



# Any Dog

*'il Do Rescue*

# August

## Issue 2

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## Welcome

Welcome to Issue 2 of our ADDR newsletter. As always its been another busy month here at Any Dog'il Do with August looking to be the same. We have lots of exciting things to share with you in the coming months including an amazing competition. We had some great news this month and we would like to say.

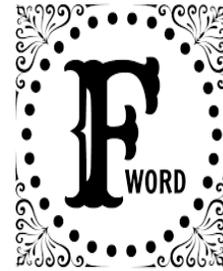
Thank you so much for everyone who took the time to vote for ADDR in the Lintbell Facebook competition, just taking 2 minutes out your day to do so means the rescue. received all this, and more.



There was some more good news for our dogs with not 1 or 2 but 6 getting their forever loving homes. Good luck to Ollie, Baloo, Enzo, Scooby, Pixie and Tai with their new families. Fingers crossed our 2-new arrivals Albie and Baillie



In this issue will be focusing on fostering. Fostering is an invaluable way to help the dogs in our care. It's great for the humans too. You will be hearing from 2 of our dedicated foster families. And hope that it can give you a little bit of information about this rewarding experience.



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### What happened in July

We had some great fun at stalls this month and It was great to see lots of familiar faces and waggy tail's coming to see us at, NTS Newhails Family Dog show and Apex Vets family day out. Armed with homebaking, dog treats and a tombola, we were very popular with both dogs and humans and managed to raise £297.43.



### Important dates for your diary!

#### 20<sup>th</sup> August

##### National Mining Museum 11am - 4pm

This is a family event held every year at Newtongrange Mining Museum. We will have a stall it would be great to see you all.

On the day will include crafts, hog roasts, clowns, pony rides, magicians and a visit from some of the residents of Edinburgh Butterfly & Insect World.

<http://nationalminingmuseum.com/events/531/family-fun-day/>

#### 27<sup>th</sup> August

##### Pack Walk - Hollyrood Park, Edinburgh

12noon

We are very excited to introduce our very first fundraising walk will be held at Hollyrood Park in Edinburgh. We will be meeting at the large car park and be walking around the grounds. The walk should be 45 mins to an1 hour and is mainly on tarmac road. We will be asking for a £2 donation for taking part to put towards our growing costs. We will ask that dogs be kept on lead throughout the walk as some of or dogs are a little nervous. There is a large grassy area at the beginning/end of the walk

for careful off lead exercise. We hope to see as many of you there to allow us humans and our dogs to meet as well as raise a little cash!

#### 2nd September

##### ADDR Pub Quiz Night - Ryrie's at Haymarket Station

Keep an eye for a list of prizes for on the night.

#### Dog of the month.



China is a Staffordshire Bull Terrier is about 1-year old. China is a beautiful little SBT puppy and like a typical Staffie, loves a cuddle and affection. She is thriving in her foster home. She is good with meeting dogs when outside but we would prefer her to be the only dog in the house so she can get all the cuddles and.

Don't take it from us, hear what her foster mum as to say.

China is a perfect house guest. She doesn't jump up when people come in and will remain calm when told. She loves nothing more than getting cuddles and sitting between your feet.

China has a few favorite toys including her tug rope and sookie baby (a stuffless toy that is her safety blanket. She also sooks this at night her favorite game is tug of war and she will bring her tug rope to you when she wants to play.

China is very well behaved and knows lots of commands including, sit, lie down, paw and other paw. She will do anything for a treat. China will also walk to heel when wearing her

halti but she loves nothing more than being on the long line and running free. She can run very fast.

China loves woodland walks as her favorite thing to do is sniff. Her head is down for most of the walks. We have also been to the beach but we're not too keen on the water.

China needs to learn a few manors when meeting people, she is just a bit shy when seeing strange things. With further training and socialisation China would grow out of this.

If you would like to offer China the forever home she dreams of, pop over our website and take a look at her profile and submit an enquiry for.

<http://www.anydogildorescue.org/adoption-enquiry-form.html>



# Focus on Fostering

Hear from Caitlin one of our coordinators and foster mums.

Many rescues, just like ours, rely on foster homes for the dogs we take in. Many dogs, in particular Staffordshire Bull Terriers, do not cope well in a kennel environment.

Fostering allows the dogs to settle into a 'normal' environment and helps them adjust into a home before they are adopted.

Foster families not only provide the TLC and home environment that the dogs need but for some dogs this will be the first time in their lives that they live in a comfortable environment. Many of the dogs require socialisation amongst other dogs, to be assessed around cats, be introduced to walking on lead, toilet training, basic training and taught manners within a home environment. These things are hard, if possible at all, to do if the dog lives in kennels.

Whilst the role of fostering can at times be challenging, the rewards do far outweigh this.

For many, the most difficult part of fostering will be the day it comes to say goodbye. Some dogs are in foster for a few weeks, others may be longer, so you do of course become very attached to the dogs having taken them into your own home and family and many do find their way into your heart.

To these chosen few we have affectionately named them the failed foster club. Some dogs never pass on to another home once settled with their foster families.

It is hard to say goodbye, however without foster homes these dogs would either fail to secure a rescue place and be euthanised or spend considerable time in kennels, in some cases months or years.



## What Can I Expect from Fostering?

Whilst a foster home is an unpaid service, we do cover expenses. We supply the food for the dog, or will refund up to £20 per month. We cover all medical expenses when using one of our approved vets for an authorised visit. Some of the foster dogs may need to have their vaccinations, microchip or neutering done whilst in their foster homes and assistance can be given for transportation where available if the foster is unable to transport to the vets.

When you become a fosterer, you are added to our foster group where you can benefit from the advice and experience of other fosterers and our coordinators. The coordinator looking after the rehoming of the dog will also stay in touch to learn more about the dog's likes/dislikes and general behavior in the home so we can place the dog in the most suitable adopted home.

Fostering can be done to fit in with you and your life. We have fosters who work full time, those who are retired, many have other pets and children and we assess and match the foster dogs accordingly. All dogs will have had basic assessments before being placed to ensure that the dog will fit in with you and your environment.

Foster homes allow us to further assess the dogs within a home environment which is invaluable. Whilst our dogs are fully insured they must be kept on lead at all times when they are outside your garden (if you have an enclosed garden). You will sign a foster contract and be given a starter pack which includes some help and advice about common health complaints that can be easily managed without a vet visit and what to do as a fosterer.

Does this sound like something you could do? Please get in touch with us by completing a [foster enquiry form](#) and our foster coordinator will aim to be in touch within 7-10 days.

### A Fosterer's Experience – Corrine words

Fostering with Any Dog'll Do Rescue is one of the most rewarding jobs you can do. By fostering you are saving two dogs. You save the one you take into your home but you also free up a space for a dog in need to come into rescue. It can be the difference of life or death for a lot of the dogs we are asked to take in.

Fostering can be very challenging but with the support of the rehoming co-ordinators, the

fostering Facebook page and linking in with other fosters who might be experiencing the same or similar issues; it means you never feel alone.

I adore seeing the dogs go from very scared, unhappy dogs in kennels to them flourishing while in my care and seeing them off to their forever homes. Of course, it is sad when you say goodbye to your furry friend but you can look forward to your next foster knowing that you were that stepping stone in helping the dog find their forever home.

I started fostering with ADDR at the end of 2015. My first dog was a Japanese Akita called Misty who provided me with much love and was the best house guest I could wish for. I was provided lots of support and my coordinator was always there for any issue I had, which were few considering how well-behaved Misty was.

She was with me for 3 months. I was involved in her rehoming as I'd grown very attached to her and this made the transition easier for her leaving. I still miss her today.

The next two dogs, Bentley and Spock were here for a shorter time and again they were great in the home. None of the dogs damaged anything and all were house trained and loved visitors.

Misty was quiet and withdrawn, Bentley was a happy boy but nervous and Spock had been rehomed a few times so remained unsettled when I was out. These things take time and

with your love and assurance the dogs become ready for new homes and new beginnings.

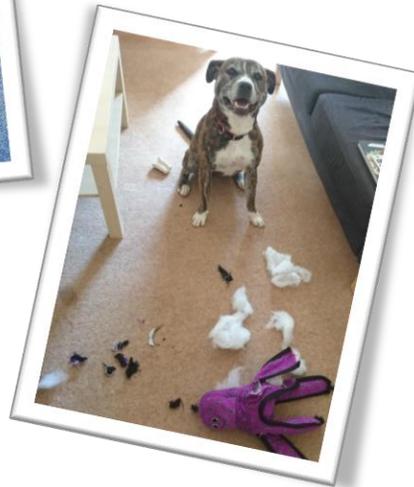


Fostering dogs is not an easy role but ADDR provide all the support and advice you will need. You simply need to take time with the dogs and listen to those who offer advice. The dogs take time to settle in and you cannot expect them to arrive and be immediately

settled. Some dogs have complex issues but ADDR make no secret of what they already know of the dog's behaviour and issues. They will always be honest and clear and if something arises they do not know about, you should let them know. If you are having issues with your ability to look after the dog or the dog's behaviour you should let them know. They have ALWAYS provided me support and advice.



## Here's some of our dogs in their foster homes



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