



Last Chance Hotel Animal Rescue & Rehome

September is here, bringing ever shorter days, a touch of Autumn, (maybe an Indian Summer if we're lucky!) and our third newsletter. August has proved to be a particularly difficult month for the team, but a happy one for many of the dogs in care and their new owners. It's never plain sailing in dog rescue. First of all though, our final bit of "potted history" of LCH:

In late 2014, in conjunction with a local behaviourist working alongside the charity, a weekly One Stop Shop dog socialisation and training club began, offering fosterers free attendance to sessions and charging an affordable fee to adopters and other members of the public.

Early 2015 saw the charity join the national Pets at Home VIP scheme, endorsing the charity profile by way of association with a respected and popular high street name and enabling future opportunities to be a part of the Pets at Home fundraising schemes and working alongside their Support Adoption for Pets charity organisation. Pets at Home branches at Bodmin and Pool are great supporters of Last Chance Hotel and we are very grateful for all they do for us.

Last Chance Hotel relies heavily upon the public for donations to enable us to continue to save dogs from death row. As the summer season progresses, we are seeing many dogs abandoned by their owners because they are old or ill or both. These animals have been in a home situation for most or all of their lives, and suddenly they are thrust into a totally alien environment with no company, save that of other frightened dogs. They must be totally bewildered and feel completely lost. LCH does whatever it can to offer refuge and a chance of life for some of these poor souls. Veterinary fees can be extremely high, and transport to Cornwall is costly. Our team of volunteers give their time freely, but funds are always desperately needed. We truly appreciate all donations and put them to work immediately.

New Arrivals

The school holiday month has seen many new sets of paws on foster sofas and one lucky lad straight off to his forever home. Again, many of these dogs have come from council pounds and would otherwise have faced one final walk to the euthanasia room. Pixie and Tilly didn't spend very long on their fosterers' sofas, and have already found loving homes. Dear old Odo has gone in to foster with the lovely Carla, along with George and Sasha, and her own "oldies" Spike and Alfie. Here's a pic of them to warm your cockles, - five elderly pooches enjoying life together, being loved and cherished. If you would like to follow the progress of the incomers, check out our [Facebook page](#) and website lastchancehotel.org. The dogs are constantly being assessed in their foster homes and information changes regularly.



Still Waiting

For some dogs, it can take a bit longer than average for that special person to come along and whisk them away to their forever sofa. Perhaps they need a home where they are the only dog, or maybe they can't live with cats or other small animals. They may need someone who can get the best out of them, or be at home most of the day for company.

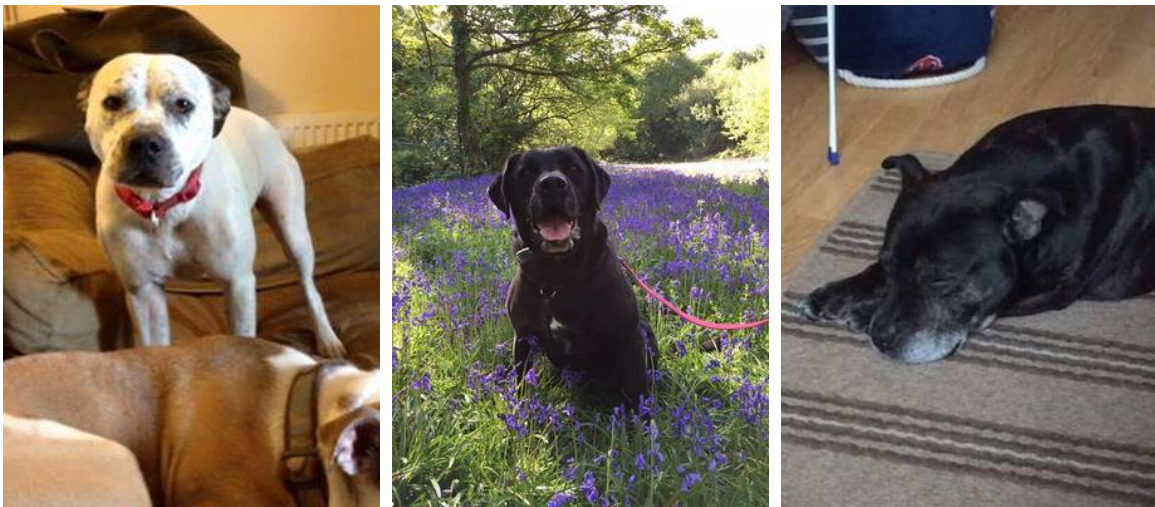
Lola has been waiting quite a while for her special someone, and her fosterer can't understand why. She is spayed, about 3 years old and is one big cuddle monster with a temperament second to none. This gorgeous girl has a good level of training and is now comfortable around other dogs, but can get a bit over zealous so needs an experienced owner to keep her calm and attentive. No very young children because of her exuberance but she can live with dog savvy cats. Lola loves playing ball and rarely barks or whines.

Tyson is around 11 years of age and looking for an urgent foster/forever home through no fault of his own. He doesn't like cats or small furries, and needs a home with older dog savvy children. He can be selective with some other dogs so careful meet and greets will need to take place. This old boy still has plenty of

bounce in his step, and likes to get out and about.

Max is a 9 year old Boxer X Labrador, he is a handsome chap and loves cuddles. He is a large boy, who with the right handler walks very well on the lead. Max doesn't get on with other dogs at all and goes on the defensive if not managed well. Over the past two years he has come on in leaps and bounds and would need an assertive owner to continue with his training and management. He is neutered and has no existing health problems. Max loves people and children and is a gentle giant. He must be the only pet in the household and with a realistic owner prepared to continue his progress.

If you think you, or someone you know, could be the right owner for Lola, Tyson or Max, please go to our website lastchancehotel.org or contact one of the team by email info@lastchancehotel.org



Happy Departures to New Homes

All shapes, sizes and ages found their forever home in August. From the little mini JRT Lucy, Lucky the Yorkie, to Issy the Saluki and marvellous Mo, - who was chosen as Dog of the Month by our patron Rosie Marcel, - they trotted off with tails held high, to a new life with a loving new family. We wish them all well. There were also more examples of the FFC, the "Failed Fosterers Club": elderly JRT ladies, Tamar and Bramble were officially adopted by their fosterers, who couldn't help falling for their charms, and Andrew decided that Jester was the perfect companion for Rosie and decided to keep him. Such lucky dogs, all of them!



Fun at the Summer Fayre

The weather could have been a little bit kinder, but that didn't deter a huge number of LCH supporters turning out for the Summer Fayre and Dog Show on Sunday 21st August at Crofthandy Village Hall. The massive marquee ensured that everyone could stay dry and shelter from the stiff breeze. There were dogs galore, of course, and it was lovely being able to put faces to names and meeting the pooches 'in real life'! The food was fab, local crafts, dog products, tombola and raffle were on display in the hall, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Our Dog Show judge did a fabulous job, thank you so much Daphne. Little Tony, who has just moved in with his new mum and dad, won joint Best Veteran with Sasha, Denzil the lurcher took away the red rosette for Best Condition, and Best in Show went to gorgeous Sasha, who has recently come into rescue, and is being fostered by Carla. All in all, a great day, and our thanks go to all those fabulous supporters (and bakers!) for making it a success.



Rainbow Bridge

For those of you who haven't heard the expression, it is said that "Rainbow Bridge" is where all our precious animals go when they leave this earth. They wait there until we join them and we go over the bridge together. On the 14th of August, two oldies came in to LCH in a very bad way. Sidney had been dumped at the pound by his owners, who were simply too selfish to see to his needs; he had tumours, kennel cough, a bad heart and more. Last Chance Hotel pulled this old boy from the pound, hoping that he could be saved and have a few more months

of a better life with lots of TLC. But it was not to be. The vet said it had gone too far and we had to say goodbye to him, just two days after he had come to us; he was surrounded by love at the end. Mollie too was in a dreadful state, - pneumonia, kidney failure and more. She wasn't dumped like Sid but was in a home that chose to ignore her failing health. Mollie followed Sidney to Rainbow Bridge the same day. Needless to say, the team were devastated. End of life foster is the hardest kind of foster, but LCH are lucky to have some amazing people who do this very difficult but worthwhile work, taking care of the old and frail, and giving them lots of love and cuddles in their final days, weeks or months. Despite everything that end of life foster entails, the sadness of inevitable loss, they wouldn't have it any other way, - they love their "oldies". Run free at the Bridge, Sidney and Mollie, we wish we could have known you for longer.

Did you know?

There are now regular "Meet the Team" events at the Pets at Home branches of Pool and Bodmin, with tombola, goodies for sale and sometimes cake!

Check out lastchancehotel.org and our [Facebook](#) page for more Pets at Home details

Dates for your diary

Saturday September 24th 2016

M A Grigg Open day - 7.30am till 6pm

LCH will be there with lots of information, we will have some LCH goodies to hand out in exchange for donations.

Come along to the Fun Dog Show and have a great day at Griggs, Pendennis, Lower Sticker, St Austell, PL26 7JH.

Saturday September 24th 2016

Fun Dog Show - Troon - 2pm

LCH will be there with lots of information and LCH Goodies, There are plenty of fun classes to suit dogs of all ages, sizes and breed.

Come along for a great fun day to Troon Church Hall, Treslothan Road, TR14 9EG.

Check out lastchancehotel.org and our [Facebook](#) page for more event details

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of

one's soul remains unawakened"

Anatole France

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