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Welcome to your
monthly newsletter

June 2023

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Spotlight on our supporters



Ropelet

Ropelets design handmade marine / climbing rope, leather and stainless steel bracelets in a wide range of colours and sizes. Fastened with a range of stainless steel clasps they are fun and trendy.

They've designed our very own exclusive Northumberland Dog Rescue Ropelet available in sizes X Small to XX Large, and a keyring, all the profits of which go directly to our charity and helping our dogs.

The Ropelets and Keyrings are available to buy at all our events, or online direct through them at <https://ropelet.co.uk/online-shop/?store-page=Northumberland-Dog-Rescue-Charity-bracelet-p552128510>

They've also agreed to donate 2 Ropelets to our Grand Summer Raffle in July so keep your eyes peeled for details.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Ropelet>

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/ropelet_bracelets/

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Ropelet>

Website: <https://ropelet.co.uk/>

Success Story of the Month



Pip

Pip, is an 11 year old ex working dog who has been adopted by Park View Care Home.



She's a lovely old girl who suffers with arthritis and just loves people and cuddles, so out of the hundreds of enquiries we received for her, it seemed a perfect fit for the care home to adopt her.



Rescue Dog of the Month



Jessie

Jessie is a 16 week old deaf American Bulldog who came to us because her owners were advised not to keep a deaf American Bulldog around children.

She's a typically boisterous puppy who is learning hand signals for commands and will need an owner who is around a lot of the time to help continue her training and support.

She's started on her injections and will be fully vaccinated before being rehomed.

Her new home would probably be best with no cats or small children and with a male dog, or as an only dog.

If you want to adopt Jessie please email northumberlandogrescue@gmail.com with as many details about your home environment as possible.

This month's event calendar

June 2023

Why not pop these dates into your diaries and come along and meet some of our 2 and 4 legged friends for a chat and a get together, none of us bite and it's always good to talk :-)

Thursday 1st June

Bamburgh Castle Dog Sitting

Saturday 3rd

Bamburgh Castle Cricket Pavilion
Plants and pre-loved Sale

Saturday 17th

Pets at Home - Morpeth

Sunday 25th

Bamburgh Castle Cricket Pavilion
Pop Up Cafe

Join The Club!

Win cash every month!
Full details and entry at:

www.northumberlanddogrescue.co.uk/100-club

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Spotlight On Our Team



Wal and David

Volunteers possess all sorts of different skills and we're extremely grateful for these 2!

Wal:

I became a volunteer during Lockdown, Annie my partner was a kennel volunteer and we started dog walking together when the kennels were closed to volunteers. I did a brief stint at the charity shop in Wooler but it wasn't for me and I decided my time could be better used by sharing my skills in maintenance. I still walk dogs, usually the large ones but a lot of my volunteering has been building and fixing at the kennel. So far this year I, together with David Shires another volunteer have; fenced the kennels and built the new entrance, fenced the new meet and greet area, laid foundations for the 6 new kennels and put in paths and fencing. Sue the kennel manager always has some work that needs to be done and I think has me on speed dial. I am also a musician and I fundraise for NDR with a local band The Salmon City Blues Band as well as doing a few busking gigs with Roz, Phil and Cally also local musicians.

David:

I joined NDR as a volunteer when I moved North in 2021, Wal was already a volunteer and I started to help him out with a number of maintenance jobs, I had a garden landscaping business before taking early retirement and I have used my skills to take down trees and help Sue the Kennel manager think about the plants we need for a sensory garden for the dogs. I will be running the plant stall this year at the Bamburgh Pavilion selling my plants to raise funds for NDR
Nicky my partner and I were fostering an NDR dog who we have now adopted.

Events Volunteers Wanted



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Volunteers Wanted



*We're Bamburgh Castle's
Charity of the Year for 2023*

*Can you volunteer to help us at any of our
events this year in the
stunning settings of Bamburgh Castle*

*From pop up cafes to dog sitting
to busking we need your help,*

Can you help us help our rescue dogs?

Please contact us with your details on
volunteers.ndr@gmail.com



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Adoption Risks (1/3)



Adoption risks and reasons for failures

I'm not going to sugar coat this topic because it is very important that any potential adopters are aware of the factors before taking a rescue dog home.

1 in every 5 dogs in rescue centres have been rehomed before!

That means that those dogs have had their world turned upside down at least 5 times before, after being abandoned by their owners, placed into strange kennels, beginning to trust new owners, and then being abandoned again, before being placed into possibly strange new kennels again, is it any wonder some of them have trust issues, and how wonderful that they do trust humans again!

So why do so many rehoming attempts fail?

There are numerous possible reasons, a few of which we'll cover here, but every dog is an individual and unique with its own characteristics, just like humans there isn't a "one size fits all" blanket approach or guidebook that can be applied. Over a third of all people gave behavioural problems as the reason for returning an adopted dog to a rescue centre, this also being the most common reason for a dog being given up in the first place, so unless the issue can be corrected before the next adoption, the dog in question runs the risk of being returned to the shelter time and time again.

Issues such as destructive behaviour within the home, inappropriate toileting, aggression, barking or escaping are all common potential issues, with prospective adopters either not fully understanding what is required for the adoption of any given dog, or being caught by surprise and then being unable or unwilling to work to correct the issues.

Adoption Risks (2/3)



This is why the staff and volunteers at Northumberland Dog rescue work so hard to ensure a dog must only go through this process once, by understanding the dog first, then rehabilitating and when ready, matching with the perfect owners.

The second most common reason for returning an adopted dog is integrating the dog into the adopters existing home lifestyle and environment. Bringing a new dog into a home with existing pets can be fraught with difficulties, will they be able to interact with the resident pets, whether that be dogs or cats? With dogs, that can be assessed beforehand by ensuring the dogs meet up a couple of times first in different environments, with cats that can be awkward!

Even when the newly adopted dog and the existing dog appear to get on well in the first instance, once the new dog begins to settle in and feel that their home is their territory, this can lead to conflict with the pecking order between the dogs, or jealousy and unhappiness over who is getting the most attention.

Household cats can also take a long time to warm up to the presence of a new dog, and if the new dog is rowdy, noisy or apt to chase the cat, this can soon become a deal breaker for the owners.

The same applies to households with children. Children very often will want a dog as a pet, but if that dog doesn't do what the child's pre-conceived ideas thought it would, they can soon get bored and this can cause issues further down the line.

Adoption Risks (3/3)



Naturally children's safety and welfare are a parent's priority and children often have to go through a steep learning curve themselves about appropriate behaviour around a new dog, it can take many months of supervision before you can be sure that the dog can be trusted to be safe around your children.

Snappiness, aggression or a simple lack of bonding between child and dog are therefore all reasons for a potential rehoming failure.

Some other commonly given reasons for returns to the shelter include an allergic reaction to the dog, a health issue that the dog develops soon after adoption, and changes in circumstances, such as a change of job or family make-up.

As can be seen above the reasons for dogs being returned to rescue centres are nearly as numerous as the number of dogs currently awaiting their new forever owners to find them, but with preparation by the rescue centres, and awareness of potential pitfalls by the potential owners, there is no reason why dogs can't be successfully adopted.

If you think you can rescue a dog and provide it with a new loving home please don't hesitate to email northumberlandogrescue@gmail.com with as much information about yourself and your home environment and your preferred type of dog and we'll get back to you.

Ways you can help

Amazon:

The next time you're shopping for your essentials on Amazon, please check out our wish list for our essentials :-)

[Amazon wish list](#)

Volunteering:

Are you able to spare a couple of hours either on a regular basis or even just occasionally on an ad-hoc basis?

Volunteering can take many forms:

- Helping care for our rescues at the centre
- Shaking a collecting bucket at events
 - Helping at our shop in Amble
- Hosting a coffee morning at home

The volunteering options are endless, if you want to help and/or have any other ideas in how you can help us to help the dogs in our care please contact

volunteers.ndr@gmail.com

Donations

Donations are the lifeblood of every charity and allow us to continue our work rehabilitating and re-homing our dogs. Every donation, great or small helps.

[Donate here:](#)

The fun spot



HOW TO WALK A HUMAN A Dogs Guide

Humans need exercise. If they don't get it they become "chubby". It's up to you to save them.



1. Allow your human to tether themselves to you. This keeps them from wondering off or running away.
2. Your human probably needs breaks. Be considerate and stop and sniff often.
3. Bark frequently. Humans have a short attention span.
4. When you go to the bathroom, walk away. If you have trained your human correctly, they will pick it up.
Good aerobics.
5. Periodically drag your human as fast as you can. This is called interval training.
6. Do not allow your human to shorten the walk. They are being lazy. Sit in protest if you must.
7. Once you are home, allow your human to remove their tether, then lick their face many times. This is positive reinforcement for a job well done.