

# Autumn 2011 NEWSLETTER



Registered Charity No. 1121874



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Welcome to the Autumn 2011 Newsletter.

There is one change to the Trustees of the Charity. The Charity would like to thank Helen Olford for all her hard work and support. We wish her well for the future.

The Charity has re-homed **70** dogs so far in 2011. A big "Thank You" to everyone who supports the Charity and enabled us to give these dogs a forever home. They range from youngsters to veterans, healthy to needing long term veterinary treatment.

Our need for funds is ongoing as the demand on our resources is increasing all the time. In the current economic climate, some people being made redundant are unfortunately unable to afford to keep their dogs. The Charity aims to help everyone who contacts us and we work with other charities to give these dogs a forever home.

Thank you to our members for their fundraising support. Jennifer Payne collected at the Crediton Farmers Market on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and raised a grand total of £100 in three hours.

If you would like to organise a fundraising event please contact Jean (see page 4).

"Easyfundraising" is a fantastic website where you can raise funds for Devon German Shepherd Rescue – just by shopping online! Over 600+ well known retailers are featured so if you already shop online, why not use "Easyfundraising" and raise funds for us at the same time. It really is completely FREE. Please visit their website [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/devongsr](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/devongsr).

Our website now has "Donate" buttons. Donations can be made securely via PayPal or a variety of credit/debit cards. Any such donations will hopefully raise much needed funds.

Anyone using eBay can help raise funds for our Charity:

- You can search for items being sold by our Charity.
- You can specify an extra amount to be donated to our Charity when you pay for an item you have won.
- You can search for our Charity and "Donate Now" with your PayPal account.

We are always pleased to receive good quality saleable goods. DVDs and CDs are very popular at our fundraising events.

Thank you to our members who support the Charity by carrying out home checks, dog assessments and transportation of dogs.

### Walk and Tea at Chalhanger Farm

Thank you to everyone who made this a very successful and enjoyable afternoon. We raised a grand total of £320.00. Pat and Denys made us all very welcome at Chalhanger Farm. Denys told me he'd ordered the beautiful weather especially!! Lisa Nethacott led us on an interesting woodland walk which gave us all an appetite for the delicious tea. Thank you to the "tea ladies" for making a magnificent food spread and to Charlotte and Tom Nethacott for helping with the raffle. Finally, thank you to Ollie, who is a rescue dog, for accepting so many different dogs into his home. It was lovely to see so many of our rescue dogs.



**Bella** was adopted by Terry in 2010. Terry has worked extremely hard to give Bella a fantastic forever home. They live on the south coast of Devon. This enables them to enjoy beautiful coastal walks. Bella loves to play with her ball.

A glowing report on **Kez** from his new owner:

"Kez is a STAR!! He has met a 12 week old Chinese Crested Powder Puff puppy who is half the size of his head!! He is SO gentle. He loves the car and is coming 'to work' with me on Friday night for the first time. We have had some good training sessions in the field with a Poodle puppy rushing around trying to distract him..... but he's focussed on me ...especially for sausage!! He has the run of the entire house and just sleeps if left...really laid back. A friend has a mobility scooter and he trots alongside as if he has been doing it all his life!"



**Ben** came into the care of the Charity when his Polish owner was unable to find rented accommodation because dogs were not allowed. Some of the time they had to sleep rough. Ben was grossly underweight. He spent several weeks in Camelot Kennels under the care of Jan and Chris King where he slowly put on weight and built up his fitness. He's a very gentle boy. He's now found his forever home.





**Roxy** is another lucky dog to have found her forever home. The two photographs and poem from her new owners need no explanation.

*Every day for many a week,  
We'd check rescue websites,  
To search and to seek,  
For a new girl to fill the void.  
When we saw Roxy's photo,  
We were overjoyed!*



*Our previous rescue too young to die,  
Broke our hearts,  
And each day I'd cry.  
Roxy has patched my broken heart,  
And given each day,  
A reason to start.*

*Her beautiful face and ready paw,  
Hearing her patter,  
Across the floor,  
Greeted by wagging tail and toy.  
How lucky we are.  
Roxy gives such joy.*

**Faith** went to her new home recently and this is an update and photos from her new owner:

"I didn't hear a peep out of Faith on the way back and I was talking to her all the time like Monty Roberts (The Horse Whisperer). We played tug in the garden with two identical tugs. We both got a good workout. She already knows sit, stay, down, paw and currently chooses when to respond to them (usually potential reward but no lure needed). She knows she has to sit before she can get out the front and back doors. We went for a walk very early but didn't get very far as I stop every time she pulled. She is cottoning on but it's going to be a challenge. Biting the leather lead is the worst problem, but she's improving and soon will be sorted."

"She has really bonded well and is always close by my side. She is wonderful with visitors, all the neighbours love her. We have been out visiting and she has been really good.

She is such a wonderful girl and I'm so happy with her."





An update from **Lily's** owners:

"We're very pleased with Lilly and she is doing well at training classes.

Lily is absolutely wonderful, really good and is loved by all who meet her. We had a BBQ recently around thirty people and she was great with everyone, especially a young lad of ten who was really afraid of dogs but after ten minutes he was throwing the ball for her, stroking her and playing with her most of the afternoon. His parents were amazed. We love her to bits."

### **Events Diary 2011**

#### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011**

Collection outside Pets at Home, Rydon Lane Retail Park, Exeter EX2 7HX ([www.petsathome.com](http://www.petsathome.com))

#### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

The Charity will have a table at the Devon GSD Club Open Show, Hennock ([www.gsdclubofdevon.co.uk](http://www.gsdclubofdevon.co.uk))

#### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

AGM at Whiddon Down Village Hall (EX20 2QT) at 2.30pm

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

Coffee morning in the Church Hall, Market Street, Okehampton EX20 1HN (next to Co-op) 9.30am - 12.30pm

If you can help at our fundraising events or would like to organise an event yourself please contact Jean (Our Fund Raising Co-ordinator).

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