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Welcome to the latest edition of the DAS Newsletter

FANCY A CHALLENGE?

The last DAS newsletter saw Nick and Tracey successfully complete the National Three Peaks Challenge in 24 hours and raise much need funds for DAS

This newsletter sees Martin Smith and Jon Grant (Team The Misfits) complete The Banchory Beast Race, over 10km and with 25 obstacles to endure. They completed it in 1hr 40 mins and they raised £260 for DAS. Looking at the photos seems like they had a dry day to start their quest which was over rough Scottish terrain in Aberdeenshire. During the race they were blasted with icy water, had to carry a 20kg sandbag up a steep hill, crawl through a swamp, scarmble over cargo nets in a forest and crawl under rows of barbed wire - to name but a few. Thank you so much Martin and Jon and I can't believe you are thinking of doing it all again next year!!! THANK YOU



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K9 Trail Sports Virtual Races

Thank you K9 Trail Sport for choosing DAS as their benefactor for September Virtual Races. The total is not in yet but many took part in the event.

It works by paying a set amount to take part, with 20% being donated to the cause chosen. You are sent a 'bib' with your number and the medal as seen below. You are able to do the race/scoot/walk whenever you want in the month and then send in proof that you have completed it. Distances are varied and participants can choose how far they want to go. I was even enticed to leave the sofa and complete it!

Thank you to all who took part, more can be seen https://www.facebook.com/groups/k9trailsports/



Leanne Lampard with Lexi and Elle Lexi (adopted DAS dog) and Elle her on their run



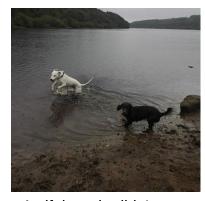
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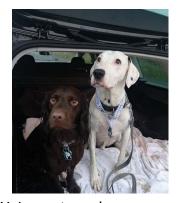
They look like they run often enjoying life!



Shirley & daughter Rae with Jack & Zilean the cocker spaniel



As if the rain didn't wet them enough!!!



We're wet, we have our medals can we go home now?



Amanda Doyle and Digby ran their race in Ireland



Come on mum whatcha doing?



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What's been happening at DAS since the last newsletter

- DAS Dalmatians have rehomed 6 dogs since the last newsletter, photographs of these lucky spots are further on in the newsletter
- A New Website has been launched. We welcome feedback on that
- A new logo has also been designed featuring the gorgeously handsome MOuse ... thankyou to Sarah for her amazing talent
- The DAS Dalmatians 2020 calendar is now 3/4 sold so ifyou want one, please order beofre they sell out. This year the calendar is full of Rainbow Bridge Dalmatians, lots of tears but lots of happy memories contained in it. If you haven't already ordered one, you can do so by sending £10.50, which includes postage, via paypal using friends and family option please and writing Calendar with your address in the notes box. Please remember your address or we will not know where to send it:)
- Many people have sent old mobiles, stamps only with other items for our recycling bag. Thank you so much. If anyone has anything they would like to send, please do so.
- Sue and Dave have been recovering from a doggy related incident which saw them both injured. Thankfully they are recovering.
- The vet bill has been well over £1000 in the last month, donations and fundraising have helped with the payments, so a MASSIVE thank you to all who helped.
- Christmas is coming so watch out on the fundraising page for stocking fillers and spotty items
- September has been a hard month at DASVILLE. Not only has it been the anniversaries of losing Floyd and PJ but Sue and Dave have had to say goodbye to EC their beloved Spanish lady who was one of the first Dalmatians to come over from Spain 4 years ago. She had been a street dog there but came to Sue and Dave and knew real love for the last years of her life. She was a few weeks from her 17th birthday Run Free EC, you will be missed forever. xxxx

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NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED



New website in now live. www.dasdalmatians.co.uk

Comments and feedback are welcomed and anything you think would be a good addition to the site. Hopefully, things are a little clearer about how DAS works and its more informative and interesting

Plan is for a shop to be added in the near future - its a work in progress!!

We have added a Precious Memories page, where our Rainbow Dogs can be remembered. Please take a look. There has been a lot of tears shed about this page so have a tissue ready!

If you would like your beloved dog adding to the page for a donation of £10. Please send a photograph to spotsfundraising@gmail.com with the name of your dog and whatever else you would like putting on the memorial under the name. There is room for a couple of lines or so. Please make your donation of £10 using the button at the top of the website page and mark it Precious Memories. Donations will go towards supporting current DAS dogs. Your dog doesn't need to be a Dalmatian, any dog can be added.

Remembering all our Rainbow dogs with love and precious memories.

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Fostering a Spot

Do you have what it takes to be a foster carer?

Can you love, help and let go a dog that needs help?

Do you have time to spare and not work full time?

Our foster carers are such an important part of what we do but as they are so wonderful, they have all failed and adopted the dogs they were fostering!!

You may need to take a dog in at short notice and help transport it to your home if you are in the dog's area

You may have the dog for days, weeks or even months

We offer a full support and back up system and are fully insured

You can live anywhere in the UK from Lands End to John O'Groats and everywhere in between !!!!

If you have what it takes to nurture and watch a spotty botty go to it's furever home, then we need you

Please e mail: info@dasdogs.co.uk for an application form

Thank you

PETITION FOR SCANNING ALL DOGS

If you haven't already done so, please sign

https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/266835



Petitions

UK Government and Parliament

Petition

Make vet best practice measures mandatory & honour dual microchip registration.

A young rescue dog had full rescue back up but despite this he was euthanised by an individual who was not registered on his microchip, which did have back up contact details. We request changes that acknowledge that had his microchip been scanned he would have been returned to his back up rescue.

DAS has been in this position where one of our adopted dogs was taken to a vet and euthanised the vet never checked the chip and we are still registered on it the dog would still be alive now if they had as it would have come back to us All chips should be checked by all vets when a dog is taken to be euthanised but sadly it is not happening

PLEASE SUPPORT #TUKSLAW Sign my petition



Tuk (pictured) was just 18 months old when he was euthanised. Due to a failure in the system that should have protected him, no-one scanned his microchip and because of this. Tuk lost his life.



https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/266835

7,000 signatures

Canine Arthritis

Arthritis (osteoarthritis – OA) is the most common cause of chronic pain in dogs. It affects 4 out of 5 older dogs. It is a disabling, non-curable, and progressive disease which initially focuses on moving joints but eventually affects the whole dog and is a major cause of euthanasia due to loss of quality of life Its progression can be described as -

- Degeneration of the normal structures within the joint.
- Pain causes reduced movement of the joint and limb
- · Surrounding muscles, tendons and ligaments become weak
- The body compensates elsewhere which causes more pain
- The brain becomes more aware of the constant pain and magnifies it

Often considered a disease of the elderly, its prevalence does increases with age, however it can affect dogs as young as one year old.

Its important to recognise the signs that may be present if you think your dog has arthritis. Signs can be different in each dog - short lived enthusiasm when exercising, scuffing of pads or dragging feet when walking, difficulty getting up and down and even toileting on the move.

Arthritis is not curable and all treatment options are aimed at managing the problem. There will be disease progression though hopefully slower with treatent but it is important to modify treatment if necessary. Often there is no one treatment that will help but a mix of different options.

There are some simple things that can help -

Keeping your dog at an optimum weight, avoiding weight gain as this can only increase the work of the joints

if you have slippery floors, rugs can help, as they will stop the dog slipping and therefore avoid any injury or deterioration in condition

Avoid excessive exercise or rough terrain

Keep your dog warm with a good coat as temperature can exacerbate the condition. Get them to sleep in their own bed not on the cold floor and avoid drafts.

Some DAS dogs have specific treatment which help, such as laser therapy and/or hydrotherapy. Soeak to your vet about the treatments if you need to

THIS INFORMATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT https://caninearthritis.co.uk

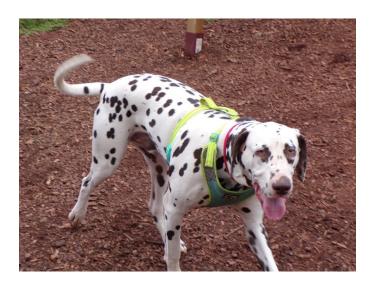


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SUCCESS STORIES

DALMATIANS THAT HAVE FOUND THEIR FURVER HOME SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

These gorgeous spotties have found their furever home Also rehomed 2 failed fosters!



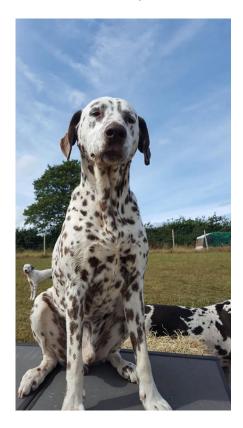
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Molly



Prince QuinGU Branston
Pickle III

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TRAINING YOUR DOG

Thank you to Deb Arrowsmith for these training tips
As with all dogs, these tips may work with some and not others!

If training to heel and treating, feed from the hand the side the dog is on or else they will come across your body for the treat and out of heel.

A front leader harness is better than back clip harness. If dogs are not food orientated, try a toy but only use it for training, so similar to high value treat, it only gets awarded for training. Some dogs who aren't food orientated may respond to squeaker out of a toy (my girl loves a squeaker and will come for it every time). Cream cheese from the tube is also great for keeping focus on you, if out and about. A Snuffle mat or ball is great for brain draining before training, gives my two more focus. Don't train for longer than 10 minute bouts, then give some fun activity.

I have a reactive boy and I used to have him sit if walking and another dog approached, I used to block his view (he could still smell a dog walk past). If no reaction he got a treat, if any reaction he was just walked on. After blocking I went to half block then full view while sitting or standing calmly. He now looks at me when there is a dog and he is on lead for his treat, his focus is on me not other dog. Different story if off lead!

Stick to one word for a command. If you change words or different family members use different words, it will get confusing.

Walking calmly on a lead for me was: change direction and go back the way we came, it takes a long time if the dog is older and much easier to train a pup this way. I had one I did this with who was older and he got wise so if I reversed direction he sat and refused to move

Dont keep repeating a word for a command, ask the dog to do it once. If starting with a pup (or older dog who has had no or little training) they will need to be shown how to do what you are asking. Using a treat hold it in front of dogs nose then raise it slightly and put it towards the back of dogs head so they follow the treat, some dogs will sit others will stand and move back if they move back start again, if they sit say sit as their bum touches floor. If you keep saying sit and they don't know what you are asking or just don't do it, you are teaching them SIT means stand there and look at you . Say the command as they do the action.



CHEDDAR & ROSEMARY BITES

Ingredients

225g Coconut/rice flour
50g Grated cheddar
cheese
120ml Unsweetend Almond
milk
1 tsp Rosemary

Method

Mix together all
ingredients until forms a soft
dough
Knead on floured surface until
smooth, roll out to 7mm thick
Cut out biscuits
shapes, place onto lined baking
tray and bake for around 25-30
mins until crisp
and golden
Allow to cool



GINGERBREAD

Ingredients

· 3 cups whole wheat flour (or

wheat-free flour for dogs with wheat allergies)
2 tbsp ground ginger
1 tsp ground cinnamon (keep this to a minimum as too much can lead to mouth blisters!).

1/2 tsp ground cloves (Please do NOT substitute this for garlic as this is toxic to dogs).

1/2 cup runny honey or molasses 1/2 cup warm water 1/4 cup light olive oil or flaxseed oil

Method

Mix together the flour, ginger, cinnamon and cloves.
In a small bowl stir together the honey, water and oil and then add to flour
Roll out the dough on floured surface to about 12mm thickness,
Cut into shapes.

Cut out biscuits shapes, place onto lined baking tray and bake for around 20 mins until crisp and golden

Allow to cool

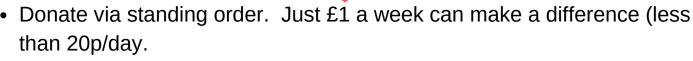












Bank Account details - TSB Sort Code 77-26-17 Acc 23149968

- Sponsor Our Spots if you can't adopt please consider sponsoring one of the permanent DAS dogs from just £5 a month. Currently Fido doesnt have a sponsor. He is a lovely boy and wonders why? https://www.dasdalmatians.co.uk/sponsor-our-spots
- Join https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dasuk1. It costs you
 nothing and DAS benefits by a donation on what you spend. Donations on
 mobiles, car and home insurance too. Amazon, Ebay. Great way to raise
 money. We are registered on Amazon Smile too.
- Join our fundraising page on facebook for raffles, auction and weekly draw You can have a regular number every week, pay monthly and a reminder will be sent when next payment is due if you wish to continue
- If you know a business that would like to help by donating an item or having a themed day/swear box/fundraiser that would be amazing
- Do you know anyone famous who would be interested in helping? Please let us know.

email - info@dasdogs.co.uk or spotfundraising@gmail.com

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DAS Dalmatians has registered with Recycling for Good Causes Making money from broken and unwanted items

You can donate all your broken and unwanted jewellery to raise money for DAS Dalmatians
If you have any gold, silver, odd earrings, broken chains, costume jewellery and watches, you can recycle
them at no cost to you whilst making money for us

Any jewellery – gold, silver, costume jewellery, watches, broken and damaged items (like odd earrings, snapped chains or items with missing stones).

You can donate any unwanted banknotes from **ANY** country of any age, so all of those obsolete pre-euro notes are a perfect start!

Our partners at Recycling for Good Causes will reuse and recycle the jewellery and Banknotes, giving the proceeds to DAS Dalmatians, saving precious raw materials at the same time.









PLEASE SEND ANY ITEMS TO

Shirley Plummer, 3 Park St, Brighouse HD6 1AD

These will be collected and placed in a sack for free collection when the sack is full Examples of items that can be recycled are included on the pictures.

If you have any questions please contact Recycling for Good Causes directly on Tel 0800 633 5323

Email: info@recyclingforgoodcauses.org

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