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Welcome to your
monthly newsletter

April 2023

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Spotlight on our supporters



Snoods 4 Dudes

Snoods4Dudes came into existence when Sarah began knitting snoods for her 2 Northumberland Rescue Dogs, to protect them from the cold Northumberland Coastal walks and her friends encouraged her to start making more!

Now with a 3rd rescue dog being suitably dressed and many variations of yarns, colours and textures later, Sarah sells them through branches of The Running Fox at Shillbottle, Long Framlington and Longhoughton as well as online through her Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Snoods4Dudes>

and through her brand new website at
[snoods4dudes.co.uk](https://www.snoods4dudes.co.uk)

Sarah donates a percentage of each sale to Northumberland Dog Rescue, so please dig deep and make sure your furry friend is the smartest pooch on the block

Staff Wanted



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**We are
hiring!**

Wanted - Kennels Assistant

Role overview:

Responsible to the Kennels Manager
for the day-day running of our kennels

Preferred Skills/Experience/Qualities:

Must be passionate about,
and be committed to the welfare of dogs,
Must be IT literate,
and have own driving licence and vehicle.

Hours:

Variable, to be agreed

Salary:

National Living Wage as of 01/04/23

Location:

Patterson's Cottage, Alnwick

If interested please email:

northumberlandogrescue@gmail.com

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This month's event calendar

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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 :-)

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th
Bamburgh Castle

Friday 7th
Pets at Home - Morpeth
Easter Tombola

Friday 14th
Bamburgh Castle

Saturday 15th
Pets at Home - Morpeth

Saturday 15th
The Plough Inn at Mitford

Sunday 23rd
Bamburgh Castle Cricket Pavilion
Pop Up Cafe

Win Cash prizes

Help Raise Funds

Your chance
to WIN
Coming Soon

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**You've got to be
in it to win it!**

100 Club

**Rescue,
Rehabilitate & Rehome**

**Launch Date:
3rd April 2023**

Win Cash Prizes

Volunteers wanted - Kennels

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*Volunteers wanted
at our rescue centre
just outside Alnwick*



ALFIE



RALPH

*Like walking and playing
with dogs?
Hours to suit and job
satisfaction guaranteed*



*Can you spare a couple of
hours a week to help look
after our rescues?*



CHIEF



PAX

*Please email
northumberlandogrescue@gmail.com
for more info and to volunteer*

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Spotlight On Our Team



Katherine

Craig the Collie (who is the joy of my life) came to us from the rescue kennels at Swinhoe in 2015 and when I finished full time work in 2016 I joined my partner, Peter, who was already walking the dogs and cleaning the kennels at Swinhoe.

We did that until the rescue was evicted from Swinhoe and transferred to do the same job at Patterson's Cottage.

Due to Coronovirus and Peter's age we began to dog walk instead. This involves collecting a dog, putting it in the car and taking it either for a lead-training walk or to try out different environments and report back to the kennels. This takes about two hours and we do it once a week.

We also volunteer in the shop at Amble covering for regular shop volunteers when they are absent, and attend fundraising events at Pets At Home and in the North of the county.

Since the Autumn I have become a Trustee and have some responsibilities for safeguarding, data protection and finance – all the fun stuff!

I enjoy being with different dogs, seeing what they are like and being outdoors; I also get a lot out of meeting new people in the shop or when out and about rattling a tin.

Volunteering is a good way to give shape to your week, meet friendly people. and to do something completely different to the day job.

Volunteers wanted - Shop

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Shop Volunteers Wanted



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Can you spare a few hours a week?

Fancy joining a great team working to improve the lives of rescued dogs?

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If so please contact us by emailing
northumberlandogrescue@gmail.com

No experience needed



Shop location: Amble

Opening hours:
10:30am to 4pm

AM or PM available



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Adopt or buy? (1/3)

Do I adopt or buy from a breeder?

That is an age old question that every potential dog owner should seriously ask themselves before even looking at becoming a dog owner.

In short there is no "1 answer suits all" so in this 2nd article I'll cover a few pros and cons on both scenarios to help you make an informed decision.

If you're buying a puppy from a breeder or adopting from a rescue centre you need to factor into your decision making:

- The expected lifespan of the dog
- The financial costs of its care, not just food but the dreaded vets bills and insurance costs
- Your current living arrangements (children, existing pets, garden and work life etc)
- Your expected lifestyle changes during your pet's lifespan (family, location etc)
- The provision of care for the dog during your holidays

Whether adopting or buying from a breeder, the first thing to realise is your life is going to change just as much as your prospective pet's will! A dog is for life is a phrase bandied about a lot, but if you're not prepared for that commitment, DON'T DO IT!

So if after considering all the above points you're still sure you want a 4 legged loving companion in your life, the next question is "adopt" or "buy"

Adopt or buy? (2/3)

If you have your heart set on a particular breed then doing some homework in identifying and contacting a reputable licensed breeder should be your first choice, they'll be able to cover all the specific traits of that particular breed, a puppy's parents and background, all things you may not have been aware of previously. Information about the Kennel Club Assured Breeders (KCAB) scheme can be found here: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/dog-breeding/the-kennel-club-assured-breeders/why-buy-from-an-assured-breeder/>

Whilst obviously there will be adoption fees to pay if adopting they will be significantly cheaper than buying a puppy from a breeder, so although it shouldn't be the highest consideration in your choice it does need bearing in mind.

Adopting a dog from a rescue centre not only can provide you with a loving companion but also gives a previously abandoned dog literally a new life, a new start, and someone it knows will love it back just as much it will love you.

Most of the rescues in rescue centres are adult dogs who end up there for various reasons: previous owners life situation changes (as with my rescue, Koda), being abandoned as a stray, previous owners being unable to train or deal with the dog's issues, and in a few (too many) cases, abuse or neglect. The possible reasons are many but with 1 common factor, they need a new loving home.

Reputable licensed rescue centres like the Northumberland Dog Rescue Centre will not operate a "rapid revolving door" policy whereby they take a dog in and then try to offload it as quickly as possible, the 2nd phase in the phrase Rescue, Rehabilitate and Rehome is the most important phase and can take considerable time, otherwise the dog runs the risk of being bounced back and forth between new owners and the rescue centres for the rest of it's life.

Adopt or buy? (3/3)

We'll cover in detail the process of adopting a dog in another article, but it can be a lengthy one involving contacting a rescue centre first with your personal and current lifestyle situation and details of what sort of dog you're looking for and what you can offer a dog, then maybe a visit to your chosen centre and an introduction to suitable dogs, possibly a trial day out together, a home check and then a home trial will be needed so that both you and your potential dog can make an informed decision.

Dog Rescue Centres currently only have to be licensed with the local authority, so unlike with reputable dog breeders having to be Kennel Club registered, there isn't a national database, however, as I did, using personal recommendations from your friends will be able to guide you to your local reputable rescue centre.

As in all your choices, being aware of all the relevant facts will help you make an informed decision, and please, remember this golden rule:

DO let your head rule your heart at this point, and DO NOT gaze into the puppy/dogs gorgeous pleading eyes!

On a personal level I've previously brought puppies, and most recently adopted, both choices have benefits and cons and have proved to be the right decision for both me and the dogs at the time, so whether you wish to adopt from a rescue centre or buy a pup from a breeder, it's a personal choice that you have to make.

In either case, you'll be giving a new pooch a welcoming and loving forever home.

If you wish to adopt one of our current dogs please visit <https://www.northumberlandogrescue.co.uk/> and contact us on northumberlandogrescue@gmail.com with your details,

Thank 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

[**northumberlandogrescue@gmail.com**](mailto:northumberlandogrescue@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 care spot

TO THE PEOPLE WHO STILL
DON'T UNDERSTAND...
I'M A RESCUE DOG



**I'm not second hand.
I'm first class.
I'm not worthless.
I'm priceless.
I'm not a thing.
I'm somebody.
I'm not damaged.
My humans let me down
and abandoned me.**