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# DAS Dalmatians Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the DAS  
Newsletter

## Update on finding new place

The search continues so please keep looking.

We cannot tell you the amount of emails, phone calls that have been sent and made, only to be met with silence or a NO. Very few estate agents even bother to reply which is frustrating. It's been a rollercoaster of emotion especially for Sue who is understandably worn down by it. The fundraiser money is safe and aside in the hope that someone, somewhere takes a positive look at the Sanctuary and says yes. In the mean time keep sharing and I for one will not give up! Hope you won't either.

### **DAS Dalmatians need your help please**

**We are looking for a very long term rental property for at least 10 years as near to Morecambe Bay as possible but within 2-3 hours of there**



#### **We need:**

**Accommodation for us  
Land.....1 acre or above**



**Rural setting..... with no neighbours**

**Outbuildings, stables or kennels are a bonus or we can put temporary ones in place for the dogs.**

**Our dogs are very well behaved and as they are 'free range' they are not noisy, just happy.**

**If you can help us, please email: [info@dasdogs.co.uk](mailto:info@dasdogs.co.uk)**

**Thank you**

**Sue, Dave and the kids**

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Here is a larger picture of the areas we are looking at for a rental property. Many places that may be suitable are often already rented by the time they are advertised and people without dogs etc will always be given preference to us. Hence we need someone who knows someone, whose uncle's grandma has a place .....you know the kind of thing we mean ! We are hoping that we can find somewhere as soon as possible where we can settle and the dogs will love and we can all be drier and cleaner.

Meanwhile Sue and Dave have fenced off another field for the dogs to run and play in. Hard not to do these things when you can't see your way out of there anytime soon.

Please continue to look, ask, etc.

We have tried, Estates, Duchy's, National Trust, Joined many facebook groups, written to hundreds of estate agents and come to a dead end.....but somewhere there must be a place waiting for happy spotty botties to run in. It's just finding it that's hard and impossible.

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So what's happened since the last newsletter - which seems ages ago!

A fundraiser to get DAS on their way to new premises raised over £15000 - thank you to everyone that helped. As already stated it has become a harder task that we thought but we continue to try and find somewhere.

Diane and Domino, Heidi and Jane held a fundraiser at Heugh Battery Museum and raised £700 for DAS. It was Domino's birthday so he had a lovely cake to celebrate.

Thank you ladies and Domino of course



We continue to have our weekly Saturday Spot, Wednesday Woofs and Auctions. Thank you to all who support DAS through these. If you are not in the Fundraising Group and would like to take part then request at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DAS101>

We would like to say a massive thanks to all that have donated items for Auction and Raffles. Thank you very very much, we have had lots of offers so thank you. If you have anything to contribute please contact us at [info@dasdogs.co.uk](mailto:info@dasdogs.co.uk)

If we haven't got round to including your item or raffle prize, we will it's just we cant do them all at once. :)

Thank you so much



## HAPPY ENDINGS

Remember Lana the Dalmatian we were asked to help from Romania?

She was stuck in a shelter and needed a home of her own. You amazing people stepped up and raised the funds for her to come to England. She is now living her best life with her family who love her very much. They even learned some Romanian for when she arrived !!

Here she is loving life. 



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Remember Bobby the Dalmatian?

He was found hidden in a vehicle trying to be smuggled into the UK from a non compliant country and APHA contacted us to help.

He was approximately 3 months old so ended up doing his 3 month stint in quarantine prison.

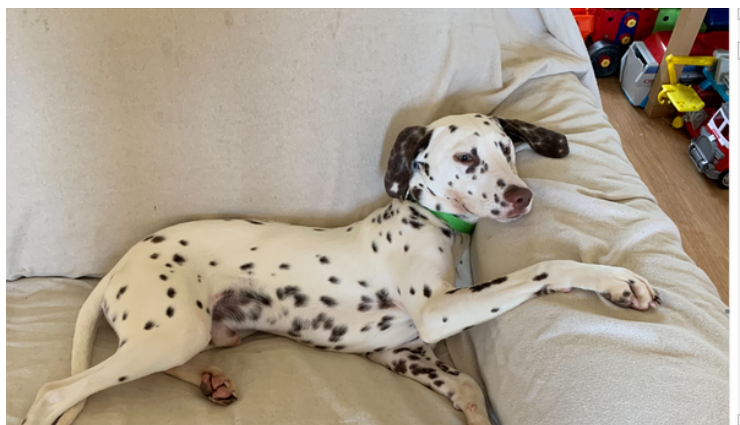
During this time we managed to get a lovely family to visit him every week so he didn't forget that humans were kind. They took him treats and toys to play with.

When it came time for his release several things happened which resulted in him being adopted by the family who had so lovingly visited him and they love him to bits. All this again possible by you amazing people who raised funds for his quarantine and transport fees and so his family had a fee free adoption.

He is now one very happy boy with new family



Bobby in quarantine



Relaxed in his new home soon after arriving and having a bath



## MAX

Having lost our 15 year old Harry in May last year our hearts were heavy and we missed his grumbling ways so much. We so loved him even though he had been with us only 3 years. What a character he was, and how I miss stroking his velvet soft head.

The house was so quiet even though we had our lesser spotted dal Jack and my daughters 5 year old Cocker Spaniel.

Enter Max..... Max was surrendered to DAS in June last year. He had apparently shown aggression to other dogs and now needed to be crated. He had pain in his back leg and was finding it difficult to walk far in the last weeks with his owner being told by their vet that he probably had cancer without any proper tests being done so Max went to DAS.

I fell in love with him when I saw his handsome face on the page and had a difficult time persuading Garry to have another Dally in the house. Of course I nagged long enough until he agreed that we could adopt him!



Max at DAS

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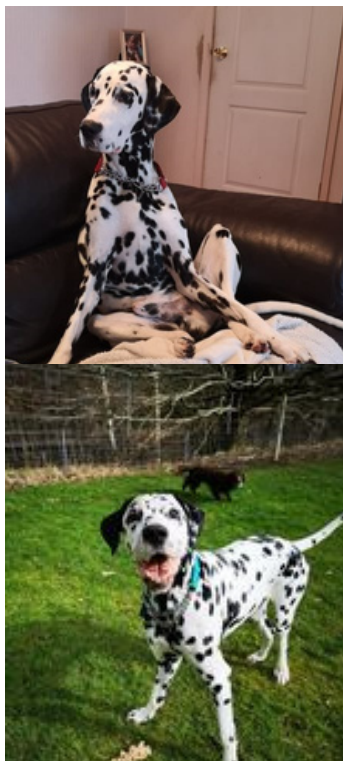
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It is 1 year today (27 June) since we met him to bring him home. Such a handsome boy, a little taller than our other spots but such a softie. Heart stolen already ! Max is a talker - he makes a real racket when we come home no matter if we have been 5 mins or 55 mins - we think he now tries to talk to us and we definitely think he can say 'hello'. He is an energetic but lazy boy, if you know what I mean. He hates to get up in a morning but shows such energy when out, especially when in the enclosed field they all go to.

He sits in the chair by the window watching the world go by and follows us everywhere, never relaxing til we sit down. He pulled like a train on the lead at first but now we have a figure of 8, he immediately stopped pulling and is much better on the lead. He likes to meet other dogs but his greeting is noisy and he likes to give a playful nip on the bottom which doesn't always go down well with other owners. Once he has said hello all is good. He is getting better at this though. He loves a ball and will play fetch which is something he didn't do initially. Recently he has started opening doors and is a very naughty counter surfer ..... he tag teams with Zilean the Cocker Spaniel !!

He had some teeth removed in the first few months and we have not seen an issue with his legs, other than a sympathy limp when he has run a while!!

We have not had to crate him, he is such a good boy, he loves people and is a true velcro dog. We do wonder about his previous socialisation but he is very tolerant with our old aged grump Jack! His tail never stops wagging and we love him very much - even his reluctant Dad who adores him!





## Not so happy endings



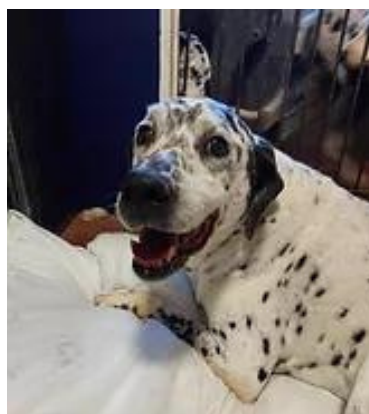
Some of our adopted DAS dogs have crossed Rainbow Bridge this year. They were all loved and happy and we send our love and thanks to their families for caring and loving them so much.

Sue and Dave's beautiful girl Bonnie crossed the bridge on 1st February. A gorgeous girl who broke her Mum's heart, she is loved and missed so much. Reunited with her friends Blackwell and Betty



The very handsome and happy Nimmy only spent 12 weeks at DAS, but in that time he stole everyone's hearts. He never stopped smiling despite having rotten teeth and surgery to remove 23 of them. His passing was sudden but he had a wonderful 12 weeks with Sue and Dave and was smiling to the end.

His story was in January's newsletter which can be found on the website <https://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/newsletters>



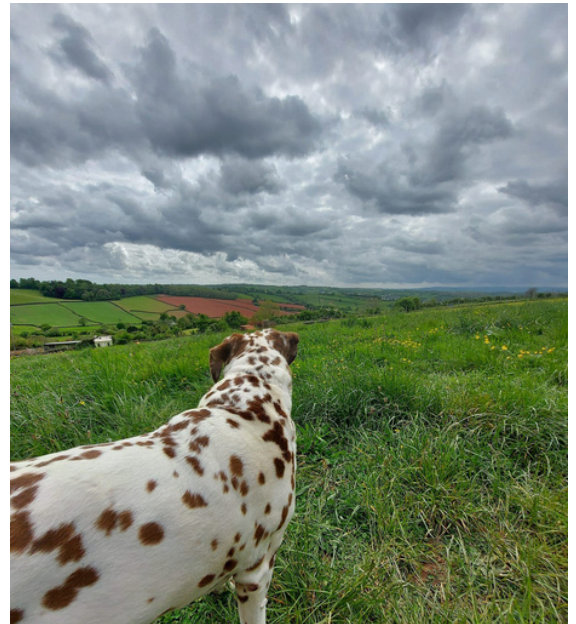


## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Joining the rest of the gang at DAS over the last few months has been

Coco aka Princess Pudding

Coco joins the pensioners at DAS and is a very happy girl. On a diet to lose a few pounds and help her mobility she has made friends and is a very loving girl who likes to clean your face with kisses. She has already lost some weight so well done Coco



Dizzy



Dizzy is also an OAP. She reportedly had several medical issues but since being here she is fit and healthy and is developing the attitude of a lioness 😊 She is also on a very strict diet and is starting to develop a waist



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## To Love a Rescuer

To love a rescuer you must love all of her.

You must love the scars covering her body from panicked and hurt animals she was trying to help.

You must love her fractured heart, that has been broken so many times she no longer even takes the time to mend the pieces.

To love a rescuer you must embrace her grit and determination, and know that although she fights a war she can never win, she can and does win a few battles.

You must love the tears she will shed over those she lost. You must give her comfort that she refuses to accept, as she blames herself for things she could have never foreseen.

To love a rescuer you must acknowledge the rage she feels towards the world at times, and know that anger is driven by a love of life too few have.

You must give her space and room to cry and mourn for the losses that others have caused out of carelessness or cruelty.

To love a rescuer you must understand her passion to heal and save is a calling, not a choice.

You must accept that to save animals is part of her soul and without that she could never be happy.

To love a rescuer you must be patient.

You must accept her work comes first.

She will forgo sleep, forgo food, forgo her life for animals in need.

She will work tirelessly until her body and mind fail her completely and she cannot go on.

To love a rescuer you must be strong.

You must not be threatened by her focus and love of animals.

You must accept that the things you love about her, the strength and convictions and loyalty are also what drives her sense of duty to animals in need, you cannot have one without the other.

To love a rescuer is a never ending road of pain and happiness

## DAS DALMATIANS SANCTUARY

Sue is trying to compile a list of dogs that have been adopted from DAS in the last 6 years. If you have adopted from DAS can you please email [info@dasdogs.co.uk](mailto:info@dasdogs.co.uk) with the following information

Your dogs name, a photo if possible and whether you adopted directly from DAS or directly from their previous home

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP



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## FEEDING TIME AT DAS



All dogs at DAS have 3 meals a day.

Often Sue is asked why 3 meals..... because they are prone to bloat, being barrel chested, this helps to try prevent it and helps to stop them trying to steal food cos they aren't hungry.

Each mealtime there are -

4 different foods plus some have Butchers added...

PharmaQuin, Metacam, Paracetamol and Salmon Oil for the ones that need it in the morning.

She knows every dish by sight, knows if Dave does the dishes and whose food is wrong by just looking at it and can tell you exactly who has what and what weight they have without referring to a list!

Why does she weigh it out ?

Each dog has a different amount depending on size and she knows exactly how much to alter it to if someone needs to lose weight or put a bit on ..... all done by memory.

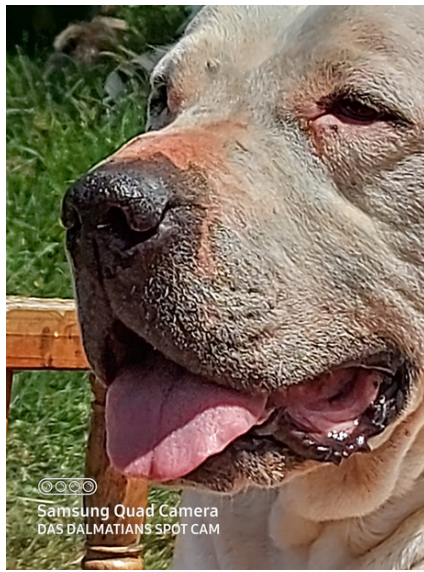
Pretty amazing hey?



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## FUN AND LOVE AT DAS

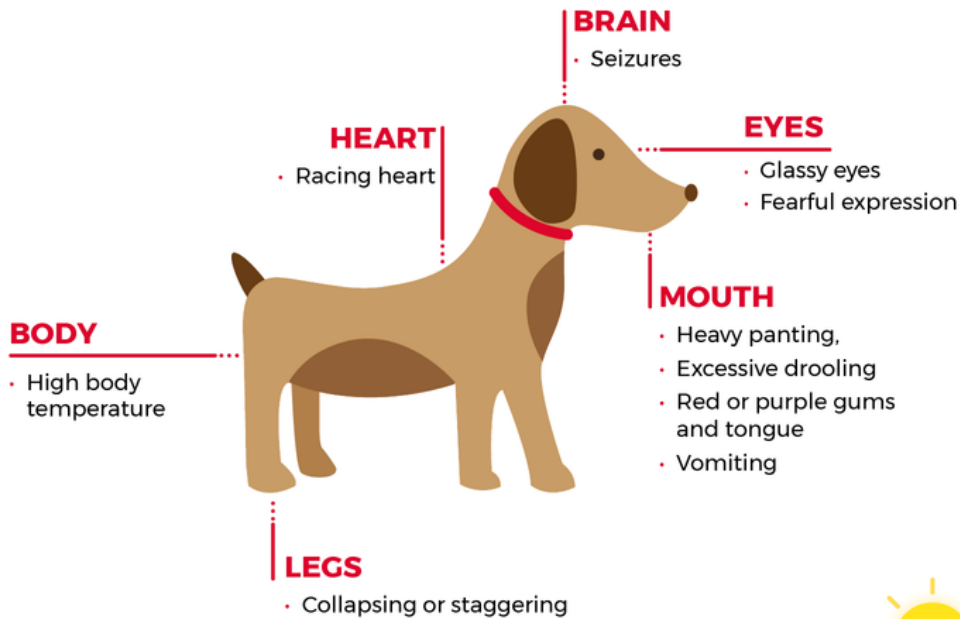




**Most of you will know this but it's always good as a reminder or to show a friend**

# Heat Stroke

## Know The Signs



### How to keep your dog cool on hot days

- Restrict exercise
- Never leave in car, hot room or sun trap
- Ensure drinking water and a cool, shaded spot is always available
- Walk early in the morning or later in the evening
- Spray with cool water

### Steps to take if you're worried your dog has heat stroke

- Move somewhere cool
- Offer small amounts of tepid water
- Using wet towels, douse with cool (but never, ever cold) water
- Place in the breeze of a fan
- Contact your vet or, out of hours, your nearest Vets Now pet emergency clinic straight away

**Be prepared this summer. Save your pet emergency service number now.**  
[vets-now.com/summer](https://vets-now.com/summer)

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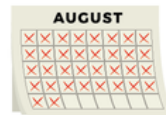
**50%**

Average survival rate of dogs diagnosed with heat stroke



**2°C**

This small increase in a dog's body temperature is all it takes for heat stroke to kick in



**60**

Amount of days it can take for dogs to acclimatise to temperature changes



**38.5°C**

Dog's normal body temperature



**15**

Minutes it can take for a dog to die of heat stroke

**6°C**



Average temperature white cars are cooler than black cars after being left in the sun for an hour



**43°C**

At this body temperature a dog's organs begin to fail

**Vetsnow**

Your pet emergency service

# Can you Help?

Do you know of a business who would like to sponsor one of our spots or would you like to ?

<https://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/sponsor-our-spots>

Fundraising ideas are always welcome. Anything different?

Do you have any items to donate for the auctions?

Join easyfundraising and use when online shopping, download the reminder too so you never miss a donation

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Take a look at our Spotty Shop - not everything is spotty but items are being adding to it all the time.

[www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/spotty-shop](http://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/spotty-shop)

Please contact us via email - [info@dasdogs.co.uk](mailto:info@dasdogs.co.uk)

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WE CAN'T DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT **YOU**



# A Note from Sue

Thank you to Shirley for her hard work putting together the newsletters and for every thing else she does to keep me and DAS going.

The hunt for our furever home will continue, we have to find somewhere that is habitable and where the endless mud doesn't turn to endless dust,

After someone in our fundraising group suggested it, the money donated by you wonderful people is safely invested in Premium Bonds as interest rates are poop.....keep your fingers and paws crossed that we get a winner !!

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The death of our beloved 4 legged family members is a subject that non of us like to think about but here at DAS, it is unfortunately something we have to deal with far too often.

We have said goodbye to 24 kids since September 2017.

No matter how long or short our kids have been with us, our hearts are ripped out every single time.

Losing our smiley boy Nimmy so suddenly was such a shock. This gentle, little soul was so easy to love and is missed so much.

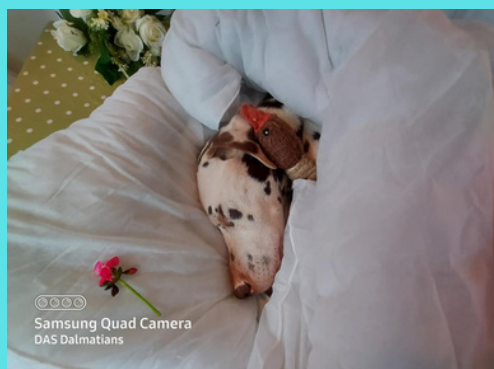
When we say goodbye, they all take a teddy with them, some seasonal flowers, an item of our clothing and some snacks for the journey and if there are any left, to share with their lost brothers and sisters.

I am sorry if these photo's upset any of you but death is something we all have to cope with in our different ways.

The worst parts for me is the trip to the vets, knowing that everything you have done with them that day is the last time you will ever do it again and also the drive away from the crematorium ... leaving them knowing it's the last time you have held them and told them you love them.

Take comfort in your memories and photo's and knowing that they knew you loved them and that they loved you back just as much

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**Odin**



**Nimmy**



**Ollie**