

*Merry Christmas
Everyone!*



Newsletter



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**AUTUMN/WINTER
2019**

A personal view from the editor...

In the four and a half years since Last Chance Hotel appeared on my radar, the Facebook group has doubled its membership, undoubtedly a consequence of increased and well deserved recognition of the charity's hard work and dedication, pushing boundaries in dog rescue, and always being there for any poor soul that comes under its wing. Experience, commitment, and a passion for animal welfare are a worthy combination, and team LCH has that in spades, each and every volunteer giving their time freely, for love. Cruelty and neglect of dogs and other animals continues as ever, on a local and national scale; the frontline LCH team members deal with this and other urgent requests for help on a daily basis, - only a fraction of cases are posted on social media.

Whilst increased recognition of LCH has resulted in ever more assistance being sought by the local community, on top of the out of county pound pullers and other rescues, so I would personally hope that increased support can work to counteract the inevitable negative impact on the charity's resources, both financial and human. Generous-hearted animal lovers will always vastly outnumber cruel, selfish animal abusers; many people joining together with a small act of kindness each are capable of producing inspiring positive results. Such is the power of the collective spirit, and the power of love for man's best friend.

*Grateful Thanks and Best Wishes to all our supporters
for a Very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New
Year, from the LCH team.*

Please donate via PayPal: paypal@lastchancehotel.org

JustGiving: www.justgiving.com/lastchancehotel. Donate by text: **TLCH03 £5 to 70070***

Donations gratefully received at the LCH Hub Shop, 83 Fore Street, Redruth TR15 2BL

Or if you prefer, please send a cheque, payable to Last Chance Hotel, to :

The Treasurer, Last Chance Hotel, 14 Westdown Road, Delabole, Cornwall, PL33 9DS

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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Cover pic: Cindy, a gorgeous 14 year old, had been used for breeding, and came into rescue in a terrible state. Now safe in 'end of life' foster in a perfect home. Happy Christmas Cindy!

Shoebox Appeal - for Dogs!

This Christmas, why not fill a shoebox for a rescue dog?

At Christmas time, many rescues are flooded with unwanted dogs and puppies. They arrive with absolutely nothing - no collar, no toys, no food, and no loving home.

We are filling shoeboxes to give to these dogs, so that they can have a good Christmas. Both filled boxes and individual items to make up boxes are welcome - all donations are gratefully received, by us and the dogs!

If you would like to help, we are looking for the following items:

- Treats (no rawhide)
- Toys - balls, rope toys, kongs
- Collars and Leads
- Food (no Bakers)
- Poop bags
- Shampoo
- Blankets



Please take items to;

The Dog House

18 Church St, Helston TR13 8TG
tues-sat 10:00-17:30 07936 047124

Postal donations accepted, please address to Dog House Shoebox Appeal

Cornish Paws Vets Kerrick Rd, Penryn TR10 8NT
mon-fri 8:30-18:00 sat 8:30-12:00 01326 450900

The Red Lion Blackwater, Truro TR4 8EU
mon-sat 12:00-23:00 sun 12:00-22:30 01872 560289

North Country Garage Redruth TR16 4AA
mon-fri 8:00-17:00 sat 8:00-12:00 01209 315800

Holsworthy Pets 4 Victoria Square, Holsworthy, Devon EX22 6AA
mon-fri 9:00-17:00 sat 9:00-16:00 01409 404006

Lowen Kei Grooming Studio The Lady Bassat Building, Church Rd, Pool, Redruth TR15 3PT
tues-wed 10:00-18:00 thurs-sat 9:00-17:00

Heidi Lawrence Wadebridge PL27 07747 494443

Carla Whiting Newquay TR8 07811 452995

Michelle Jeffery Truro TR1 07713 515305

Donations ideally received by 14th December, but any after this date will still get to the dogs!

The fab Kd Kelly of The Dog House, Helston has initiated another **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**, for rescue dogs, with various drop off points around Cornwall, listed here.

There is still a bit of time if you would like to donate... all gifts very gratefully received.

Details on our website 'Events' page

Don't forget our Christmas Fun Dog Show !
Sunday 15th December 12 noon start
Crothandy Village Hall
TR16 5JQ

Last Chance Hotel Christmas Fun Dog Show

Sunday 15th December
12 noon until 4pm

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Categories:
Cutest puppy
Golden Oldie (7 years +)
Most Awesome Eyes
Loveliest Lady
Fabulous Fella
Child's Best Friend
Dog with a disability
LCH Rescue
Most Awesome Family
Other Rescue (non LCH rescue dogs)
Waggiest Tail
Dog most like Owner
Smartest short coat
Scruffiest long coat
Best Mower
Best Trick

The best of the rest (dogs who have not won a rosette)
Best in Show (all 1st place winners)

Christmas shoe boxes for all our fester dogs

Judges: Debra Currow & Gina Johnston
£5 per class to enter
Rosettes 1 to 4

Refreshments available from 11.30 & all through the show

"To err is human – to forgive, canine."
Author Unknown

New Arrivals

Followers of our Facebook page have been taking a very keen and emotional interest in Casper's story, and you can see why from this photo of him. Casper was thrown over the gate of a Merseyside rescue centre on Halloween Night. He was taken into the temporary care of Steph at the centre, until he could be transported down to the peace and safety of the LCH Sanctuary. Casper's health is somewhat compromised; he has the beginnings of heart disease, and is now on medication for this. He has had some teeth out under general anaesthetic, which caused problems with his blood pressure, so a GA is now no longer an option for



the others. Casper has settled well at the Sanctuary, and has put on 6Kg since that first photo. We will do whatever we can for this dear lurcher boy, so that he can have the life he deserves, - a full belly, a gentle hand, and much love. Casper is ready for his new adoptive 'end of life' home, but if the perfect home doesn't come along, he will stay put at the Sanctuary.



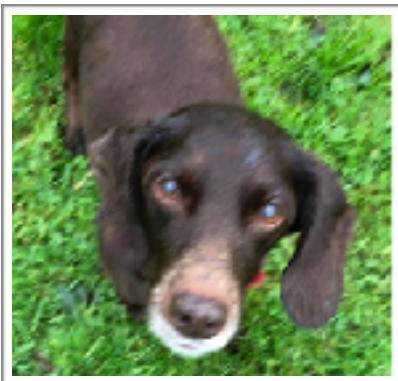
Look at this face.... this dear girl has landed with team member Lisa Chambers and family. She is virtually blind, caused by scar tissue from an untreated infection; she struggles for breath because of a collapsing larynx, and if that isn't enough she has had to have all her teeth removed. Ena was a breeder's money making machine. Our vet initially thought that she was about 15, but no, she is just 5 years old.... her life stolen from her by her ex owner who wanted rid of her when her worn out body and her health problems became a nuisance. Ena deserves a



chance of a better life. We had 2 choices here - firstly, palliative care, care for her until the larynx completely collapses which is anytime soon or secondly, she had an operation, in the hope that her larynx wouldn't get any worse (it certainly won't get better) but even the op is no guarantee that the larynx won't collapse ... but it may buy her a couple more years of life ... pain free. We are going ahead with the operation, which will cost approximately £1400. If she was old, we would rethink, but she isn't, she is 5. This sweet soul was passed on by her ex owner and had three homes in three days before we offered her space.... Ena is now safe and loved, and you will see her again in our 'Waggy Tail Endings' feature...

Within a fortnight of Ena coming into rescue, two more owner surrenders, both of them very economical with the truth about their dogs' health...

Blu, just 1 year old and with a bite history because he 'stacks' very easily. He had been in two homes in less than a week, taken for a grooming session on the first day in his new home, and couldn't cope, so nipped and growled... too much too soon, - that, in basic terms, is 'stacking'... This little boy also had a nasty ear infection and a bad skin condition, both now treated. Blu went into a super foster home and very soon afterwards was adopted by his carers, ensuring their place in the 'failed fosterers club', where failing is a beautiful thing.



Dear Cindy... what this poor girl had to endure at the hands of her breeder owner is almost too much to contemplate. 14 years old, surrendered to us amidst lies and deceit, with huge ugly masses in her mouth, pushing her teeth out, mammary tumours, a horrible ear infection which affected her balance, and a well advanced UTI.



Cindy had very likely earned her owner a tidy sum, producing litter after litter, and yet she was cast off to a charity when it looked like she would become a financial burden to them. This beautiful girl is now in a perfect foster home, living the life, in comfort and safety, surrounded by love.

We can't leave New Arrivals without mentioning Walter... as he has now been named. This old boy ended up in the pound; his owners were contacted but they didn't want him back.... he had served his 7 days and wasn't coping. This is a photo of him at the pound.



Walter spent some time at the Sanctuary, where his flea infestation, undernourishment, overgrown claws and bad teeth were addressed. As we go to press he is in a foster home with view to adopt. Walter is another incomer who has touched the hearts of our supporters; now he can live out his days in peace and safety.

These are just a few of the incomers for the last few months, but new dogs are coming in all the time. If you would like to find out more about them, check out our Facebook page and website, - please see the back of this newsletter for details. We now have a news section on our website Home page; dogs are constantly being assessed and information changes regularly.

Waggy Tail Endings

A lot of hard work goes into home checking, and matching prospective adopters with the right pooch. But sometimes things just fall into place with a little less effort.

When the Ripleys applied for a home check in August, they had no particular dog in mind, they just wanted to give a rescue dog a loving home. By the time their home check had been carried out, Gus and Freddie had popped up on our adopt list, and they were interested in this cute pair. Gus and Freddie had formed a very strong bond when they met in foster, and we were asking for a home which would take them together, not always easy to find. A home check pass, a few telephone calls later, and within a week a successful meet and greet with Gus and Freddie, resulting in their adoption. A very happy waggy tail ending for everyone!



Our merry band of fosterers are the lifeblood of LCH, - without them we could not function. Many of them have fostered scores of dogs, and every pooch that comes into their homes is special. A fosterer will always have the first option of adopting their charge, if they feel they cannot bear to be parted from them... this is what we call 'a failed foster', where failure is a beautiful positive for all parties. Some fail on their first foster, others may see many dogs come and go before one just fits in so well that it was always meant to be, and then there are the ones who seem to make it their life's work to keep failing.

As well as adopting Monty a while back, Cassy and family have fostered 10 other Last Chancers. Last month Freddie appeared on the scene and it wasn't long before this cute chap had wiggled his way into their affections, resulting in a big 'fail', and the new name of 'Wolfgang' which suits him perfectly.



Gemma went into foster with Carla and her family of Staffies in January.

Recently diagnosed with Cushing's Disease, Gemma had been waiting for her special someone to help manage her condition and look after her in her old age. But no more waiting, because her special someone was right under her nose, and she is staying put with Carla. Here she is serving as a chin rest for dear old Odo, another LCH Lifer.



In addition to fostering numerous Last Chancers, LCH team member Lisa and husband Leon have failed many times; Ena Sharples is their 7th failed foster to date. Ena is due to have the operation on her larynx very soon, and we are all rooting for a good outcome so that she may have many more years with her new family. Pictured here with Ena, (hogging the TV remote), is failed foster number 2, Maia. The chin rest thing seems to be a Staffie trait...



We are often called upon to help with private rehomes, and recently two separate JRTs were looking for a different sofa to snooze on. Both Charlie and Max now have new families, thanks to LCH.



A Happy Christmas and
New Year ahead for all of these gorgeous pooches!

Still Waiting

Dino is still looking...



Dino came into rescue in early August; he is a foreign dog and had been dumped by the rescue that brought him to the UK. This little chap has spent all his life in rescue, so he takes some time to get to know you. He is currently in kennels, who report that he is a super dog with very few issues, but he is an escape artist and can climb a 6 foot fence to go visiting the other dogs!! He has not been properly assessed with children, so must go to a totally child free home. Is there anyone out there who can give this boy a sofa to call his own? He needs a female only home.

Rescues Revisited

We love to hear from our adoptive families, and every so often feature a story or two from them



Sky came into emergency rescue in early 2018, saved from having her life cut short, because she couldn't keep up with the younger dogs. She is now one of our 'Lifers', under the wing of LCH, where her needs will be met, come what may. Here, her devoted foster mum tells her story...

Sky came to live with me and my 22 year old son on 9th March 2018 as an 'end of life foster' at the age of 12 (estimated by the vet). I'd seen her worried little face on the LCH Facebook page and decided I needed to have her! She had been rescued by LCH from the vet who had been told to put her to sleep by her previous owner, and who thankfully contacted LCH.

Within a week of her initial rescue I had registered, been homechecked, met up with Sky and her lovely emergency foster mum, Gina, and gone back the next day to collect her and bring her home. She was double her current (now healthy) weight and waddled! She couldn't manage the stairs, so was carried up and down to bed. She was completely shut down to start with and wouldn't eat. Gina had managed to get a few cocktail sausages down her, but not much. We continued trying and after a week or so she started eating properly. I was so relieved I took a picture of her next to her new bag of 'proper' dog food!



Despite being shut down to start with, on our first meeting she immediately approached my son and she has adored him from that moment. He is her life! I'm just the nice lady who she lives with!

A few weeks after we brought her home Sky went into season (she looks like she's been bred from and was not spayed when LCH first got her as her weight and general demeanor meant it was safer to wait a little while). She then started showing signs of illness and drinking a lot, so I took her to the vets and she had a nasty case of pyometra. Thankfully it was caught in time and she survived the operation. She had lost a significant amount of weight by then, so the procedure was a lot safer than it might otherwise have been.

She is like a puppy now, no one can believe she is 13! She loves her walks and her food and 'bunny-hops' up and down the stairs! She loves our guinea pig, especially eating his poos, in fact she loves eating poo full stop. It's gross.

She is a teensy bit spoilt now and argues with us if she feels it's time for 2nd breakfast, brunch, lunch, afternoon tea, etc (I think she's more of a hobbit than a dog! She's still a healthy weight but not by choice!) She'll also argue for walks, cuddles or just because she's bored.

Sky didn't know how to play with toys, and it took us about a year before she would start to join in our playing attempts. She can now chase a ball and kill her bunny toy, but doesn't often do this. She's happy though, I think. I'm so grateful to have her and my son adores her. She's up in his room now, chilling with him....



Supporting the Lifers

Sky is just one of our many 'end of life' foster dogs. Our 'Lifers' may be elderly, sick, or have behavioural issues which make them difficult to rehome. As well as ensuring they have the loving homes they deserve, we also meet their medical costs. Our vet bill is by far our largest expense, regularly in excess of £5000 per month. Donations towards our Lifers' care would be warmly welcomed.

Visit our website page for ways to donate:
www.lastchancehotel.org/donate.html

Rainbow Bridge



A tribute to Olive from Carla, her first foster mum.

Beautiful Olive came into foster with me in July 2017. She was dumped in the pound with spinal problems and wobbly back legs. She settled in really well with the rest of my gang and was adopted a couple of months after coming to me. Her foster mum fell in love with her and she was really happy in her new home. We learnt today that

Olive deteriorated very quickly and there was nothing that could be done for her. Her new mum was so very upset to lose her. Run free over Rainbow Bridge beautiful girl. Some of your old friends are there waiting for you and you will never be forgotten. RIP Olive. Beautiful soul. xxx

Sanctuary Update - Equine Special



We recently were joined here at the sanctuary by 11 year old Gem, a beautiful part bred Arab mare. Very sadly she suffered a leg injury as a foal which has rendered her unrideable. Since then she has blossomed into the most perfect companion pony, fitting in very well here. Gem is available for adoption. If you can offer this gorgeous girl a home, please get in touch.

Towards the end of October we were reflecting on our first full year here at the Sanctuary.

Just before we officially moved on site we took back under our wing Rosie and Roscoe from their previous foster family.

It was felt at that time that due to her ageing years (mid thirties), arthritis and poor teeth Rosie may not cope well with the approaching winter.

How wrong could we be?

With the support of regular vet visits (Rosevean, Jenna) medications, dentistry and sympathetic diet she has thrived as you can see from these lovely pictures, taken on one of the recent rare sunny autumnal days.

Her rug is ready and waiting for when she needs it and her dry cosy shelter (kindly paid for by donations) is bulging with hay nets full of sweet hay and tasty carrots.

And of course her constant companion Roscoe to snuggle up to, himself approaching his twenties which we suppose technically still makes him her toyboy 🥰

Her favourite treat is still gingernut biscuits which she can easily sprint across the field to enjoy before we leave.....

What else would this grand old lady need?

Go Rosie



Sanctuary volunteer Laura Crouch writes about Orinocco, who was adopted recently....



'I had the pleasure of delivering Orinocco to his new home this week.

Having known him since he was around 6 months old, now 2 1/2 yrs old, to say I was proud would be an understatement. He hasn't had much asked of him in these two years but these last two days he has.....

He loaded quietly (alone) onto my big lorry, travelled like he has been doing it regularly, stepped out into a whole new world the other end.

Steadily down the ramp he came, straight into his new paddock and was greeted through the fence by his two new field mates, Zennor and Wally, also rescue ponies.

Today I did a follow up visit to see how he was settling in, I think the pictures speak for themselves, don't you?

He enjoyed a little pampering ear trim, hooves picked out and of course a cuddle or two. So very proud of our Noco, happy times ahead little man.'



It's a First!! And what an amazing success too... the first ever community event at LCH High View Farm Sanctuary, - a Fun Dog Show in aid of local football club Frogpool and Cusgarne. The weather was kind, and the turnout brilliant! Great prizes, beautiful rosettes, refreshments and scrumptious cake, a fab afternoon all round! A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event run by Gone to the Dogs.

Congratulations to Puzzle, owned by Sarah Higgins, for taking the Best in Show rosette.

Puzzle is a rescue dog; he landed on his paws with Sarah, who runs our Sit Happens dog training classes.

When he first came into her care, he was a very scared little chap, having not had the best of lives... just look at him now, a calm, well socialised dog, and a credit to Sarah. Well done!

Meet the Team!

I thought it was time I introduced myself. My name is Glo and I edit the newsletter amongst other things for LCH

I first came across Last Chance Hotel in late Spring 2015 when the charity took part in the green token scheme at Asda Penryn. As a lifelong animal lover, I added my few discs to the growing pile after reading the brief description of the charity's work. Through the summer I thought long and hard about fostering and after much discussion with my husband, we applied. We already had a very much loved rescue dog, but also a cat, and it was some time before the right pooch came along that would fit in. Abbie came to us in December, a frightened, poorly girl, the worst of five breeding spaniels rescued in early November from a puppy farm, and I spent the next 3 weeks downstairs with her, sleeping on a makeshift bed on the floor to help her settle in and get used to me.



Not long afterwards we 'failed', and made our home hers for the rest of her life. She always was beautiful, even more so now... Almost all the people I knew or spoke to had never heard of Last Chance Hotel, so I wanted to spread the word, to help more vulnerable dogs find the loving homes they deserved, and the charity gain more support, and set the ball rolling for some fundraising and awareness local to my home near Falmouth.

I was also entrusted with the simple job of LCH posters, and then, by coincidence, a monthly newsletter was suggested at the same time that I had been considering putting the idea forward. I opted to have a bash at that, deciding later to produce a hard copy which could be distributed to the newly opened Hub Shop in Redruth and other outlets such as dog groomers and our vets. At this point I had no idea how to go about these things, and if someone had told me 6 months earlier that before long I would be designing leaflets and posters, writing newsletters and media adverts, updating and expanding a website, and creating videos for the LCH Facebook page, I would have told them to pull the other one. Both my career choices were self taught, and here I was again learning new skills at retirement age. Volunteering for LCH has not only given me the opportunity to stretch the little grey cells, but also be a small part of a brilliant team who do so much to help animals in their

hour of need and beyond. As I also have many other different interests I am able to fit my varied LCH workload around these.

A year ago hubby and I felt that we and our two girls were ready to foster again, and failed yet again with little Rosie, another puppy farm girl, who had bonded immediately with Abbie. Our three pooches keep me active with a daily walk and/or playtime, depending on the Cornish weather! I also dabble in a bit of conventional poetry, and last year produced a little book called 'Rescues in Rhyme and Other Pooch Poems' to raise funds for LCH, - there are a few copies left, - Christmas present anyone?



The Last Chance Hotel Hub Shop is situated at 83 Fore Street, Redruth, opposite the fruit and veg shop, and open 10am - 4pm Monday to Saturday. There are lots of new and preloved goods on sale and hot drinks in exchange for a donation. Pop in for advice about animal related issues, and a browse around! Our 'Sale' days have been very popular. Volunteers to help man (or woman!) the shop are warmly welcomed, - just a couple of hours a week will help enormously. Please contact the shop on 01209 315547, or drop in for a chat.

Donations for the Hub are always needed, especially ladies clothing in the larger sizes and good quality bric a brac.



Christmas is coming...

Looking for something special for your festive decorations? How about these beautiful 'knitvity scenes', created with love by a fab supporter of LCH, who knits all sorts of things. You can find them in our Hub Shop in Redruth.

"Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind."

Henry James

Fundraisers

Personal fundraising comes in a variety of forms, and plays a vital part in rescue. From youngsters to 'old hands', we are so grateful for your contributions, and hope that along the way, you and others enjoy taking part.

Two very young ladies, Ruby and Summer, aged 10 and 8, joined in the 5Km 'Glow in the Park Fun Run' at Exeter recently, also raising funds for LCH through sponsorship. Ruby's canine companion Sammy is a Last Chancer, and she wanted to help with our vet bills. The girls "smashed it" according to Ruby's mum Leanne; what a fab duo - it's a great feeling to know that there are youngsters like Ruby and Summer, aware and willing to help those in need.



A Quiz Night at Lanivet Community Centre was enjoyed by all, with proceeds going to LCH and the local minibus appeal. Many very kind and generous people (and pooches!) also donated to our Christmas Shoebox Appeal; no less than 15Kg of food and toys were gifted in total, an amazing, heartwarming gesture, - thank you all so much. Special thanks to Dawn Roberts for organising this fun night out.



Another amazing annual Flash Day at Shoreline Tattoo, St Ives raised a whopping £2625 for LCH. Thank you so much Beth Scott, Cherry and Mike for your hard work and beautiful designs, simply stunning! And thanks to all those who turned up to support this event, which gains more interest year on year. We look forward to the next one!

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

A Batty Surprise

Sam Nutt moved on to High View Farm Sanctuary in May this year, and has proved to be a valuable team member and bat carer extraordinaire. Along with LCH founder Sam, and Dave Franks, they have cared for and rehabilitated hundreds of bats since the beginning of this year. Here Sam N tells a story of one particularly unusual day on the farm.....

Phone rings - It's Dave Franks. RSPCA have brought in a bat. He's just setting everything up, could I be there in 5 mins. Tea goes in the sink, chuck dogs in their various spaces and I'm out the door.

Everything is ready. Box, scales, handling cloths, gloves, 2 lots of water, meds, paintbrush, pen, sticker etc. Bat is a cat attack I'm told and no noises have been heard from the box. Have to steel myself a bit, in case bat is critically injured or already dead. Deep breath.. last look round to make sure all doors are closed and gingerly open the



box. Peering in, I can see a shadow. Moving the tea towel a little I see... the biggest goddamn bat finger and tip of wing I've ever seen!



Hastily closing the box, I take a step back and look at Dave.. What the hell is that?! Oh no, it's going to be a Noctule.. the biggest UK bat. I've never seen one, never met one, never handled one and if he's alive, this one is going to be somewhat irritated !

At this point, my bum is flapping like a flag in a hurricane, heart hammering but I'm doing my best to project calm confidence. This is Sam B'Stard's working day, so there is just me, Nurse Dave and a giantass bat. Another deep breath. Open the box again. Gently move the teatowel another millimetre.. Bat isn't moving.. move the towel again, still no movement. Heart starts to sink. Hang on.. That wing is shiny, definitely odd looking, I look at Dave, look at the bat.. back to Dave.. Lift the box into better light.. Look at Dave again and see the teeniest of twitches on his face.

You absolute rotten, (*censored by the ed, let's say 'annoying scoundrel'*) !!! Please meet Baron Von BatterDave.. because he was used to batter Dave.... You have to admire his dedication, - it's taken him weeks to plan, saving the RSPCA box, finding the right bat. Waiting for a day Sam wasn't here and our usual Bat Fantastic Transporter Fiona wasn't available. Grrrrrr!!



(Sam recovered from the shock, but she's on her guard now with that prankster Dave... Ed)

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 of that celebration of love

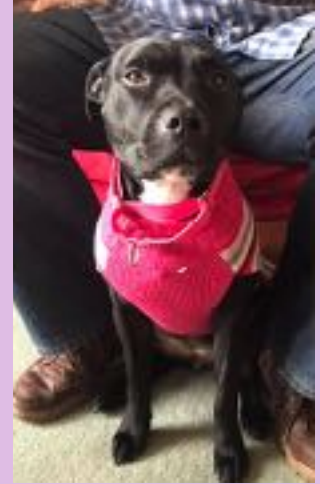


NELLIE

Happy 2nd Gotcha Day to our beloved Nellie, pictured with her favourite person *CL*

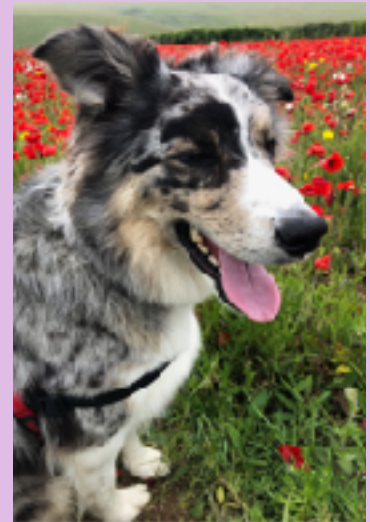
BELLA

Two years ago 'Bubbles' arrived as a foster, we all fell totally in love with her but knew we couldn't really keep her, she met some wonderful people who adopted her but it wasn't meant to be and she bounced back. So Bubbles became Bella and that was that!! This dog ❤️ she absolutely melts my heart. Thank you LCH. *SH*



BUDDY

In celebration of Buddy coming to his forever home one year ago today, Buddy and Roxy decided to dress for dinner (think Roxy had too many markies beforehand) *TFM*



T JAY

Two years today we adopted T Jay and can't thank LCH and Jo enough for bringing this beautiful amazing, best friend into our lives xx happy two years angel mamma loves you xxx

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REGGIE

Three years ago today this very nervous little boy came to live with us, we can't imagine our lives without him. Happy Gotcha Day Reggie Roodles xx *JD*

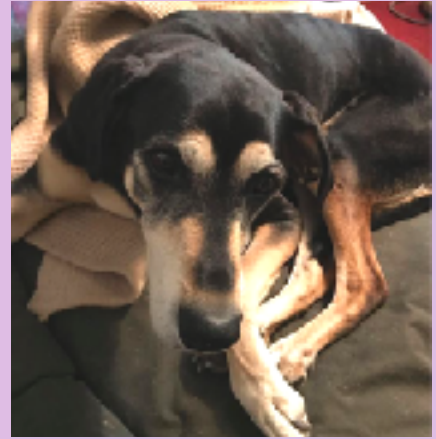


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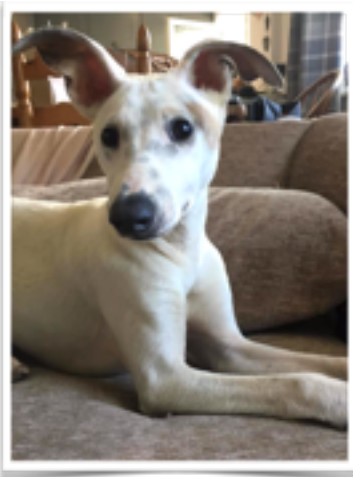
Today is Squeak's first Gotcha Day! Can't believe a year has gone by sharing our lives with this lovely girl. No idea of her age but she just lives life to the full. Thank you LCH we love her to bits. *WN*

GEORGIE

However far you go you can never escape from Theresa Joe. Just over 2 years ago we had just landed at Adelaide airport and the phone rings 'can you take Georgie on foster' 'well possibly but not for 3 weeks as we are in Australia'. Spent the next 3 weeks talking husband John into it, and as soon as we got home collected him 2 years ago today as 'end of life foster'. Now adopted and not giving up on life yet .. Happy Gotcha Day Georgie! *JH*



William's Appeal

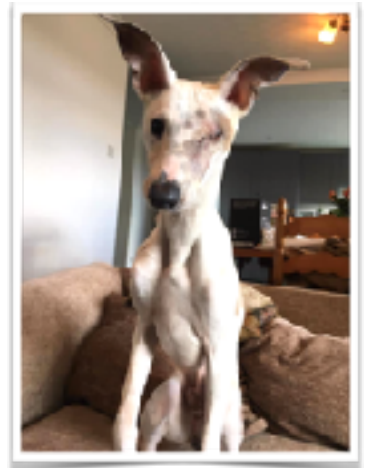


Do you remember William, a blind 6 month old pup who came into rescue earlier this year? He went into the care of Alyssa Shepherd and family, who love him to bits. This sweet boy recently had to have one eye removed as it was giving him trouble, and we appealed for funds to help with his vet bill. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of people who supported us with donations and messages for him.



Post op cuddles with mum

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has given towards William's operation, you are simply the best. We will catch up with William in a future newsletter; meanwhile, here are a few photos of this cute little chap.



He bounced back quickly!

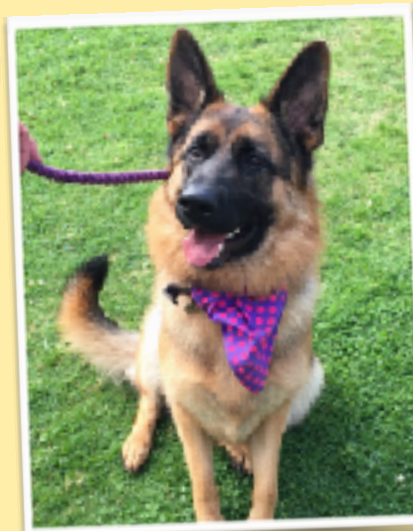
Putting the Fun in Fundraiser at Falmouth



Such a long time ago now, it is but a distant memory, but **what a fabulous day!** A very big thank you to everyone who came along to the Princess Pavilion Falmouth on August Bank Holiday Monday for the Dog Day event. We couldn't believe the amazing turnout for our Fun Dog Show, thank you all so much for your support. Many thanks to the Princess Pavilion for giving us this wonderful opportunity, the venue was just perfect! Here are just a few of the beautiful pooches who turned up to strut their stuff!

Congratulations to our Best in Show, George,

such a gorgeous Staffie boy, and to Dennys, a happy vocal lurcher, who took Reserve Best in Show. Special thanks to our own Andrew Russell and Princess Pavilion's Jasmine Brett for organising this super event.



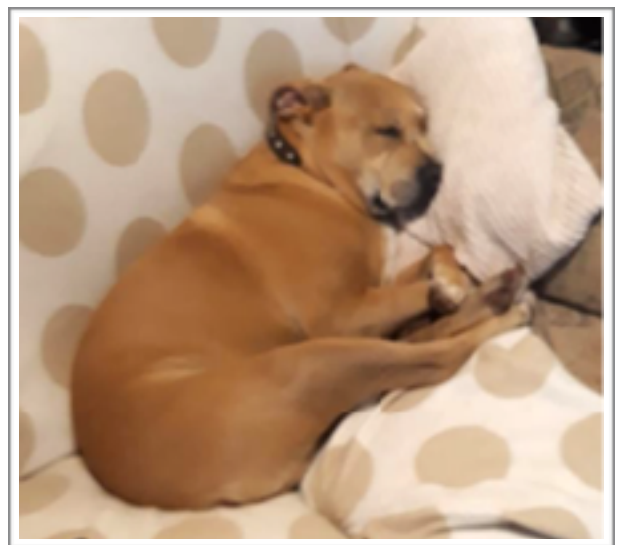


Reggie to the Rescue!

Last Chancer Reggie, pictured here having a contented snooze, is a much loved member of the Bingley family. But now he is more than that, he is a hero. Recently, a fire broke out in one of the bedrooms, and Reggie alerted his human mum to the danger even before the fire alarm went off. A candle had set fire to some clothes; Reggie's dad Martin burnt his hand taking it down and outside, and Reggie had to check thoroughly that he and everyone else in the household was ok, reluctant to leave his dad's side.

Thankfully not much damage was done, and no one was badly hurt, but without Reggie on full alert, there could have been a very different outcome.

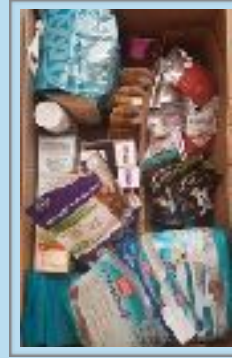
Well done Reggie!!



Thank You!

Holsworthy Pets delivers

Many thanks indeed to the customers and staff of Holsworthy Pets, for their continued generosity and support. A wonderful array of fab donations from customers and a big boxful of goodies from Dan and JJ themselves, from their shop, all very much appreciated.



Working for LCH!

Massive thanks to Caroline Shaw for the donation of £250 from the Pavers Foundation, which was awarded to her as a work incentive. Thank you for thinking of LCH Caroline, and working so hard to gain your award!

House of Eliot

House of Eliot operate from Newton Abbot indoor market, printing T shirts, baseball caps and all sorts; they have kindly chosen to support LCH in any fundraising they do. Many thanks to Kim and Eliot, and their customers for their recent lovely donation, we are very grateful for your support.

Facebook Fundraisers

Facebook fundraisers are a super way to raise funds for our animals in need, and we are always very grateful to those who turn their special day into something special for LCH. A huge thank you to Russell Martin, Vicky Webber, Amy Lewis, Pauline Norman, Tracey Connors, Michelle Jeffery and mum Daphne, and Cassy Entwistle for nominating LCH to celebrate their birthdays, we hope you all had a brilliant time!

Grateful thanks also to Michelle Jeffery and her Facebook friends for monetary donations, as well as food and bedding, for High View Farm Sanctuary.

Warming up the bats...

A big thank you to Carol Judd, Kathryn Budge, Paula Phillips, Anne White and Steve Wingfield, and many others, who responded so quickly to our appeal for heat mats for the bats in our care at High View Farm Sanctuary. The bats will be warm as toast now!

Houndsinpounds for LCH

Another online auction run by the fab team of Houndsinpounds raised the magnificent sum of £205. Thank you so much Allison and Jean for your hard work for rescues everywhere.

Tesco - bin there

Thank you once again, Tesco Falmouth, and their very generous customers, for another bin full of goodies for our animals. You are all very kind.

Winter preparations....

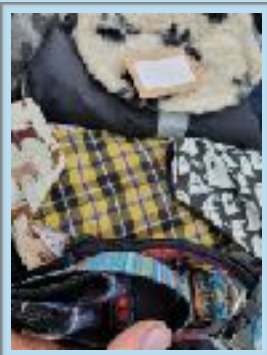
Many thanks to Gilly Lucas for the fabulous donation of 30 odd bales of horse bedding, dog food, blankets and collars etc. We are nearly set for winter now!

Assistance for Spike

West Country Bullie Walks generously donated towards Spike's huge vet bill. Spike is a lifer with Last Chance Hotel; because of his big health issues, without help from wonderful groups like West Country Bullies, we would find things so much more difficult. Thank you so much.

Hospital bakers

A big thank you to the Histology Department at Treliske Hospital for recently raising £100 from cake sales, your support is very much appreciated!



Bandana Bonanza

Grateful thanks to Sally Hudson for this wonderful donation of monies raised, collars, coat and bandanas

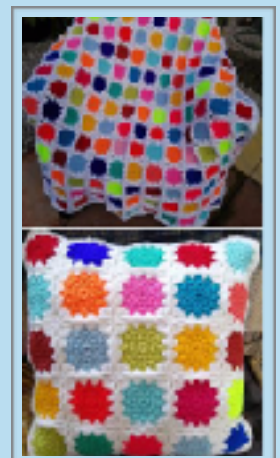
Amazonians, near and far

Huge thanks to Sally Morrison, Sharon Moore, and Jody Clark (from the USA, who saw the Daily Mail article about Casper) for these fabulous gifts from our Amazon wishlist. The heat mats for our bats are warmly welcomed but sadly we don't know for sure who donated them, - thank you so much whoever you may be, and to everyone, for your generosity, it is truly appreciated.



Love wool find a way

'Wool needed for Rescues' is one of many Facebook pages that raise funds for animals in need. After seeing Cindy's story, the team organised a raffle of a beautiful hand crafted blanket and double sided crocheted cushion cover, lovingly made by Diane Duncan. Later we also received some gorgeous woolly goodies in the post! A lovely group of people making a difference, thank you all so much.



Lastly, but by no means least...

An extra special thank you to a very special young lady who collected for Last Chance Hotel for her 5th birthday party, instead of presents. A beautiful gesture, which raised £37... kindness itself, and a credit to her very proud family. Thank you from all the LCH team.



Grants and awards from corporations are extremely valuable, and we have been lucky to benefit in the past from this type of assistance. Quite often, all it takes is garnering enough votes from our supporters, a couple of minutes to register a nomination on a website. Currently, the Ecclesiastical Insurance 12 Days of Giving Awards is running, until just before Christmas. If you have the

time to spare, please visit the website:

www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/12-days/

12 Days of Giving ends midnight 19th December

Poet's Corner

Another little ditty from the LCH fundraiser book 'Rescues in Rhyme and other Pooch Poems'

Canine Slumbers

Are you chasing rabbits, or swimming in the sea?
Have you seen your doggy friend out on a walk with me?
Your paws are flicking madly, you must be running fast
And now a little woof escapes, you've caught him up at last

Sometimes your muzzle twitches, your tail whacks on the bed
Your chest will heave with effort as you romp inside your head

Whether it's a long walk or a paddle in the stream
I'd love to be a part of it, and step inside your dream

Our dear Cindy received an early Christmas present from the lovely peeps at **Ivy and Duke**, - not one but TWO beautiful, comfy Pedigree beds for her to rest her aching bones upon... you can see how Cindy absolutely loves her plush new red bed! Grateful thanks to Ivy and Duke for thinking of this gorgeous old lady.



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 15th December, doors open 11.30, show starts 12 noon

LCH Christmas Fun Dog Show

at Crofthandy Village Hall TR16 5JQ

Christmas Shoe boxes for all our foster dogs!!



Did you Know?

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 on page 2.

Thank you from Team LCH and all the animals!



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.

The **Last Chance Hotel** is based in Cornwall and works hard to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home abused and neglected animals.

We take in animals of any kind - animals that other rescue centres cannot take, including ex-bait and ex-fight dogs, the sick, the aged and the terminally ill.

They come to us for rehab and either go to new homes or remain with us for life. Some just come to us for peace and love before they die, after a life of neglect and abuse. No animal is ever destroyed because they cannot be homed.

We are always looking for long and short term foster homes, as well as new loving permanent homes. For more information about fostering or adopting a dog please go to our website

www.lastchancehotel.org. Please 'like' our new Facebook pages, - 'Last Chance Hotel Animal Rescue & Rehome, Cornwall', and 'Last Chance Hotel Sanctuary'.

The Last Chance Hotel Hub Shop is situated at 83 Fore Street Redruth, opposite the fruit & veg shop. Opening hours Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm.

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"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are."

- Harold S. Kushner

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