

Hilbrae News



Welcome.....



Hello Everyone,

There has been so much going on over the last few months, it's been hard to keep up. We have some fab news for you about Dottie, who has become quite a star over the last few weeks. Find out more on page 11

Our events and fundraising pages are crammed with pictures and great stories of achievements and the great spirit that our supporters always have in helping us.

We have a lovely feature on Lewis, one of our ex-residents who found his new home at the beginning of last year. He truly is living the life of Riley.

Lots of dogs have gone off to new homes including one of our longer residents Willow. You can find out more on our rehomed page.

Do you remember Bulley? I'm sure most of you will never forget him. Well, he has a new book. Written by our trustees Julia and Babs his lovely mum. And all profits will be donated directly to Hilbrae rescue. How fab is that!!!! You can find out more on page 10

We hope you enjoy this issue.



We have a new food donation bin in the Sainsbury's store in Telford.

We also have bins at Tesco and Pets at Home too. We are always very grateful for any food donations we receive.



Our Calendars are now available.

They are £5 each and are available to pick up from the kennels.



Big thanks to Wellington Police station for their kind donations



Our super girl Splodge has found herself a new home.

Splodge had been here quite a while so you can imagine how happy everyone is to finally see her with her new family in her own home



We are open every day between 12 -4 pm so come and meet Barney



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





Rodders

Rodders is a 5-6 year old staffy cross.

He is very sweet and gentle and good on a lead.

Can go to a home with children over the age of 5.

Ok around other dogs

Castrated

Not cat tested

Binky is a staffy cross. approx 5-6 years old

Small in size

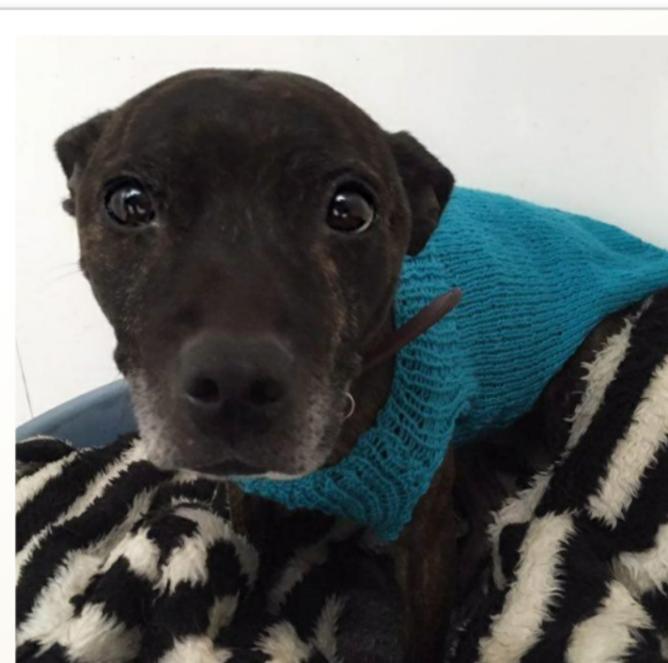
She is very sweet and gentle and good on a lead.

Can go to a home with children over the age of 5.

She is dog friendly but no cats please

Clean in her kennel

Loves her bed



Binky



Gru

Gru is a black and tan German Shepherd dog approximately 6-8 years old.

He is good on a lead

Not cat tested

Can go to a home with older children

Spotless in his kennel

Can be left for reasonable periods of time

If you are interested in rehoming any of our dogs or would like more information about them please call Hilbrae Rescue Kennels on 01952 541254 or you can come and visit them 7 days a week 12.00 til 4.00pm



Cherry

Cherry is a 4 year old staffy cross.

Can be homed with children aged 8+.

Could possibly be homed with a calm male dog

Clean in her kennel

Loves her football

Will need a bit of training

Can be left for reasonable periods of time.

Lexi is a mature mongrel.

She came in very thin and sorry for herself but is more confident now.

Needs to be the only pet in the home.

Can be left for reasonable periods of time.

Clean in her kennel

Lexi needs to have a plain diet as she has a sensitive stomach



Mature Lexi



Roger

Roger is a German Shepherd cross, approx 2-3 years old.

Can be homed with children over the age of 8+

He is lively and playful

Would benefit from some training

Can possibly be homed with a female dog

(Subject to introductions)

Ok with cats

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Here at Hilbrae we have in excess of 60 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 12.00-4.00pm as your perfect friend could be waiting here



Baxter



Tia



Wesley



Barney



Bruno



Frank



Jack



Scooby



Freya



Coolio



Poppy



Peppa



Snoopy



Millie



Nugget



Xena



Milo



Ollie



Stewey



Bisto



Annie



Skye



Rehomed



We have rehomed lots of dogs over the last couple of months



This is Willow. on her way home with her new family. Willow had spent 2 and half years in kennels so you can understand why she is so happy. And so are we. Enjoy your new life Willow !!



Olive & Eddie



Boris



Diesel



Shellie



Bella



Yoshi



Luke



Boston



Whitney



Wilson



Tessa



Lola

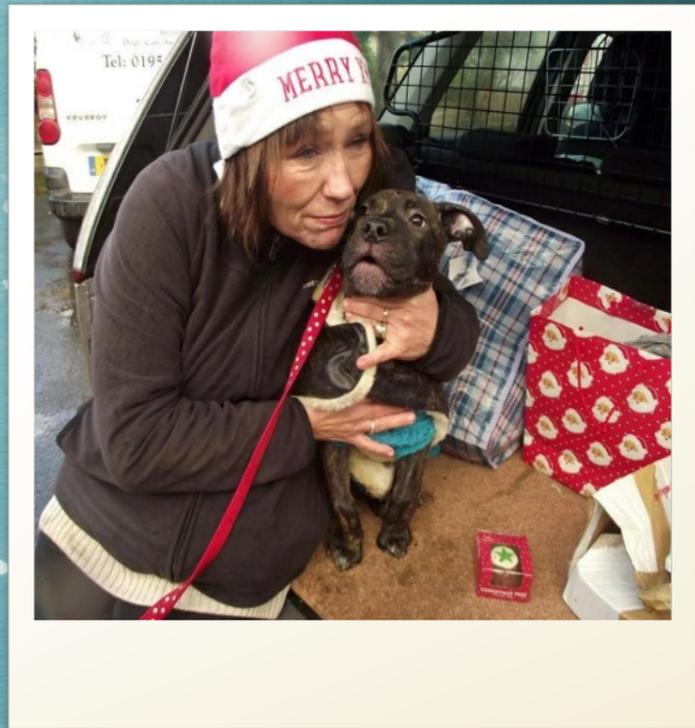


Stan

Shoebox Appeal 2015

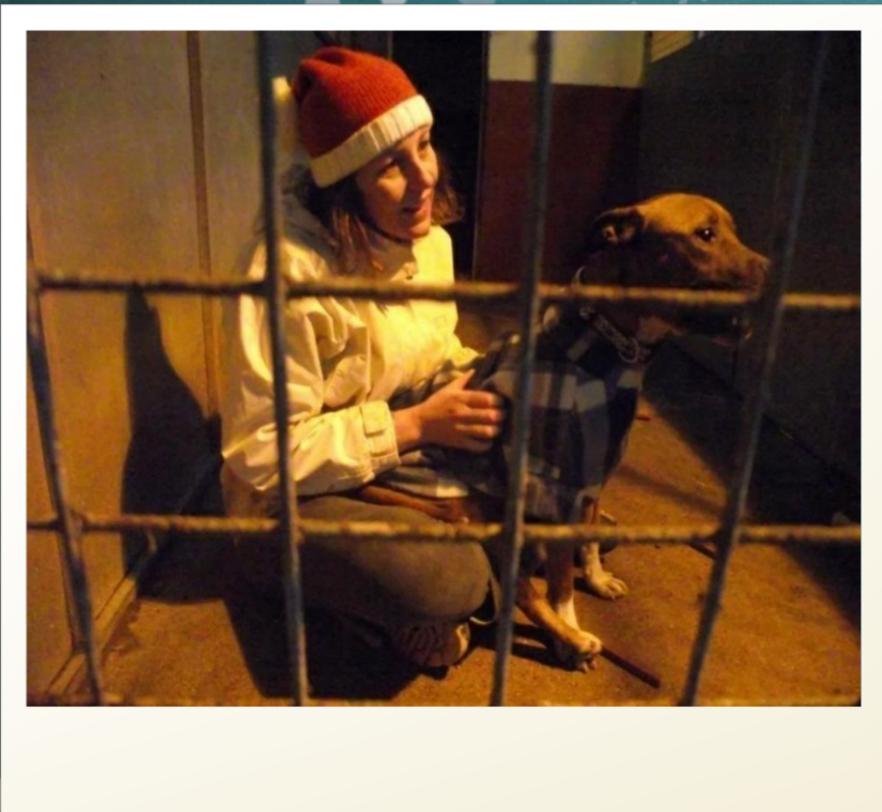
So many wonderful people came together to donate so many beautiful items – love for the poor doggies with no homes was clear and the personal touches tugged at everyone's heart strings.

Dogs shouting "me me me" at their doors were in ecstasy when every single one was "me" for the day, receiving everything any doggie could possibly want, including some love – they just couldn't get the home they would do anything for. But.....hopefully the appeal and the filming would just maybe help one be seen by someone who was waiting to be found. Sometimes these doggies knock on your door and when you're least expecting it, they sweep you off your feet and love you for the rest of their lives.



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the shoebox appeal this year. The wonderful film that was made really brought home how doggies suffer after being dumped on the streets, but also what a wonderful job Hilbrae do by never giving up hope for them. Next year it would be lovely to extend to Wormers, flea treatments and giving every doggie a walk before the day is over. Also, how great would it be to have a newsletter special edition from Donna with all the doggies that are in residence at the time and so that we can talk companies into sponsoring one of the kennels for a year? The world is our oyster with such wonderful, passionate people!

We went home feeling like the doggies had their hearts uplifted and hoping it would carry them to the day their new family arrived to collect them and a sincere belief that people who love animals are just wonderful! Happy New year Everyone!



Give your babies a great big cuddle,
Mandy & Santa Ellis xx

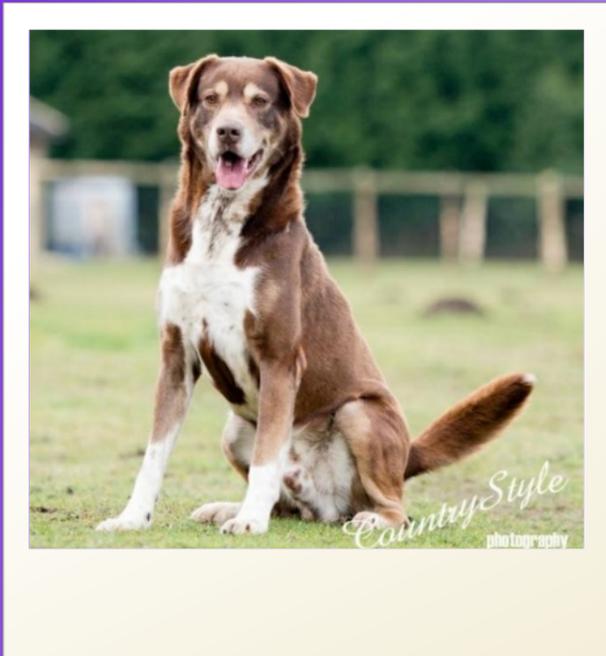
Don't forget to check out the film made on the day by Blue
Caribou Productions

[Link Here](#)

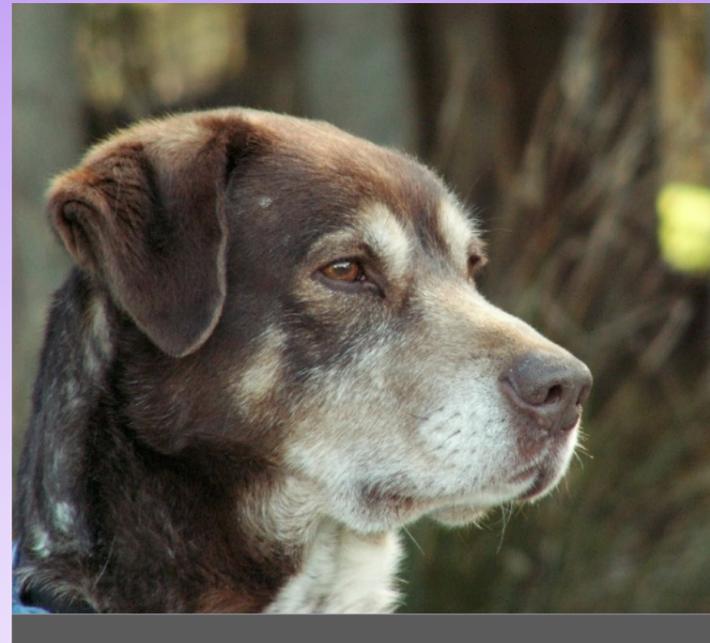


Lewis

Lewis came to Hilbrae on 3rd March 2012. He was found wandering around at the bottom of the Wrekin, confused and unsure. It was the start of a journey that would see him finding himself a star and the best home a dog could ever wish for.



This handsome fellow here is Lewis. Hard to imagine why he would no longer be wanted but he was dumped at the Wrekin and left for a few hours before we picked him up. As you can imagine, he was rather distressed and was very wary of strangers. He was however ok with other dogs so he shared a kennel with Sophie and Solo.



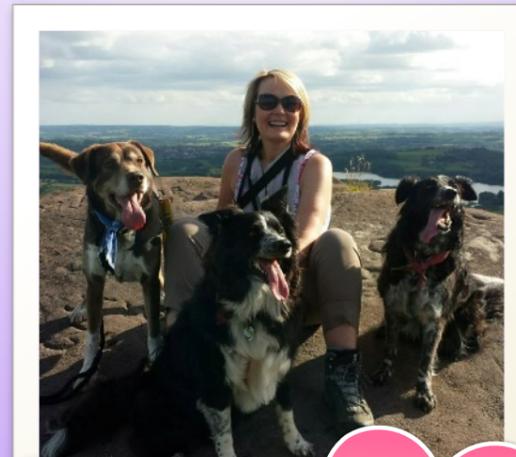
My name is Lewis. My Mum had made a promise, that she would give an older dog a second chance! She had been following me on Bulley's blog. Lucky me! After lots of hints to her partner about getting another dog, they came to see me. They came via their trip home.

Was I going to have a sister and brother? After playing in the paddock for an hour, Mum walked all three of us together. That was it. So all the paper work was done. Was I going to have a furever home? YES!! We went home in a camper van. I had to go in a travel pen. Did not like that. Mum was saying safety first.

He stayed with us for nearly 3 years. Because he was so unsure of strangers he was always overlooked. He built bonds with some of the staff and the volunteers so life wasn't too bad for him but every dog should have a home. Here at Hilbrae we believe every dog will find the right home, it may take a few weeks, months or sadly in some cases a few years but there is one out there. And we never give up.

I am truly living the dream!

I go on holidays, have been all over England, Scotland and Wales. Been on a boat. Life is great. I go to training and enjoy lots of walks. Not sure if you have ever seen Lewis like this?



L= London on bucket list

E= England check

W= Wales check

I = Ireland on bucket list

S= Scotland check

Our Mum is big on bucket lists.



**Lots
of love
Lewis xxx**



On 13th December 2014 Lewis appeared on Bulley's blog along with his kennel mate Sophie. The blog has had great success over the years in helping the dogs find homes and this time it was their turn. Sophie had been waiting 9 years for a home and was a bit grumpy just like Lewis. The blog must have caught someone's eye because within days Sophie had appeared in a national paper and appeared on Channel 5 news with an appeal for a home. Nine days later and Sophie had gone off to her own home. The publicity had worked! But where did that leave poor Lewis?

Xmas came and went. Lewis carried on being the star of the blog in the hope that he too would have the same success as Sophie. Two days into the New Year something amazing happened. Lewis had a home.



Dottie's Home

Dottie our lovely dalmatian cross had been here quite a while. Most of you will already know her either from being at the kennels or from Bulley's blog on facebook.

She needed a home where she wasn't left much as she gets really lonely and cries. It was proving to be quite a task as after a few years she was still with us.

Well, a super thing happened, Dottie appeared in the Daily Mirror on December 8th and she was seen by a couple local to us. Within a couple of weeks Dottie was in her own home. In time for Christmas too.

Dottie has since appeared on numerous news channels and appeared in a few newspapers too.

Dottie you are such a star xxx

You can read the Daily Mirror's article on Dottie [here](#) and her follow up story [here](#)

**More
News**



Love from me,
Bulley x
The life of a rescue
dog - a true story

Julia Kaminski
and Babs Bufton

Bulley's Book

I'm sure most of you will remember Bulley? He became quite famous you know? Sadly he passed away in February 2014 but he left quite a mark on the hearts of many people and now you can read his story.

Written by Julia Kaminski (one of our trustees) and Babs Bufton (Bulley's mum) with all profits being donated to Hilbrae you really can't go wrong. It is available in paperback or to download from Amazon.

If you are a dog lover then this is definitely a book for you, but be warned, you will need the tissues handy.

You can purchase the paperback version [here](#) or you can download it [here](#)



Charity Shops

WE NEED

VOLUNTEERS

For our shop in Dawley

Could you help us?



Oakengates

Opening times

Mon 9.30am-3.00pm

Tue 9.30am-3.00pm

Wed 9.30am-3.00pm

Thu 9.30am-3.00pm

Fri 9.30am-3.00pm

Sat 9.30am-3.00pm

Sun Closed

We are looking for volunteers to help out for a few hours on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Monday - Friday afternoons.

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to meet new people helping in our shop in Dawley please get in touch.

Dawley

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Thu 9.30am-3.30pm

Fri 9.30am-3.30pm

Sat Closed

Sun Closed

Make someone you love a Hilbrae Angel this year



What better present could you give a dog lover than knowing that they have helped keep a homeless dog warm, fed and cared for this winter?

Your gift of £5 a month, or however much you would like to donate, would help us care for the dogs at the kennels - for however long it takes - until they find their forever home and your friend or loved one will receive a certificate to show their support.

For more information click [here](#)

Thanks for your support

How You Can Help Us

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, knives, videos or books.

We are now registered on JustGiving



Please keep sharing all our lovely dogs looking for homes.

It is the best way to help them find a forever 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 shops in Oakengates and Dawley.

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 12.00 and 4.00 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!!

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

Olive and Eddie keeping Leanne company at the Newport Show

Events and Fundraising

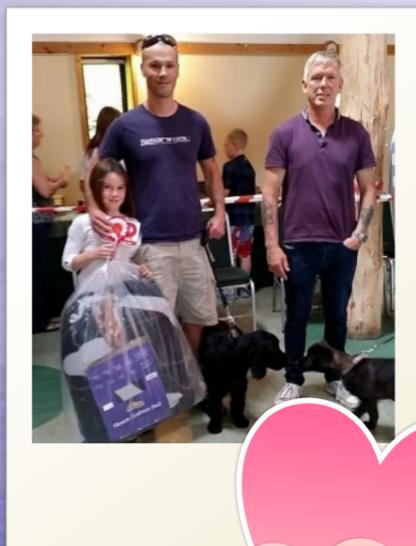


We need every single one of you, without your support we just wouldn't be here. So love and thanks to you all.



A big thanks to Rosewood Pet Products

Hilbrae Rescue Kennels



A huge thank you to Polly Cherry of Cherry's Real Food Cafe & Woodland Hall for organising an event raising money for us. They raised a fantastic £275, thank you very much!!

Are you planning an event or fundraising for us? Would you like us to feature it here on our fundraising page? Get in touch

hilbraenews@aol.com



Scott Boland, along with 6 other great people cycled from Land's End to John O' Groats in eight days and raised a massive £410 for Hilbrae. Scott's dog Silva is an ex Hilbrae dog, we bet she is very proud of her dad. Thanks everyone and well done !!!

Dog T.A.G Bark in the Park



Altogether Emma Lovett and Jess Harrington raised £250 for Hilbrae Rescue Kennels for completing the 10K Mud Run in July! Here is one of the muddy pictures for you. Thank you to everybody who donated!

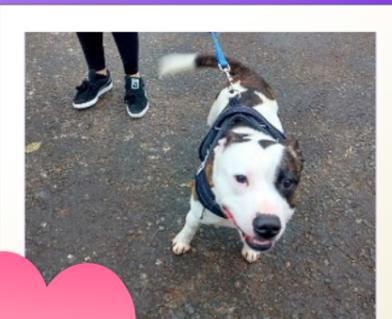
Well done Emma and Jess
xxx



Sponsored Walk

We had our 20th annual sponsored walk on 3rd October. Sadly the weather wasn't great but we still had a good turnout. There was tea and cake for the walkers and lots of treats for the dogs. Thanks to our supporters we raised a whopping £1477 .

A big thanks to Julia for organising the walk and to everyone who took part.



We were lucky to be the chosen charity for the Dog Theft Awareness group. Here is their account of the event we attended. Thanks Ladies x

Dog T.A.G (dog theft awareness group) held a successful dog theft awareness event & family fun-day at Birches valley, Cannock Chase forest on Sunday 13th September. Our Facebook supporters participated in an online poll & Hilbrae was chosen to be the first nominated rescue for our 'Bark in the Park' fundraising event. The day was filled with smiles, pooches, stalls, wagging tails, fun & of course the message of dog safety and awareness was strong too.

We had over 150 dogs officially register for our dog theft awareness walk and a fantastic turnout of supporters at the event, donating various doggie products for Hilbrae too. Dobbie the whippet also found his forever home on the day & left Hilbrae for a new happy life with his new family, which was a wonderful finale to the day for us all.

Dog T.A.G had the pleasure of visiting the rescue on the 4th October with a boot full of extra rescue donations & a cheque for £230 from the events fundraising. Of course, while we were there, how could we not take a few of the beautiful pooches out for walkies, treat, cuddles and love!!! A great big barking thank you to all who supported us on the day and helped raise a little money for a worthy cause.

Kez & Becky xxx

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fundraising page? Get in touch***

Bulley's Bash and Hilbrae After Party



On the 9th October we had the 1st annual Bulley's Bash. Friends of Bulley travelled from all over the U.K to meet at the Buckatree in Telford.

It was brilliant, well organised and I can say that everyone there has a heart of gold. It was fantastic to put faces to names, Jo Poole wrote a fantastic news at ten, of which Babs Bufton and Sue Westwood did the Bongs. Marty Burrell came to make it a perfect night. If you want a night out come to next year's bash and you will feel the love of Bulley our hero and Hilbrae who never give up on any dog as there is always hope xxx

Some of the group visited us here at Hilbrae on the 10th October and walked many of the dogs that we have in the kennels. The dogs got lots of cuddles and play time and best of all, lots of love. There were rivers of tea and plenty of biscuits and cake to refuel in between walks.

It was a lovely day, we got to meet in person a few of the fantastic supporters who help us day in day out with support, sharing the dogs on facebook and twitter, donating money, toys food etc. The dogs got lots of fuss and everyone got a walk (no easy task when you have over 60 dogs). I'm sure the dogs and the visitors slept well after all the excitement.

We hope to see even more of you at the next one

Rose Pattyson x

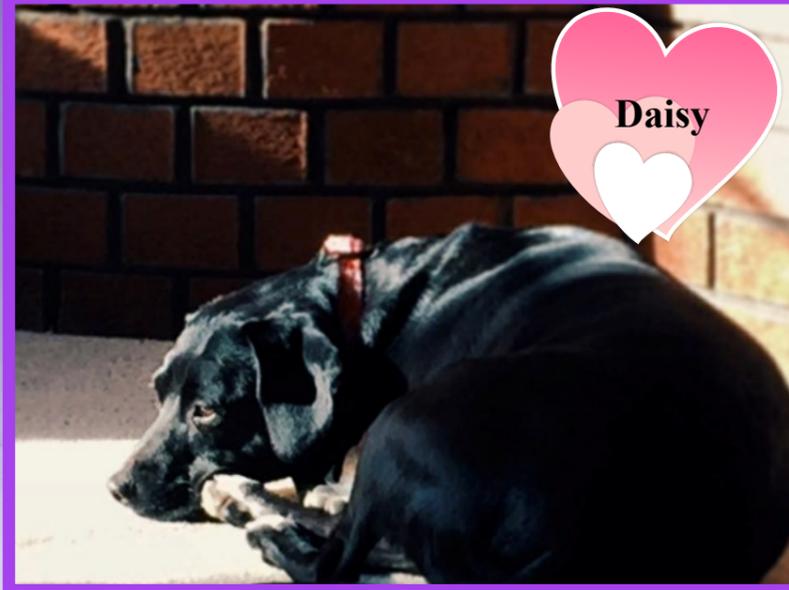
Supporters' Dogs



Yoshi



Nyx and Loki



Daisy



Stanley



Bowie



Bella

Not sure if you remember Daisy, we rehomed her in April 2010 from Hilbrae as a 4 month old puppy that had been found as a stray with a big cut above her eye. As you can see, she's very well loved!!!



Ozzy



Lizzie and Heidi



Basil



Molly

Our lovely Molly .. Bless her .. Had to be put down in February ... We had her 12 years and was 3 when we had her .. One amazing dog

This is Ozzy The Old English Sheepdog we had him from Hilbrae 2 years ago on the 21st Sept, he has been amazing and comes everywhere with us, including coming to work everyday, we love him to bits.. He will be 11 this coming December...



This is our Jake (known as little man when at hillbrae) he's our much loved Jack Russell terror lol. He'd only been with you a week when we arrived with our old j.r. blackey on the first day he could be rehomed on 22/12/08. 5 months old unable to walk on his back left leg, we fell in love and old blackey approved so he came home with us. Sadly blackey passed away August 1st last year aged 17 yrs 16 days and Jake is now a happy 7 year old and couldn't imagine life without him. Can't thank you enough, especially Claudia who went to get him from Marty's house where apparently he'd been sleeping on her bed for his stay with you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for our 'little man' x



Born at Hilbrae, Quincy is now one of only three Drowned Victim Search Dogs within the National Search and Rescue Dog Association



Percy



Lewis, Buster and Cassie



Daisy

My gentle giant Boris. Rescued in February 2015. Beautiful inside and out. Never a paw out of place xx



Sasha



Diggie and Largo

This is Tilly, found wondering the streets of Madeley at around 8 months of age. She was brought into Haygate vets (where I was working at the time) she was terrified. At this time I was waiting to move into my new house and was looking for a second dog. The moment she wrapped her legs around my leg desperate to feel safe I fell in love with her. Hilbrae came to collect her like they always did when we had a stray come in. I told Pete I was interested in having her, and as no one claimed her I was informed she was mine if I was still interested, obviously I was, look at her she's beautiful! However I couldn't have her for another week as our house wasn't ready, Hilbrae were amazing and kept her free of charge for another week for me. I think the work you do is amazing I always recommend you when someone mentions they're thinking of getting a dog. You guys are the best, Love Lou and Tilly



Tilly



Joseph



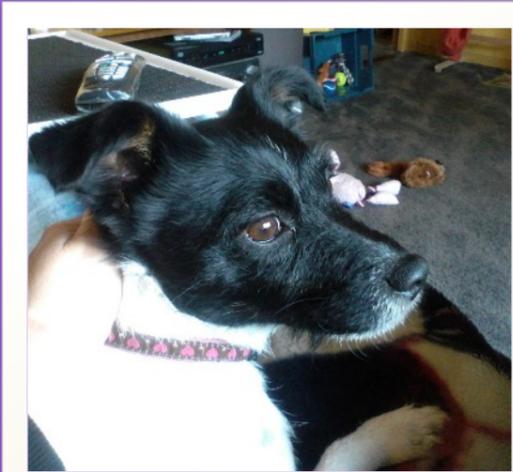
Denzel



Fergie



Jake



Mimi



Dowey



Meggie



Worcester



Rosie



Lexi



Nelson

A big thanks to everyone who has sent us pictures of their dogs. If you didn't see your fur baby in this issue then don't worry as they may appear in the next one.



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



MICHELLE EVANS
pet photography



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

Please get in touch

BIG THANKS TO OUR PHOTOGRAPHY SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE TAKEN SOME SPECTACULAR PICTURES OF OUR RESIDENTS OVER THE YEARS

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