

## **FRIENDS OF BLOODHOUND LIFELINE**

### **IT'S A HOUND THING!!**

*Welcome to our first edition of "It's a Hound Thing". We intend to publish once a year, with all the news of rescue and hopefully some letters and photos from hounds who have been successfully rehomed.*

*Firstly I would like to say a whopping big "thank you" to all those who have helped get Bloodhound Lifeline off the ground. You have donated your money, your time and your expertise and without you, all that we have achieved would have been impossible. That said we are in desperate need of Foster Homes either short or long term, so if you are able to help in this respect please contact me.*

*It has been quite a busy year for B.L.L, with, up to the end of October, sixteen calls for either rehoming, advice or help. Eight of these calls have led to a hound needing to be rehomed.*

*We have also been called upon to help Dogs Trust, Cumbrian RSPCA and Telford dog pound. I do wish that more of the bigger rescues would call on breed rescue for help as it would prevent the hounds being passed to people who are unprepared for the hound mentality. This has happened twice this year with the rescues in case only calling us when the home they had found could not cope.*

*We have sadly lost track of one young bitch as the rescue centre concerned refused to pass her to us and then rehomed her. Despite us asking politely they also refused to pass on a number for contact to the new owners, and there was me, thinking that we were all on the same side. We have not given up yet!!*

*Richard Mondey has now run two half marathons for Bloodhound Lifeline, and has finished both in very good times. At the Silverstone one he managed to raise over £200 and at the BUPA one, despite running with an injured foot, he finished at number 4000 out of 21000 runners! He raised £197 this time. Thank you.*

*At the moment we have two hounds needing experienced and patient homes. Both are about three years old, neutered males, and with good temperaments. For more information please see our website*

*I'm sorry that this first newsletter is a little sparse. Will do better next year when a few more articles will be included. If you have anything you wish to go in the letter please let me know.*

*Debbie*

*I will now pass you over to a few of our rescue reports.*

## *Busby*



*Before Rehoming*



*After Rehoming*

*Hi, I would love to tell you about Busby and his friends. I have two deerhounds and a lurcher, all loved very much but I so missed having a bloodhound. I have owned two bloodhounds and lost my last girl in September 08. I phoned Debbie and asked about a hound called Busby who was on rescue.*

*She said she could describe Busby in one word “thug”! She was so right! My deerhounds soon put him in his place but he can be hard work. He is a big strong boy but is improving every day. It is great to have Bloodhound Lifeline on the end of a phone for help and advice and I am a very proud bloodhound owner again*

*Busby has been shown at small local shows and is building up a collection of rosettes. Julie and Vic.*

*( Soon after this letter was received Busby was sadly put to sleep after a short illness which was incurable. Julie and Vic have since taken on another rescue lad, Archie.*

*Ruby was rehomed with Mandy and Ron and has certainly made her mark!!*



***BLOODHOUND PHILOSOPHER --- Ruby.***

*Ruby's gain is philosophy,  
Not religion or theosophy.  
Paws to wonder for a while  
Deep in thought and lost in wonder*

*Don't you dare to steal her thunder.*

*Existential is her life,  
Filled with questions, not with strife.  
Dogmatic in her attitude  
So don't impose your platitude.  
Ruby says "Let's get cracking,  
Not waste time on sad back tracking".  
A humanist in an old fur coat  
As philosopher – she gets my vote!.*

*Ruby has enjoyed her Summer. Today she has been busy gardening and collects blackberries on her way to to the wildlife park behind the house.  
She is still enthralled by her two dog flaps and her ability to go into her garden whenever she wants. She is still a little anti-social with other dogs when she is out so we keep her leashed.*

*She enjoys the café society of Cobham and Esher and will sit out watching the world go by, and she loves "Café Valerie" in Knightsbridge as she knows that we will then go and see the ducks on the Serpentine, for "see" read "chase"!*

*Ron, Mandy and Ruby*

## *Beau and Baloo*



*Dear Ashwood,*

*Just a quick note to let you know how we are getting on. Our two leggeds are pleased with us, I now come to my name (well, you have to humour them) and Baloo is not as nervous tho' he still cowers if a hand is raised unexpectedly. He has now learned that it is ok to come out on walks with us and he is first to the gate. We get lots of cuddles and in return we give lots of slobbery licks which gains us comments like "that was clean on this morning". It's so nice to be appreciated. Our morning ritual is to bring all the bedding outside and then try to kill it with the wolfies helping. It's pretty tough but we'll not give in!!*

*Nearly dinnertime, so bye for now,  
Beau and Baloo*

*Flora*



*Dear Debbie,*

*Flora is growing in charm and character, she is just gorgeous. She is now fully integrated with the wolfhounds. She goes on long walks in the Peak District and is getting good at stiles but still has to be lifted into the van! She has a keen interest in gardening and has collected a trowel, pruning knife, rooting powder and dozens of plant pots. Her big fetish is sponges!! She chews them up and spits them out luckily. Every soft toy has to be buried, upright, in a deep grave. It's quite strange to be digging and to suddenly have a doll's or teddy's eyes staring at you! She is giving me such pleasure and is so well behaved in public as long as admiring people stop to talk to her!*

*Tiptoes*



*Hi Debby,*

*We are both well and Tippy is coming on leaps and bounds. I have to say despite some of the scary stories people tell you about bloodhounds from the thieving and constant drool and destruction and chaos she has been the perfect dog I have been amazed by the transformation she has become so loving and affectionate she meets me every morning with big wags and jumps up planting her paws on my chest. She is more than up to weight and is having a little bit of a diet after her last visit to kennels where she was shall we say spoilt a lot!!! She will come to me and nudge me with her nose flicking my arm whenever she wants a fuss and even tried being a lap dog for a while until the logistics of it became clear to her. She has gone on visits to other houses without weeing everywhere, in fact my new girlfriend has a cocker spaniel who Tippy adores i was sure she would mark her territory when she visited Cal's house but not a sign at all she was perfect best behaved dog there!!!! I would be honoured if Tippy made an appearance in the magazine and was thinking its been almost a year since she came to live with me and i'd love to show you how she is doing so was thinking at some point in the next few weeks i could bring her up, would be nice to show you how she is doing,*

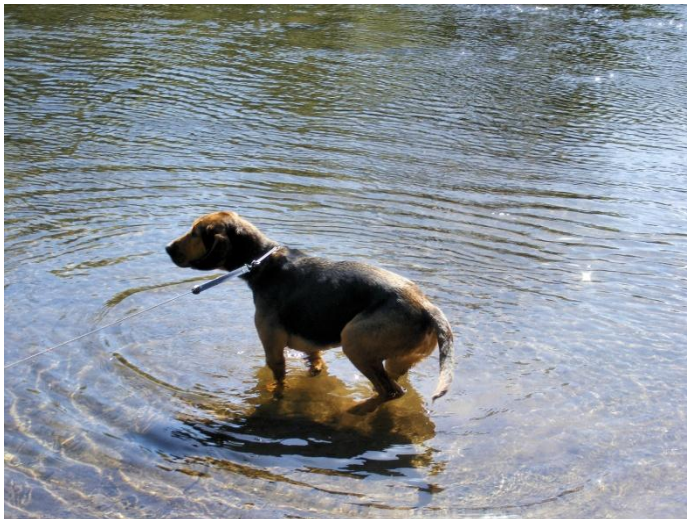
*Ben*

## *Genna*



*Do I know You ?*

*Genna was a pathetic little heap when my husband travelled to pick her up from a rescue in Wales. Very tiny with no bone and so lacking in weight that her skin was hanging in folds. She very soon recovered and was adopted by Terri and Roy who have another hound. As you can see from the photo she soon settled in and enjoys going to the yard and meeting all the other animals. She is a beautiful liver blanket and was fortunate to find such a loving home.*



## *Amber*

*Where did those ducks go?*

*Amber is our third rescue Bloodhound. We rescued her from the Dogs Trust after a great deal of rigmarole. Underweight and frightened of everything she formed a bond with Dawson our Basset who has helped her settle in to proper family life, they play together, often at the most inconvenient times e.g. Bedtime. She doesn't have a mean bone in her body and would rather lick you than play with you. She has taken a real shine to our autistic granddaughter, getting between her and our son whenever possible. Graham has been training her to track with some success, apart from the fact that she will only track me due to her distrust of other people (back to the drawing board). Amber has*

*come a long way since we got her in May and hopefully will continue to grow in confidence given time and patience*

*Barbara & Graham*

***Latest News***

*Two more hounds (both male ) are in rescue. One is in foster care at the moment whilst the other is still with his family. If you would like more details please contact Debbie on 01925 730606*

***Note***

*If you let us have your e mail address we will be able to email future newsletters to you.*