

Hilbrae News



Welcome.....

Hi it's Vincent here....

Did you know we had a polar bear in the woods recently? I couldn't believe it either. I know it's been a bit cold recently but really a polar bear!

Turns out it was just Dottie doing her impression of one (which was very good). She is still waiting for her forever home just like me

If you're feeling really kind you could always come and walk us (separately) and have a cuddle. maybe even fall in love with us and take one of us home.

We love having visitors as it can be a bit lonely here in kennels

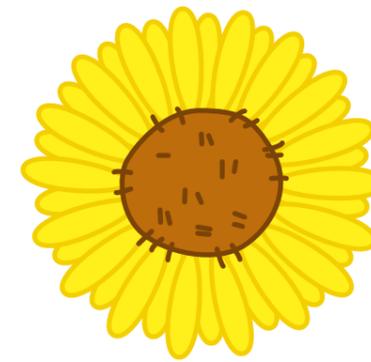
In the meantime if you want to keep updated on what I'm up to with my pals Brendan and Mabel then you can find us on [Bulleys Blog](#) on facebook



New Kennels Campaign Update

Thanks to our awesome supporters and help from Bulley's win (see last issue) we are roughly half way to reaching our total of £20000 to rebuild the main kennel block

We still need to raise the last £10000 so if you would like to help us by making a donation or doing some fundraising for us we would be very grateful. Please check out page 15/19 for more details



Bulley's Blog was a whole year old on the 25th August. It was originally set up to help Bulley find a home after all those years in our kennels. As Bulley now has a fantastic home he left the blog for some of the other homeless dogs to take over.

If you've never had a look you really are missing out. Find it on facebook by

clicking [here](#)

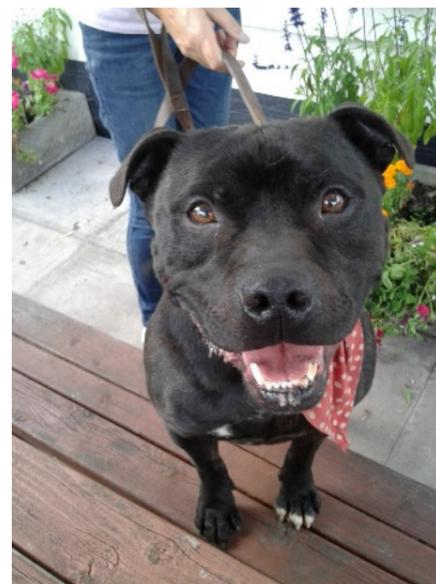


We need your input...

Rescuing a dog from kennels isn't always easy. Although some dogs may fit in straight away as if they are part of the furniture, others may have issues adjusting to living in a home

We are looking for people who have come up against issues with their new four pawed friend and how they dealt with it or found a solution

If this applies to you and your hound then please get in touch and we will feature the problems and possible solutions within the newsletter



Brendan's Big Move

Brendan has kindly been taken by Dogs Trust Essex in a bid to help find him a new home.

Along with Bench, Lacey, Mr T, Bibi, Jester, Diego and Lenny, Brendan will hopefully soon find his new forever family. In a new part of the country

We will miss them all terribly but the dogs have to come first and we want them to find homes asap.

We will keep in touch and let you know how they are getting on

Good Luck



Hilbrae Rescue
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Rehoming Policy

We keep our procedures as simple as possible but aim to match the right dog to the right home based on our years of experience and discussion with potential owners.

We do not home to flats, or houses without gardens and as a general rule we do not home small puppies, guard or bull breeds to families with children under 5. We do not home dogs to homes where someone is pregnant or where anyone has a known allergy to pet hair.

Not all dogs are suitable for all homes and we expect visitors to listen to advice. We guarantee to take back any dog that proves to be unsuitable but expect new owners to give the dog a reasonable period of time to settle and adjust to its new life.

We warn owners that there may be problems of various sorts during the first few weeks



Although all dogs are given booster jabs, we can not guarantee the general health of any dog. Therefore, anyone taking on a rescue dog, takes on the responsibility for the cost of any veterinary treatment which may become necessary in the future



Adoption fees

We ask for a minimum donation for all our dogs, they are as follows:

Pedigree dogs: £100

Mongrels and Crossbreeds: £85

Young Pups: £100

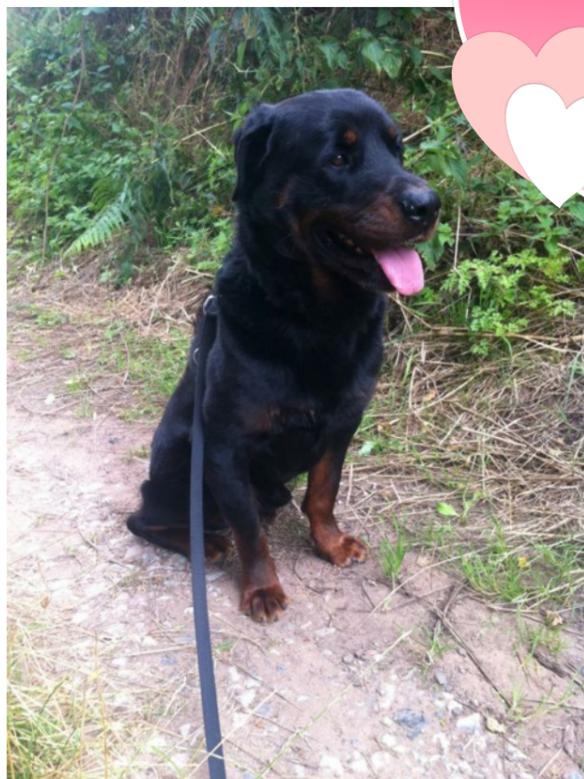
All adult dogs have been given booster jabs.

All puppies have had their 1st vaccination or both.

All dogs are micro-chipped and will have a tag engraved with new owner's details

Please note that donations pay for the upkeep of all the dogs and are therefore non refundable



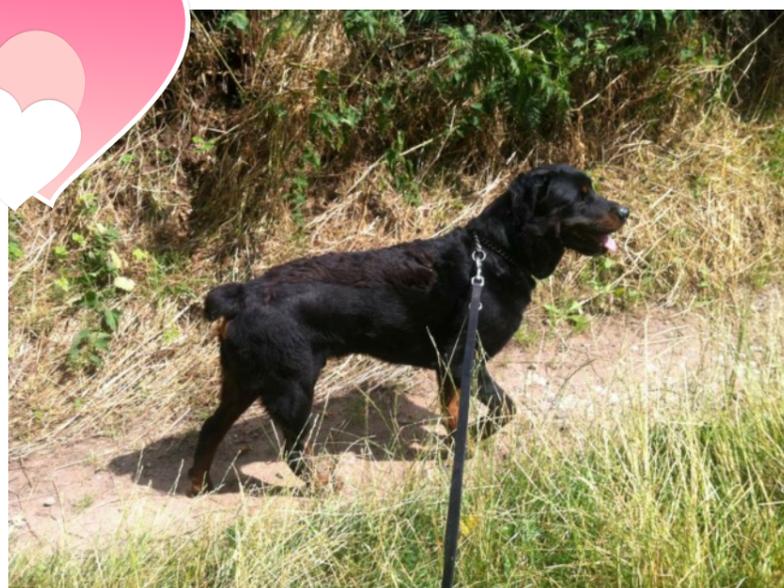


SPECIAL EXPERIENCED HOME NEEDED ASAP

Walter and Womble arrived together as strays in poor condition. they are both mature Rotties. Womble has something called Wobblers which means he is quite wobbly on his legs and occasionally falls over. he is not in any pain.

We are not sure how much longer he has but we would love to find this pair a home where they could find out what love is before Womble's condition gets too bad. Womble's vet fees will be covered by us but at the moment he isn't on any medication.

Neither of them are bothered by cats and walk past other dogs nicely on the lead. Ideally they need a quiet home without children. they love plodding around in our wood so maybe they would suit a farm lifestyle where they can mooch and do their own thing but have a warm bed for the night. If you think you can help and have experience with Rottweilers please give us a call on 01952 541254.



Lost your Dog?

If the worst should happen and you have lost your dog your first point of contact should be your local Dog Warden.

A list of contact numbers for Dog Wardens can be found [here](#)

You will need to give them your details along with a description of your dog and where and when it went missing.

You should then contact your local stray dog pound and again give your details and description of your dog along with where and when it went missing.

You could also try your local vets to see if they have been handed in there.



The police no longer deal with stray dogs and your dog should wear a collar and tag at all times. It will soon be a legal requirement for your dog to be micro-chipped so please make sure if it is that your details are current. So many dogs that come in to Hilbrae are chipped but have out of date details.

Found A Dog?

If the dog has a collar check for a name and address. If there is a tag saying the dog is chipped you can take it to a vet who can scan the chip and contact the owner or the Dog warden.

No tag? Check with the Dog Warden to see if the dog has been reported missing. The Dog Warden should come and collect the dog or you can take it to your local pound (during opening hours)

Don't keep it, even if it has no collar or tag as it may be a desperately missed pet..



Max and Sasha



These 2 gorgeous staffies are Max and Sasha. They were recently dumped by their owners after spending all their lives with them.

Max is 13 years old and Sasha is 15 years old

They love lots of cuddles and going for a run in the paddock.

Fine with children, cats and with other dogs.

These 2 really deserve a home together where they will be safe and loved.

This pair are also being promoted by the Senior Staffy Club

If you are interested in Max and Sasha please call the Hilbrae staff on 01952 541254 or come visit them any day between 1230 and 430 pm





Nushka

Sadly Nushka passed over rainbow bridge before we had finished producing the newsletter

She had kidney failure and although the vets did everything they could, the nicest thing we could do was let her go peacefully



Run free Sweetheart..



Etta

This happy staffy is the lovely Etta

Etta is believed to be between the age of 3-5 years old.

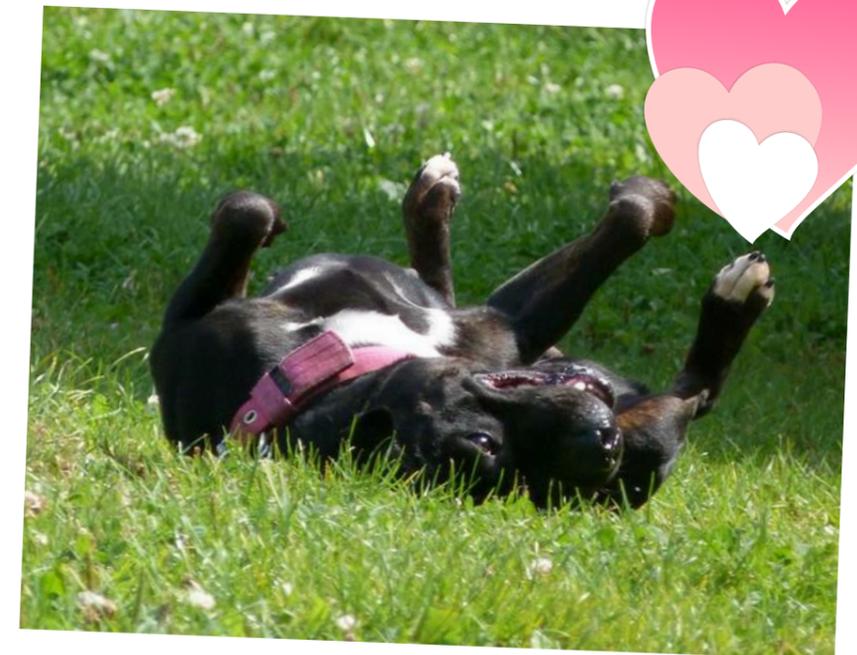
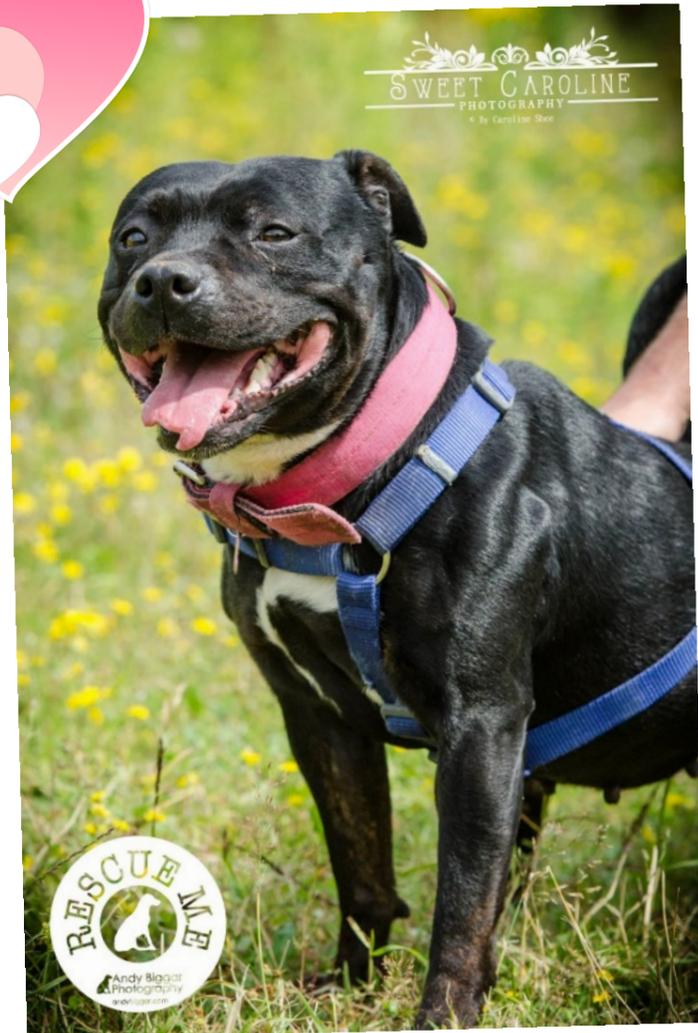
She is very loving and loves her walks

Etta needs to be the only pet in the home as she is not good with cats or dogs.

Also needs to be an adult only home as she is unsure around children.

Can be left for short periods but ideally someone needs to be home most of the time

If you are interested in Etta, please call the Hilbrae staff on 01952 541254 or come visit her any day between 1230 and 430 pm



Mabel



Mabel is approx 6-7 years. She's been at Hilbrae ages!

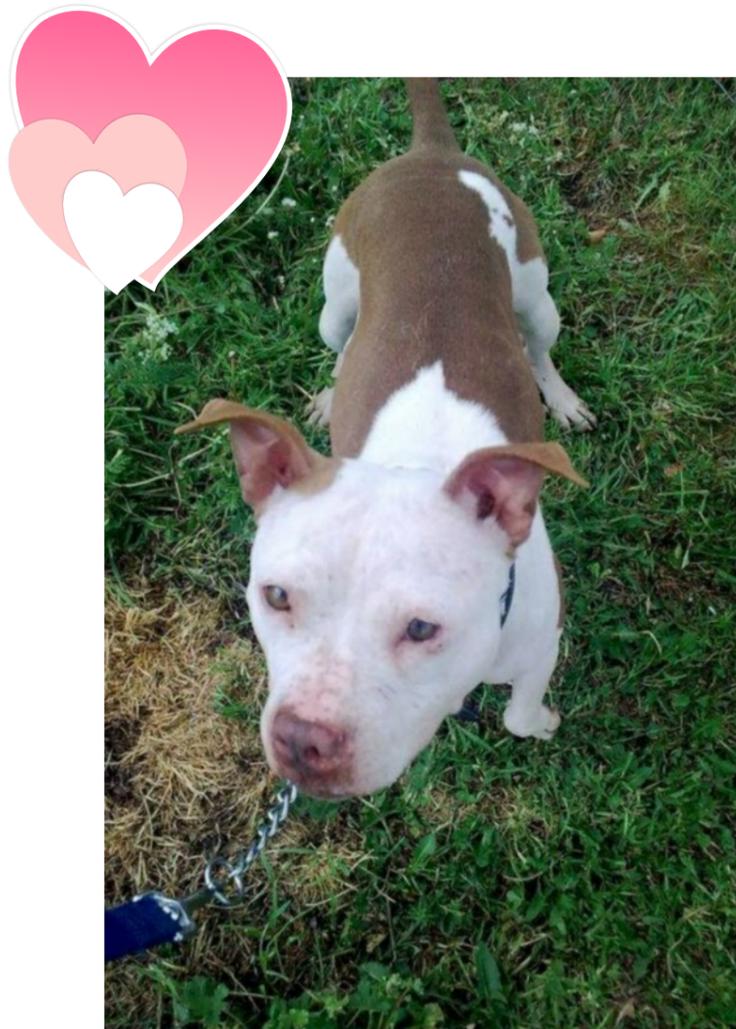
She's not good with other dogs or cats so needs to be the only pet. Very sweet natured. ok with older kids.

Spotless in her kennel.

Mabel desperately needs a home for herself where she will get lots of love, cuddles and attention.

She loves her toys and running around in the paddock.

If you are interested in Mabel please call the Hilbrae staff on 01952 541254 or come visit her any day between 1230 and 430 pm



Baxter



This big gorgeous boy is Baxter a brindle mastiff - cross

.He's a big teddy bear- loves a cuddle .
Strong on a lead and has to be the only pet in
the house . No cats or dogs.

He needs a strong owner as he's a big lad

Plays fetch with his rope toy and loves to run
around. He doesn't bother about the donkeys in
our field

So gentle when taking treats from your hand.

If you are interested in Baxter please call the
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Sophie

Needs a Special Home

Sophie is a Tri colour collie cross bitch.

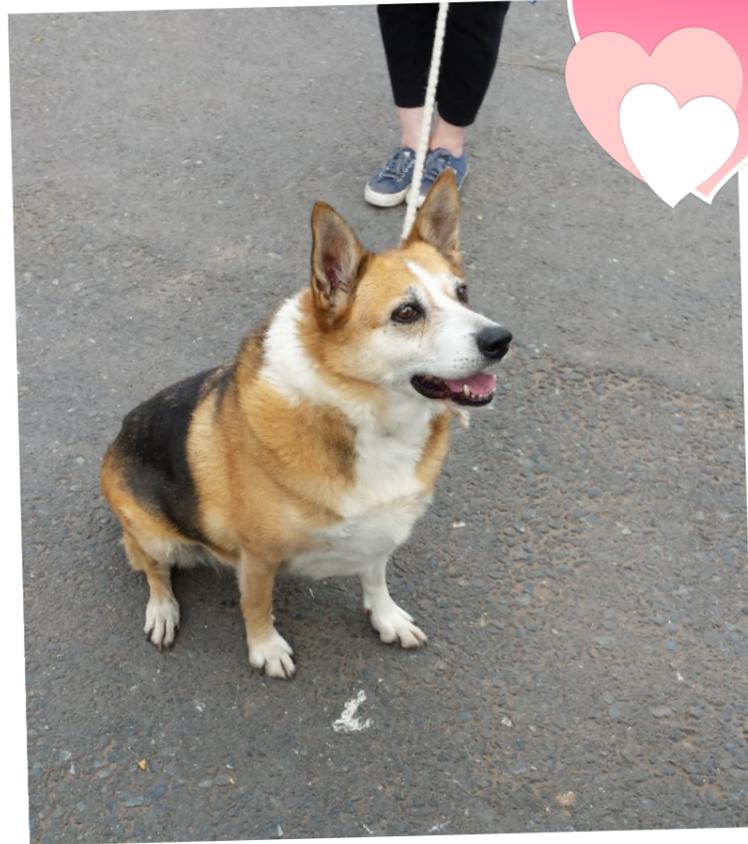
She is a slightly more mature girl.

Looks very sweet and majority of the time is, but when she goes into a home becomes naughty and dominant

She really needs an experienced owner or to live on a farm where she can be left to more of her own devices.

She is good with other dogs. not sure about cats.

If you are interested in Sophie please call the Hilbrae staff on 01952 541254 or come visit her any day between 1230 and 430 pm



Shannon

This beautiful girl is Shannon

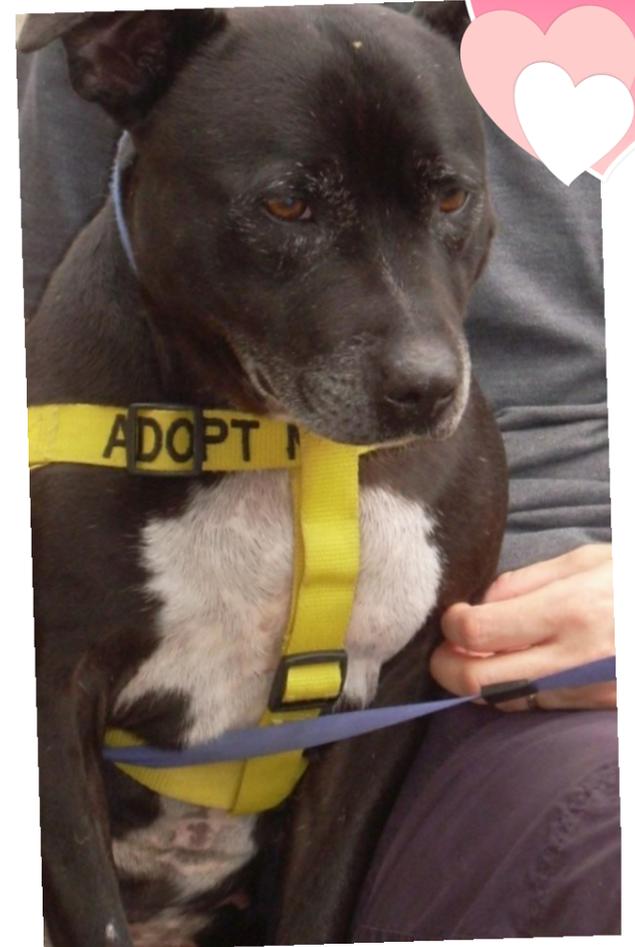
Approx 8 years old

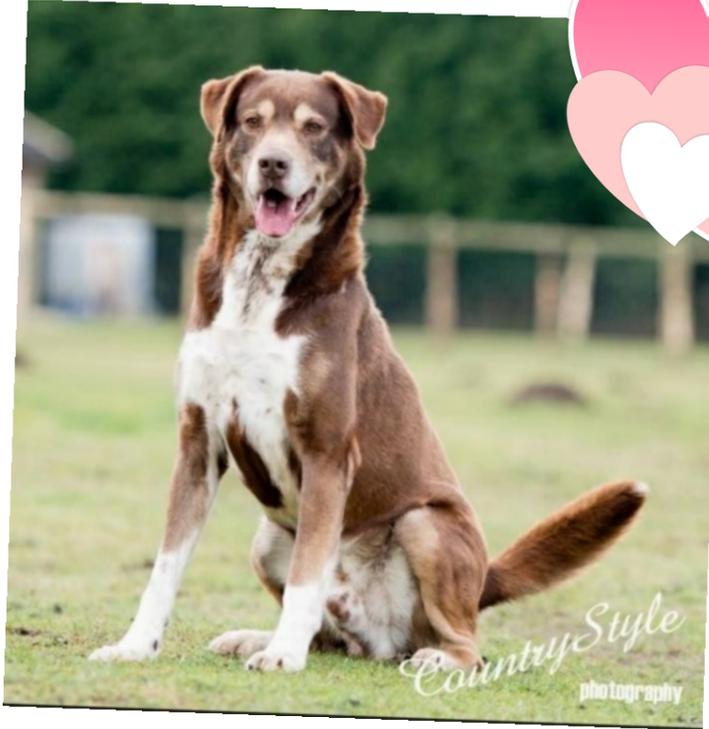
Ok with other dogs when out but best to be the only dog in the home. Can not be homed with cats. Ok with children over the age of 8 (due to having no history)

Poor Shannon has been in kennels for quite a while. She loves to go out on walks and have a cuddle.

Shannon is also being promoted by the Senior Staffy Club

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Lewis

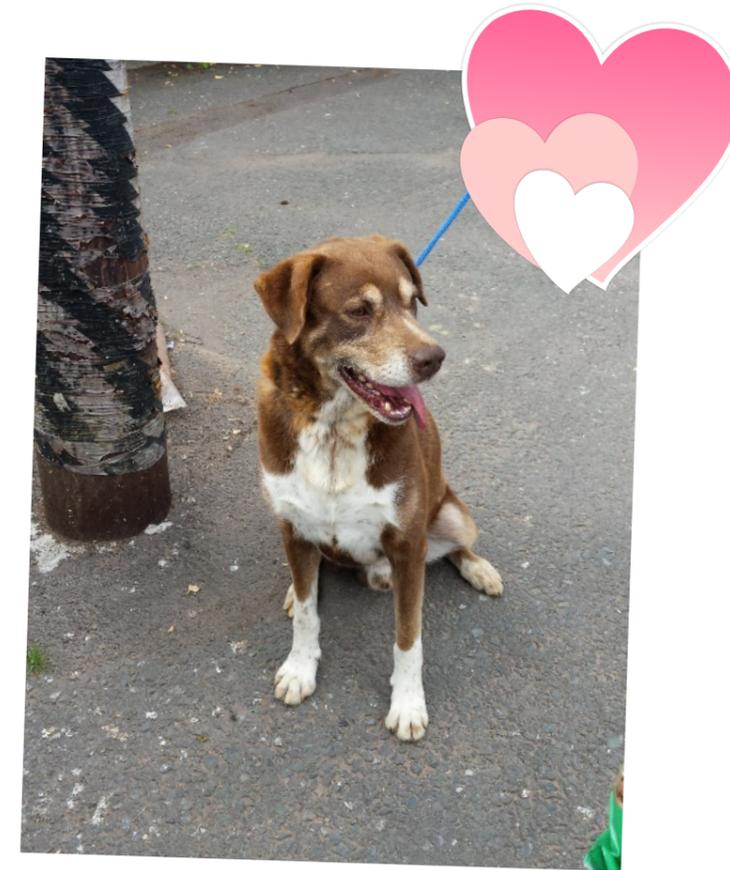
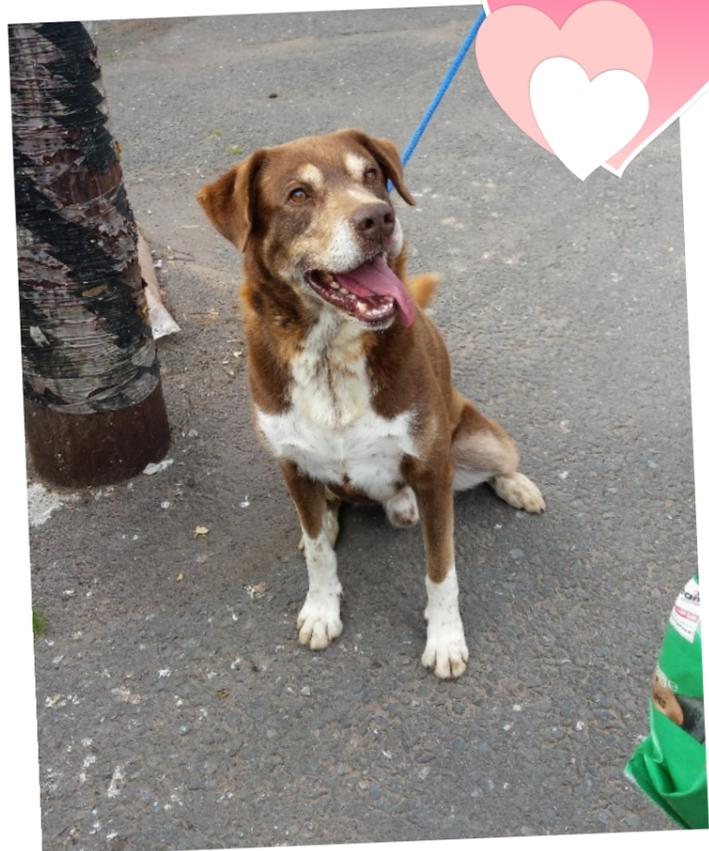
Needs a Special Home

Lewis is a mature mongrel. he came in a couple of years ago after being dumped at the bottom of the Wrekin where he waited for several hours before we collected him.

Lewis can be a little temperamental. he would suit either an outdoor lifestyle or perhaps a home where he could be on a one to one with someone. He wouldn't be suitable around children.

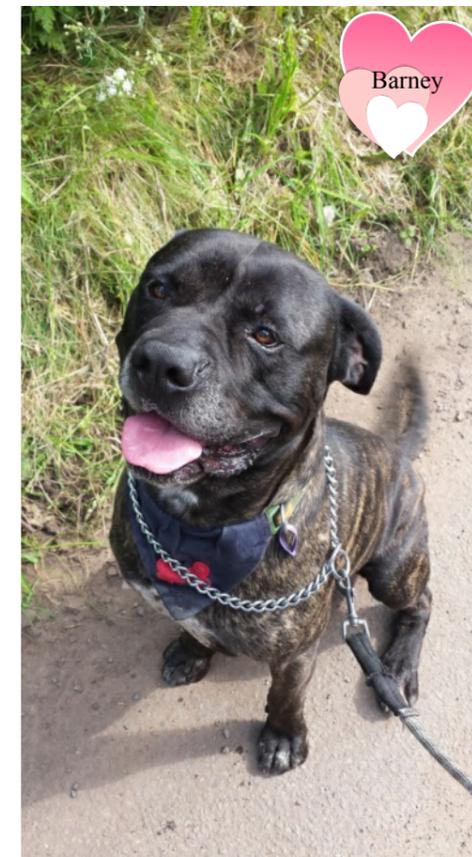
Lewis is good with other dogs but not keen on cats. He will play ball for hours and loves squeaky toys. He walks nicely on the lead.

If you are interested in Lewis please call the Hilbrae staff on 01952 541254 or come visit her any day between 1230 and 430 pm



Here at Hilbrae we have in excess of 80 dogs awaiting homes. it is impossible to feature every dog in the newsletter.

If you are looking for a particular dog or the current dogs featured do not fit into your lifestyle then please contact the kennels or come and have a look any time between 12.30-4.30pm as your perfect friend could be waiting here



Ozzy



Opal



Anya



Marley



Rehomed

We have rehomed a few beautiful dogs this month but we still have far too many in our kennels. So please come and have a look around and see if your forever friend is waiting for you



Henry



Bentley



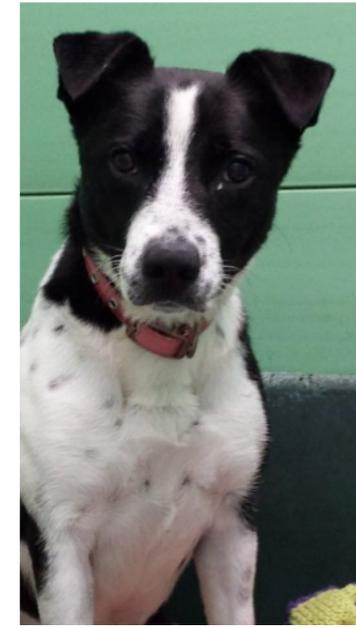
Libby



Scrappy



Roodle



Fern

Molly



Ajax

Marvin



Percy



Mr Boggle



How to be a Hilbrae Angel....

After many requests from supporters, we have set up the Hilbrae Angel scheme.

You can now donate a regular amount (monthly) - no amount is too small. In return you will receive a lovely certificate as a thank you and the knowledge that you are contributing to a fantastic cause.

We desperately need to redevelop the main kennel block as it has been standing for 25 years and really won't last much longer

To become an Angel :

Please print off the standing order form available in the Hilbrae News group and fill it in. Once completed please pop it in an envelope and post it to your bank

Alternatively if you would like to make a one off donation without becoming an Angel it can be made online via paypal. For the link please click the Donate button

[Donate](#)



Online....

If you have internet banking then you can easily setup a standing order yourself using the details below:

standing order for Hilbrae Rescue Kennels.

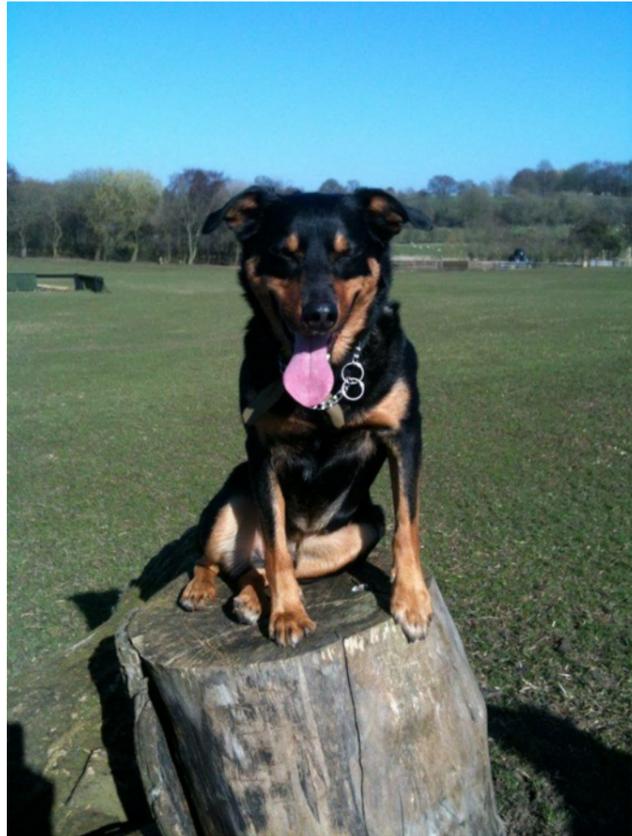
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Kelly tells her story of how she saved Blue, and how a rescue dog can have hidden potential



This is Blue, a Rottweiler cross who is aged at approximately 8yrs old. Blue became a member of our family in November 2013. Blue through no fault of his own found himself in the pound with only days left before time ran out for him. He was thankfully saved by Hilbrae, which is where I fell I love with this gorgeous boy. To a lot of people he wouldn't have stood out as he was stressed in kennels and wasn't putting his best paw forward, but I could see through his bravado to the untapped potential beneath

Blue has slotted in perfectly with the rest of my pack which consist of a Chihuahua, 2 German Spitz Kleins, a Miniature Poodle and a Doberman. He adores my children, well in fact, everyone he meets, and he even quite likes the cats. As well as being an all round amazing family dog Blue also has many hidden talents. When Blue came to me last November, the only command he knew was "sit". Blue has now passed his Bronze, Silver and



Gold Kennel Club Good Citizen Dig Scheme Obedience awards and is now at Gold+ level. Whoever said you can't teach an old dog new tricks never met Blue. He is part of the UK's only Kennel Club Safe And Sound Scheme display team, teaching children and adults how to be safe around dogs, and had performed in London at Discover Dogs and in the main arena at Crufts in front of thousands of people. He also performs at Schools in my local area helping to ensure the younger generations remain safe around dogs. Blue has also got a real passion for agility and life in general, and has enriched mine and my families just by being in it.

A big thank you to Hilbrae for doing such a wonderful job and helping me find such an incredibly amazing dog, and thank you to Blue for being that incredibly amazing dog.

♥ Postcard from Bulley ♥

Hello old friends

It's Bulley here, from my new home in Hilly Noise, that's in America you know. I think that's how you spell it.....

I have a really big garden to play in and my new house is lovely with nice cool air to keep me cool in the hot weather.

I even met a skunk the other day. I have named him Dunk the Skunk and he is my friend... although mum and dad didn't seem too happy with the nice aftershave he sprayed on me. I thought it was lovely.

I have loads of forest to walk in with mum and dad and a nice lake to walk around too, and I am even allowed in a big doggy pet shop to choose my own treats - how cool is that?

Mum and dad bought a big king size bed a couple of weeks ago, so now there is plenty of room for all three of us, although I still like to squidge up to mum or dad, just so I know they are still there.

I love it here and have such a nice life, did I mention the BBQ? Dad cooks outside on it and I wait right by his side just in case he drops some food. I always get a treat. I love BBQ's.

Well got to run as it's nearly dinner time. I miss all my old chums and the lovely people who took care of me there at Hilbrae. I have my paws crossed that you all get homes soon with your own BBQ and king sized bed.

Love from your old pal. Bulley xxxxxx



Events and Fundraising



We had a good day at the Faerie Festival in Jackfield despite the rather English bank holiday weather! Lots of enquiries about volunteer dog-walking, which is always welcome, and Terry here made lots of new friends with his typical staffie enthusiasm, giving out kisses to anyone who wanted them! He was as good as gold with other dogs, too, acting as a perfect ambassador for the breed and for Hilbrae.

Terry is available for adoption



Max and Sasha here reporting back on our appearance at the Family Fun Day at Bridgnorth Rugby Club. We had a great time! Everyone loved us - we had lots of fuss, provided many slurpy kisses and performed shake paw for treats

Max and Sasha are available for adoption

A great night at Newport! Over £250 raised on Holly's Tombola. The dogs, all Staffies Terry, Max & Sasha were wonderful ambassadors for the breed and thoroughly enjoyed being spoilt by everyone.

Thanks to Holly, Sarah and everyone else who helped and of course Donated the lovely



Upcoming Events

K9 Rescue Sports Day

Shrewsbury Quarry 28th September

Valley view equestrian in Broseley held a dressage competition on Saturday 21st September and raised an amazing £255 for us

Scott did the 10k Mud Run and has raised over £200

Neil did a parachute jump and has raised £808 + £75 donated by his company Aga. Thanks everyone 

How you can help us....

Donations

If you would like to buy us something for the dogs then you can have a browse through our Amazon Wish List.. The link can be found [here](#)

We are always very grateful for any donations for our charity shop, these can be dropped off either at the kennels or directly to the shop. Sorry but we can't accept electrical items or knives.

We are now registered on JustGiving!!!!

JustGiving™

Find our page [here](#)

So if you would like to donate or fundraise for us through JustGiving you can now setup a page or a textcode just for us!



Please keep sharing all our lovely dogs looking for homes. It's the best way for them to find a forever home



Volunteering

We always need dog walkers due to the high number of dogs we have in kennels. It is paramount to the health and welfare of the dogs to be able to spend some time away from the kennels and spend quality time with people. You can walk dogs anytime between 12.30 and 4.30pm, just turn up on the day, 7 days a week

Volunteers are always needed to help at various events that we attend. It really helps the dogs to get out and about too. So if you happen to be free on event days then please come along and show your support and maybe take one of our residents with you!!

Can you please save us

your used British & foreign stamps?

We can sell them to raise money for the dogs.

They don't have to be trimmed, just tear off the corner of the envelope. Every few help, you can post them to us or drop them off at our shop in

Oakengates



K9 RESCUE SPORTS DAY

28th SEPTEMBER

10 AM - 5 PM

SHREWSBURY QUARRY

Join in the madness and support your local rescue centres

Fairground
(other side)

Food &
Drink

Agility
Races

Join the auction with **FABULOUS LOTS**
..meals, health treatments, lush sweeties and
more.... **INCLUDING** ..2x Colin Fry tickets!

Bouncy
Castle

Hunt the Kong

so bring the bank with you!!

Book your dog in for the Agility course
Competitions for the more experienced
Lots of more fun to be had!



STALLS

Tug of Wags



Want to book a stall? Chez Evans on FB Or 07515866856



Supporters Dogs and Stories



This is Sadie . We brought her home on 22nd December 2011. She chose us. I have rheumatoid arthritis and some days the pain is really bad. Sadie is the reason I get up and get on with the day. She knows when I am having a bad day and stays by my side . Thanks to Hilbrae I have a loving companion x



Betty and Dudley in their sunbathing spot



Archie the biggest hooligan ever. he loves making people laugh!

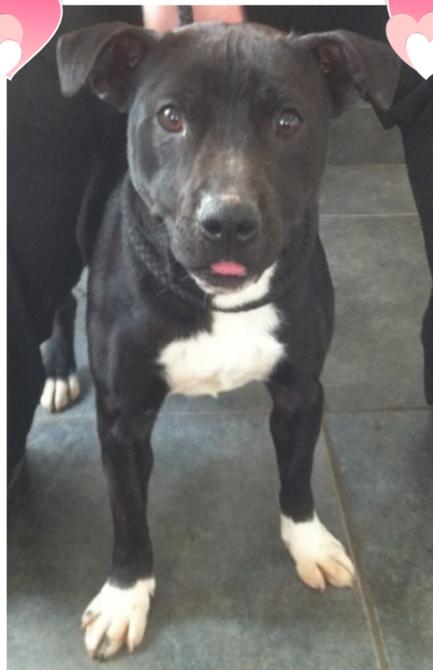
Jasper who we re homed last August after being at Hilbrae for 2 years..He is just adorable and has a real sense of humour. .he would love to be in your newsletter. ..front page knowing him xx



This is Sasha, my staffie princess. nearly a year after bringing her home with us.



Sassie the Saint and Tyler (was Tye) the Tinker!! Had them 6 wks today. couldn't be without them now



This is Jarvis, the staffie formerly known as Hugh.He rescued me in 2011. It was love at first sight. he was 10 months old & the most beautiful dog I had ever seen (and still is).He helped me get through a particular difficult period in my life .This is his picture the day he left Hilbrae



This is our spotty boy. Hes a Jack x Spaniel which makes for a gentle but fun boy. We adopted him 7 months ago to help our daughter over come her fear of dogs after being bitten. Here he is practising his recall training

Thanks for all the lovely pictures and stories. Sorry if your friend didn't make this issue don't worry.They will be in the next one

Your Page

We are always looking for things to be featured in the newsletter. If you have a dog you have rehomed from Hilbrae and would like us to add your story, or have cute or funny pictures please let us know.

Are you hosting an event, or fundraising for us? Would you like us to feature anything else that you support?

Any ideas, suggestions or feedback are always welcome. We would love to hear from you.

You can contact us at hilbraenews@aol.co.uk

And please don't forget to find us on facebook to keep updated on what's happening



Or follow us on twitter [@HilbraesDogs](https://twitter.com/HilbraesDogs)



And Thank You



We have an awesome team of supporters, be it dog walkers, fundraisers, sharing pictures of the dogs needing homes, donating things for the charity shop, bringing us old blankets and duvets, buying things from our Amazon list, you are all amazing and we couldn't do it



without you



CountryStyle Photography

Thanks to Countrystyle Photography for the use of their fantastic pictures of some of our dogs



Special thanks to the wonderful Caroline Shee and her helpers for taking the time to take some truly fantastic pictures of our dogs free of charge. You are a star

Huge heartfelt thanks go to Michelle Evans for coming down again and taking some gorgeous pictures of some of our dogs. Michelle is hoping to make her visits more regular so keep your eyes peeled for more of her tremendous pictures