



## Last Chance Hotel Animal Rescue & Rehome

The beginning of a new year can be a time to assess, look back on past achievements, (and failures!) and make plans for the new canvas ahead. With the days now lengthening at a steady pace, we have Spring to look forward to, and then Summer.....

The Last Chance Hotel Team is doing just the same, making plans already for our Spring and Summer Fayres. These Fun Days and Dog Shows are vital to raising funds and spreading awareness for the work we do. We hope to see lots of new faces at the events we have in the pipeline, so please keep an eye out for information as it emerges, either by following our Facebook page, or looking in on our website from time to time.

2017 started very badly, with the loss of dear Saffy, who had come into rescue only a week or so previously. This sweet little girl was a poundie, she was very neglected and needed mammary surgery, but her poor little body was not strong enough. As anyone who has lost a beloved pet knows, it is the hardest thing to say goodbye. It is no easier when we have only known them for a short time. All we can do is the best we possibly can, with the help and advice of our vets. The loss is devastating, but we have to think of all the others that have been saved, and who are now living a happy life in a loving home.

We have to think of the other dogs that have come in to care, abandoned, neglected, and frightened, and continue to do our very best to give them the love and security they deserve, and the medical attention they need to get well.

We have had some wonderful donations to kick off the New Year, helping to get the vet bill down to a more manageable level. Our supporters are simply the best we could wish for, and we are very grateful for all the help we receive. A huge thank you from Team LCH to you all.

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## New Arrivals

The young, the old and the sick made their way into LCH in January. A few of them are already now part of a loving family. Hollie and Freddy didn't take long to find their forever homes. Old man Jake is being cared for by Carla, with the rest of her staffie family, and Alfie the Shih Tzu is staying put with his fosterer. Piper, as many of you already know, was "accidentally" brought to Cornwall when two of the team made an emergency transport run up north - more of that later. He is still frail, but so much better than he was, and has just enjoyed his first walk on the beach. Dear Jace, who has spent his whole life on the streets, and is now elderly, with bad eyes and an awful heart problem, is now in end of life foster, enjoying cuddles and a warm bed. We hope he will be spoilt rotten for quite a while yet. Cookie, Zephyr, Marmite, and Rumi are private rehomes, looking for their forever sofa.

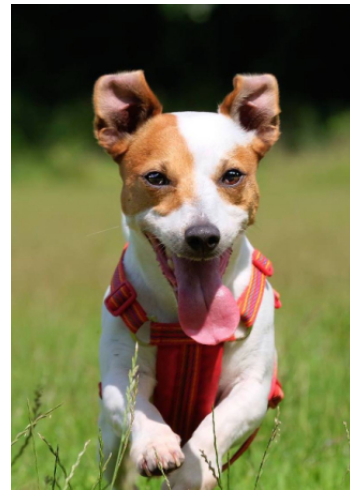
If you would like to follow the progress of all the incomers, check out our [Facebook page](#) and website [lastchancehotel.org](http://lastchancehotel.org). We now have a special section for dogs under assessment; dogs are constantly being assessed in their foster homes and information changes regularly.



From Top Left, clockwise - Jake, Marmite, Jace, Zephyr, Cookie, and Rumi

## Still Waiting

Bandit is a private rehome, but he has been waiting for some time now for someone to look his way, and give him the chance of a forever home. He is a 7 year old Jack Russell Terrier, and has lots of energy, a real dynamo! Bandit can be a bit choosy about cats and dogs, especially dogs that are bigger than him, so he will need his confidence building in this respect. He would much prefer to live with someone who is at home for most of the day, as he gets a bit nervous if left on his own. Bandit loves a cuddle, and is fine with older, dog savvy children.



If you think you, or someone you know, could be that special someone for Bandit, please go to our website [lastchancehotel.org](http://lastchancehotel.org) or contact one of the team by email [info@lastchancehotel.org](mailto:info@lastchancehotel.org)

## Happy Departures to New Homes

With the festivities of Christmas and New Year well and truly over, it was time for some lucky people to think about a new addition to the family.

Georgie Porgie, Mr Pickles and Alfie lurcher spent a short time with their fosterers, and now have fab forever homes. Jackson is another “failed” foster! This is the best kind of “fail”, when a dog stays put with his or her fosterer. Diesel has also found his new family through LCH.

What a fantastic start to 2017 for these lucky dogs, now in safe and loving homes. The space they leave in their fosterers’ hearts will no doubt soon be filled by another needy pooch.





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## 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! Click on the link to see the list, there is everything from treats to toys, collars, coats and poop bags!

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 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 cheques if sent to our Treasurer, at the address given at the end of this email. Legacies are also a vital source of support and we now have a [dedicated page](#) on our website which provides information on legacies and about leaving a gift in your Will to Last Chance Hotel. All donations enable us to continue our work in rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming, and legacies provide a future for the charity,

as well as giving us further opportunity to educate, inform and promote responsible pet ownership.

## Emergency Call

At the beginning of January, Sam was asked by another rescue for help in transporting some pound dogs at very short notice. This is how Cathy tells it:

*"I would like to say a massive big fat thank you to Last Chance Hotel Rescue who are making a MAMMOTH road trip from way down in Cornwall today for me to save THE LIVES OF MY POUNDIES. We thought we had the run covered but poor Sue's van is off the road. We had poundies in crates at home to save them in last 2 days and no kennels at all. I WAS STRANDED. I remembered Sam saying if I was stuck to get in touch, so I messaged her and she and her fab co-driver have sprung into action. The Last Chance Hotel team are doing this regularly TO SAVE LIVES AND WORK TOGETHER WITH POUNDS AND OTHER RESCUES!!! Today we see THREE rescues and TEAM POUNDIE come TOGETHER to get these dogs out alive. Lives will not be lost today thanks to this wonderful rescue who are driving from Cornwall to Harrogate via Nottingham to save lives and that is all! XXXXXX Love to you Sam S, Joanne B for offering spaces and to Sam, Selena, Theresa, Jo and all Last Chance Hotel Team who are doing and organising this amazing run!" Cathy Holding*



Sam and Jo clocked up 900 miles in one day on this transport run. At one of the pounds they came across a lurcher boy with no name, frail and unwell. They couldn't possibly leave him there in a cold kennel, so he joined them on their trip home to Cornwall.

This sweet boy now has a name, Piper, given to him by a lovely lady. He is recovering slowly, still under vet supervision but he is warm, loved, and having lots of cuddles. And that is what it's all about.

## January Fundraisers

The first show of the season was held at Knightswood Stud and Equestrian Centre on the 22nd January. Another fantastic turnout of riders, who all had a great time. Grateful thanks to Becca Sampson for organising the show, and to Lisa Guy who owns Knightswood, for their continued support and for raising vital funds for LCH.

Fundraisers take all forms: they can be indoor or outdoor events, such as our

Fayres and Dog Shows, pub quiz nights, car boot sales, coffee mornings, raffles, and Becca's Horse Shows, to name but a few. They can also be online, such as our Facebook Auction, or sponsored events through the charitable donations website "Just Giving". This offers a brilliant way for individuals to fundraise for us, through their sometimes crazy, sometimes daring, feats. Phillip Hyden has promised to shave off his waist length hair if his target of £1500 is met. He is almost there, it would be fantastic if he could achieve his aim, especially as he is also donating his hair to The Little Princess Trust, a charity which makes wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer or other illness. You can find Phillip's Just Giving page [here](#) or by going to the website and searching for his name. Kristina Coulson has just recently set up a Just Giving [fundraising page](#) for us. Kristina is planning to do a sky dive and her target is £1000.

Any donations via Just Giving are passed on to the charity immediately, so the dogs can benefit straightaway, and Gift Aid allows the tax on donations to be recovered, thereby adding even more vital pennies. If you would like to donate to Last Chance Hotel, then this is a great way of supporting our supporters!

The screenshot shows a Just Giving fundraising page. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Log in', 'Sign up', and 'Menu'. The main content area features a banner for 'Last Chance Hotel Cornwall' with the text: "rehoming special animals who need specially caring homes". It includes contact information: "T: 01209 281159" and "E: thelastchancehotel@gmail.com". Below the banner, the website "lastchancehotel.org" is listed, along with Facebook PM instructions and the charity number "1157684". A dog's head is shown on the right. To the right of the banner, a purple circle displays "83%" and a purple box shows "£1,246.74" raised of a "£1,500 target" by "38 supporters". There are buttons for "Donate" and "Share on Facebook". Below the banner, the fundraiser's profile is shown: "Phillip's Head Shaving" by Phillip Hyden, with the text: "I am Shaving my long hair, as in bald for The Last Chance Hotel because I want to raise money for an awesome charity". The Last Chance Hotel logo and mission statement are also visible.

**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](mailto:louisa@lastchancehotel.org).**

## Thank You!

### Name that Dog!

A lovely lady gave an equally lovely donation to the charity last month. This was about the time that Sam and Jo made the emergency transport run north, and came home with little Lurcher No-name. We asked this kind lady to get in touch with us, and if she would give our new charge a name, and she chose Piper, in

memory of her beloved cat, who had passed away last year. A massive thank you from all the team, for your very generous donation, and a great name for our boy.

## Slimming and Teamwork

Huge thanks to Linda Smith and all at Sue Care's Camborne Slimming World group for their £50 donation dropped off at the LCH Hub in Redruth. Your support is truly appreciated.

Team Keisha donated some money to the charity to help us take in an old ex breeding bitch, whose owner couldn't be bothered to care for her. Grateful thanks from one team to another.

## Karen and the Gang!

Karen Gallagher and North Country Garage have done it yet again, - getting our little green mean machine back on the road after organ replacement surgery (new alternator and battery!). Thank you Karen and all the gang!

## Amazonians Anonymous

An absolutely huge thank you for all the fab stuff we are getting off our Amazon Wish List. Treats, balls, collars, so many different things! Mostly the gifts are from anonymous donors, and 2 are not, but we cannot read the print outs unfortunately. We do know a Mrs Moore has sent us a gift of a bag of Burns. Thank you so much, we are going to have some very happy pooches.....

## In The Dog House

Ancol Pet Products sent over a donation to The Dog House, Helston, - good strong slip leads for transporting the dogs, and lovely coats to keep them warm. What a fab gift, thank you so much!



An anonymous donor popped a very generous donation through the letterbox, - whoever you are, thank you so much from Team LCH and all the dogs - your support is greatly appreciated!

## Once Upon a Time...

....there was a Last Chancer called Chunk, who decided to write the story of how he was rescued, and came to live with his mummy, Anne-Marie Reed, and his new

family. His mum thought this was a great idea, and between them they have produced a lovely rhyming storybook, complete with illustrations, suitable for children of all ages, and grown ups too! All the profits from "Chunk's Tale" will go to the charity that saved Chunk, and gave him the chance of life, love and a future, namely Last Chance Hotel. Chunk's Tale is available to buy online, at [www.chunkstale.moonfruit.com](http://www.chunkstale.moonfruit.com) and can also be bought at the Last Chance Hotel Hub Shop in Redruth, and Shoreline Tattoo, 7 Chapel St, St Ives.

Chunk's Tale had a lovely review in the magazine Dogs Monthly, with a good mention for LCH. Well done Chunk and Anne-Marie!

**Dogs Monthly Book Club**

Welcome to the new *Dogs Monthly* Book Club with our pick of the latest releases – and top titles to win!

**Solitaire, A Dog Story**  
 Candice L. Martin  
 Self-published  
 For many years, Whelby Farm in Kansas has been breeding prized puppies for sale, but something sinister is taking place behind closed shut doors. The arrival of a valued Akita transforms everything when she attacks one of the workers, leaving manager Ken with little option but to put his dream of returning to the show ring to rest. But something's amiss, and teenage kennel worker Johnny is determined to find out what is really going on. With the help of a curious one-eyed terrier, Jack, Johnny tries to save the Akita, named Solitaire, by gradually building a trusting relationship with her and find out why she reacted in such a violent way, before it's too late. What happened to this poor girl to turn her from a "model kennel dog" to being all trust in human beings, and where did she really come from? Meanwhile, there's more to worry about on the farm as complaints start flooding in of sick and dying puppies but with no record of these puppies coming from Whelby. Not to mention the dogs reported dead on the farm but who seem to have vanished. Johnny has to wake up to the realization that there is a lot of suffering taking place around him at the hands of his co-workers as he uncovers some of the worst crimes in animal cruelty – puppy mills and dog fighting. In *Solitaire, A Dog Story*, there are two stories running alongside each other. One is the human perspective and the world we see, and the other is author Candice's interpretation of canine thoughts and communication, offering a fantasy aspect. You will be taken through a mixture of emotions as these two stories become intertwined, with sometimes humorous, sometimes heart-wrenching results.

**Chunk's Tale**  
 Anne-Marie Reed  
 Self-published  
 What child hasn't fantasied their eyes out while watching the dog pound scene from Disney's *Lady and the Tramp*? Oh course, young viewers were never reassured that Lady would find her way back home safely, thanks to her collar, but less lucky dogs would have to go through the dreaded "one-way door" if no one reclaimed them. Chunk the Staffordshire Bull Terrier came very very close to crossing that doorway. Once a family pet, Chunk was handed in to the local pound by his previous owners and left to be adopted or put to sleep once his seven days were up. Luckily for him, animal rescue Last Chance Hotel was on the case... Told from Chunk's point of view and written in rhyme, *Chunk's Tale* is a charming illustrated storybook for children that will teach them about the plight of abandoned and lost dogs who, every day, face the danger of being put down through no fault of their own – and about the people who are determined to save as many Chunks as possible. The timing couldn't be more perfect for children to learn about all this every year after Christmas, pounds and rescue centres face the influx of hundreds of pups thoughtlessly brought as gifts and promptly discarded once the novelty has worn off. *Chunk's Tale* can help explain to children what may happen to the puppies they want for Christmas if they're not ready to look after them for years to come. And also, that if they and their family are ready for the commitment, it may make sense to consider rescuing a dog like Chunk. All profits from the sale of *Chunk's Tale* will go to Last Chance Hotel. To learn more about Chunk's new life with his forever family, and to buy the book visit [www.facebook.com/chunkstale](http://www.facebook.com/chunkstale)

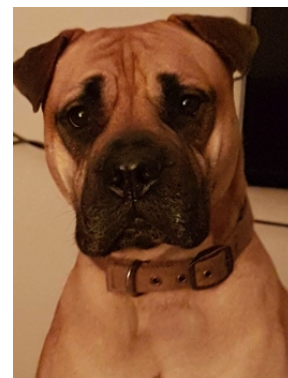
## Rescues Revisited

This is what Last Chance Hotel is all about.....



Gorgeous Banksy. For those who don't know him, the first photo was when he was picked up as a stray by the dog warden. He was 4 months old, petrified and already had a batch of healed scars. The mental scars are still ongoing 2 years later. I transported him from the pound for LCH as a volunteer and kept him for one night. As you can see, he never left!

He is the most loving dog and his family is everything to him. We adore him and so does everyone who sees him. I work in a theatre and he comes with me and makes all the touring actors smile with cuddles. They talk about home and missing their own pets and everyone feels better. Dogs do that, don't they? Even when they have been through horrific times themselves. We have much to learn from them. MJ



Beanz just chilling out with his new buddy Cinnamon. Beanz is going to be 3 this year. 3!! You guys saved him at 5 weeks old!





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Happy New Year to all from Hinge and Bracket (otherwise known as Milly and Molly), just to let everyone know they are still going strong"ish" and are as inseparable as ever. Thanking everyone for the continued support for our special seniors. CC

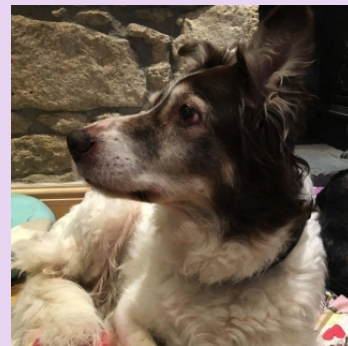


## Happy Gotcha Day!

“Gotcha Day” is the name given to the day a lucky hound first came into his or her forever home. Here are a few tributes from January of that celebration of love.

### **Lucy**

I can't believe it's been 1 whole year today that this beautiful old lady was due to be pts. Luckily Lucy Lou found us and came to join our family, such a loving, funny, energetic old lady, happy gotcha day Lucy Lou. Love you to the moon and back xx LS



### **Doris**

One year ago this lovely pup came to live with me. She's a great big lump of loveliness albeit sometimes defiant. But that makes her all the more unique. Love her so much. Looking forward to the years to come. Dotty Doris you're No1. Xxx JS

### **Brodie**

Happy 1st 're-birthday' Brodie Bear!  
A year ago today we collected a skinny, scared

staffie from a transport run as a first time fosterer, we failed miserably and now we love you so much..... I swear she doesn't walk like other dogs, she bounces and dances everywhere she goes.....LNP



### **Chase**

One man's junk is another man's treasure. And someone's unwanted mutt is someone's best friend forever ☺☺ It's been one year since we adopted Chase and he has brought us many happy times and made our family complete. Happy Doggie-versary Chase. Thank you LCH for bringing us together x KH



### **Rainbow Bridge**

Sweet Saffy came into rescue last month, very poorly, and needing mammary surgery. Carolyn and Desmond Harding took her into their home and hearts, and gave her lots of love and cuddles. Sadly, this little mite wasn't strong enough, and she left for Rainbow Bridge to join Poppet and Cherry, and all the others who have been loved, cared for, and are now so sorely missed. Sweet dreams Saffy, we didn't know you for long, but you touched our hearts.

## **Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 12th March 2017 2pm-4pm**

Fun Dog Show at Treloweth Community Hall, Moorfield Road, Pool TR15 3QB  
15 classes with rosettes to third place, and trophy and rosette for Best in Show.

Come and have some fun, refreshments and cake!

**Dogs have a way of finding the people who  
need them, - filling an emptiness we don't even  
know we have**  
**Thom Jones**

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