

Hilbrae News



Welcome.....

Where do we start? Firstly apologies for the lateness of this issue. So much has been happening over the last few months that we've needed to change and update things making the issue out of date in a short space of time.

Bulleys blog has been hugely successful over the last few months in helping to find homes for some of our longer term residents. Sophie, Lewis and Dave have all found homes after making regular appearances on it. Starsky is now the current blogger and he will hopefully have some visitors soon so keep your fingers crossed for him.

Building of the new kennels is now in progress. The foundations are currently being laid in the woods and the kennels are being built off site.

We had a huge increase in donations of food over the xmas period which was amazing. As you can imagine we have lots of mouths to feed so this has been a real help over the winter months.

Sadly Bulley crossed over rainbow bridge in February which has devastated his Mum Babs and Dad David as well as his many supporters and obviously the staff and volunteers here at Hilbrae. There is a tribute to him on page 16.

We hope you enjoy this issue. x

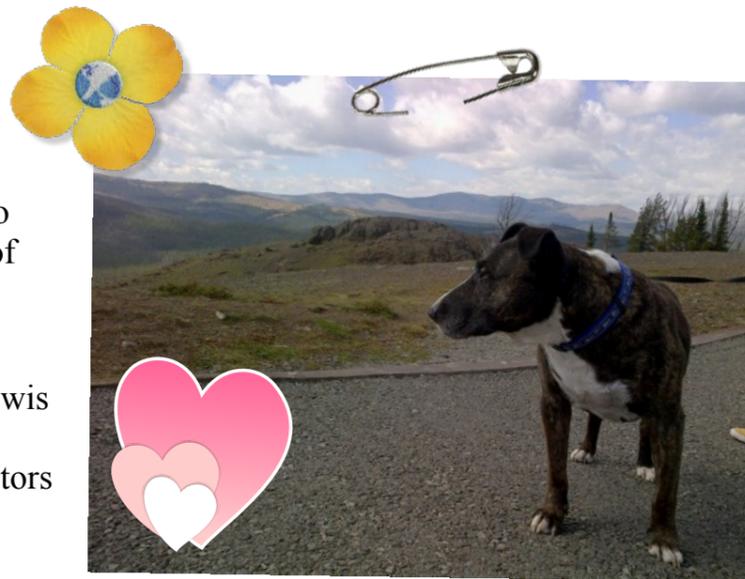
Did you know

That Hilbrae is the area rescue for Dobermann Rescue too?

There has also been rehoming success over the last few months with Zeus, Bruno, Duchess and Jaxx all going to lovely new homes.

If you would like to keep up to date with the Dobermanns then check out our facebook page

You can find the facebook page [here](#)



Spring is finally here

We are starting to organise the various events we will be attending over the next few months.

There is a list of the upcoming events on page

We are always looking for volunteers to take along some of our dogs. so if you are free to help at any of these please let us know

You can either fill out our volunteer form on the website or email leanne@hilbrae.co.uk

New Shop



We have a new shop in Dawley currently being refurnished. We will be selling quality second hand items and clothing. We often get beautiful items donated to us so come and see if you can bag yourself a bargain while helping the dogs. We'd love to see you



We are always looking for fundraising ideas or general feedback so if you'd like to get in touch or share your thoughts with us please send us an email at the following address

hilbraenews@aol.com



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



Bouncer

Hey, I'm Bouncer, and I'm called that because I can jump high!

I hate it in kennels, I get very frustrated, so I love it when I can get out for a walk. I pull a bit on the lead to start with as I'm so excited, but I'm calmer after I've been out for a short while and I expect I would learn to walk nicely if I got out a bit more.

I don't mind other dogs too much and have sometimes shared my kennel with a lady dog, but I think I'd prefer to be the only one in my new home. I'm quite cheeky and great fun to be with! I haven't got my bits and pieces as I've been for my operation, you know, that one... I'm a chunky brindle boy who likes a fuss and likes to play. I arrived at the kennels in April 2013. I don't much like cats, and they say I can't go to a home with small children as I'm still quite bouncy, even tho I am about 6 or 7 years old now

If you are interested in Bouncer please call us on 01952 541254 or come and visit him anytime between 12.30 and 4.30 pm.



Splodge

**This beautiful girl is a Dogue de
Bordeaux cross**

Approx 3-5 years old

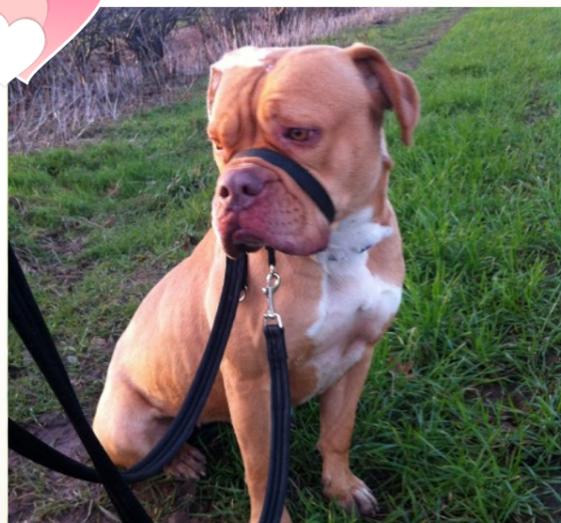
**She can live with older teenagers
but no other pets**

**She can be left for a reasonable
amount of time**

**Very clean in her kennel and
loves to play with her toys**

Neutered

**If you are interested in Splodge then please call
hilbrae rescue kennels on 01952 541254 or come
and visit her any day between 12.30-4.30pm**



Bella

Beautiful Bella is a 12-18 month old mongrel

She can live with children over the age of 5 and possibly other dogs (subject to introductions) but not cats.

Bella has been at the kennels for a while now and would love a home of her own

If you are interested in Bella then please call Hilbrae Rescue Kennels on 01952 541254 or come and visit her any day between the hours of 12.30-4.30pm



Mr Boggle

Handsome Boggle we believe is a husky cross around 12 months old.

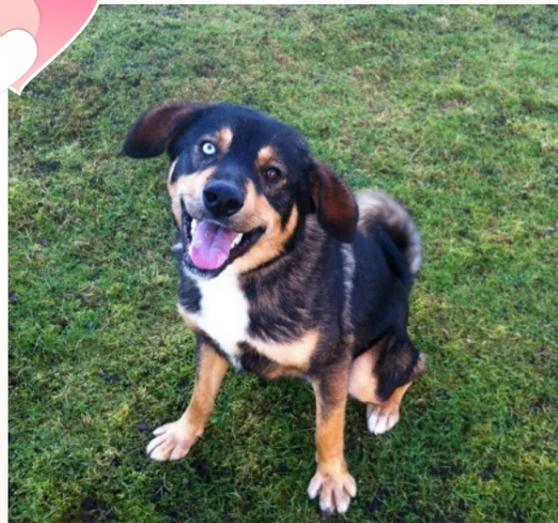
He is very lively and will need a home where he will get lots of exercise and training

He can go to a home with older children.

Has lived with cats in the past. Ok with other dogs but needs to be the only dog in the home

Neutered

If you are interested in Mr Boggle then please call Hilbrae Rescue Kennels on 01952 541254 or come and visit him any day between the hours of 12.30-4.30pm



Max

**Cute Max is a white staffy
approx 3-4 years old**

**He would be ok living with older
children and a quiet female dog.**

No cats

**Needs a home where someone is
at home for most of the time.**

Loves his walks

**If you are interested in Max please call Hilbrae
Rescue Kennels on 01952 541254 or come and
visit him any day between 12.30-4.30pm**



Milo



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e Shee

This little cutie is Milo. He is a small dog with a big personality.

Approx 2-3 years old

He is very active and loves playing with his toys.

Milo needs a pet free home and would be ok with older children

Can be left for reasonable amounts of time

Clean in his kennel

If you are interested in Milo please call Hilbrae Rescue Kennels on 01952 541254 or come and visit him any day between 12.30-4.30pm



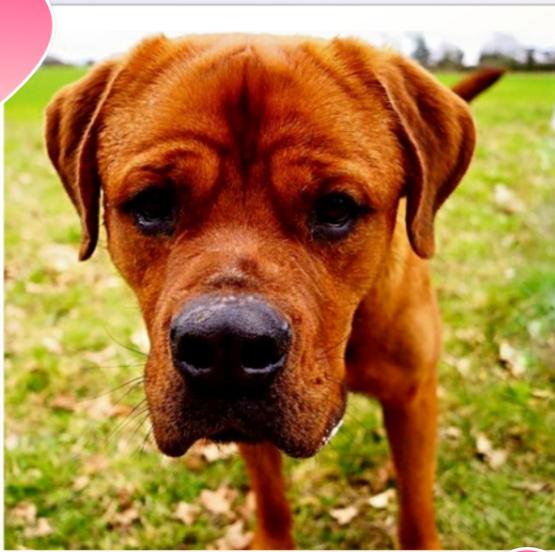
Diesel

**Diesel is a
Rottweiler/bullmastiff cross.
He's approximately 12-18
months old.**

**He walks well on his lead and
he's very clean in his kennel.**

**He would be suitable to live with
children aged 10+.**

**If you are interested in Diesel please call Hilbrae
Rescue Kennels on 01952 541254 or come and
visit him any day between 12.30-4.30pm**



Rescue Kennels

Whitney

Lovely Whitney is a staffy cross boxer about 5 years old

She can live with older children.

Needs to be the only pet in the home

Can be left for reasonable amounts of time.

Housetrained

Neutered

If you are interested in Whitney then please call Hilbrae Rescue Kennels on 01952 541254 or come and visit her any day between 12.30-4.30pm



Nugget

Nugget is a staffy cross American bulldog about 3-4 years old.

Ok living with a female dog but no cats.

Can live with older children

Neutered

Clean in his kennel

Can be left for reasonable amounts of time

If you are interested in Nugget then please call Hilbrae Rescue Kennels on 01952 541254 or come and visit him any day between 12.30-4.30pm



Malcolm

Sweet Malcolm is a mature staffy.

**He can go to a home with children
but no other pets.**

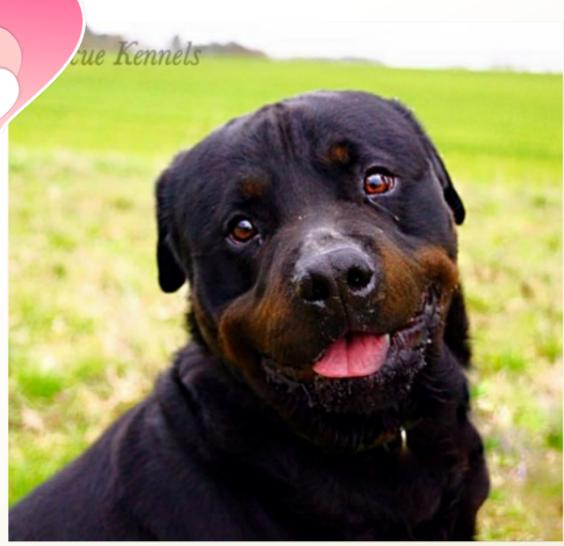
**Can be left for reasonable amounts
of time**

Housetrained

**If you are interested in Malcolm please call Hilbrae
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him any day between 12.30-4.30pm**

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Seth

**Seth is a big gentle boy,
great with people. He
walks nicely on the lead.
Great with other dogs
but not keen on cats**

**If you are interested in Seth please call Hilbrae
Rescue Kennels on 01952 541254 or come and
visit him any day between 12.30-4.30pm**



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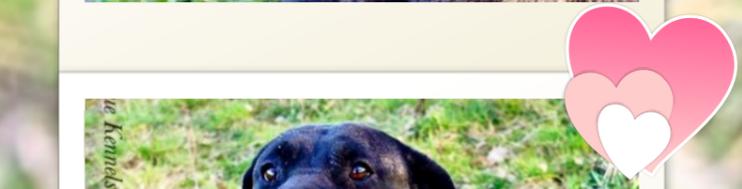
Xena

Xena is a mastiff approximately 6-7 years old. She is ok with cats and older children but can't live with another dog.

She's a well behaved girl, very affectionate and will do anything for a treat

RESERVED

If you are interested in Xena please call Hilbrae Rescue Kennels on 01952 541254 or come and visit her any day between 12.30-4.30pm



What can I say about Bulley?? Well, I never met the guy, but I shared his picture on twitter and fb sooooo many times! I was so happy when Babs and David took him home and gave him the love he deserved. I watched with baited breath whilst he crossed the Atlantic to start a new life in the US of A, and followed his updates on FB and Twitter. I sat on Bulley's Porch when he went in for his op, and cried more than I have every cried when he crossed OTRB. I tell my boys about their "furcousin" all the time and what an amazing boy he was. He has left a massive Bulley shaped hole in my heart. Xxx

Louise Makin

I never actually met Bulley but when i saw his photo i knew i would have to share his photo over & over again until he found his forever home. When he found his very own family Babs & David, I cried with tears of happiness & what a wonderful life he had with them travelling. He may have been an older dog & a gorgeous one at that, but he was our hero. Bulley will live on forever & i hope as a tribute to him lots of other senior dogs will get rehomed, especially from Hilbrae firstly as they cared for him for many years. Gone but never forgotten Bulley Bufton xxx

Mal Corbett

I met Bulley several times after we got Winnie but it was like meeting a celebrity out on a walk! What a huge character he was and his blog has done so much good. I was so happy to hear that he had been rehomed and loved hearing about all his adventures on FB & Twitter. Bulley was spared destruction by Hilbrae's policy and his forever home with the wonderful Babs & Dave came. Bulley will be a legend forever in our hearts xxxx

Sue Rideout

Here's a little trick for you. Next time you are talking to someone who doesn't know Bulley, just tell them that this dog was in kennels for nine years. First thing they'll say is "What was wrong with him?" The answer is nothing. There was nothing wrong with him. He wasn't vicious or difficult. Not destructive or struck with long term sickness. This dog was LOVED - this dog regularly had HUNDREDS of people sending him love and best wishes. This little dog would say "goodnight" and hundreds of people answered him! When he got re-homed, we rejoiced and went on his journey with him. When he left us he left such a massive gap. The uncomfortable truth is this little dog was damn near perfect. His best legacy is that we let people know that, and then maybe we will have fewer dogs in kennels long term.

Jo Poole

Bulley made me smile, and he made me cry,
and now I feel as if I have a second big
family, and he definitely taught me NEVER
to give up hope

Julia Lennox Kaminski

i never met bulley boy either but feel like i had known him for ever i loved his daily updates on the blog and i too cried tears of happpiness when he got his forever home with babs n david and again when he told us he was going on an adventure in a magic crate in the sky . bulley was just the best and i still miss his wee face every day but i will never forget him and he lives on in all of us as we loved him so much

xxxxxx

Nikki Armstrong

Because of Bulley my sister met Amy and brought her into our family. I was so in love with Amy I had to get a staffie of my own. Previously I was petrified of dogs and didnt really take to staffies either. My dog Squirty has changed my life for the better and gives me a reason to get up every day. So Bulley started a chain reaction of events that changed my life and I will always be grateful" xx

Michelle Jones



It does seem that our Bulley is an ambassador highlighting what a great dog an oldie or long termer can be. He was not tarnished by all those years in rescue as Hilbrae do such an amazing job. giving them all so much love and care. He loved everyone and found joy in everything. he must be the most travelled rescue in the world and even after his death, he continues his quest to help Hilbrae and the overlooked. there is always hope. I love him with all my heart xx

Babs Bufton

I used to RT on Twitter for Bulley when he was at Hilbrae then I kept up with him and Babs and David in his new life. Bulley conquered my heart and he took a piece of it with him when he went OTRB. Xx

Sue Westwood

Bulley our hero _ there is always hope, his blog lives on, Bulley's spirit is still with Babs and David, Marty and the Hilbrae team will continue never giving up no matter how long it takes just like they did with Bulley. Bulley has not gone from our heart and will remain there as we were all touched by Bulley magic xxx

Rose Pattyson

I followed Bulley for a few months via the blog, and his unique looks intrigued me. So finally after a lot of persuasion, myself and Phil went to meet the super star himself at Madeley Dog Show. I was under strict instructions of NO Dogs coming home. I saw Bulley with Julia and spent some time fussing him, and then at the next stall spotted a small cute dog, who I thought was a Puppy. When we went over I realised it was Amy (who had been part of the Boot Camp that week) and that was it.... Amy came home for a trial, so much for NO dog's. I walked Bulley after we had Amy and made the mistake of taking no toys with me, he wasn't very impressed but we had a good chase and a fuss. I'm so glad Babs and David found Bulley and gave him such a wonderful year. If it hadn't have been for Bulley (and his blog) I wouldn't have found Amy and wouldn't be without her now

Clare Jones

I never liked dogs, was always very nervous of them and was bought up with cats. My family wanted a dog and nagged me about it for ages so that's how our Seamus came into our lives. Not a rescue dog but I rescued him from a hideous breeder at 12 weeks old. I couldn't believe just how loyal and loving dogs were! Seamus is my star. I came across Hilbrae and Bulleys story through Twitter and watched him search for his home and find it with Babs and David. His journey home that first night kept me awake until I knew they had made it home safely. The same with his journey to America. When he entered the rehomed pets competition last summer, I became obsessed and knew we had to win it for Hilbrae who had looked after him for so long. I never met Bulley but for some reason that boy holds a very special place in my heart. I am now known as 'the dog lady' so much so that at Christmas my staff at work donated £50 to Hilbrae as my Christmas present. I live in London and hope to visit Hilbrae this year.

Nil Molloy

I used to share Bulley on Facebook and rt him on Twitter to find him a home . Bulley has introduced me to some lovely animal loving people , I wouldn't have known otherwise. I never met the celebrity himself . I sobbed when I saw him in his fb picture driving off with Babs and David. I will never forget that lovely boy xx

Sarah Burbridge

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

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Harry



Etta



Tyson



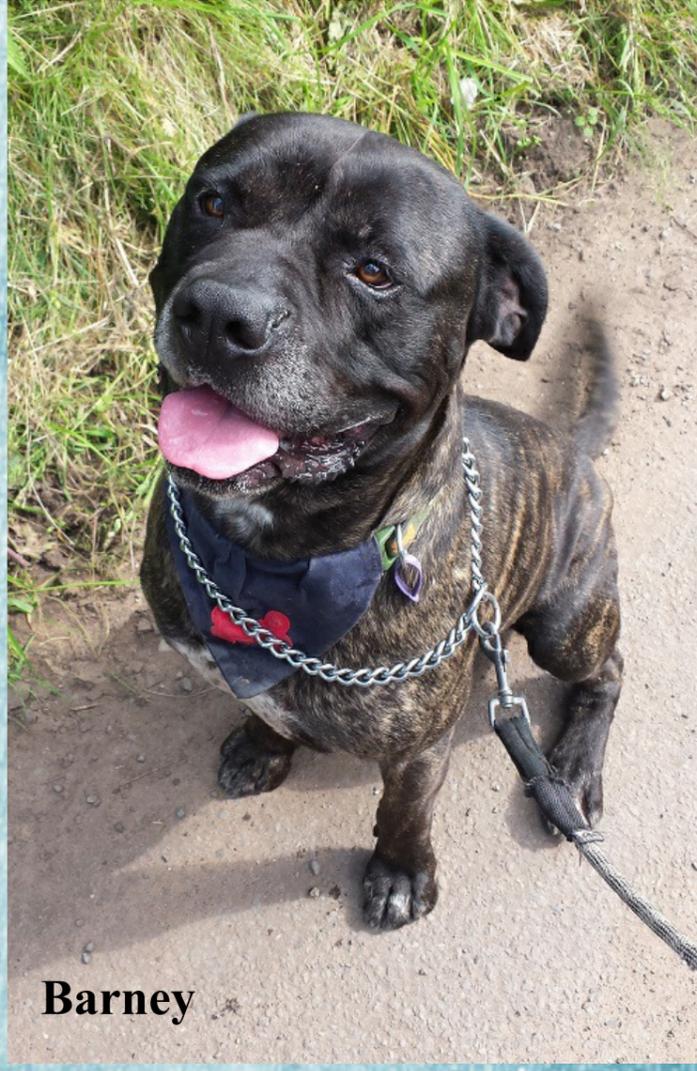
Baxter



Dottie



Willow



Barney



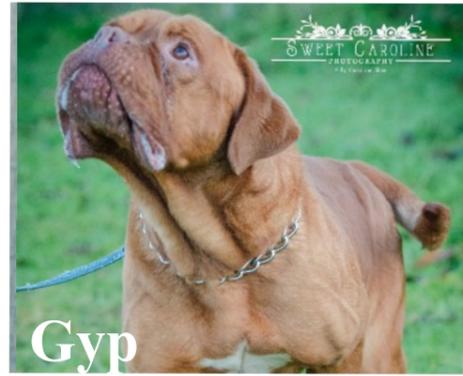
Rehomed



A small selection of our recently re-homed dogs



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Gyp



Dave



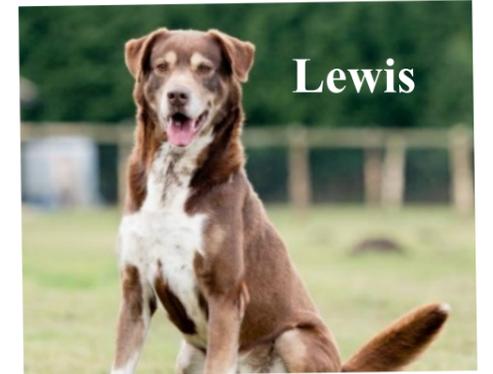
Bandit



Elvis



Watson



Lewis



Mabel



JD



Robin



Panda



Shyloh



Sophie



Blue



Winston



Noel



Chance

Donations

If you would like to buy something for the dogs then you can browse through our Amazon 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

You can find our page [here](#)



How You Can Help Us



Please keep sharing all our lovely dogs looking for homes.

It is the best way to help them find a forever home

Did you know you can now choose Hilbrae as your chosen local charity to receive your VIP lifelines with Pets At Home?

Can you please save us your used British and foreign stamps?

We can sell them to raise money for the dogs

They don't need 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 charity shop in Oakengates

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 have some quality time with people. You can walk the dogs anytime between 12.30 and 4.30 pm, 7 days a week. Just turn up on the day.

We still need volunteers to help at various events that we attend all through the year. It really helps the dogs to get out and about too. So if you happen to be free on an event day then please come along and show your support and maybe take one of our residents with you too!!

Events and Fundraising



JD and Debs

We had a fabulous time at Dotty about Dogs in Wellington market, who were fundraising for us on the 20th and 21st February. Short Stuff went with Helen on the Friday and we took along JD on the Saturday.

We met lots of lovely people and everyone adored JD. She got so many treats I thought she might pop. Thanks to Deborah who owns the shop and to everyone who donated or popped by to say hi.

We will be attending many other events over the course of the year. If you would like to volunteer for any of our events then please fill out the form on our website

The New Tin Tins Restaurant in Donnington hosted a New Year's Eve Charity Casino Night in aid of Hilbrae. The Autism Trust and The Severn Hospice and raised an incredible £900 for us.

We had a fantastic night and enjoyed some lovely food.

NEW TIN TIN CANTONESE RESTAURANT'S
NEW YEAR'S EVE
CHARITY EXTRAVAGANZA

WELCOME DRINK
CHINESE BANQUET
DJ AND PIANIST
FUN CASINO, ROULETTE & BLACKJACK TABLES, FREE £10 INCLUDED TOKENS (PRIZE FOR HIGHEST WINNER)
RAFFLE AND AUCTION WITH FABULOUS PRIZES

TICKETS £45 PER PERSON
TIME 7.00PM TIL LATE
DRESS CODE: SMART/COCKTAIL

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New Tin Tin Cantonese Restaurant, 2 Wellington Road, Donnington, Telford TF2 8AJ Tel. 01952 608 688

We had an eventful day at Quarry Park for Pet Rescue Day. Trying to put the gazebo up in 43 mph winds was fun to say the least. We would like to say a massive thanks to Mobi's owners, without whom we don't think we would of managed to get grounded.

So many people took dogs along for us which was brilliant to see and thanks to Michelle for coming along to grab a few pictures for us.

A massive thanks to Holly for sorting out the tombola which had some brilliant prizes. We had quite a crowd round us at times, and I'm sure we must have raised quite a bit of money despite the windy conditions.

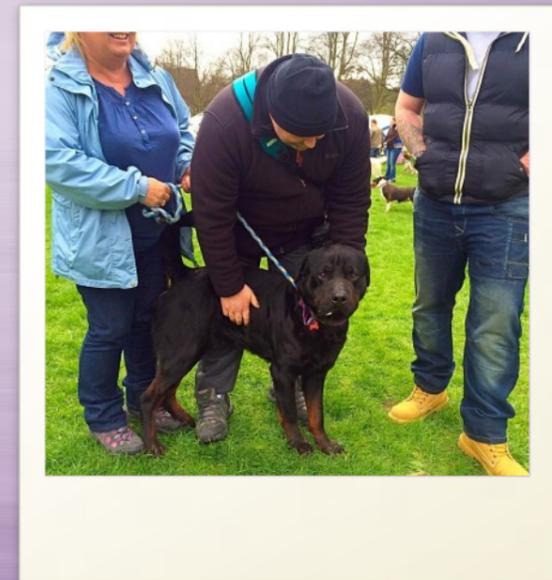
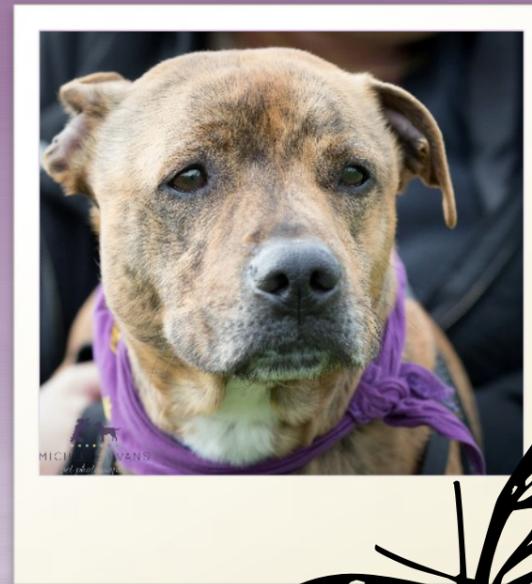
Thanks to Leanne who despite still being under the weather managed to hold up all day.



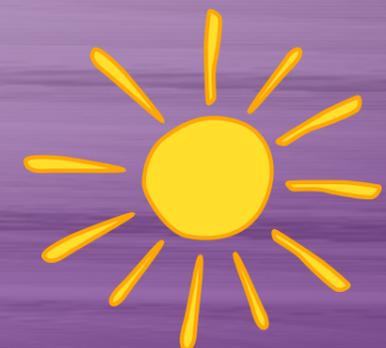
Thanks to the organisers for inviting us x



Huge thanks to everyone who took along dogs for us. I know they all thoroughly enjoyed it



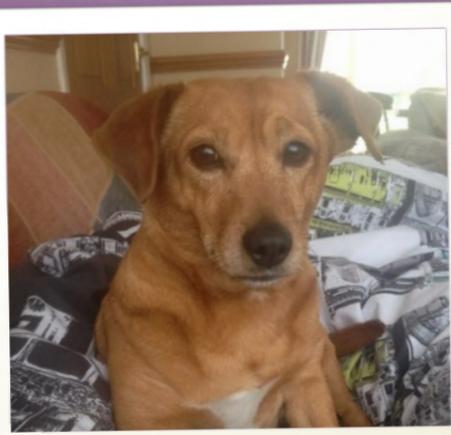
Mick won 3 rosettes with his friend Emma including 2nd in best 6 legs category



Supporters Dogs



Tobes



Lillie



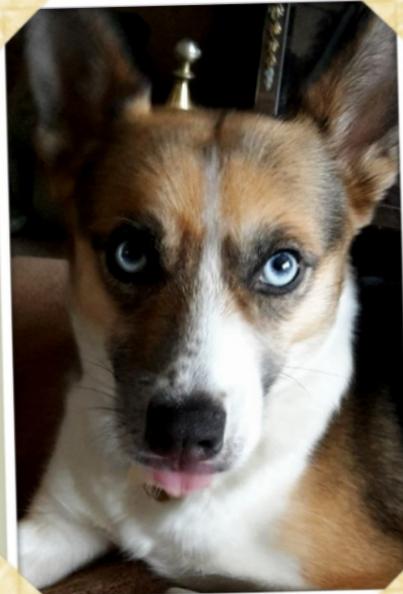
Jeeves



We got Smokey from Hilbrae in 2003. she is 14 now. This picture was taken at Cheswardine show last year where she won best veteran



Chester



Ayla



Sparky and Lila



We rehomed Scrappy from Hilbrae in August 2014. He is such a loving and happy dog and we can't imagine our family without him



Buster

This is Buster we gave him his forever home on 17th Feb 2008
Many thanks to Hilbrae for bringing him into our lives.



This is Lucie. we had her from hilbrae back in 2009. love her to pieces x



Sky

Ex Hilbrae Sky as of January 23rd 2015. It's like she's never not been with us. We love her very much and I couldn't of imagined a more loving or adorable dog. She's settled in very nicely in our home and is loving her bones with a little peanut butter



And Thank You

Here at Hilbrae we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who have helped . From the dog walkers, sponsored walkers, Tweeters, Facebookers, people who bought the dogs things from the Amazon wish list, dropped off donations for the charity shop, saved us your used postage stamps, Children who have donated their own pocket money, businesses that have collected for us, people who have attended events, the list goes on and on. So to each and every one of you.



THANK YOU



Dont Forget

We are always looking for new ideas, and opinions to feature in the newsletter.

Please get in touch

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Big thanks to our photography supporters Who have taken some spectacular pictures of our residents over the year