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Last Chance Hotel Animal Rescue & Rehome

“Good things come to those who wait”. We have waited and waited.... we have been lifted up, and then had our hopes dashed. We have asked, pleaded, begged for help in finding a place for Last Chance Hotel to fulfill a dream of becoming a sanctuary for broken souls. We waited and waited, and finally a good thing came..... To say we are excited is the understatement of the century! Now LCH can move forward with confidence, albeit with a lot of hard work ahead, but we have it, we have a place to nurture, which will in turn help to nurture and sustain and rebuild lives. Last Chance Hotel is moving to High View Farm. We welcome you to join us on our journey, we will keep you updated with progress here in this newsletter and online on our new [Facebook page 'Last Chance Hotel at High View Farm'](#).

Even with this fabulous news, we come back down to earth with a crash very quickly. Still more souls needing a place of safety, for many different reasons; we have old ones and young ones, given up by owners, taken to the pound and left there, confused and frightened. We also have savvy people who have come to us for help in rehoming, because they know we are a responsible rescue with a good reputation. We always do the best we can, and our team of volunteers work very hard, unpaid, all for the love of animals. That is rescue, - hearts of gold and nerves of steel.

Stay with us as we grow, help us to thrive and expand. Spread the word about our work, support our fundraisers if you can, share our dogs on Facebook, tag your friends.....it helps us and it helps the dogs. Nothing matters more to us than finding a loving home for a needy pooch, - because that is what Last Chance Hotel is all about.

A bit of legal stuff.....

As you may have heard, from May 2018 the rules on Data Protection are changing. We want to make sure we stay legally compliant, but more importantly, we want to make sure we are only contacting people who are happy to hear from us. In the next few days we will be sending an email to all those currently on our newsletter mailing list asking you to subscribe to our NEW mailing list. Please look out for it..

Our cover boy: Azlan, an 11 year old Akita, urgently needs a new sofa to lay his head, his long term fosterer is leaving the country soon. Can you help?



New Arrivals

A change in circumstances, through bereavement, or a situation which is beyond control, will result in a dog needing a new home. March had its fair share of reasons for dogs coming into rescue. Little Champ, a sweet old man of 15, sadly lost his owner. Champ hadn't been walked in years, but, after landing on his paws going into foster with our Carla and her mob, - she loves the oldies, - he is now first to the door when the leads come out! Bessie, a young lab cross, is less than a year old but has resource guarding issues which have led to her biting, and so she is looking for a savvy child free home to guide her and put her on the right path.



Scooby has come on so well with his owner since being adopted, but he (Scooby's

dad) has a big change to his life soon and cannot include Scooby in it. This handsome boy is now looking for another sofa to curl up on. Katie's owners made the hardest decision to part with her; she is a small crossbreed with a very expressive face, now looking for a new home. Corky is a Beagle/Basset cross, urgently looking for his forever home; Freddie and Chunk are poundies, we have given them a rescue space and they will be arriving early in April.



Top pic: Champ

1st row L to R - Katie, Freddie, Chunk

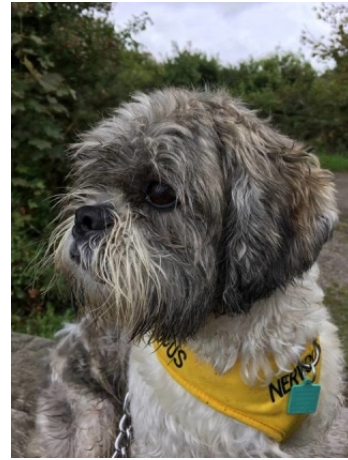
2nd row L to R - Bessie, Scooby, Corky

Stop Press! Champ has found a new loving home....paws crossed for Katie, Scooby, Corky and all the others that are waiting....

These are just a few of the incomers for last month. If you would like to follow their progress, and find out more about all the others, please check out our [Facebook page](#) and website lastchancehotel.org. We now have a news section on the Home page; dogs are constantly being assessed in their foster homes and information changes regularly.

Happy Departures to New Homes

Last Chance Hotel reaches parts of the UK that other local rescues don't, (that sounds like a beer ad!) and little Busby is a prime example of that. He has moved to Scotland, - John O'Groats to be exact; his new mum travelled all the way to Cornwall to collect him, - now that's true determination for you! Closer to base, Millie now has a fab home near the Cornish coast, and several of the littler pooches also found their forever sofas: Tilly and Nero have a great summer to look forward to with their new families, and little Sky has found a loving end of life foster home where she can enjoy cuddles and lots of TLC. Ziggy Pickles has been in foster for a while, and has wheedled his way into his foster dad's heart, making him a new member of the FFC, - the Failed Fosterer's Club, where failure is a wonderful thing. In fact, March was the month of Failed Fosterers....Do you remember Valerie, our cover girl last month? This gorgeous girl has proved to be too lovely to part with, ensuring another addition to the Club. And finally, after being in foster for a year with Emma, who has transformed his life, albeit with many ups and downs, dear Eric the Viking needs to look no further for his forever home. Many of us have had the privilege to watch Eric and Emma on their journey together (via our Facebook photo album page, which is for LCH fosterers and adopters only) and have cheered each time they have reached another milestone in his progress. He still has a long way to go, but we know he is in the best place possible with his forever family, who have taught him so much, and in turn have learned so much from him.





Top: Busby

1st row left to right: Millie, Nero, Tilly

2nd row left to right: Sky, Ziggy, Eric

Don't leave it to the last minute..... to get home checked!

If you are thinking about making an addition to your family of the four legged kind (or three legged in some cases), please consider applying for a home check sooner rather than later. We do not work on a first come, first served basis, but assess every applicant individually; there is no upper age limit, unlike some rescue organisations. We always try our best to match the right dog to the right person or family, using our hard won experience. When you have passed your home check, you are then in a position to be considered immediately, should a suitable dog come in to rescue. Not every dog that comes in to rescue is made public, because we have a list of applicants waiting for a particular type or breed, size, age, and they will be contacted initially. So the dog that you are looking for may never appear on our website or Facebook page because the chances are that someone else has already been checked and is ready to take that pooch. We also have some dogs which cannot be advertised at all because they are welfare cases, but they need a quiet home in which to retire. So if you are willing and able, please get in touch as soon as you can, so you can be ready.....

Pepper was a private re home who came on to our books in mid March. A poster was duly produced

for this pretty girl, but she was never posted up on the Facebook page or website because someone had previously applied for and passed a home check, interested in a spaniel, collie or other working breed. Pepper met the applicants the same day and was adopted by them straightaway.....



Fundraisers

LCH Online Auctions

Our online auction page has a lot to offer. Carla does a fantastic job of organising different fundraisers, from huge auctions with 100s of lots, to smaller, 'flash' auctions with 'Buy it Now' options. And during March, and about to finish as we go to press, a raffle with lovely prizes. All these fundraisers are for the benefit of our dogs, helping to trim the ever expanding vet bill. Join the Facebook page [Last Chance Hotel Auction](#) to find out when the auctions are on, - they run all through the year.

LCH Online Dog Shows

So many things are done online now, - shopping from your armchair, whilst watching telly, avoiding the hassle of traipsing around the supermarket and stores. We now have an online Dog Show and Cat Show, run by our avid supporter Andrew Russell, with certificates for first to third places and a trophy for the Best in Show. If you are a Facebooker, there is no excuse not to enter! You will be showing off your special pooches or felines and raising valuable funds for the animals in our care. Join the pages '[LCH Online fun dog show](#)' and 'LCH online cat shows' to take part.

If you would like to help LCH with a fundraising event, please contact the team with your idea on 01209 281159 or email Louisa on louisa@lastchancehotel.org.

Poet's Corner

There is a place
A secret space
Where this wild dark furry one goes
And the only time
We can capture her shine
In her splendour, is in the snow!

Lisa Chambers, Maia's mum.



Maia

Thank you!

Gifts in the post....

Wow! Look at these super gifts for our dogs and the rats in our care, from our [Amazon Wishlist](#) donated by some fab supporters, - Rachael Phillips, Rosalie Stoates and two other kind peeps who wish to remain anonymous. Thank you so much!



A late but heartfelt Thank you....

.....to Dawn and Tracey for holding a disco and buffet in aid of LCH, back in February. The funds you raised for the LCH dogs from the raffle and the boogie night have helped towards our vet bill, and your support is very much appreciated.

Our Special Appeal

At the beginning of March we held a mammoth appeal for funds for our vet bill, always our biggest expense as we have so many poorly animals within the rescue. A fab supporter pledged to match all donations up to a maximum of £1000, and this was achieved through your generosity, all you amazing supporters. A massive thank you from the LCH team to each and every one of you!

SAVE YOUR STAMPS FOR LCH

Thanks to our fab supporter Andrew

Russell, we will soon have a charity stamp scheme in place. Please save your stamps, British and Worldwide, and if you have collections or albums that you would like to donate, do get in touch with us on info@lastchancehotel.org. There will be a collection box at the Hub Shop in Redruth, and various other places.



High View Farm

During March, the core team spent 10 days writing, amending, reviewing and sweating over a Tender that was submitted for a property that would change the path and future of Last Chance Hotel irrevocably and immeasurably. Then the waiting



began... would we be successful? The whole team was on tenterhooks, Sam had sleepless nights... a nailbiting, tense time for all. Maundy Thursday, just before Easter, brought the news we were hoping for, - the Tender was successful, Last Chance Hotel is moving to High View Farm!!

Moving onto a larger property will allow Last Chance Hotel to expand into a Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation program. It will enable the charity to enter into an Environment Stewardship scheme, nurturing and sustaining the local bio diversity of the land and treading lightly on our planet, leaving a legacy of success and caring.



High View Farm at Creegbrowse, near Chacewater, Truro, will be a sanctuary for lost, neglected and abused souls. There are 14 acres of fields, copses, lumps and bumps and hedging. The farmhouse and outbuildings are in a poor state of repair, and need masses of work.

But already it has the makings of a place of beauty and tranquillity, the perfect environment for creatures great and small who are in need of space, peace and love. We now have a [Facebook page](#) devoted to High View Farm, and invite you to

join us on our journey. Any help that you can offer in terms of renovation works, materials, hands on labour, or even looking for furnishings and garden equipment on the local sale sites, would be warmly welcomed and we will let you know what we need one way or another!

Meanwhile, take a look at these pics and imagine.....



Happy Gotcha Day!

“Gotcha Day” is the name given to the day a lucky hound first came into his or her forever home.

PIPPIN

Today is Pippin’s Gotcha day - where has that year gone, she has brought us so much love and happiness, we love her to bits. Thank you to Theresa for passing our home and garden check also completing all the necessary paperwork, thank you Wendy for letting us adopt our baby girl from you - because let’s face it, it’s down to the foster mums to approve us as good parents. I’m truly thankful to you all x DJ





LEXY

Lexy been wiv me a year today, - poorly girl but bounced back, - one bossy madam x DC



RILEY

Happy 1st Gotcha day to my beautiful old boy. Love you so much. JM



SETH

Happy 3rd Gotcha day Sethy, can't believe it's 3 years already!! We love this boy sooo much despite all the drool and farts JG



JESS

Jess came into my life a year ago...when we both needed each other...she is a beautiful girl....and has given me so much pleasure and love... Happy Gotcha day Jess; thank you so much LCH...XXX LE

Spreading the LCH word

Rescue is not only about saving lives. Wherever possible, it must also go hand in hand with education, advice and support. The Hub Shop in Redruth is the first step in a program of promoting responsible pet ownership, and providing help in the local community. In the last issue of the



newsletter, we met team member Carolyn Harding, who, amongst other things, visits schools and other venues, to talk about our work. Last month she visited Connor Downs Academy in Hayle and gave a talk to the whole school during assembly about the role of Last Chance Hotel.

Head of School Janice Eddy contacted us afterwards to say thank you and said 'The children and staff were delighted to meet two of Carolyn's rescue dogs; they were adorable. The children listened attentively and learnt a great deal of information.'

We are very lucky to have the support of pupils and staff of Connor Downs Academy, and look forward to another visit in the future.



Pictured: top - Carolyn's rescue dogs Archie, on the left, and Dolly, her Last Chancer, on the right. Bottom pic, Carolyn with her attentive audience.

Carolyn will be happy to come and talk about the work of Last Chance Hotel - with or without dogs - to spread the word about all the charity's activities and also to discuss the wider issues of animal legislation and how we can all help to protect animals. If you would like her to come and speak to your group please contact us via email info@lastchancehotel.org, or tel 01209 281159, giving an estimation of the size of the group, a suggested date and the type of audience and she will be pleased to get in touch with you to fix a date in the diary.

Rainbow Bridge

Pansa has gone to the Bridge. He came into rescue just a short while ago, following a phone call from the vet that had been told to put him to sleep by his owner and the RSPCA. This boy had been neglected

for a long long time; after countless calls to the RSPCA over the course of several months, they finally went to see him, and promptly signed his death warrant. In the time that he was with a good family here, he has been loved and spoilt. His devastated mum said that he never put a foot wrong, her kids loved him, and he was a very special boy... Why was he failed and ignored by the those who claim to care, why was he left to rot? RIP Pansa, know that you were loved finally in your sad life, and know that you will always be remembered. Run free now handsome boy.



Darcy was a beautiful Rottie that was found scavenging out of bins and in a dreadful condition. Lesley Dawes took her on as an end of life fosterer. Darcy had massive mammary tumours and her spleen was causing problems so had to be removed urgently. She recovered well from

that. Later on a spay and mammary strip had to be done over 2 operations. The first went well, so did the second. On the 15th March Darcy fell asleep and did not wake up. Everyone was devastated as she had fought so hard. But she had the best life with Lesley, spoilt and loved. Run with the hounds gorgeous girl, you are sorely missed.

Dates for your Diary

This coming Sunday 8th April, 2pm start

Fun Dog Show in aid of LCH at Crofthandy Village Hall, Nr St Day, TR16 5JQ

Come along, join in the fun and help raise funds for the animals in our care.

Saturday/Sunday 14/15th April

Trebah Garden, Mawnan Smith, Falmouth TR11 5JZ

Come and visit these beautiful dog friendly gardens. LCH team members will be there with an info stall and various LCH goodies.

Sunday 3rd June 10am - 4pm SAVE THE DATE!!!

Crofthandy Village Hall, Nr St Day, TR16 5JQ.

Our Spring Fayre and Companion and Fun Dog Show. Anyone wishing to book a stall please contact us on info@lastchancehotel.org or ring 01209 281159. Please check website nearer the day for details of classes.

Details of these events can be found on our website [Events page](#).

Friday 15th June 8pm start

St Agnes Methodist Church, 30 British Rd, Saint Agnes TR5 0UA. A concert held in aid of LCH, live music from Raise the Ruth, Barbed Choir and others. Raffle and refreshments.

Did you Know?

Our [Amazon Wishlist](#), by which you can purchase specific goodies and have them delivered to us, is a lovely way to send a present for our animals! The [link](#) will take you straight there for a browse of all sorts of goodies from toys and chews to harnesses, coats and lovely food.

There are also ways to help raise funds for us whilst you're shopping online, which don't cost you a penny. [Easyfundraising](#) is a scheme whereby you can shop at many popular retailers such as Amazon, John Lewis, Marks & Spencer, and they will donate a small percentage (usually 1%) of your order to the charity of your choice, with no extra expense to you. [Giveasyoulive](#) is a similar scheme, with over 4000 retailers involved.

Like all charities, we depend almost entirely upon the generosity of our wonderful supporters. We have several ways in which monetary donations can be made: [PayPal](#) is easy and convenient for the many people who hold an account.

[JustGiving](#) provides another way of donating and also an opportunity for individuals to fundraise for us through sponsorship of a personal challenge. In addition, it allows us to claim back the Gift Aid part of the donation which can add vital pennies.

If neither of these methods are suitable, then we are more than happy to accept donations via **direct bank transfer** using the following information:

Barclays

Last Chance Hotel

Sort code: 20-67-19

Account no: 73797503

(Do drop us a quick email with your details so we can say thanks!)

or **cheques**, if sent to our Treasurer, at the address given at the bottom of this newsletter.

Thank you from Team LCH and all the animals!

**My sunshine doesn't come from the skies... it
comes from the love in my dog's eyes**

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