



Northumberland Dog Rescue

Welcome to your monthly newsletter

August 2023

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Spotlight on our supporters

Len Smith Photography



Len Smith Photography

Len is a very accomplished local landscape, seascape, event, and dog photographer who captures the moments that last a lifetime.

Len and his beloved Patterdale Terrior, Lady Tess of Warkworth, loves nothing better than covering outdoor events and holding photoshoots where "action" means just that, with photos of dogs and animals outdoors loving life that are his forte.

He can be found along with samples of his work at:

https://www.facebook.com/lensmithphotography

https://lensmithphotography.co.uk/index.html

And he can be contacted directly on: lenssmithphotography@gmail.com

Success Story of the Month



Minnie



Minnie was living in a home where the owner was working 13 hour shifts and she was spending her life in a cage. The reason for the owner giving her up was that the other pug in the home was attacking her (since found out she got a new puppy). The owner was asked if Minnie had any health issues, we specifically asked did she have breathing issues and was told that the vets had checked her and all her airways were clear.

When Minnie arrived she was very thin with ribs and hip bones on show, the owner said she wouldn't eat. Minnie went into foster in the cottage and as soon as her food went down she attacked it like she was starving.

Minnie was nick named the Tasmanian devil because in the morning when she was let out of her crate she whizzed round at a crazy speed like she couldn't believe she was free. Her crate was also wet every morning.

A trip to the vets revealed that Minnie's airways certainly weren't clear and she would need the BOAS surgery. Luckily one of our wonderful vets can do this surgery .

Before Minnie could have her surgery we needed to calm her down.

Minnie eventually realised that after sleeping in the crate she wasn't going back in there till bed time and so did begin to calm down and be clean in her crate. She proved to be a very affectionate girl who quite happily lived alongside other dogs of all sizes.

Minnie was then able to have her surgery and once recovered was able to look for a new home. She's now settled into her forever home where they are able to be with her all day, she will always be a little bit nuts, but she's now loved and adored as she deserves to be

Rescue Dog of the Month



Sammy

Sammy is still looking for his forever home. He can be reactive on the lead and is full of mischief. He had a rough start in life and needs someone around a lot who will put in the training and boundaries and take things slowly as understandably he takes a while to completely trust you.

We are looking for an active home with no children under 8 He lived as an only dog but walks ok with others once he has had an introduction.

We have no idea what he would be like with cats. He will need someone who is around most of the time who will set firm boundaries. He loves to play with his toys and a ball.

As always, if you feel you can offer Sammy or one of our dogs a loving home please email

northumberlandogrescue@gmail.com with as much information about your home environment and we'll get back to you when we have a suitable match

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 :-)

Every Sunday and Monday + 16th & 23rd

Dog Sitting for guests at Bamburgh Castle

Saturday 19th

In store at Pets At Home - Morpeth

Bank Holiday Monday 28th

Salmon City Blues Band Busking Seahouses Harbour

Bank Holiday Monday 28th

Pop up Cafe Bamburgh Cricket Pavilion

> Advance Notice! Sunday 3rd September

Grand Summer Event Dog Show, Classic Cars, Market Traders Bamburgh Castle Links Rd Car Park

Join The Club!

Win cash every month! Full details and entry at:

www.northumberlandogrescue.co.uk/100-club



Events Volunteers Wanted

Northumberland Dog Rescue 🏫



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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Volunteers/Foster Carers (1/4)



How can I help the rescue dogs in your care?

This is a question we often get asked, and aside from the obvious answer of donating some funds via our website, or social media pages, or through our various appeals, there are other ways everybody can help.

We're always seeking donations of food and other essential items for our dogs, these can be found on our Amazon wishlist:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/11AF7LPX8L4L1? ref_=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_0&fbclid=IwAR08ROiLfPqTZr4TFo4y3 hSEn0LWIloBcrA32sg9EgXvX8lGX2fw3OujeZY

Plus, the Pets at Home store in Morpeth (and at various supermarkets in the region) have a goods donation bin where anything you buy and place into our bin gets collected by our volunteers and brought straight to the kennels.

We do however appreciate these are financially tough times for everyone at the moment and not everyone can afford to add to their monthly outgoings, so there is another way of helping the dogs in our care that doesn't involve a direct monetary outlay.

Volunteers/Foster Carers (2/4)



A vital part of the rehabilitation for the dogs before rehoming involves staying with volunteers to assess their interactions in a home environment, in effect at a foster carers home.

The benefits for both the dog and the foster carer are obvious, it enables the dog to socialise in a home environment rather than in a kennel, and some people are unable to permanently adopt a dog due to their personal situation, but desperately crave the company of a dog in their lives, so temporarily being a foster carer is the perfect scenario for them.

All Northumberland Dog Rescue foster carers have previously been a volunteer at the kennels before being considered as a foster carer, this is in order to get to know the carer, to see how they interact with the dogs in the kennels, and for the future carer to see if it's something they really want to do.

If you think you could help by being a volunteer at the kennels and/or by fostering one of our rescue dogs, please contact our lead volunteer Annie on volunteers.ndr@gmail.com and she'll get in touch with more information about the role.

Volunteers/Foster Carers (3/4)

Over the last 4 articles we've looked at:

• Your choices when you decide to bring a dog into your life, whether it be buying a puppy or adopting a rescue dog and the pros and cons of both choices

• The role of, and the work involved at the rescue centre when a dog is rescued, including the different stages involved in ensuring that the dog is ready for his new forever home, and the selection thought process regarding matching the right dog with the new right owner.

• The risks involved in rehoming from both the dogs and the new owners' perspectives, and what factors need to be considered before adopting

• The human benefits of adopting a dog, and how much a dog can change your life for the better through the love they can and do give their new owners.

If you want to catch up with any of the articles you may have missed, they can all be found here as PDF's: https://www.northumberlandogrescue.co.uk/news

I do hope you've enjoyed these articles on rehoming dogs with the Northumberland Dog Rescue centre, and that we've laid to rest some myths and untruths about what happens at rescue centres.

Before I adopted Koda I wasn't aware of how much work goes on behind the scenes and how dedicated the staff and volunteers are, and how committed they are to help every single dog that enters into their care.

These dogs didn't ask to be abandoned, they thought they'd found their role and place in life with their first owners, only for that to be ripped away from them for whatever reason, and now are desperately just seeking a new start, a new home, and new owners that can give them as much love as they will give in return.

Please help rescue a dog and give them the life that they deserve.

Volunteers/Foster Carers (4/4)





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 :-) <u>Amazon wish list</u>

Volunteering:

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

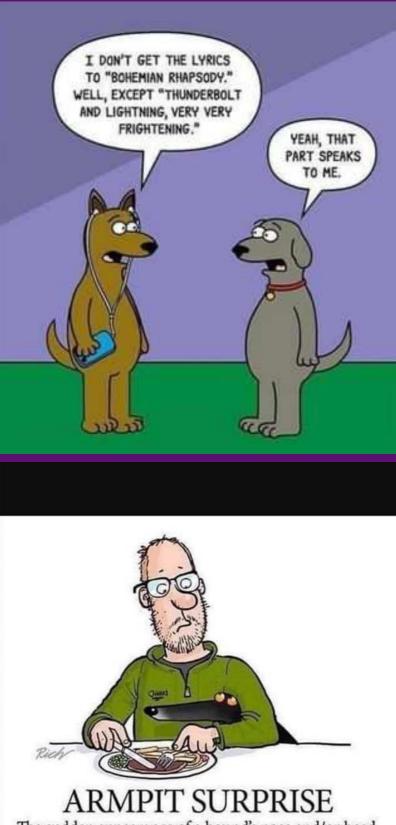
Volunteering can take many forms:
Helping care for our rescues at the centre
Shaking a collecting bucket at events
Helping at our shop in Amble
Hosting a coffee morning at home

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



The sudden appearance of a hound's nose and/or head under one's armpit.

Typically occurs at mealtimes, but can occur at any opportunity when food is being consumed by a human.