



DAS Dalmatians Newsletter

May 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of the DAS
Newsletter

AT LAST!

You may have noticed that things have been quiet on the page lately and there have been references to lots going on! Well, there has been loads happening.....

It has been a MAMMOTH task with lots of stress but DAS have moved into their new home!



Samsung Quad Camera
DAS DALMATIANS SPOT CAM

I cannot begin to tell you the amount of work, hard graft and sleepless nights it has caused moving the dogs as well as everything else. DAS are now in East Anglia but as I am sure you will appreciate they will not be publicising the actual address as they want to keep everyone safe.

The dogs will take time to settle and get used to it all but they seem to have adapted well so far.

It has been more than a rollercoaster ride for Sue and Dave over the last 18 months or so, with finding places then failing through. It being so close and then it was all snatched away which is why they have not said anything until they actually got here.

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There inevitably had to be compromises made but thank goodness now things can delivered, no more floods when it rains, hopefully the roof wont blow off and the road is not a track.

However, it has not been a smooth transition, as always, things go wrong and of course they have.

Won't bore you with the details but Sue and Dave deserve a medal and a long holiday (if only) to recover.

I am sure you can appreciate that moving house is a massive thing when you can get a removal van to the property but imagine when you can't get one near.

With the added stress of moving the dogs etc etc. I could go on but I hope like me, you so happy that at last it has happened.

Hoping everything works out and that this will be a happy home, cos believe me **NO ONE** deserves it more.

Happy New Home



Congratulations



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Just want to add something from me personally in light of the move

Much of the time since the last newsletter has been spent looking for a place, whilst trying to make Fuzzy Butt Farm more habitable, 'just in case'.

I have been lucky enough to spend some time with Sue in East Anglia helping (or maybe hindering at times!) as Dave stays in Devon closing up the old place and making sure everything is in the storage unit ready to move up here.... it took 3 loads with another one waiting to be collected when they can afford it.

It is abundantly clear that the dogs absolutely adore her, she moves - they move - like the piper but with dogs! They want to be with her wherever she is.

Yes, sometimes she shouts and swears but I have to admit that at times they would test the patience of a saint but she loves them all so much.

These dogs who have been let down by others, abused or elderly and abandoned are living their best life here, have truly hit the jackpot with Sue and Dave.

DAS Dogs have love and care in abundance.

I am in awe of their dedication and have no idea how they do it! This is why I continue to help with fundraising so that they can continue to do what they do.

However I could not do it without you who continue to support, even in the toughest times.

Thank you so much.

Shirley

PYG



My name is Pyg and I am a little pocket rocket!
Named because I am tiny compared to most Dalmatians.

My full name is Pygmy but it gets shortened to Pyg.

I am about 10/11 years old and had lots of puppies I can't remember how many but i think a lot.

I went to live with a family but then they got two puppies and we didn't get on, so here I am at DAS.

When I arrived I was covered in bites and I cower if anyone raises a hand.

I might be little but my mum says I am so noisy, I pack a lot of barks into a minute!

I get on with the spotties here and me and Bennknee the Dane Poopy are very good friends and play together - he can be a nuisance at times though and doesn't know where his off switch is. My other best friend is Bagel the Great Dane.

I am available to sponsor if you would like to help care for me

You can download the form here on the website

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

SPOTLIGHT ON A SPOT

MOuse



I am the Pin Up boy for DAS.

The mascot and that's a big responsibility!

I am 8 years old and deaf but I know what's going on don't you worry.

I didn't have a good life before Mum and Dad. I was passed around and then locked in a garage cos they thought I was naughty but I couldn't hear what they were saying.

So mum picked me up and I squeaked in her ear all the way home hence my name MOuse.

I am also an epileptic now too. I just suddenly had a fit on my 6th birthday. Mum gives me medicine and I have been fit free for a while now.

A few years ago I went to London with Mum and Dad to model some very expensive jewellery. My brother Haribo came with me and we had a lovely time. I miss him now he is at Rainbow Bridge.

We both had several thousand pounds around our necks. It was fun but I much prefer my collar !



My epilepsy medicine is expensive and costs a lot but of course I have to have it to survive.

I love a cuddle as you can see, I am sat on Dad's knee. I am a cheeky boy but I do understand my Mum and Dad's hand signals.

If you would help to care for me and help towards my medicines please download the sponsor form:

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HAPPY ENDINGS

We adopted Dorothy from DAS in Dec 2020.

We first met her in a service station car park where it was pouring with rain.

Dorothy is my 4th Dalmatian. She is an attention seeker, a blanket destroyer and a thief. She is very affectionate and she follows me everywhere.

When she arrived she didn't like wet grass. We were surrounded by fields so she had to get over that. She still doesn't like rain so we've had to buy her a coat.

Unfortunately my husband, Kev has found out that he's allergic to her, he comes out in hives when he touches her, so he went to see the Doctor. The Doctor said he'd prescribe some tablets for him, but he said "You know what to do really if you know what's causing it." Kev said "Yes my wife has suggested that I move out!"



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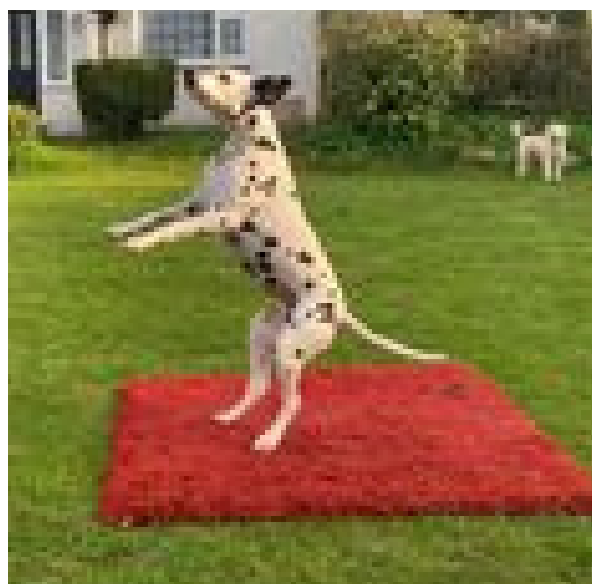
We moved house in September and now Dorothy has a nice big garden to play in and we are just 10 mins away from the beach, so she goes there every week for a run with our other dogs. On 4 Dec (2 years to the day that she came to live with us) we took the dogs to the beach.

Dorothy likes to chase our other dog (Boris), and she was doing this at full speed and I only took my eyes off them for a moment, just to take a photo and the next thing I knew was when she crashed into the side of my leg and Kev said he heard it crack!

Dorothy had fractured my tibia and I've been on crutches until recently. Dorothy didn't care about any of this of course as Kev just took the dogs out for walks instead of me.

Dorothy (or the leg breaker) as my friends call her, is such a character, she's so beautiful and she smiles at our visitors.

Thank you DAS, we love her!

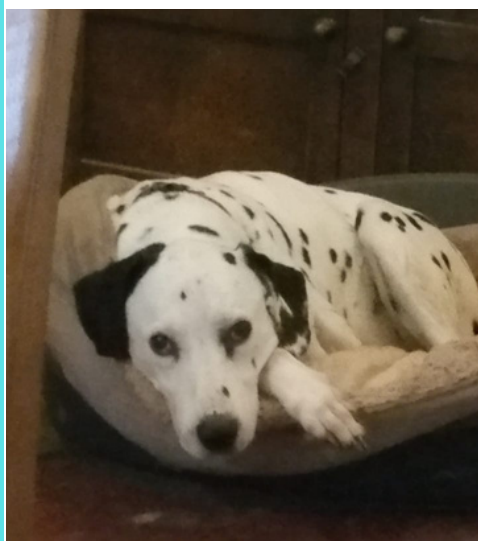


Not so happy endings



Since the last newsletter several adopted DAS dogs have crossed the bridge. Its always heartbreaking to hear when this happens and our love and thoughts go out to all those who have loved and lost their spotties. We are forever grateful to you for caring and loving these amazing dogs

There have been too many dogs lost at DAS recently. Some were Sanctuary dogs and some were Sue and Daves' beautiful Danes. All leave a huge hole and many, many tears are shed.



Zakky Age 14
14 July, 2022
Died in his sleep

Brother and Sister Together again

Zena Age 14
Died 20 January 2023
Doggie dementia and losing
the use of back legs



Domino aka Dominob
Age 11
Degenerative Myelopathy
finally took his mobility



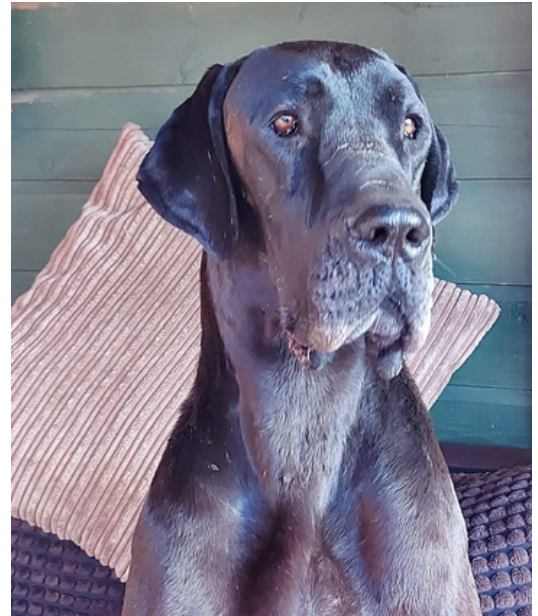
Biscuit Age 12
Died 11 March 2023
Died in his sleep from heart
failure which was diagnosed
5 months earlier.
Medication gave him a few
extra months



Bree

Died 31 December 2022

'Mummy' Bree as she was known because she looked after all the new kids.



BamBee

Died 5 January 2023

Still only a baby when cancer claimed her life



Donkey

Died 15 April 2023

Another who succumbed to cancer
Uncle to Berrie and friend to Luca

We know that many who support DAS have also lost their kids too.
We all share the sadness and understand what it is like to have that huge hole in our hearts. Love to you all

*We may not be together, in the way we used to be,
But we are still connected by a cord no eye can see
So, whenever you need to find me, we're never far apart,
If you look beyond the horizon, and listen with your heart.*

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Joining the rest of the gang at DAS

Meria



Despite saying no more dogs from foreign lands Mum fell in love with me and agreed to help me. All was not quite as it seemed though and Mum wrote this soon after I arrived

"For the first 10 days of Meria being here, we thought that we would find her dead, she was so poorly and diagnosed by our vets as having salmonella but despite the odds being stacked against her, she has survived and is such a beautiful cheeky girl who is glued to my side and loves her cuddles.

It only took me a few hours to realise she is deaf. She has gained weight, her fur is growing back and she is going to be spayed on 21st September, have her nails cut back and cauterised, have the large skin tag removed and her ear washed out.

We utterly adore her and like the rest of the kids, she will spend the rest of her days being loved and looked after by us"

Despite sometimes being a grumbly old lass, Meria is so cheeky and always around for a little titbit from human meal plates!



Molly and Lois

Molly and Lois are Mum and Daughter. Molly is now 13 and Lois is 10.

Both are deaf.

They were adopted 3 years ago from DAS but returned when their family moved to Europe and did not take them.

They are very bonded as you can imagine and have never been apart.

Lois is very protective of her Mum but it is hoped she will make other friends at DAS so she will be less reliant on Mum.

They are settling in well at the new place and making friends which is very encouraging.... Lois loves to play with Pyg and has been seen shaking her booty at Snogga !



FUN FACT

Did you know that when a dog drinks, the tongue curls under? I always thought they scooped it on their tongue and pulled it upwards but in reality it is much different.

Check out this slow motion video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OteZsLnqWLE>



Maybe that's why some make a real old mess when drinking



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FUN AND LOVE AT DAS



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Can you help us?

Did you know that there is a fundraising page on facebook?

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DAS101>

Here you can find details of our weekly draw aka Saturday Spot

1st prize is £65

2nd up to £35 (depending on numbers sold)

If you would like a number every week let us know - info@dasdogs.co.uk

We hold a weekly raffle or Woof as we like to call it!

Monthly auction of spotty and none spotty items - last Friday of the month

We do hold larger raffles sometimes for bigger items which last a month or until all numbers are sold

Fundraising ideas are always welcome. If you have any different fundraising ideas, please email info@dasdogs.co.uk

Other ways you can help

Do you have any items to donate for the auctions?

If so then please contact Shirley or email info@dasdogs.co.uk

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

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

you can find the information on how to here -

<https://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/join-easyfundraising>

Would you like to sponsor a spot?

Help care for one of our sanctuary dogs. Information is available on the website on each dog. Just click the slides for information on each dog. Young and oldies!

or

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

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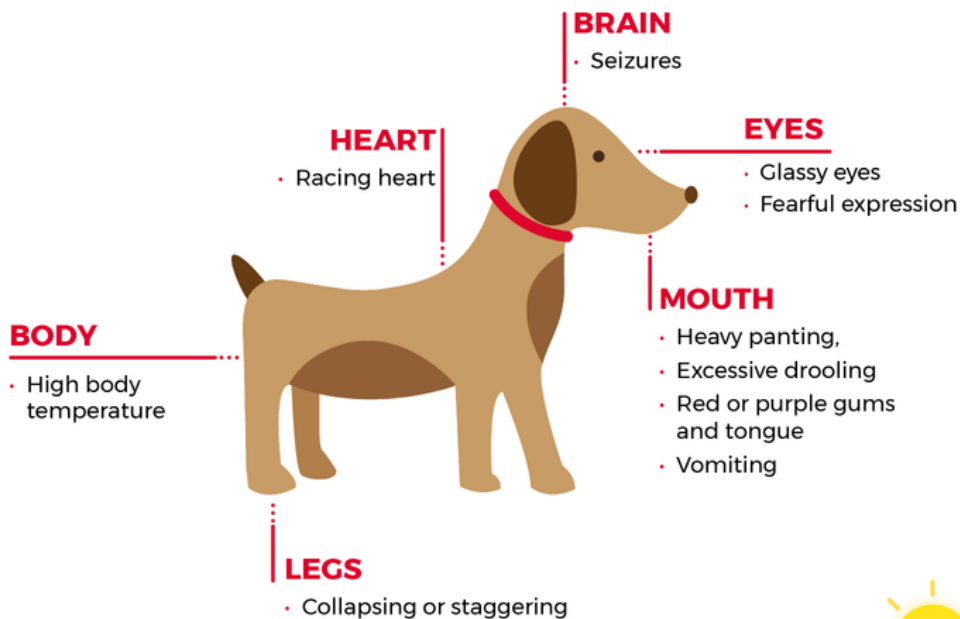
Take a look at our Spotty Shop - not everything is spotty but items are being adding to it all the time. T shirts and Hoodies and more

www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/spotty-shop

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

As summer approaches.....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.
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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

A note from Sue

Where to start ?

The last few months have been quite horrendous losing our much loved kids and then added to that was the stress of the logistics of moving plus Dave still working and us trying to live a "normal life".... how we have not killed each other is a miracle !!

Then selling items on Facebook nearly tipped me over the edge.... if you've never done it, then don't !

Dave has done over 400 miles, painstakingly taking things to the storage unit so that the removals could collect it literally hundreds of times up and down that damn track after loading the car.

Everything he moved on his own cos despite me asking for help at the place, no one answered our plea ... can you imagine how the hell he got that giant dog washer out, moved through the gate, lifted into the car boot and the process reversed at the storage unit ?? No ? Me neither but he knew he had to do it along with everything else.

Dave spent 5 days here at the start of April overseeing the fencing being done and also trying to kill himself helping while sorting odd jobs out.

It didn't help by him breaking down on the way here and then the RAC lost our car for 3 weeks ... luckily they paid for a taxi for him to get here and the driver helped him unload and load into his vehicle.....he finally got here at 3am, exhausted and very ratty Dave turns into Joan Collins like the Snickers advert when he's hungry

His first day was spent handballing a pallet of dog food that was delivered and walking backwards and forwards to a local DIY store as he had no car for things him and the fencers needed ... I had specific requirements with the fencing ... it had to be Spider proof
!!

I then left on the 11th bringing BennKnee and Pyg with me plus a car load of stuff lots of music to sing along to made the 6 hour drive more bearable.

Finding out how things worked has been fun as we've not had an 'induction' to the house and the heating still is not working though the Aga is now lit hopefully it may be working next week it's a good job the weather is getting warmer and Dave bought more mobile oil radiators.

The kids arrived in batches though losing 3 of them since making my moving plan reduced the number of trips to 4 not 5 David at Elite pet Transport was a star !!
(it was him that brought Tatty, the other 2 spotties and Snogga to us 4 years ago)

Thankfully Aunty Shirley came to the rescue and believe me, I could not have done this without her help trying to get them all into a new feeding routine in a new house has been quite horrendous but I am so lucky that the kids are so good even though I have been teaching them new 'words' apart from waking up at crack of sparrow at 5am every day as we don't live in a dark cave anymore, they have been fabulous....then they all go back to sleep and I'm left like a lemon waiting for feeding time to arrive being tired is hard work !!

Dave had to stay in Devon to finish emptying and sorting the cave out but is now here with us.

The kids all have 'new' free sofa's and thanks to those of you who donated, they are going to have new waterproof beds (less washing and drying for me to do)

The new Hoover has just arrived too ... thank you !

We have a lot less land here which is great for me as I don't have to keep acres cut anymore and it is flat !

The kids are not allowed in the house which is fine by us as they have the sun room, 2 corridors filled with their leather sofas, a huge insulated garage and other rooms outside to use it'll take a while to get sorted but we will get there.

NO MORE RED MUD !

NO MORE FLOODING !

NO MORE DAMAGING OUR CARS !

NO MORE STEEP LAND !

NO MORE LOSING THE ROOF !

NO MORE WORRYING IF WE CAN GET IN AND OUT OF THE TRACK !

WE FINALLY CAN HAVE DELIVERIES AND THE POSTMAN IS CALLED DAVE !

Without the help of Shirley and her hubby Garry who went to Devon the help Dave for 3 days, we could not have made this move.

Without selling a lot of what we owned, we could not have afforded to do this.

Without Sue Beech paying for the storage unit for the last few months, we could not have done this.

Without all of you who support us and donate to us, we could not have done this.

I do not want to have to go through this again in a hurry

The saddest thing of all was that I could not be there with Donkey when he went to sleep but we had lots of cuddles and kisses before I left and he is now home again with us

Happy New Home to us and thank you all xxx

