

RESCUE REMEDIES DOG RESCUE



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RESCUE REMEDIES

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• Section 1 •

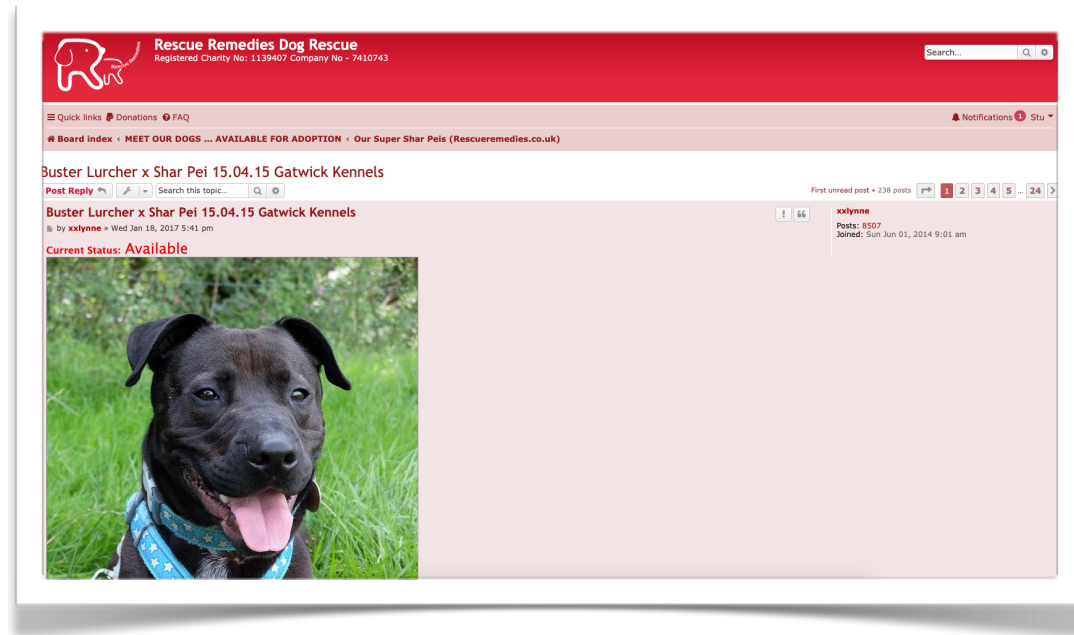
• ABOUT OUR RESCUE •

Rescue Remedies has been operating for 15 years and is run by volunteers from all walks of life. It has no paid staff. The volunteers invest their time and money in the rescue dogs, supported by many people who donate by standing order to provide the rescue with a regular income. The Rescue is totally self funded and relies upon donations and fund raising events put on by volunteers and friends.



Rescue Remedies has no physical rescue centre but the Gatwick Kennels are owned by the founder, Lynne da Costa. There are no facilities for an office or call centre so the work is performed by admin volunteers from their own homes. Rescue Remedies is internet based and can only accept applications/dog enquiries via an online Homing Questionnaire which gives the basis to discuss appropriate dogs. The email address for general enquiries not related to homing applications is enquiries@rescuemedies.co.uk.

How we Operate



Each dog such as Buster has its own thread on our forum at www.rescuemediesdogrescue.co.uk

The thread details of what we know of the dog's background and is updated regularly by Volunteers during their stay with us. The updates include pictures and videos taken on walks, days out and in foster homes. You will see how a dog gains in confidence and health during their stay with our Rescue

Our Forum has over 4000 members and many more viewing as its open to the public and linked through from our websites. We have Facebook pages for each of our websites to promote our dogs further and to share the joy when our dogs find their families.



We serve up to 100 dogs at any one time and www.rescuemedies.co.uk is our umbrella website with 30% of our dogs on.

We have our other dogs on 4 specialist websites
www.terrierrescue.co.uk
www.staffierrescue.co.uk
www.patterdaleterrierrescue.co.uk and
www.ambulldogrescue.co.uk

Relax and browse our websites, then click on to any dog(s) you are interested in to get to their forum threads. They are full of information, tips and guidance to help you in finding your dog, helping your dog find its new home or offering you the opportunity to help homeless dogs.

Our Rescue Work History

Lynne da Costa XXLYNNE started in 2002 by fostering for a North London Rescue and rehabilitating ex-breeding kennel dogs and preparing them for their first homes. She advertised in local papers and built up a network of contacts within the Rescue world. In 2004 xxlynne and Joanne (now working within wildlife rescue) flew over to Ireland to rescue dogs from death row pounds, later arranging to collect them from a volunteer transporter weekly, saving as many as we could. We also helped dogs we were approached about and began taking more and more dogs into our homes as did others who agreed to foster. We were supported by four local vet surgeries and could not have helped the number of dogs we did, without their financial support and trusting their treatment of some quite neglected, ill and disadvantaged dogs. They became part of our Team. Fosterers so often fall deeply in love with their dogs and become homers!

I have always had terriers and set up specialist rescue work with working type terriers, and a website www.terrierrescue.co.uk in 2005. In 2006 we agreed to help four seven-month-old Staffie cross pups who were seriously ill. We founded Rescue Remedies to raise money to pay their high vet bills and we are happy to say all survived and Rescue Remedies was born.

www.rescuemedies.co.uk was launched that year. We began to help Welsh dogs as they were also in great need and transport was easier to arrange to optimise rescue spaces as they arose. As time has gone by, we have focused more and more on helping local dogs

as well as Welsh dogs. We work closely with Battersea and rescues around the South East, sharing good homes and always putting each dogs needs first. We have helped many Staffies over the years and grown to know and love them. Staffies are the one breed which needs most help and are very misunderstood by the press and general public. So in 2009 we set up www.staffierescue.co.uk.



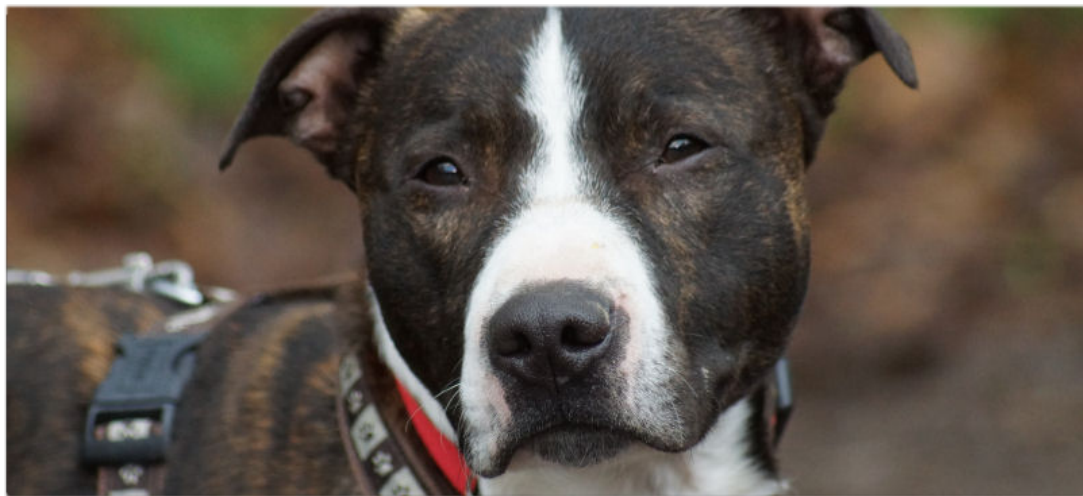
How do we find our dogs?

We work closely with many rescues and are alerted to dogs needing a rescue place, or they give our details to people needing to rehome their dog. We are in the Kennel Club Breed Rescue Directory for Lakeland and Irish terriers. We are known to take in Fell/Patterdale terriers. Many vets find us through directories. We take most of our dogs from death row, in council pounds who have run out of time and are in desperate need of a rescue place. We work

with our dogs to support them in reclaiming good health, being freed by neutering and building confidence to achieve maturation and a well-balanced temperament.

Our Mission

Our whole reason for being is to find homes for as many rescue dogs as we can providing them with care and love while they are waiting however long that takes. As a rescue we have chosen to focus on breeds that are notoriously difficult to re-home because of the bad press they have received. We see the reality behind the hype that these dogs are not inherently bad but have often been very badly treated and many are frightened lost souls when they come to us. In our considerable experience with time, love, patience and understanding these dogs can and do make wonderful pets despite the terrible start in life some have endured at peoples hands.



Our Ethos

Our dogs come first in all that we do and we aim to provide a caring professionally run rescue that is largely self funded. We try not to discriminate adversely in terms of age, health, disability or breed type. We will take dogs on first and work out how to pay later. We are so grateful for the support we receive from so many people in so many ways. We have nothing in the bank, we live from month to month in hope. We do not have the luxury of time to keep in touch or follow through as we would wish, but are delighted to hear from our friends. We are always meeting the demands of the next dog needing our help. The key principals we excel in are accepting dogs with more difficult backgrounds. We are not so interested in numbers i.e. coming forward for the easy to home dogs.

We place our dogs in good homes which should provide them with stability for the rest of their lives. We apply in-depth scrutiny in vetting our homes and do not sacrifice our principals in the face of stress and adversity. We offer enduring support as required and back- up for life too our dogs. If you home one of our dogs you are our friend for life!

Our Commitment

To our dogs

As a rescue we will stick by our dogs through whatever it takes to secure them their forever home. We will provide care and love to all our dogs whilst they are with us and apply a rigorous process to securing them the right home. In the event that a homing proves unsuccessful despite our best endeavours we will welcome our dog back with open arms and try even harder to find the right home for them. We will be driven first and foremost by our dogs needs and not by what we can afford, we will always find the money to cover unexpected veterinary bills.

To our volunteers

We will run a professional rescue and take all practical and reasonable steps to ensure volunteers safety and on-line security subject to following our procedures and those of the kennels we use. We will provide internet based tools to facilitate open communication between our members and help foster a sense of community amongst our membership. We will provide training and support to new volunteers as required.

To our donors

Every penny you kindly donate will be spent on our lovely dogs and if you are a UK tax payer we will maximise your donation if you will kindly complete a gift aid declaration.

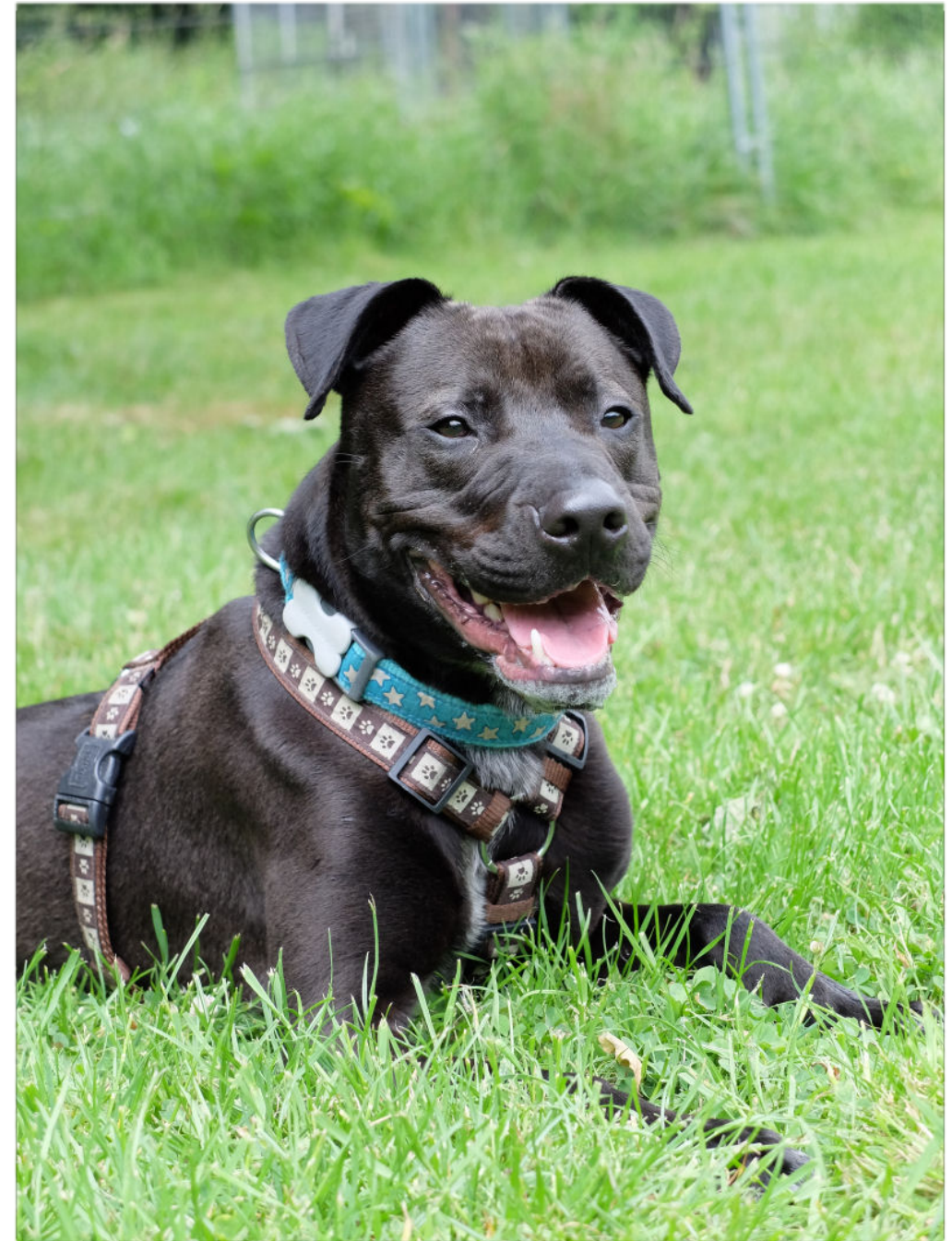
To the general public

Subject to your patience, understanding and open mindedness we will work with you to find the right dog for you and provide you with an honest assessment of that dogs needs and guidance about meeting them. We will provide open access to our web sites and on-line forum where you will find up to date information and news about each of our dogs along with the information and forms you will need to volunteer, and/or donate. We will also provide sections in the web site relating to fostering and homing and general advice and guidance about dog welfare and legislation.



Rehabilitating Our Dogs

Many of our dogs have gone through cruelty and neglect at the hands of our society before they arrive with us and we do our utmost to welcome them into our fold and gain their trust. You need only look at dogs threads on our forum to see the love that our volunteers freely give and the close relationships they develop with our dogs. Just as our dogs don't judge us so we try hard not to judge them and to help them flourish and shine.



• Section 2 •

Adopt a Homeless Dog

Why Adopt a Dog from us?

- 1 We have no profit motive and are only interested in doing the very best for our dogs.
- 2 Our dogs all receive the veterinary treatment they need and are vaccinated and neutered prior to homing.
- 3 Our wonderful community of volunteers is on hand via our on-line forum to provide you with ongoing support and encouragement.
- 4 We will often have worked with the dog(s) you are interested in over an extended period and have invaluable insights into their character we can share with you.
- 5 We are committed to our dogs for their life and in the unlikely event that your homing does not work we will welcome them back, all that we ask is that you are realistic and give it your very best shot.
- 6 By homing a rescue dog you are making a place for us to rescue another.

7 You are not feeding the insatiable demand for puppies that encourages unscrupulous dealers and often causes new owners huge additional cost and heartache.

Welcome!

Thank you for considering a Rescue Remedies dog. We do our utmost to ensure our dogs find the best possible homes and that each adoption is successful for all concerned.

1 Our Homing Questionnaire? If you are ready to re-home a dog within the next seven days, please fill in our homing questionnaire. It is the first point of enquiry for all prospective adopters. Our questionnaire incorporates a check list so families can mentally and physically prepare themselves and their home for their new family member.

2 Chat with our Homing Team: After you submit the homing questionnaire, our Homing Team will contact you to arrange an appointment to chat about your lifestyle and adoption expectations. Please check your email, spam folder, texts and voicemail to make sure we do not miss contact with you. We ask all our potential adopters to be as realistic and flexible as possible. The more open minded adopters are regarding a dogs age colour,

markings, sex and breed, the better our chances are of matching you with a dog that fits you. Please be aware that the Homing Team may direct you to another dog that is more suitable for you, based upon the information you share on the homing questionnaire and during the interview.

3 Home Check: Following your chat with our Homing Team, we will schedule a home check to ensure that your home is well-prepared and safe. If you are adopting a Terrier, we may request that your garden is Terrier-proofed.

4 Meeting Your Dog: Once the above steps are complete, we will invite you to meet your dog at its foster home or kennels. Many dogs can be homed directly after the first meeting, but some will require two or three meetings before they go home with their new family. Note that our kennels and most of our fosterers are concentrated in the South East and you need to be prepared to travel to them and back with your new dog. If you already have a dog we will ask you to bring it with you so that we can check compatibility.

5 A Lifetime of Security: We offer our dogs lifetime rescue backup. Sometimes even the most perfect home falls through. We stand by our dogs and welcome them back into our rescue in those rare circumstances.

Please remember that many of our dogs come from impoverished backgrounds. They will be desperate to please, but may need to settle and learn new skills as they adapt within their new homes.

Our dogs need support, patience and understanding. At first they may not have the skills to be all things to all people, but with the right homes and loads of love and attention, they absolutely shine.

Before You Adopt

Adopting a dog is a big decision! Prepare yourselves and your home before you meet your new family member. Here is some advice to help you get ready:

1 All residents of the dogs home must agree that adopting a dog is right for the family. Talk with all family members, lodgers, property owners (if renting) and friends or neighbours who will be involved with the dog or affected by its presence in your home.

2 Ensure you have the time available to nurture and support a new dog in your home. For example, if you are planning a short break away or visitors will soon be arriving in your home who may not be used to a dog, consider beginning the adoption process afterwards.

3 If you have a resident unneutered dog, please spay or neuter it before filling in the homing questionnaire. Our rescue requires that resident dogs are neutered before we place one of our dogs in a new home. All our adult rescue dogs are spayed or neutered prior to rehoming. If you adopt a puppy from us, we will require you to sign a Neutering Agreement. If you are unable to neuter your resident dog, we will request written advice from your vet. For more information, please see our leaflet, [Why Neuter?](#)

4 Check your garden boundaries. Make any relevant repairs before you submit your homing questionnaire. Make sure your garden fencing and boundaries are appropriate for the type of dog in which you are interested. Bear in mind that Terriers in particular are fantastic escape artists.

5 First time dog owners should look into positive training courses and one-on-one sessions. Understanding basic training requirements and dog behaviour will set you and your dog up for success.

6 Our homing process can move very quickly. All prospective adopters should be ready to accept a new dog into their home within seven days after they fill in our homing questionnaire.



Make the Right Choice

Getting each adoption right is critical for our rescue dogs. Once we re-home our dogs, they depend on their new families to keep them healthy and safe. Choosing the appropriate dog for your lifestyle is a crucial element in the homing process. Here is some guidance to help you make the right choice:

1 Research the dog breeds and types you are interested in. There is a wealth of information on the internet and in books and you will also find breed characteristics detailed on our breed specific web sites. Speak to people you know who have experience with the breeds you are considering. Become familiar with breed traits and characteristics. Understand how much exercise and mental stimulation your preferred breed type requires to keep it physically and mentally fit. Make sure you will be able to invest the time and energy required for that breed.

2 A dog's age will impact how energetic or settled it is. Puppies and younger dogs necessarily require more attention. Adult dogs will generally be more settled. There is also a better chance that an adult dog's traits and personality will be evident, whereas a puppy may not present its full temperament until later in life.

3 An older dog may be right for you if you think your time commitment will be shorter. Healthy dogs typically live between 10 and 15 years and sometimes longer. Make sure you are able to commit to keeping a dog for its entire lifespan.

4 Expenses will vary along with a dog's breed, age and temperament. Ensure you understand the costs associated with keeping a dog. Consider food, vet fees, medications, insurance, toys and other equipment, training, grooming, and pet walking, sitting or kenneling costs.

5 Visit our [Live Forum](#) to read about all our dogs available for rehoming. Keep an open mind about what breed might be right for your family. You may be surprised at what you find. Take a look at our [Dogs Rehomed](#) section to read about our successful adoptions and what owners have experienced with their new family members.



On Lead commitment as a Rescue

Rescue Realities

Dog Rescuers explore expectations, risks and tolerances.

Most people looking for their new family member are attracted on looks and familiarity of breed traits. Lets be honest Rescue Remedies dogs have been dumped because they did not live up to the demands placed upon them, or families going through changes of circumstance and find they can no longer carry their dog forwards as part of their lives.

Rescue of Last Resort

For many years we have never gone out looking for easy to home dogs. We are renowned for taking only death row dogs: Dogs with no more time in their council pounds where other Rescues have picked off the easy dogs, we then step forwards for the dogs left behind. We take the dogs from vets who have refused to insert the needle. Very often these dogs have low self -confidence and deficits in dog skills.

WHY THEN do we as a Rescue ask for our dogs to be kept on a lead?

We specialise in bull breeds (Staffierescue; Ambulldogrescue) and terriers (Terrierrescue and Patterdaleterrierrescue).

Bullbreeds and Staffies are social beings and will look to run over to people and other dogs. The general public do not want a bull breed running over to them, especially if they have a dog. If a bull breed is challenged by another dog, very few will turn the other cheek. Therefore other dog owners have a point, as they will not be able to totally trust the encounter. We should never inflict our dogs on others. Generally bull breeds do not like dogs running over into their personal space, so that is why it is best to be at hand with your dog on a lead to manage encounters and ensure your Staffies social etiquette is honoured. Peoples views differ but we take this stance as a Rescue. Better safe than sorry.

Terriers have an independent mindset. Many are not 100% trustworthy in dog encounters as they can be cantankerous if pushed. We deal with high end terriers such as Fell terriers,

Patterdales and Parsons Jack Russells who have hunting instincts. If off lead and they commit too some reference point in the distance, they are rarely distractible and will run over roads, down fox holes and to that item of fascination to engage with adrenaline flowing. We all know terriers who have lessened traits but our terriers have been given up because families found they had a high end terrier or they were actually found stray and unclaimed.

Off lead risks

We have many examples of where we have homed our dogs into responsible families and later heard of incidents mainly due to being off lead: A Staffie has a control order imposed upon them with muzzle for life even though they didn't start the altercation: Some have been seized. We have had Terriers that are killed after getting out of a front door, running after a fox, or killed a cat. Accidents do happen but we are looking for responsible families who are astute to risks. We ask for our homing families to step up to plate and give our dogs safety and security.

Our dogs have already lost one or more homes before arriving at our door, and had a close shave with death. Our commitment to them, and ourselves, is their next family will be responsible and offer them safety first: Our dogs need to be under our control in public. Our bull breed families need gumption to stand firm for their dogs. Our terrier families need to be alert to risks and secure their dogs outside; in their car and in the home, to counter their flight tendencies. Many of our dogs would have been dead had we not put ourselves out to take them in. We are happy to wait for the right family.

We will not accept abuse over our Rescue's policy and if we are not convinced a family is firmly signed up to safety as their key concern, we will close the application down.

• Section 3 •

Fostering

The Invaluable Role of the Fosterer

Providing a home environment where one of our dogs is getting individual love and attention is far more preferable than the alternative kennel environment. A domestic situation where they can stay, ideally until their forever home is found, is so important to them.

Fosterers provide invaluable information about our dogs and we encourage them to keep our on-line forum up to date with the dog's progress. This helps us to ensure we match our dog to the right home. We can review or confirm knowledge held about our dogs, such as house training, acceptance of visitors, car travel, adaptability, behaviour on being left, to mention but a few key points. Fosterers also provide vital care. Some dogs come to us in a very poor condition e.g. under or grossly overweight, infected ears etc, these conditions are better managed in a home environment.

Some dogs come directly from their homes so we can match them into a suitable foster home straight away and avoid them going into kennels. This helps to retain and, often improve, their skills further. Foster homes also allow us to optimise our available kennels so we can help more dogs. Many of the dogs we help would have been put to sleep if a rescue like Rescue Remedies could not take them in. Fosterers save lives by allowing many others to be

helped and generally fostered dogs move faster through to their permanent homes.

Our Fostering Process

General Requirements of Fostering

1 Complete our online Fostering Questionnaire. This information will allow us to match up a dog to your lifestyle and experience. We will place a dog that is already known to us, or has a full history, with a first time fosterer.

2. Now have a look at the Rescue Remedies fostering agreement. It will help to ensure you understand our policies. The crucial elements are do not shorten or change the foster dog's name; refer all enquirers to complete a homing questionnaire and if you decide you are serious in wanting to adopt our dog, let us know at the earliest opportunity.

3 If you haven't heard from us in the next few days please drop us an e-mail at lynne@rescueremedies.co.uk

4. A home check will be arranged by one of our volunteers to confirm your home environment is suitable.

5 When your first dog arrives, you and a representative from Rescue Remedies will sign the fostering agreement, if this hasn't already been done. This agreement relates to your first dog and will also cover you for future dogs.

When we won't take up a fostering place

On rare occasions we are unable to accept a foster place. There are a few reasons why we might be unable to:

- 1 If you live too far away and aren't ready and able to travel to where the dog is.
- 2 If you have un-neutered pets including puppies.
- 3 If you have resident dogs fostered from another rescue
- 4 If you have resident dogs fostered from another rescue

First Time Fostering

We try to place dogs we know and are 'easy' to first time fosterers. We aim not to stress you, we need it to feel a pleasurable experience for you all and our dog. We need all members of your family on board and to stick to house rules like not leaving the front door open, leaving food lying around or supervision around visitors and children. We still need all homing enquiries to come via our homing questionnaire so we do ask our fosterers to direct any interested parties to our websites. We will support you via our

on-line forum where you will have access to our wonderful community of volunteers who have a wealth of experience to draw from.

General Requirements of Fostering

Rescue Remedies fosterer's agreement covers everything you need to know about the responsibilities of caring for one of our dogs and how we will support you. We will offer a set-up package and try to help towards on-going costs if required. Most fosterers offer their foster dogs the full provision of needs during their stay, funding basics such as food, bedding, toys and other equipment.

Provisions for veterinary care, illness and emergencies are also covered in the agreement. You will be made aware of the person you will liaise with and you will be given an enquiries line and emergency number which will be available to you to cover all but the very late and early hours. We have a list of Rescue Remedies approved vets which we trust. In the case of an emergency we would expect you to contact us or, should this not be possible, one of our approved vets, immediately. Either way, every possible effort must be made to contact Rescue Remedies at the earliest possible point. We are not responsible for vet bills without such involvement.

We are looking for foster homes to provide a minimum of two week's care, but ideally until a forever home is found. Some of our dogs have been waiting a long time in kennels or are just not

coping. We may suggest such a needy dog if your circumstances suit and once you have become more experienced.

We accept applications from foster homes that are only available for short periods like weekends or a spell of three weeks, e.g. prior to going on holiday. We need to have foster homes within easy traveling distance of Surrey, but if you are mobile and willing to travel, we may be able to place our dogs further afield. We often need a place for our dogs so they can receive post-operative care or cover for other fosterers in the event of illness or a weekend away.

Each dog will have different requirements and abilities in areas such as being left or exercise. We consider this when placing a dog with you. The maximum time we will allow them to be left alone is four hours on a regular basis. Lunchtime company and exercise for our dog or a reliable dog walker maybe acceptable for full time workers. Organising daycare arrangements with a neighbour or relative might be acceptable but we would need to discuss our dog with these supportive individuals.

Selecting a Foster Dog and if things go wrong

We will work with you to ensure the dog selected for you to foster is the most suitable for your circumstances. Occasionally some fosterers may agree to take a dog in as an emergency which may not entirely match their circumstances e.g. you don't have a fully secure garden, but are prepared to manage them on an extender lead for a short spell to save a pup going into kennels. This will always be discussed with you. We will not always have a suitable dog available. You may need breaks between foster dogs, that is fine too. We will need to know of any periods when you can't keep our dog e.g. a planned holiday, so we can organise cover.

From time to time we have instances where a dog taken on, does not work out. This may be as a result of inaccurate information given by the previous owner, the dog displaying new behaviours in the home environment that we had not experienced in kennels, or the fosterer realising that they cannot cope with a particular type of situation. On these occasions we will always endeavour to take the dog back as soon as we can arrange an alternative foster place or kennel. You may be asked to hold on for several days. If the foster place doesn't work out or the dog needs to go into kennels as planned, we expect our fosterers to arrange transport back into kennels. In such circumstances the more notice we can have the better.

If you find you want to offer your foster dog its forever home, it is important you discuss this as soon as possible with Rescue Remedies as per the agreement. Without this discussion and where

a good family is already in the motions of applying, we will continue to pursue the family who have emotionally committed.

Fostering through to homing

Hospitality offered to our dogs also extends to ‘would be adoptees’ coming to meet their potential dog. You will need to be comfortable with them visiting your home to meet our dog. You may have already spoken with them. You play a vital role while trying not to be too judgmental or prescriptive. We take great care in selecting our adoptees, but you may see aspects that haven’t been appreciated before e.g. mention of a change of job or problems with a neighbouring dog. If at any point, you feel uneasy about the adoption, it is important you raise your concerns with your Rescue Remedies contact before letting the dog go. All being well, the adoption process will be completed there and then, or a mutually convenient time will be arranged for the new family to collect. The joy of seeing a dog that arrived on your doorstep with nowhere to go but a kennel, then going on to light up the lives of their new found family, is one of the most rewarding experiences you.



• Section 4 •

Volunteering

Many of our volunteers came to us to help a dog and witnessed the plight of dogs in our society and just couldn't walk away. As dog lovers we cared too much. We all had different talents to offer. The flavour of our Rescue work: We focus purely on our dogs. We are experts on 'working type' terriers and bull breeds as reflected in our websites. We are busy meeting the needs of our incumbent dogs, supporting our rehoming, while linking with the many rescues and rescue minded people such as Dog Wardens, Vet Practices or Council pound helpers who alert us to dogs losing their lives.

Although we welcome the new ideas new volunteers bring, most of all we need boots that walk; twitters to tweet; fosterers to foster, drivers to transport our dogs, vets to neuter and fundraisers to shake tins or cook liver cake or human cake for sale. As with any voluntary organisation people flutter in and fade away, but the hard core support workers find their niche and commit. They translate needs into achievement and know they are really making a difference. So take the time to read through the Forum and try and pitch in with one inspiration where you feel comfortable.



Fundraising

The importance of fundraising to our rescue.

As a rescue we rely almost totally upon donations we receive from the general public and our members. Our members have become adept at coming up with new initiatives to raise extra vital funds and these include arranging events such as family fun days, taking part in and/or sponsoring initiatives such as bike rides, saving your loose change, on-line auctions and donations from pet shops to name but a few. We are always looking for new ways to raise funds and welcome suggestions and new members who want to help fund raise. We also have stands at local events and shows which need volunteers to help set up and run.

Fund raising is an excellent way for members to become involved with the rescue and get to know other members and have fun while doing vital work for our lovely dogs.

Want to help fund raise or have ideas for fund raising?

We typically have a number of appeals running at any one time and you can view these in detail by visiting [Our Live Forum](#).

Current appeals are:

Facebook Auctions, Jam Jar Appeal

This is about getting people to save their loose change and donating it to our rescue.

4 Ever Homes Appeal, Support, Events

Transport

The vital role of transport for our rescue

So much of our week involves transporting dogs into foster; to and from the vets; collecting returned dogs where people can't organise support to return them or are only willing to come so far and delivering dogs to their new home where the new owner doesn't have the means to do so.

If you wish to volunteer to transport dogs and have access to a vehicle please complete our online transport form by clicking on [Our Transport Form](#). The form will help you to assess the suitability of your vehicle



Dog Walking

Have you always wanted a dog but worry about it not fitting into your lifestyle? Do you like the idea of being able to spend as many hours as you like playing with as many dogs as you like, but being able to give them back afterwards? We urgently require volunteers to walk our dogs in the Gatwick area, while they await rehoming. Don't worry if you've never done it before, we'll help you out at every stage and will only pair you with dogs that suit your experience. It's an extremely rewarding experience for both walkers and dogs, giving these lovely animals a break from the boredom of kennel life. They've all got their own individual personalities and they'd love to meet you and make friends.

If you would like to try out walking with us we do taster sessions and if you would like to give it a try please complete and submit our on-line [Volunteer Walking Form](#).

Please note walkers need to be 18+



• Section 5 •

Donate

Why Donate?

We know the 'true' costs incurred in helping homeless dogs become healthy, neutered and ready for their forever homes. The main costs are in holding them in boarding kennels @£10 per dog per day and we regularly hold in excess of 55 dogs in boarding kennels at any one time. The recession hit our rescue, slowing homing rates with more dogs being dumped at vets or on our streets. Councils are giving dogs even less time and putting dogs to sleep more readily, to cut their costs as their budgets are squeezed. We have dog wardens in tears begging for a rescue place, offering their own money to support us, as they know their dog in our care will be safe. We set up the Rescue in 2003 from small beginnings and have a fabulous and hard earned reputation.

Our HEART IS BIG

We have strong ethics and high standards.

We are experts in Terriers and Staffies and they need us most because they are harder to home than more popular breeds.

Donations go straight to pay vet and kennel bills. Our suggested adoption fee of £175 hardly covers our neutering, vaccination and chipping costs. Some dogs need a lot more vet care. Question any rescue presenting their dogs as unneutered. We set our dogs up for life and take the most needy 'death row' dogs and turn their fortunes around. All rescues are struggling, as a small rescue we don't have big benefactors behind us. We live under great financial pressure and continue to take more dogs than perhaps we should. People donate because they can trust us and so we survive, as do our dogs. We really need your emotional and financial help.

Please visit

[Rescue Remedies Donate page](#)

• Section 6 •

Gold Seal Rescue

Our Values:

A Unique Gold Seal Rescue for Our dogs

- **Never exploited by breeding:** all rescue remedies dogs are neutered with the exception of puppies which are homed responsibly with the commitment to neuter at their right stage of maturation. No Rescue Remedies dog will be used for breeding.
- **Up to date:** Information shared on our dogs is honest; up dated daily on our Forum and where possible our websites. Our adoption process is thorough and involves safe guards for our dogs and their potential families ensuring good matching of needs, skills and lifestyle.
- **Support for entire life:** Rescue Remedies stand by their dogs for their entire lives and offer free advice. Our dogs must come back to us if their homing breaks down, receiving them back within given 2 weeks notice. All Rescue Remedies dog are homed with a Rescue Remedies tag on and the Rescue's details on their microchips, should their owners not be contactable.
- **Maximising Donations:** Donations go directly to payment of vet. & kennel bills and essentials e.g. microchips purchase. All our dogs where ever possible receive a 7 day course of Panacur to eradicate lungworm in case present.

- **Community of givers:** All volunteers, give of their time and pay their own expenses, and other supportive measures directly for the dogs. No one receives salaries or expenses. Only expense paid is for the dog mobile's diesel for essential Rescue Remedies transportation and occasional bills like essential large postage.
- **Responsible Management:** We are guardians for our dogs and work to ensure we identify, match and meet each dog needs carefully. We generally counsel for on lead management within the prejudicial, intolerant climate against bull breeds and terrier traits, and offer other dogs their right to personal space also.
- **Peace only where absolutely necessary:** We rarely need to offer Peace and then only when advised by our vets to ensure safety, avoid prolonged suffering: We ensure each dog's dignity is maintained: We then offer with great love and apology for their humans who during their lives failed to understand or meet their welfare needs.

