BIG BUSINESS BUT OFTEN BIG BUSINESS IS GOOD FOR DOGS! PADS MANAGER JOANNA HIGH SAYS, "JOLLIES' HELP HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING. IT IS GREAT THAT SUCH A BIG COMPANY CARES SO MUCH ABOUT HOMELESS DOGS."



Left to Right – Sales, Carrie-Anne Baxter, Manager Stuart Brown, PADS Joanna High and Sales, Ryan Turner. In the middle 800 cans of dog food for the charity!

Thanks also for goodie boxes from Azkobi, the Dunfermline pet shop. Thanks to Vodabone Pet Supplies in Glenrothes whose transit van arrived packed with food and treats. Thanks also for the incredible courage of the 5 Tay Valley Vets who are taking part for us in the Tough Mudder Fundraiser, a gruelling assault course through mud, ice baths and electric shocks. Phew!

## PADS 'SCRUFTS' DOG SHOW

SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST, 2026- AT ROLLO PARK, DUNNING

REGISTRATION 11 AM -JUDGING STARTS 1.0PM

ALL WELCOME - CROSS BREEDS, PEDIGREE, MIXED BREEDS AND HUMANS CLASSES FOR ALL DOGS, TREATS, EATS AND STALLS!

FREE PARKING, FREE ENTRY AND A *HUGE* MARQUEE IN CASE IT RAINS!

*\*PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DOG DIARY NOW!*

*\*THIS WILL BE A HAPPY DAY TO REMEMBER!*



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