



SECOND CHANCES

German Shepherd Rescue

Registered Scottish Charity No – SC028175

***** Spring 2018 Newsletter *****

The mornings and evenings are getting lighter – although the weather doesn't seem to be getting warmer!! Here is our next Newsletter – we hope you are enjoying reading them.

Without receiving your "yes" – we won't be able to continue to communicate with you

Firstly, we have some important administrative information – it's been all over the news recently, but it also affects Second Chances and it also affects **you** – it's the new data protection rules.

Your support of this charity, through membership, buying our items for sale or fund-raising, for example, is vitally important for us to help the dogs that we care for.

However, without receiving your "yes" we will no longer be able to communicate with you.

So please complete and return the form attached to "opt-in" in order to continue to receive information from Second Chances.

If you don't respond, you will no longer be able to receive information about Second Chances.



Membership renewal time



Members receive these great Newsletters 3 times a year😊

It's also time for the annual membership renewal for Second Chances – so to make it easy for you, you can send us the data protection consent and your membership renewal form at the same time.

Membership remains only £15 per year and all monies go to help care for these wonderful dogs. Our main costs are vet bills and kennel fees. Please complete the attached form and return it to me (by email or post). It is much appreciated.

You can pay by paypal, bank transfer, cheque or cash. Or why not set up a standing order with your bank (please remember to note "membership" on any payments). All details are provided in the attached membership form. Thanks in advance for your renewal. If you have already completed a gift aid form for us, there is no need to do another one, but if you haven't and you are a UK tax payer, if you complete the form, we can claim the tax from your donation from the Government.

These are some of the lucky dogs that we have found a new home for recently.



Such a nice boy, Cody.



Buddy – needing an experienced home, but with a bit of understanding, he is a great dog.



Shadow looking comfy in his new home.



Young Rufus settling in well.

Comedy night

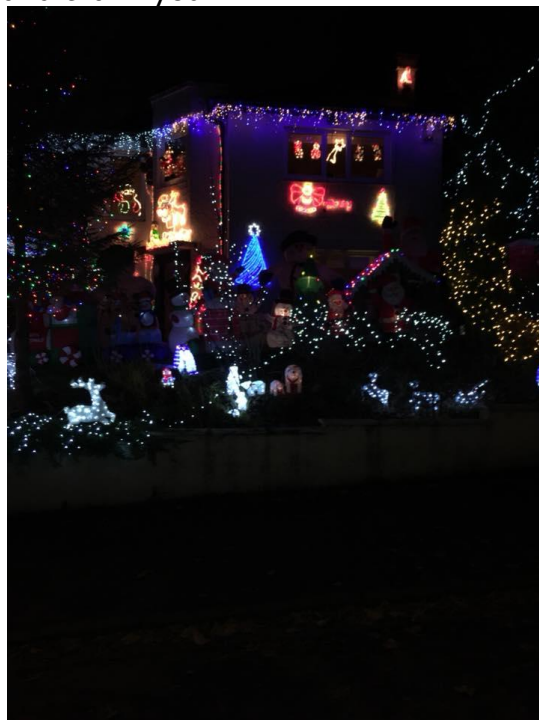
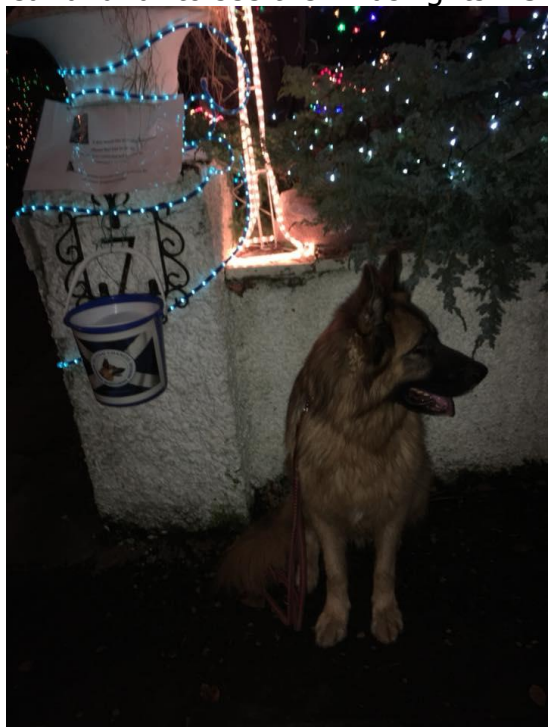
Shona, Molly's "mum" has organised another comedy night in Glasgow International Comedy Festival, with all funds going to Second Chances.

Thanks so much Shona.



Xmas star

What a star Morena and family are – especially SCGSR dog Rocky ☺ - their xmas decorations raised over £700 for Second Chances. The photos don't do it justice but people travelled from near and far to see the xmas lights - Great news, and thank you.



A first for Second Chances



We had a magic and puppet show organised by Annie and friends – a number of children went along and enjoyed the show. And parents and friends raised money for the dogs, while the children enjoyed the show.

We also have people who collect money for us in other ways, eg with collecting tins.

Thanks so much to everyone who has raised funds for the Charity.

Pets at Home

Just as a reminder – if you have a VIP card with Pets at Home – if you would like to select Second Chances as your nominated charity, we are under "Second Chances German Shepherd Rescue Carlisle".

Unwanted gifts

We will be running a few auctions and tombolas this year.

If you are on facebook, have a look at our new auction site – we hope to run a few throughout the year. Maybe you could sell some things and clear out your cupboards while raising funds for SCs at the same time, or put in a bid – all money raised goes to SCs.

If you have any unwanted gifts that you would like to donate to Second Chances, please get in touch.

You can find our auction/fund-raising page on facebook using the following link:

Second Chances GSD Rescue Auctions

Unwanted Guests!



Just days after the snow stopped I was horrified to see a tick on my dog!

I thought there might be one benefit of all the snow and icy temperatures and the ticks would be in fewer numbers this year, or at least out later - but clearly not. So, look out.

Dog Walks

We continue to have some great dog walks. The last one was at Blairadam Forest, Kelty. These are great for allowing your dog to meet and interact with other dogs.

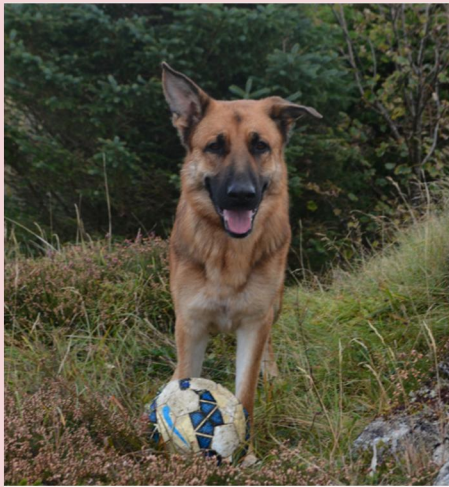
Check out the website or facebook page for details of the next walk.



Scooby

Next we have a story sent in about Scooby, who we rehomed. Its great to see Scooby settling in so well with his new family

News from Scooby



Scooby is doing great.

He has been on several holidays with us and spent 6 weeks out in France with us this Summer.

He has settled in well with his new Brother and Sister, and is developing into a real character.

Still just a pup, who wants to play all the time.

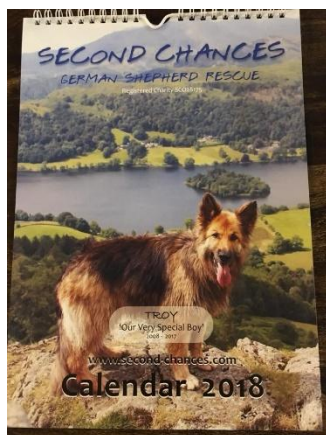
His toy box is constantly being added to.

Lately, we have been able to walk him off lead around us here in the forest and this is great progress as when we first got him he would bolt into the forest all the time chasing deer and we needed to keep him on the lead constantly. His recall is now improving day by day.

We will be taking him to training / citizenship dog classes to help with his socialising. He is great with other dogs but his initial meet and greet is a bit boisterous so we are looking to work on this.



2019 Calendars and cards



We hope you are all enjoying your calendars – please remember to take photos of your dogs and enter them into the photo competition for next year.

With all the snow recently, hopefully there are some good snow photos - please send them in 😊

Here are some of the SC dogs enjoying the recent snow:



Film to watch – Megan Leavey

Based on the true events about young female Marine, Megan Leavey, and a combat dog named Rex. Megan served as a Military Police K9 handler. She was paired with military working dog Rex. The pair served two deployments in Iraq together. They were first deployed to Fallujah in 2005, and then to Ramadi in 2006, where they were both wounded by an improvised explosive device.

Would you get into this car?



Buddies Rocky and Max will check you out!

Dog beds

We often get asked for advice on what dog bed to buy – so we have included some tips to help you, see page 8.

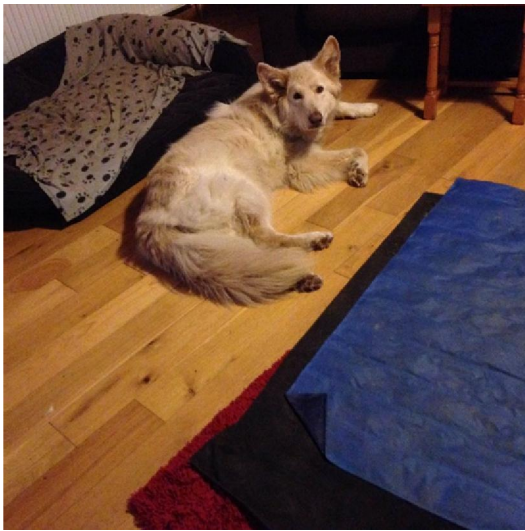
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Thanks

If anyone would like to send in a story, photo, etc. for future editions of the Newsletter, please write to us.

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Dog Beds – Some tips to help you choose a bed for your dog

It might seem obvious, but make sure the size is right for your dog.



We can buy a large, comfy bed and a cool mat in case the bed is too warm, but sometimes the hard floor will be the preferred option!

This dog prefers the 'ever so comfy looking' window ledge!



While us humans like armchairs, they can be quite difficult for a dog to get comfy in, so think carefully before buying an armchair for your dog - although full marks have to go to Barney for giving every possible position a try!



Looks like he finally found a comfy position!

A large sofa on the other hand seems to be a good choice



And there's even room to share it with a friend.



But if your dog likes a cushion under their head (and, who doesn't), even a big sofa might not be big enough for a German Shepherd, with those long legs.



And sometimes, all a dog would like is somewhere comfy to lay their head!



But it seems a dog's favourite bed – is the largest and comfiest in the house. Yep, you guessed it - ours!

