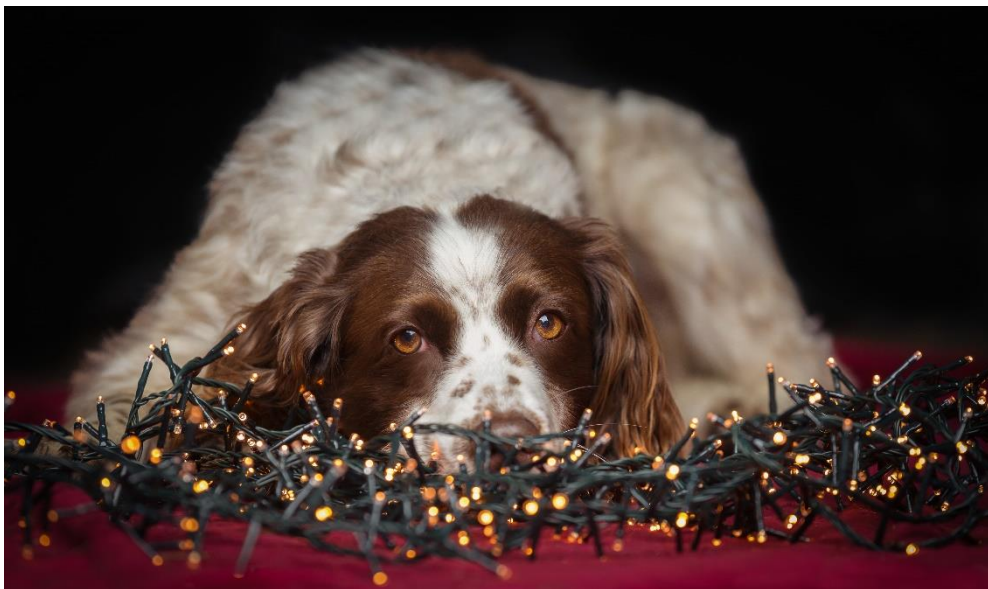


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News

Its that time of year again and it feels like a repeat of last year. We could just repeat what we included in last years newsletter and it it will be just as relevant.

Again this year has yet again brought us more problematic dogs which means dogs staying with us a little longer and some hard work by new owners to help the dogs settle into a new life, we also have another addition to our to our permanent residents list. Rocky came to us from the stray kennels and sadly whatever has happened in his past means he cannot trust humans and will show aggression towards them when things aren't going his way. Buddy & Mutley (partners in crime) are still loving their life at the Hollows Hotel and for them life is very very good.



The shop continues to do really well, we have lots of regular customers and donators which is fantastic. **However, we are still really struggling for volunteers and there is a very real possibility that we may have to close** 😞. So if you are close enough and could spare us a few hours (even if its just once in a while) please please get in touch.

Also remember if you are in the area to please call in and say hello, we've had lots of excellent quality items donated so we are sure we will find something you want/need. Dogs are welcome too so bring them along, we'd love to see them (the gravy bones are waiting for them).

The address of the shop is

9 High Street, Swallownest, Sheffield, S26 4TT and we are open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am – 4pm

THANK YOU

We have so many donators and volunteers it is so hard to name individuals to thank so can we just say thank you so much to everyone who does anything to help us help the dogs, every item/action/donation is greatly appreciated and without everything you all do we couldn't continue to help all the dogs.

HELPING YOUR AGING DOG



The charities trustees have cared for a number of their own elderly spaniels to look after over the years so this is a subject close to our heart.

I had to chuckle slightly when researching it as a number of the articles I found mentioned dogs being classed as senior from around 7 years old. Not sure this applies to spaniels 😊

As with people, dogs slow down with age and many suffer from aching joints and arthritis. They may want to take less exercise and start to put on weight. Some dogs become friendlier, and want to spend more time with their owners while others become grumpier. Some become more anxious because they may not see or hear as well as they used to and are slower at getting away from danger. Changes in personality can also be a sign of pain or illness so, if in doubt, contact your vet.

We can't stop our dogs getting old but we can help make it easier for them.

Do not let your dog put on too much weight. As your dog slows down you need to reduce the amount of calories they take in as any additional weight they are carrying will put added pressure on their joints and cause them more pain. Not to mention added pressure on **your** joints if/when it gets to the stage when you are having to lift them. You can either reduce the amount of food you feed or change to a senior dog food as most of these are lower calorie and remember treats contain calories too! Added raw vegetables can help to bulk up their meals without adding calories and many dogs will enjoy a frozen raw carrot instead of a chew treat.

Make your house and garden old dog friendly. Hard floors are great for muddy paws but as your dog gets older they may find them harder to walk on. Keeping their paws trimmed so their pads are not covered in hair will help but you may get to the stage where you need to put down rugs/runners so that they can walk without slipping. If your dog's eyesight is failing keeping furniture etc in the same place and keeping walkways clear will help them. Again in the garden try to keep things in the same place and also ensure that your dog cannot fall down steps etc.

Consult your vet. Don't just assume that your dogs little accidents, lumps, bumps, stiffness etc are age related and that there is nothing you can do. There are a number of medications and treatments available which can help your dog as it ages. These include pain relief, anti-inflammatories and medication to help with bladder control and brain function. If you have noticed your dog aging why not book an appointment with your vet for a check up and see if there is anything they can give you to help him/her.

Consider supplements. There are a number of natural products you can give to help with aging joints, skin and general wellbeing. It is best to get a vet check up first to ensure that anything you give your dog is compatible with both their health conditions and any medication they are on. Some of the things you can give are coconut oil, green lipped mussel powder, cod liver oil, glucosamine, chondroitin, turmeric and more recently cannabis oil. There are also a number of branded supplements that include a number of these, Yumove, No Ake, Get Over etc (just love the names!). Make sure you read up on any supplement before giving it to your dog.

Consider types of and how much exercise you give. Spaniels aren't known for having an off switch and even though they slow down as they get older they will still do more than they are able to and suffer the consequences later. If you notice you dog is especially stiff after long walks it might be worth shortening them a little.

It may also help to consider the terraine you are walking on, uneven ground and steep slopes can be

harder on a dog with either joint issues or poor eyesight so try and choose walks for them that have more even paths. If your dog enjoys swimming, hydrotherapy is a great way of exercising them without putting pressure on their joints and if your dog is insured you may be able to get them to pay for it. Sadly however much our dogs love it, ball chasing is not good for our dogs joints so try to avoid doing too much of it (if any at all). If your dog (like mine) absolutely loves a ball rather than throw the ball make finding the ball the game, put on a lead or hold their collar so they cannot see where the ball goes then toss it into long grass or undergrowth and ask your dog to find it. They still get the thrill of getting the ball but without the lunging pressure on their joints.





There are also a number of aids you can buy to make getting around easier.

Harnesses with handles on the back so you can give your dog a helping hand.

Dog ramps to help your dog in/out the car or up/down steps in the garden.

Dog pushchairs are becoming more and more popular, Jack & Dottie loved being in theirs. You can push them on the

boring bits of the walks and let them out for a potter when you get to the more fun bits. Most dogs love them and it gives you the peace of mind that you won't be in a position that they get too tired to make it home (spaniels are very heavy to carry). They can be pushed or attached to a bike meaning your dog can still join you on walks.




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Date For Your Diary

Most dates for events won't be confirmed until into the new year but the ones we organise ourselves we can tell you about now.

CHRISTMAS OPEN DAY & WALK – SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2019

We have booked the Langsett Barn again for our open/day walk. The barn car park is clearly signposted off the A616 at Langsett, we will be there from around 10.30 am and plan to start the walk around 11am. The walk we have in mind should take around two and a half hours (although we may choose another route depending on the weather). **If you can't**



do the walk or just want to pop in for a few minutes please still come, Some of us will be staying at the barn (which allows dogs inside too) to meet you, chat and provide refreshments.

You should get the chance to meet some of the Springers currently in our care (this will depend on the health and temperament of the dogs we have in at the time), take your own dogs for a lovely walk and show us just how well they are doing in their new home. Following the walk you can enjoy a warm drink and a bite to eat plus there will be our usual tombola/raffle and the opportunity to purchase some of our merchandise (calendars/cards etc). (To ensure we do not sell out of these items before you get the chance to buy, why not order them in advance)

Of course there will be a special Santa's box should you wish to bring a gift for those Springers who may not get to enjoy a warm fireside this Christmas. The items we especially need at the moment are Balls, strong dog toys, schmacko type dog treats (the dogs have one every evening so we get through quite a number) and of course the usual washing powder and stamps. You could also use the opportunity to bring along any other items such as bedding, towels, tombola prizes etc.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS

As usual we have some Christmas cards and calendars for sale that we just know you will love. There are various designs, all of which are wonderful. . Apologies for the complicated pricing structure, this is purely down to how the postage costs work out. If you are attending our open day, why not order your items and then collect on the day and save on the postage costs. You can also arrange to collect from our charity shop.

The Pictures used are shown on the opposite page – what a lovely collection of photographs. You can view larger versions on our website/FB page.

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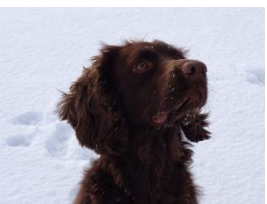
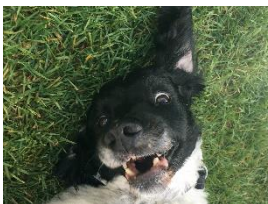
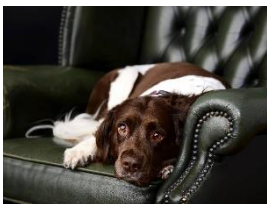
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Name & Address			
Email & Telephone			
Please send order form to Heather Pointer, 26 Hardwick Terrace, Clumber Park, S80 3PD or alternatively you can order by email to mail@syessr.org.uk			

Christmas Cards

We love these and hope you do too. These are just some of the designs that will be included on our high quality large cards but we are sure you will love them all.



Calendar



SUPPORTING THE SPRINGERS

Although with the success at our fundraising events and the success of a shop we are in a good position financially we still need to keep fundraising as a priority to ensure that we can plan a safe and secure future for Spaniels for years to come.

There are many ways you can help and this does not necessarily mean by donating money (although that is always welcome) so it is likely that you will be able to find at least one way that you could help us.

Full details can be found on our website or by contacting us but some of the ways you can help are:

- Making a one off donation
- Making a regular donation
- Recycling (details of what we can now recycle can be found on our website or FB page)
- Donating items for sale at the shop
- Donating items to use at the kennels (washing powder, toys, treats)
- Purchase items we need from our Amazon wish list
- You can also help us by donating your time, we are always in need of people to help at events, help at the shop and also people to walk the dogs. Regular help would be fabulous but if you can only come occasionally that is great too.
- We hold regular auctions via a group attached to our FB page so you may find something on there you would like to purchase, there will be some fabulous Christmas items on during November.
- Check out the FB groups Spaniel Walks in Yorkshire and spaniels4life charity fundraising group! both these groups help raise funds for us and you may make some new friends too.

SUCCESS STORIES

Sometimes all that is needed is time, good food and love

EDDIE (called Oliver when he was with us) came into rescue as an unclaimed stray, as you can see from the pictures he was in a terrible state and needed daily baths to help sort out the effect of a long term untreated flea allergy. He was with us a while but did eventually find himself a fabulous home with Jemima who sent us this lovely update.



Hi Heather

I wanted to let you know how my gorgeous Eddie is getting on! I picked Eddie up in mid-May and he was everything that you told me he would be – affectionate, happy, easy going, and really friendly and



fun to take out on a walk, but gentle with all the dogs/puppies and people that he meets. I feel really lucky to have found him and am so grateful that he wasn't snapped up during the period between when I first rang up about him, and when I was able to meet him. He is the most gorgeous boy, and I can't imagine my life without him now!

I wanted to thank you also for being so supportive to me both leading up to me meeting him and afterwards, and for giving such an honest and accurate description of his character – I've been nothing but impressed by how you care for the dogs that are lucky enough to find their way to SYSSR because you are all so careful about who they go to, and while they wait to find their new home, the kennels are a lovely happy environment in the meantime.

Eddie's back is getting better and better – with the skin tags all getting smaller, and some having already disappeared. I'm sure this will continue over the next few months – and of course I'll keep you posted.

All I can say is I love him to bits and can't thank you enough for him, and all your kindness and advice that you gave me at the beginning.

*All the best
Jemima*



CHARLIE GIRL & OSCAR

Charlie Girl & Oscar (14yrs & 10 yrs) came into rescue following a marriage breakup, the breakup meant that they were being left for up to 12 hours a day in a small room. Charlie Girl found this particularly stressful and when she came to us was extremely thin, no cause for this was found so we feel it was just down to stress. They both needed some medical treatment for suspicious lumps but their new owners were happy for this to be done in the home instead of in kennels at 14 Charlie Girl really needed to be in a home. We have loved seeing the regular updates we have seen as they are now healthy and are loving their full lives. Instead of a life stuck inside in a small area they are having a great time living near the seaside, we all get a tear in our eyes everytime we get a video of them running happily on the beach. They were so lucky to find this lovely family who were willing to take on a pair one of whom was 14 and in need of quite major surgery.



FERN

Fern (called Poppy while with us) was another girl who came to us in a terrible state, she was found dumped in a substation extremely thin and hardly any coat. Like Eddie/Oliver she needed daily baths to help her skin and was going to need lots of TLC to get her fit and healthy again. Luckily for Fern Terry & Vicky called at kennels to visit us and left with her in their car 😊

The after photo was taken just 5 months after they took her home and just look at the difference, who would have guessed that she would turn into such a beauty.



FANCY A HOLIDAY WITH YOUR DOG(S) ?



If you attended the camping weekends we had you might recognise this Old Barley Barn (it was the one behind where we ate our meals). Well just look at it now, Julie has completed the renovation and it is now transformed into a fabulous multi dog friendly holiday cottage, it really is hard to believe it is the same place.

With no limit to the number of dogs (and no charge for them), it is now the perfect place to stay with your dogs. It has two bedrooms both en-suite, open plan kitchen/dining room/lounge, patio doors onto an enclosed outside seating area plus access to an enclosed dog exercise area.

You can find out more on their facebook page or on Airbnb.

<https://www.facebook.com/theoldbarleybarn/>

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DOGS CURRENTLY IN OUR CARE

REMEMBER THIS IS JUST A SNAPSHOT OF THE DOGS AT THE TIME THE NEWSLETTER IS PRODUCED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GIVING A DOG A HOME GIVE US A CALL OR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

LOOKING FOR HOMES



SAMMY

This gorgeous boy is Sammy he is a year old and full of life, he is a **very** nervous boy, once he gets to know you he is very loving but will need time to get to know his new family. He will need continued training in all aspects, lead walking, recall etc but the main thing he will need help with is housetraining, he does try but keeps having accidents. Any potential owner will need to be willing and patient enough to help him through this.

He is playful with other dogs and happy to mix with them so we feel the best home for him would be one with another dog which could help give him confidence and also help show him how to behave. Once his nervousness and housetraining has been overcome we are sure he will make an extremely loyal addition to any family.

Sammy is currently in a foster home in East Yorkshire, given his nervousness you would need to be happy to visit him more than once before giving him a home.



CHARLIE

Charlie is 4 years old and a real sweetheart, he is a little nervous on first meeting but has soon come round with us as he has got to know us. He is used to living happily with another dog and is good with children. He has lived with another dog and is currently happily sharing one of the conservatories at kennels with a number of other dogs. He does pull

on a lead but is good off it, if you have a ball he will never leave you 😊 and not only does he bring the ball back he actually puts it in your hand.

He does have some medical issues which any new owner will need to be prepared for. When was younger Charlie had a few food related allergy issues which were solved by feeding him a particular food and treats so should be no future issue as

long as this is continued. Just prior to coming into rescue he had a couple of seizures he did have low blood sugar at the time which could have caused them but it could indicate epilepsy. He is not currently taking any medication for it and so far he has had no further seizures. However worse case scenario is that he will need epilepsy medication and testing for the rest of his life and also may have future seizures. SYESSR will take responsibility for the veterinary costs related to any seizures and associated medication plus provide access to support however any future owner will need to be able to care for Charlie through any seizure he may have.

He really is a gorgeous boy and we are sure that he will make a fabulous addition to any family.



SAL

Sal is just two years old and a real sweetheart, albeit a very lively one. She can be a little anxious with new people and dogs but she very quickly comes around and is quite playful with both people and dogs. She needs some lead training as does pull quite a bit but off the lead she is very good and always comes back to you. She is looking for a home where she will be given plenty of physical and mental stimulation and

where her training can be continued. She could live in a home with or without another dog.



SAM

we cannot believe how long we have had Sam (over a year) he is such a delightful boy and a firm favourite with all volunteers. He is around 5/6yrs old and originally from overseas, although he has been in the UK since late 2015. Sadly despite homechecks etc he found himself in a home with someone unable to give him the time and training he needed and it appears he spent a

lot of time in a crate with minimal walks. Like a number of the dogs we have at the moment he came to us after he had nipped someone when he found himself in a stressful situation. He nipped a neighbour who had never seen him before, which we think speaks volumes about how often he got out.

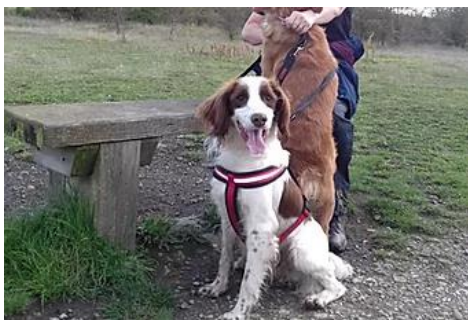
He mixes well with all the other dogs in rescue and loves playing off lead with them, he does bark when he sees strange dogs and with him being a big lad can look a bit

intimidating but he is in fact a bit of a wimp and the sight of him running across the beach terrified of two little chihuahuas will stay with us forever - LOL

We have recently taken him to training classes and he was such a good boy, he was a pleasure to attend them with him. He will still need further training in all areas, he will sit on command and has very good recall but other than that has had no real training. He is strong on the lead but not unmanageable and will walk nicely if you keep being firm with him. We will provide the services of a dog listener behaviourist to help with his training.

He can be a little reactive in some situations that he hasn't been used to (he doesn't like joggers and cyclists for example) but gets better all the time so in a home where someone could work on this we are sure that he would very quickly get used to them. He is a very loyal boy and loves who he considers to be his family, everyone in rescue absolutely loves him and find it hard to believe that there isn't a home out there just waiting for him.

He is looking for a home that this time will prove to be his last, with someone who is looking for a dog to be part of their family and not stuck in a crate in the corner. He is a very playful boy so maybe a doggie friend to play with would be good for him.



OSCAR

The lovely Oscar came to us from another rescue, they rescued him from a shelter so we have no history about him. He is obviously a Spaniel but his age is just guesswork, his passport shows his age as 2 but we feel he is older than this, more like 5 or 6. He has obviously not been looked after as he is extremely skinny with little muscle

tone (if any), it will take plenty of TLC and time to get him back up to his ideal weight and fit and healthy. He has got on with all the dogs he has met whilst being with us. It is unlikely he has been walked on a lead as he seems to have no idea of what it entails, zig zagging about and generally tripping you up - LOL. He has his nose to the floor though and does really know his name, we have had him off the lead (with a tracker on) but he needs lots of work before he could really be trusted. We also do not know if he has ever been in a home so he may need help with housetraining (although is as clean as he can be in his kennel) and will also need to get used to the noises etc in the home. He is very loving and we are sure that in the right home he will make a fabulous addition to the family.

Please check out our website as the dogs looking for homes changes very quickly and will probably be out of date by the time this newsletter is published.

OUR PERMANENT RESIDENTS



BUDDY & MUTLEY

Partners in crime Buddy and Mutley are both happy boys but temperament issues in a home environment mean they are not looking for new homes and will instead stay with us.

Don't feel too sorry for them as they are much happier in kennels where there is a routine they are comfortable with and no pressure on them to fit in to a home life. They have a great time with daily walks and swims in/around the nearby lake and during quieter times (although don't seem to get many of those recently) we give them extra treats like trips to the seaside.

They also absolutely love each other so always have a friend to play with, what more could a dog ask for?



ROCKY

Rocky is not such a happy chappie at the moment 😞 He came to us from the stray kennels and whatever has happened to him in his past, it has not left him in a good way. He is a real Jekyll and Hyde character who we cannot currently rehome due to his unpredictable nature. We love him to bits but at this time do not know if he will ever be re-homeable or sadly even if he will be able to stay with us. Unlike Buddy & Mutley who we can easily handle and care for in kennels, Rocky makes things more difficult for us and has already had a taste of quite a few of us. We hope he will improve but currently even taking him on/off a lead can sometimes be dangerous and makes it difficult to give him as good a quality of life that we think he deserves.

