#### LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE SOUTHERN ENGLAND



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Welcome to our October Newsletter. It's muddy puddle weather again, something that always makes my dogs very happy and me not so! Just a reminder, with fireworks on the horizon for Halloween and Bonfire night, to keep your animals safe in doors. We have included in this newsletter some advice that might help as it is so sad to see our animals upset. We are being kept busy with many dogs coming into rescue and hope you will enjoy reading about the many dogs that we have now placed in happy homes. We thank you for your continued support and hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter.

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China Dog Update We are still awaiting confirmation of dates as to when our remaining China Dogs will be able to travel to us. Both Ryder and Larry has arrived safely and are settling in with their new family here in the UK - see page 3 and 5 for their updates.

If you could offer a home for a truly worthy & wonderful dog, please do contact us. If you'd like to donate to us to help cover their travel costs to their new lives, please Click here for PayPal or here for JustGiving Please tick for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer, as we get 25% on top of your donation.

## FOSTERING A DOG SAVES LIVES

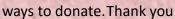
There is a serious crisis in the dog pounds all over the UK and thousands of dogs are being put to sleep when they are not claimed, and a rescue space cannot be found for them. It is truly heart breaking! We can only offer to take a dog if we have a foster home for him/her as kennelling is too expensive and does not give the dog time to adjust and give us a full picture of the dog's character and needs. I know we say this often, but it has never been a truer statement than now **FOSTERING A DOG SAVES LIVES**. Below are a few of the dogs that would not be alive and enjoying life today if it wasn't for the wonderful fosterers that agreed to take them in for us. We need many, many more kind people that would open their hearts and homes to save a dog's life. So please take a good look at these beautiful dogs and get in contact with either Louise or Sue if you can help save another furry friend.

Fostering is not a lifetime commitment - it's a commitment to saving a LIFE. We urgently need people that could join our small team of fosterers. If YOU would like to help, then please contact us. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU COULD OFFER A STARTING PLACE FOR ONE OF THESE VERY SPECIAL SOULS. LOUISE.LRRSE@gmail.com Or SUE.LRRSE@gmail.com

If you are able to help by donating or joining our fundraising page or by simply sharing our posts, we would be very grateful. Visit our donate page https://www.labrador-rescue.org.uk/donate.html for many simple













# WINSTON

#### Hi Louise,

Seeing the latest newsletter reminded me to send an update on Winston. We have now had him six months and he is one year old, very boisterous and very loved. As the photos show, he has made friends with the cat and the neighbour's dog but does find time to have a good lie-down now and again. He has been to training class for 18 weeks and is now a wonderful family dog who nevertheless keeps us all on our toes! Thanks

Rachel



## HARLEY (was Larry, one of our China Dogs)





Dear Louise, I hope you are doing well

Just an update after a week with Larry. We have renamed him Harley, and he has a new tag, the LRRSE one is on its way back to Sue as requested.

He has settled in so very well. His journey home after a few days in crates, with loads of noise and smells, being very tired, led him to have a few days of being unsettled as expected. But has now started to reveal his actual character.

As you described he is a calm, quiet dog. Only a little bounce when he sees a new dog or meets someone for the first time. With some gentle training, I am sure we will overcome this. He has learned very quickly on the lead and has almost stopped pulling ahead. Again, with some gentle coaching (it's only been a week) he is learning and already is almost there.

He is toilet trained, and managing his food and walks helps. He was a little dehydrated when he arrived - we thought he would never stop drinking - but this has now settled down.

He is social with our cat, and other dogs. Just wants to play, as any teenager does, but soon settles when he has had chance to sniff and get to know his new friends.

Think he had just been groomed, which is great! A fantastic job, so well done to whoever did this as he looked/looks handsome as you can see in the pictures.

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## HARLEY (was Larry, one of our China Dogs)





Finally, a massive thanks, once again to you, Sue and all the team at LRRSE for introducing us to Harley, having a rescue is a risk for him, you and of course us, but with expert (we mean expert!) advice along the way, from all contacts, advice and in some cases 'Honest' feedback(!) from you and the team. We miss our previous lab from LRRSE, but Harley is starting to fill the void. So, for this, we and as I can now speak for Harley also, are extremely grateful.

Thank you LRSSE we really appreciate what you do. The hard work, undoubted cost and personal investment you make for the dogs. If they could speak, I know they would thank you for what you do.

Kindest regards, Andy, Shuk, Family and Harley (Narla, the cat, not so much, but thanks anyway 😏 )





## RYDER

# Ryder arrived at his new home and is settling in well

#### Your Dog's Tail Translated



# NANA





Good morning Sue,

We had a good journey home and Nana slept all the way. She slept on our bed last night and was no problem at all. At the moment she's following Dave everywhere and he's in his element,

Thank you for your good work and we'll keep you updated on her progress,



Best wishes, Rosalyn





Hi Sue,



The 1st week is over, and Nana has done really well. She's very quick to learn and is already getting used to our routine. She follows Dave everywhere and enjoys being curled up on the sofa beside him. We haven't introduced too many new things yet as there's plenty of time, so she still sleeps on our bed but settles down and hardly moves Best wishes,

Rosalyn





Hi Louise, Sue and all at LRRSE,

It's now six months since we adopted May, so we have attached some up-todate pictures of her. As you can see, she's looking good, relatively fit and seems to be enjoying her new life.

A different dog to the one that arrived six months ago.

She's not been challenged with towns and crowds, but living with us it's unlikely she ever will be. We are a perfect fit.

Thank you for letting us have her. You made the right decision for her and us. Dawn & Roger





## MOLLY (One of our China Dogs)

Hi Louise,

3 months down the line and Molly is so happy...

No longer the timid one, no problem cars at any time and she waits calmly by the train tracks waiting to cross on our walks. She is amazing - everyone in the street loves her and she is a favourite of the toddler next door. I am sending photos of her on first holiday. She took to the cottage and hotel (where they continually fed her sausages because she was so good) like she had always done it.

Best wishes, Marion and John







"It keeps me from looking at my phone every two seconds."

when the world around me is going crazy, I just have to look at my dog to know that good still exists

(was Olaf)





Hi Sue,

Ollie is doing really well. He finally went to sleep about 11:30pm when my son finally went to bed. He slept down the side of my bed all night. We took him for two short walks yesterday and it went well. He had a small wee accident last night in the house but managed to hold his number 2 till I let him outside at 6 am.

He is a bundle of fun and very affectionate, loves chewing things and chasing a ball. I will need to invest in some more chew toys! So far, he loves my dog

doorstops the most.

I'll keep you posted.



Nicky

Update: Hi Sue,

It's been a good week of us all getting to know each other. Ollie's a very good boy despite the odd toilet accident in the house and we have discovered he loves a muddy puddle! He loves a snuggle too which is great.

Thanks, **Duncan and Nicky** 











Hi Sue,

Ace is doing really well, and I would say he's settled in now! He loves his walks round the woods by us and loves playing!

ACE

Best wishes,

Vanessa

# Helping to keep your dogs calm during fireworks season



Find out when it's likely that your local area/neighbours will be having fireworks and plan around this:

- Make sure you or someone your dog knows and trusts, is at home
- Plan your meals, toilet time and walks earlier in the day to avoid being out when fireworks are likely to be going off.

Prepare your home:

- Close all doors and windows to minimise noise.
- Close curtains to minimise scary flashes.
- Check your fences dogs are more likely to bolt/run away if they are scared.
- Create a cozy sanctuary/safe space for your dog.
- Turn the TV or radio on to help drown out the noise.

Some products that might help relax and reassure your dog, available from Amazon (links below) and most good pet stores:

- <u>Thunder Jackets/Shirts</u>
- <u>Happy Hoodies</u>
- Adaptil calming diffuser and/or collar



## MILLIE





Hi Sue, Can't believe it's been a year since we adopted Millie from you. She is doing great – such a fantastic dog! Thank-you for letting us re-home Millie, we love her so much. All the best, Jill, Mark, Thomas, James and a BIG thank you from Lumi for the best sister ever!

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Hi Sue

We've had a good day and night with Zuzu. He is such a lovely natured dog and as you all said, loves balls and cuddles!

Gordon slept downstairs with him last night and after he initially tried to sleep on top of Gordon, he slept pellets, for the rest of the night in his bed.

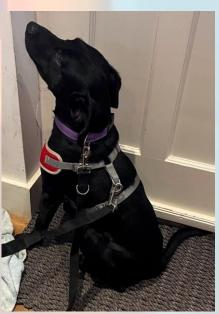
He enjoyed his walks to the common yesterday and the school run/park this morning. He does pull a lot as you said, but we'll look for some training lessons for him and keep on with the tips Jo gave us yesterday. He hasn't eaten very much. We have Ava Labrador dog pellets, but he'll take one at a time and take it to his bed to eat. Maybe it's just while he's settling in that he might not eat a lot?

He also only seems to poo on walks and not in the garden. But I'm sure that will come.

The kids are loving him, he is so good with them. Big thanks to you all, and we'll keep you updated!



Karen









Good morning Sue and Louise, Just a quick update on Lola's progress.

She has been with us two weeks tomorrow and it feels like she has always been here. It took her a few days to settle; but, of course, I was prepared for that. Now she is truly making herself comfortable and her character is developing daily.

She was weighed at her first visit to the vets 29.5kg but when we went on Thursday to get her nails clipped, she was down to 28.7kg - the vet was pleased with this as we are aware that Lola is carrying a few unnecessary kilos/pounds. Having her nails clipped was extremely traumatic for Lola but once they were done the difference in her walking was really noticeable and she no longer slows right down when on a pavement.

Lola has Salmon oil on her food daily and this together with regular brushing means that her coat has now got a shine to it.

Lola walks with a Halti as she has a tendency to pull when she sees cats/foxes or some other dogs. She is so compliant when we get ready for a walk and allows the harness/collar to be put on without any struggling. Now it's dark in the mornings she has a lovely green flashing addition to her lead which makes it very easy to see her when we are on the canal.

Lola loves the walks along the canal and in the adjoining fields. Her recall isn't always instant, but she will play 'Hide and Seek' with me and always comes to 'find'. She has the occasional moment of excitement and will run after a rabbit, squirrel or a deer but her energy levels don't allow her to go far, and she has returned to me without any issue.

At 3am this morning when Lola came into my bedroom, jumped on the bed and then sat on my head to 'kiss' me I knew she was feeling extremely at home! She is a joy to have around.

Jayne



When you got the "rescue dog" job, but you lied on your resume.









**OLIVE** 





Hello Sue,

Olive is doing well, she has grown over the last 4 months, is loving the garden (especially the apple and pear drops earlier on), enjoys her walks & given the chance sneaks in as a good dishwasher pre washer..

Olive is quite a character, very strong willed & knows her own mind/ what she wants to do. Olive has an amazing body clock, knows when it's time to knock off work and go for a walk (even if it's a bit early sometimes) & is a very loving character, often climbing up for cuddles, which is no doubt a testament to the love the previous owner gave, so thank you for this.



# WOODY





Hi Louise & Sue, Few more recent pics of Woody.

He's very much a 'hunter' so recall is very important & training in this is showing great improvement. He now instantly returns.

He loves water. Socialising with other dogs daily has calmed him down lots and he no longer pulls our arms out of our shoulders with the lead when he sees

one! So glad he's central part of our family.!

Thank you again. 💙









Hi Louise, Just checking in - Sam had a good night last night. We had an hours walk this morning and is fabulous on the lead. He's definitely making himself at home! Btw we have changed his name to Odie.

Thanks, Toni

Please don't forget to <u>carefully</u> return our tag once you have your own made. Our stock frequently runs low, and they are quite expensive for us to replace. Thank you!





## DAISY





Hi Sue,

Just an update on Daisy: a couple of weeks ago Daisy had an operation to remove a growth on her paw. Fortunately, it was nothing serious. Luckily, we had taken out the Pet Plan dog insurance as the vet bill was over £900.

Daisy has been with us 5 months and has settled perfectly and is one of the family. She loves everyone and everything, including Lucy our other rescue dog that we rehomed from you nearly 10 years ago. We are so grateful that we have her and love her very much.



Many thanks, Sue and Tim







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