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DAS Dalmatians Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the DAS
Newsletter

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY 2022

Please help us find our furever home

We desperately need to move from our current place due to the lack of drainage, roof open to the elements, inaccessibility, difficulty getting the dogs to the vets. It's cold, wet, muddy and not good for the oldies and their joints. PLEASE share our post or get in touch if you can help...property@dasdogs.co.uk

DAS Dalmatians need your help please

We are looking for a very long term rental property for at least 10 years... the map shows the areas we are looking at.

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.

Please share the post off our Facebook page, even if you are not in our search area, thank you



If you can help us, please email: property@dasdogs.co.uk

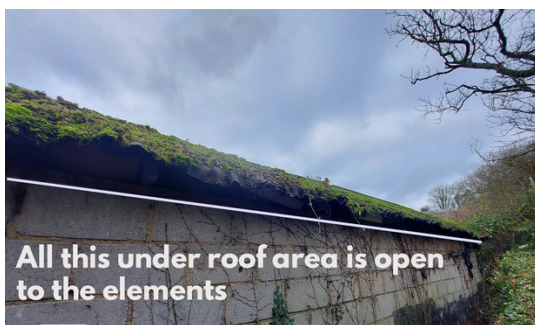
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Here is a larger picture of the areas we are looking at for a rental property. Many places that may be suitable are often already rented by the time they are advertised and people without dogs etc will always be given preference to us. Hence we need 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.

Everyday life is so hard here especially in the winter - It's cold and this has been made worse by having some large leylandii chopped down just before Christmas which exposed the gap between the wall and the roof



Open to the elements, the wind rips through and the cold weather doesn't help. The drainage is shocking and when it rains we have to continually brush and shovel the mud and water away. The dogs are wet and muddy which doesn't help their joints and consequently their bedding is the same.

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Accessibility is getting worse and is a single track which falls away as it reaches the bottom. This makes it impossible to get anything delivered and DPD will not attempt it. The track is not made up and plays havoc with the bus and frelander causing more repairs than should be necessary and costing a lot of money...the council are not interested as it's a bridleway.

We need somewhere a little bigger due to the amount of dogs here - you have seen them all in the lounge and thats only half of them!!

PLEASE PLEASE HELP US FIND SOMEWHERE.

Please share our post from the facebook page to anywhere you can, you never know who might be looking and we just need that one break.

Thank you

Personal footnote

I have been lucky enough to visit DASVILLE and feel the love that is within. I had seen pictures and listened to Sue talk about how life was there but nothing prepared me for the reality I saw. I have no idea how Sue and Dave cope there. We struggled to drive down the track and had to park half way down due to the movement of the track dipping down steeply. The rain which was torrential caused no amount of issues and the red soil made red mud which was everywhere. This means its really difficult to keep things clean and its a constant battle to keep dogs and bedding dry. Completely isolated and unable to order anything to be delivered from groceries to DIY supplies, makes life very difficult. There is no doubt at all that love for the kids is what keeps Sue and Dave going. The dogs are first, second and third, they adore their Mum and Dad and the feeling is mutual. Saving these dogs has come at a huge personal cost and I don't mean monetary. There is no doubt that Sue and Dave deserve so much more for their dedication. There is a limit to how much people can deal with and that limit has been reached on more than one occasion.

You will have seen Sues pleas for help on the page. This is my heartfelt plea too. PLEASE PLEASE share the post from facebook, look for a property or ask anyone you know who might be able to help. We NEED to find somewhere for these gorgeous 'kids' and their Mum and Dad . property@dasdogs.co.uk

THANK YOU
Shirley xx

Do you know who Sue and Dave are ?

Sue worked in the care sector for many years in both private and the NHS. In the private sector she specialised in spinal and brain injury patients and in the NHS the poo and pee ward was her thing....good training for what she does now !!

Dave is ex military and served in the Falklands, Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Gulf War during the 80's.

He was injured during a scud missile attack during the Gulf war and still has nightmares today about it along with many other atrocities he witnessed.

One of his many jobs on the Ascension Island besides mending broken aircraft was picking up penguins.....they used to watch the planes taking off and fall over backwards!!

Dave works full time to support them and DAS and sometimes works away leaving Sue with the kids on her own but thankfully, Covid has meant he has been at home to help with feeding times which are very well organised.

DAS stands for Dave and Sue and together we provide love, care and a fabulous life to our 'kids', some would no longer be alive if not for us. We are going to be Grandparents this year and are hoping that we can move as near to Morecambe Bay as possible, even a 2-3hr drive is better than the 5 1/2hr it takes now to get home... I have been home once in the last 6 years and that was in December when my son got married.

We deserve to find our furever home and to be able to have a life with our family in it something DAS has prevented for the last 6 years due to someone always having to be at home and us having no volunteers to help on a day to day basis....also due to Paloma being a vampire with strangers.

**Thank you for all being wonderful we can't do what we do without you
Dave and Sue**

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Since the last newsletter DAS has seen the arrival of a few new spotty botties.

This is Luca's story

We were alerted to the plight of a dalmatian in a shelter in Bahrain so Sue contacted the lady who was asking for help for him....that lady is the wonderful Danni.

Luca's age is not really known but his background is..... he was beaten and abused so badly by his owner that due to his injuries, he had to have his left hind leg amputated. Luca was in the shelter for a few years and was sponsored by a lady called Marion who volunteers there.

He was one of the invisible ones.....he learned to not draw attention to himself to stay out of trouble other dogs used to steal his food and blankets.

We offered him a place with us at DAS and were so amazed at the kindness and generosity of our wonderful DAS family of supporters.....you rasied over £2000 in a few days to get him to us.

Marion and Danni sorted everything out in Bahrain and Danni collected Luca from the shelter and fostered him for a month before he flew to the UK.... getting him used to being in a house, other dogs, a feeding routine, going for walks and accepting kindness from humans.

He arrived at Heathrow on 17th September and enjoyed the very long journey with Dave home to us sitting looking out of the window for most of the 6 hours.

Well,little Mr Scaredy Pants arrived and spent a couple of weeks in our stable.....leather sofa, crate full of feather duvets, heater, garden with a view into the field and yard.

He needed that time to know we weren't going to make him do something he didn't want to and so he could get used to being here.

He took food out of my hand while living in the back of the crate and let me feed him 3 times a day.....we both spent a lot of time in there with him just sat on the sofa talking to him.

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Eventually curiosity got the better of him and he started to come out to see what was going on more and more so we decided he could meet our kids in stages.

Fast forward to 29th October:

Luca has been in the house with us for about 3 weeks now and is one of the kids and is gaining confidence every day...he likes to peep around the corner of the kitchen wall at me but if I say his name, he does a Linford back to bed.

He is such a funny little boy.....

He goes straight out for a wee if asked by Dave yet runs away from him...he won't go out when I ask him.

He now loves an ear rub and stroke and doesn't cower away from me yet cowers from Dave.

He gets so excited at meal times..... his eyes light up, his ears go up and he waits for his turn.

He goes into the field on his own now for an explore.

He likes to sniff and nose bump the other kids but also has big teefies to tell them off with.

I don't think we will ever work out how he ticks but he has made so much progress in the short time he's been here, we are so proud of him.

We have no idea if he will ever mix properly or play or truly accept us or cuddle us but one thing is for sure.....

We will never give up on him and adore our new son.

THANK YOU

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated, gave us items to raffle and auction, have sent coats for him and supported us and continue to do so



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This is Domino's story

I am 10 1/2 years old

My family couldn't look after me anymore cos they didn't want to see me die when it eventually happens so here I am at DASville with Mum and Dad.... I'm a Mummy's boy.

My Mum and Dad don't want to see me die either but they have promised me they will be with me and giving me kisses.

I am a big lad but Mum put me on a diet when I arrived so I am slowly losing weight, I was 45kg last week when I went to see the vet so I am losing some.

I have so many things wrong with me.....arthritis, possible Degenerative Myelopathy, very wobbly legs, I can't really feel me left legs very well, I like to chew my right front leg, I get horrible ear infections but you know what ? My Mum adores me and tries to make me feel better and my Dad zappies me with the laser too.

I couldn't walk very well when I arrived but now I love to be outside and I can waddle around the field and also I am starting to run a little bit down the hill is easier !

Mum has put me onto lots of meds and things to help me and gives me lots of cuddles cos I can have bad days with my legs

UPDATE 7/1/22

I have had my yakky ear sorted out by the lovely Jourdan who has given me lots of stuff to get on top of all the yakiness. I hope it feels better soon. I was a bit funny when i got home mum says cos i was still very sleepy

I am also losing weight, I had lost 6.6kg when I last got weighed on 16th Dec I feel so much better cos I too can now run



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This is Nimoy's story

I was 13 on 9th November

I am here at DAS cos I am not allowed in the house anymore and was living in shed

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I spent my first night here last night snuggled and snoring on a big quilt and I slept like a baby. I woke up once and barked and my Mum came to see me ... I gave her a HUGE smile... she cried and hugged me.

I keep going outside and standing out there asking to come in but Mum says I don't have to ask....this is my home now so I can go where I want to !

I'm a little bit skinny and have lumps and bumps,my leggies are a bit it weak but I've been outside in the yard and there's a field to play in I might be able to run in there soon.

I have poorly teefies and gums Mum says she's going to wear a gas mask for kisses but she's going to take me to the vets to see how I can be helped and for an MOT.

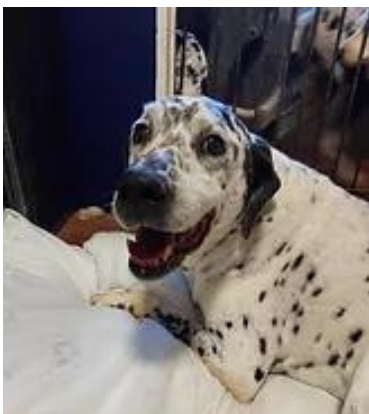
I am a very friendly boy and smile lots when you say my name.

I have lots of brothers and sisters now to play with and to sniff.....I think I'm going to like it here

UPDATE 01/01/2022

Nimoy is going to be having major dental work done on the 20th as most of his teefies are rotten.

Since he arrived on 7th December, this adorable old man has blossomed and loves nothing better than to be outside sniffing for bunnies in the field.... he can now run too !!



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Can you Help?

Do you know of a business who would like to sponsor one of 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 added to it all the time.

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Please contact us via email - info@dasdogs.co.uk

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Check out Sue's work in memorial ashes.

Also other ideas for gifts

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