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Editorial

Welcome to our Spring/Summer Newsletter. You will find that there are a number of changes in this edition. The reason why some of these changes have been made will be obvious but others have come about due to lack of time. June and I are finding that, with an increase in work load it is harder to fit everything in. It is also becoming increasingly harder to find something to say about the dogs we rehome. Due to a technical problem some items are having to be held over to the next newsletter so if you have submitted articles that aren't included please be aware that we hope to use them next time.

I am also standing down as editor of the Newsletter as I feel that it is time for a new set of eyes to bring the Newsletter up to date. So if you are reasonably computer literate and feel that you are up to the challenge then please get in touch. Our regular contributors will continue to send articles and I will give all the help I can. I will continue to produce the Newsletter until the end of the year so you do have some time to think about it. If you want more information or wish to express an interest in taking on the job of editor then please email me at labwelfare@tiscali.co.uk

We would like to make it clear that the views given in any of the articles are the authors and not necessarily those of Labrador Welfare.

2016 Adoptions

There were 81 adoptions took place last year – of these 2 dogs were rehomed more than once

Breakdown of sexes

53 dogs and 28 bitches

Breakdown of colours

42 Black 27 Yellow 12 Chocolate

Age ranges

Oldest years 11years youngest 3 months

Unclaimed strays

6 were unclaimed strays

Foster Dogs

14 dogs were over 9 years of age and 10 joined the foster dog scheme

June's Jottings.✍

The last 6 months have been very busy for us all both in terms of the number of dogs coming through and also in the number of people contacting us. Fortunately I have been able to build up a small team of people who help with phone calls and generally keeping in touch with people. However what really is annoying is the number of people who have contacted us for help to rehome their dogs but who have eventually rehomed them themselves. I spend up to 30 to 45 minutes with people getting as much information about the dog as I can so that we can find the best match possible for the dog. When I am told at the 11th hour that a friend has suddenly turned up who has offered to take the dog ("so I'll be able to see him/her") or they have passed the dog on to someone else (sold on the internet?) is really annoying and worrying. One person even let the transporter turn up at her door step before telling her that the dog had 'gone'. The transporter had really put herself out to pick the dog up as it was urgent – to add insult to injury she wasn't even offered any petrol money for her efforts. Some people don't answer phone calls even when messages are left – whatever happened to manners? I know that other groups experience similar problems so it isn't just us,

How lucky we are that Cliffe Kennels take all these changes in their stride and when I phone through with an emergency the answer is always 'no problem' and will still always find a

kennel for us in an emergency. As they do rescue themselves at least they know the how unreliable people and thoughtless people can be.

These are the dogs that we have managed to help and it is only through your help and support that we have been able to do so.

Rehomed dogs:-

October 2016

Brodie	5 years	Black	Male	
Beanie	2 years	Black and white	Female	Lab X Collie Was very possessive of her owner and didn't settle well in kennels at first but is now a little star in her new home and is doing very well indeed
Eddie	11 months	Black	Male	
Archie	4 years	Yellow	Male	
George	2 years	Black	Male	
Cooper	11month	Black	Male	

November 2016

Bella	3 years	Chocolate	Female	
Ruby	10 month	Black	Female	
Lefley	6 years	Yellow	Male	A unusual name and is infact named after the surname of the previous owner's friend. Very excitable at first but doing very well
Tess	4 years	Black	Female	
Poppy	14month	Yellow	Female	Nightmare in her previous home but now learning from her new sisters and doing really well

December 2016

Harley	3 years	Black	Male	Is epileptic but is now on medication, has less fits and is doing well
Hero	4 years	chocolate	Male	
Rosie	18month	Black	Female	

January 2017

Layla	3 years	Black	Female	Came through with Freddie. Passed on to us by another rescue. Had been brought over from Cyprus but then handed in to rescue. Layla can be a bit of a diva!
Milo	6months	Black	Male	Sadly came through due to illness of owner but was soon off to his new home
Bren	5 years	Yellow	Male	Another dog that came through due to ill health of his owner
Freddie	3 years	Yellow	Male	Came through with Layla

Bonnie	6 years	Yellow	Female
Hattie	6 years	Yellow	Female
Jet	5 years	Black	Male
	Jet has now developed cruciate ligament problems in both back legs. His new owner faces a bill of £3,000.00 for operations. Could you make a donation, no matter how small, to help us raise as much money as we can to help with payment of the operations.		
Frank	6 years	Black	Male
	Hadn't been socialised with other dogs, however his new owner is working with this and making good progress		
Marley	5 years	Yellow	Male
	Another dog that has been passed on to us by another rescue kennel- doing well in his new home		
March 2017			
Roscoe	3 years	Black	Male
	Came via another rescue group who didn't have room of him		
Chocco	6 years	Chocolate	Male
	Now living with our good friend Alan White who you will remember adopted Alfie from us a while back		
Bruce	1year	black	Male
	Lab cross who had been taken in by a couple as his first home was totally unsuitable. However they had taken more on than they could cope with so we agreed to help. Although he isn't much of a Labrador he has gone to a young couple who just wanted a young dog to train and he has proved just the right dog for them		
Coco	6 years	Chocolate	Female
	Very over weight when she came in, so much so that the vets were concerned that there was something the matter with her. Although tests proved negative for under active thyroid the medication seems to have got her going and she has started to lose weight. Now that she is in her new home she has lost even more weight and is taking more exercise.		
Sammy	10 months	Chocolate	Male
	Very active young man!		

Here are some of the above dogs in their new homes:-



Hattie



Jet



Roscoe



Coco



Bruce



Harley

The way we work

Michael Goodyear and Sandra Dunwell have now left Labrador Welfare. We would like to thank them for all their effort whilst with us

Pat Grayson has now joined the team and as she lives locally she has been a tremendous help to June in filing microchip information on the dogs, sorting out follow up visits and helping to take information on dogs to come in.

Member's contributions

Cindy has sent us two contributions for this news letter.

Milo and Little Nellie Tootles

Due to my beloved's increasing dodgy legs (he was 80 in Feb 2017) we have invested in an electric scooter - Little Nellie!

Naturally, we were concerned about how Milo with adjust to being taken for his walks along with the scooter. Huh! Should we have worried? Nah! Duck to water comes to mind Nellie lives in our front porch and to get her out requires a bit of physical maneuvering down a steep front step. But we devised a couple of ramps (adapted from one of those dog ramp thingies to help geriatric dogs get up into a car - well we split it in half, put some chocks under one end to get them to the height of the front step and off we went)

So the routine is that beloved gets himself and Nellie out of the house and down to the front gate ready to go to the park. Then he yells at me "Right, let him out!". I open the door and release Milo who promptly scoots out and stands in front of Nellie waiting for his lead to be clipped on. Then beloved calls out to Milo "Go on!" and off they set.

Milo hasn't turned a hair at this; no tantrums, no scares, no nerves, just "Oh, okay Dad, try to keep up" and off he goes. He checks behind him frequently to see where his dad is. He checks behind when he wants to stop for a wee, then carries on

When Milo first adopted us we worked very hard on teaching him kerb skills, i.e. when getting to a place to cross a road we taught him to Stop, Wait, and Over when the road was clear. This is now a huge help when trying to cross side roads on the way to the park. There is one place on the way to the park where there isn't a dropped kerb for the scooter to cross the road safely, so we are forced out on to the actual road, but Milo knows he has to stay on the pavement.

The other hilarious thing is our cat, Tom, when he sees them setting off for the park, he goes with them. He doesn't go all the way to the park (dangerous with all the dogs in there) but waits at the end of the road until he sees them coming back, then he comes home with them. How cute is that?

Milo's plumbing

This might seem a less than salubrious subject but, those of us who have been adopted by those titans of the canine race might be grateful of a few facts.

Our lovely woofies can be prone to a sneaky little beast of a condition called Irritated Colitis. And how does this manifest itself? Well, our local authority is particularly keen on people removing their dog's pooch from public places. All our local parks and amenities

have CCTV and if you are spotted not removing your dog's contributions a hefty fine of £200+ can come your way.

So, being used to removing Milo's 'contributions' we unconsciously take note of the condition and smell!!!!Yeah, OK, so we peer at the pooh! A few months ago Milo had a few days of a particularly yucky loose pooh accidents in the house - aaargh! But we noticed that there was assort of slimy mucus enclosing it.

When we took Milo for his booster and MOT we mentioned this to the vet and were immediately told about the colitis and it being quite common in Labradors.

The remedy for this is a slight change of diet. We were told when Milo adopted us that he was used to Purina Beta dried dog food and, knowing it is not wise to suddenly change the food a dog is used to, we carried on with this giving Milo two smaller meals a day rather than one large one.

So we reverted to that good old remedy of plain rice, steamed chicken and cooked carrots for Milo's breakfast. His evening meal is still the Purina stuff although, on the vets advice, we have changed him onto the 'Senior' versions (for dogs of 9 years+) even though he is only 7 yrs old. The reason for this is that, so far, Milo shows no sign of the dreaded arthritis and the vet explained that the senior food has additives to protect the joints against the debilitating condition.

However, producing steamed chicken every few days has its own hazards, i.e. three cats and a Labrador! /we have this dinky little microwave steamer thingy we use to steam the chicken. It takes 3 good sized frozen chicken breasts and in ten minutes cooks them to perfection. What is hazardous about that, you can say? Simply this, with the velocity of Exocet guided missile, bang, bang, bang, wallop three cats and a Labrador hit the kitchen at the speed of light, What chance do we have of cutting up the cooked chicken and putting it in the breakfast box without it being raided by the animals? None at all, dear friends, we have to cook an extra portion of chicken simply to cutup for distributing amongst the raveing hoard!

Microchipping

As some of you will know up to a few years ago we used to keep all dogs registered in the charity's name. AS from last April this was no longer legal and we have had to start going through all our records changing the dogs into their owner's name. This has involved contacting every owner to check that they still have the dog, that their details are still the same and who's name they want to register the dog in (only one person's name can be on record as the keeper of the dog and therefore responsible for the animal). All the data bases have been kept busy with people registering dogs for the first time and dealing with queries so progress has been slow. However as we get further back in our records there are of course less dogs to see to as many have passed over. On the plus side it has been heart warming to hear of the progress of the dogs we have rehomed – some many years ago now. We would like to thank those who have helped with making phone calls to contact people; sometimes it has needed the skills of a detective but with their help we are getting there and we take heart from the fact that this job will only need to be done once.

We have, however, been disappointed to find how many people seem to be unaware of their responsibilities under the new laws. We know of a number of people who have notified us of change of address but we know that they haven't changed their details on the database thus not complying with the law and leaving themselves open to a fine. Once the dog is changed into their name we are no longer able to make changes for them so this attitude is worrying.

However we always place our contact details in the section for emergency contacts so if the worse happens we will be contacted and of course we will always take the dog back.

Membership

Many thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership. It's amazing that many of you have been members for 25 years or more. This type of loyalty is what has always made Labrador Welfare feel more like a family. We just want you to know how much we do appreciate your continued support.

Members and helpers

We are sorry to have to advise you that Hilda Clayton (one of our life members and an active supporter of LW) has sadly passed away. Hilda would always offer a home to an unwanted dog and had 2 Labrador Welfare dogs at the time of her death. She was always very generous to us as far as money was concerned and would also help out at our FunDay and at Ecclesfield Gala – health permitting. Our thoughts are with Dennis (her husband) who still wants to help out whenever he can and who will be keeping the dogs.

It was a sad day for us when Alan Braybrook emailed to tell us that his wife Jenny had passed away. Both have been members for ages and although Jenny has been ill for some years it was a shock to hear that she had passed away. Alan used to do home visits for us and, as his job took him all over the country he would always pick a dog up for us and take it to kennels. Jenny's illness meant that he wasn't able to help out as often but he will always be very much part of the team.

Those of you who remember Quincy will be sorry to hear that his breeder (Debbie Clarson) has lost her mother. Audrey was another retired teacher so had a lot in common with June and was very supportive when June was in hospital for many weeks following a hip revision that went terribly wrong. Both Debbie and Audrey maintained an interest in Quincy and the work we do,

100 Club update

We have made some changes to our 100 Club from January 2017. We now feel that we have sufficient members to pay out on 3 prizes. The first prize is £40, second £20 and third £15. This will give members a better chance of winning. Please let us know what you think.

Winners since our last Newsletter are: -

	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
October	Tony and Margaret Moran	Lynne Ainscough	
November	Diane Key	June Cooper	
December	Christine Smithson	Sheena Miller	
January	Susan Britton	Judith Hicks	Paul Herschell
February	Valerie Benson	Linda Hayton	Noreen Allison
March	Claire Brown	Mary Weston	John and Bernadette White

Current foster dogs are:- Tess Marsden, Jade Britland, Grit Wilson, Coco Green, Drake Hall, Shamrock Wild, Acer Walker/Jackson, Megan Crofts, Horbury D'Arcy Malone, Ozzie Godbehere, Tibbs Gray, Mabel Bower, Cassius Imrie, Odie Ingham, Blue Woods, Milie Heathcote, Izzy Bacon, Oscar Brown, Missy Brown, Keisha Crow, Harry Lynch, Pluto Barnes, Ben Riley, Alfie Harder,

New Foster dogs

Dave	11 years	Black	Male
Shona	9 years	Yellow	Female
Sam	10 years	Yellow	Male
Sheba	9 years	Black	Female

Duke	10 years	Black	Male
Benji	10 years	Black	Male
Lucy	10 years	Chocolate	Bitch
Max	11 years	Black	Male
	Lab Cross, Now in his third foster home. We feel that he has now found the right home and will be staying there for the rest of his life. He isn't happy with some other dogs but the lady is coping with that and has help. Sadly Max is still having problems with his ears.		
Jasper	10 years	Chocolate	Male
	He had lived outside with another dog whilst 2 bitches lived inside. When the other male dog died Jasper was on his own all the time. He has obviously been used at stud and wanted to mount anything on 4 legs or 2. With the help of the vets we have been able to help him to improve his behaviour and he has settled in his new home where he is doing very well.		

Sponsor Dogs

Current Sponsor dogs (those who are claiming at the moment are in bold)
Henry Stokes, Mac Williamson, Charlie Wood, Max Depledge/Brookes, Oscar Walters, Marley Dunn, Tessa Hewson, **Ozzie Horne**, Willow Kitchen, **Maggie Bingham**, Marley Hoblyn, Scooby Humphries, **Ozzy Robe Fogarty**, Brownie Hobbs/Dietz, Meg Fetch/Pole, Jake Booth, **Tilly Marshall**, Jarvis Church, **Duke Bromfield**, **Jack Everett** and **Mika Robins**

Raising Funds

PayPal Giving Fund

We continue to receive regular small amounts via PayPal Giving and we are grateful to those of you who have thought of us when selling items on E bay. If you use E bay then please consider donating to us this way.

Postage stamps

We are still saving postage stamps so we hope that you remembered to save the ones off your Christmas cards. Large quantities of stamps are needed to raise any money so perhaps you could ask friends and relatives to save them as well.

Once again the address to send stamps to is:-

Stamps for Charity (041LW), 10 Bellamy Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS13 0HW

Please ensure that you quote the code 041LW as this will ensure that the money raised from your stamps goes to us and **don't forget to get your parcel weighed so that the correct postage is paid.**

Easy fundraising

This continues to raise much needed funds for us but sadly has not been raising as much for us as it used to. Do visit the web site and see if there are any purchases that you can make through the scheme

Recycle your used ink cartridges

Our good friend Paula has pointed us in the right direction and we now have envelopes available for you to use to recycle your printer cartridges to raise money for us. Please contact us for your first envelope after which you will be able to order more on line.

Cards and Calendars

Once again these proved very popular and we hope to be able to produce both again this year. Sadly some people still have not paid for their orders. If this rings a bell with you please get the money to us as quickly as possible. Unfortunately unpaid for goods do eat away at our profits and if we are not able to cover the costs we will be unable to produce calendars

and cards this year. If you have access to the internet please check our web site around September time as we hope to have previews of both cards and calendars by then.

Pets at Home

We continue to hold fundraising events at both Heeley and Wadsley Bridge branches in Sheffield. The terms of our partnership with Pets at Home mean that we are expected to organise between 4 and 6 events at each store within the year. It is becoming harder to find something new to do to raise money and as there are other groups also doing fund raising events at the stores we have decided to review our activities. We are also finding it hard to find volunteers to help with events and there are only a few people who do help. So in order to maintain the terms of our partnership we have decided to reduce the number of tombolas to no more than 2 per year per store and on the other days we will do publicity for our work and the breed.

If you can help at either store do get in touch. We don't expect a huge commitment – only an hour or so two or three times a year.

Our thanks go to Martyn (Heeley) and Sally and Barbara (Wadsley Bridge) for help with phone calls, organising rotas and in Martyn's case arranging date at Heeley.

Forthcoming events

Please meet us at the following events. If you are able to spare an hour to help that is even better.

16th July Our Annual Dog Fun Day (see below)

3rd September Ecclesfield Gala Sheffield – stall and promotion of the breed

*September Dore Show Sheffield –stall and promotion of charity

* to be confirmed

Sadly it looks as though no one is taking over the running of Bark in the Park which is very sad as we all enjoyed this event as it was so well organised and a really doggie afternoon.

Annual Fun Day

Our annual fun day is booked for Sunday the 16th July and will be held at the usual venue – Grenoside Community Centre Sheffield. Final details haven't been made yet but it will follow last year's programme.

Su's Snips ✂

Histiocytomas

The name probably fills you with dread as it sounds as though it is connected in some way with Cancer. However if this is what your vet tells you the lump on your dog is, take heart for these are benign skin tumours. They are button shaped lumps, usually about 1cm in diameter and often come up quickly so can really give you quite a shock the first time you find one. They are reasonably common in young dogs and Harley recently developed one in his lip. Harley's was pink but some can look quite red. It looks a bit like a cyst that could burst at any moment but a quick trip to our vet confirmed what it was. The vet can do this by simply using a fine needle to gather a small sample of cells from the site. The vet will then view these cells under a microscope to confirm that the lump is a Histiocytoma. Our vet was able to put our minds at rest within a few hours and we were given the reassuring news that it was nothing malignant.

The good news is that they disappear as quickly as they came and normally will have vanished in a couple of months. However if they start to cause problems with scratching or simply catching in things they can be removed .

Here is a limerick I found recently. Please pass on any that you know of.

*There was a young man from Bengal
Who went to a fancy dress ball*

*He decided to risk it
And went as a biscuit
When a dog ate him up in the hall*

Max's Musings

It is with a heavy heart that June and Su have to tell you that they lost their beloved Max on the 16th December 2016 so this will be his last musings. They would like to tell you his story "Max came through to LW in 2006. He had been brought over from Ireland by a man who did security work in the night clubs and needed a drug detections dog. Whilst these dogs aren't trained to police standards they can save night club security officers a lot of money. It was never clear how good Max was at this job but he certainly knew how to search a hand bag! He hadn't been in this job long when his owner decided that he was going to give up security work and he asked LW to rehome Max for him.

The biggest problem we had with rehoming Max was that he came through as being very destructive so he needed a home where he wouldn't be left for long. Sadly he didn't prove popular with adopters but every time Su went down the row of LW Kennels he would jump up at the door to say hello. We realized that we really were missing having a chocolate chum in our house so we asked the kennel staff what he was like on the lead as that would have been a major issue with us (we still had Sandy, Quincy and Abby at that time) and we were told that he wasn't bad at all. We asked Ray if he would go with Su to pick Max up as we always value his opinion and so one Monday afternoon in December they went to pick him up. It was decided that Quincy would go with them as if anyone didn't get one with a new dog it would be Quince. When Max was put in the back of the car Quince took one 'pot' at him and that was that, they were best friends for life and were never far away from each other. Ray and Su took both dogs for a run before taking them home. All went well until it was time to get the dogs back in the car. Ray had a Land Rover Discovery at that time with a big crate in the back. Quincy got in the crate but Max jumped on top of the crate and crawled along toward the rear passenger seats! It was quite a job to pull him back out and to show him how to get in the crate.

Max soon settled into the routine at home but would wake up every morning about 5am wanting his breakfast. Eventually we got used to this and for a bit of peace and quiet we would get up and give the dogs their breakfast and then all go back to bed again where Max would snooze until 9am (ish). Eventually we worked out the reason for this strange behaviour was that this would have been the time he would have got home from work and probably had his meal before being left.

We lost Quincy very suddenly in August 2012 and although Max was ok he was never the same dog again. He was lethargic and didn't seem interested in life although he was eating well and was generally ok. We thought that he was grieving and we are sure that he did – they had been so close. We do have to thank our vets for taking us seriously when Su kept taking him in as he didn't seem right, even they could see that he wasn't the same dog. Then one day Max suddenly started limping on his left front leg so Su called in to the vets to get him checked out. He had a funny bare patch of skin that had been there all the time we had had him but our vet wanted to perform a biopsy to check that all was well with it. He was booked in for surgery but we were shocked when we got a call to say that his pre op blood test showed a problem with his kidneys. As kidney failure is progressive this was bad news but he was put on a special diet and we hoped that this would give us longer with him and a good quality of life. He would go back to the vets for regular blood test but these didn't show the improvement that would have been expected. By now Max's coat was looking taggy and he generally seemed out of condition. Our vets stuck with it and were determined to get to the bottom of things. To rule out diabetes Max went for 3 blood test throughout the day and on the second test the vets was sure that Max wasn't diabetic but wondered about Addison's as this illness is known to mimic so many other conditions. There is a simple test that can be done and on 13th June 2013 we finally knew what was wrong with Max – he had Addison's. This was actually good news for us as the prospects were far better than if he had had kidney failure. Once on medication Max got more back to normal and he enjoyed a good quality of life doing the things that he loved

As he got older Max slowed down and the rasping noise he made whilst on walks told us that he had Laryngeal Paralysis. He managed his usual walks but slowed down and was happy to plod around. Ever since Abby passed away we had been looking for a companion for Max as he had never been an only dog. We looked at a number of dogs but for various reasons none

of them fitted the bill. Then Harley came in and as he is epileptic most people were put off. One couple seemed ideal for him as the husband suffered from epilepsy and they understood the condition. Unfortunately their bitch just wasn't happy with the situation so they had to say no. We decided to take him on to give him a break from kennels as long as he was ok with Max. It seemed a match made in heaven as they got on from the moment they met. Two weeks later Max started to cough so we took him to the vets who confirmed kennel cough and he was prescribed antibiotics. This was on the Monday. On Wednesday he seemed much the same but was bright and happy but by 10.30 am he was running a temperature and couldn't get to his feet. With the help of a friend we were able to get him to the vets where he was found to have a temperature of 105 degrees (normal temperature is 101 to 102 degrees). He was put on a drip and given steroids. We were told to phone in the afternoon to see if they had managed to get his temperature down – if not the outlook was grim. Neither of us wanted to call but we did. He was holding his own but it looked like he would be kept in over night at least. Half an hour later we got a call to say that Max had suddenly got to his feet and had barked to come out of the crate. He had eaten a meal and the vets felt that he would do better at home. So with Ray's help Su went to fetch him home. He went to the vets the following day for a checkup and seemed to be doing ok and his cough had improved. Then on Friday he collapsed again. He made it to his bed and flopped his front end in the bed. Harley fetched a toy and went to lie next to Max who put his chin on Harley's back that was when we knew that the time had come. Ray had just called to see how Max was and with the help of Mark (Ray's son) we got Max in the car and took him down to the vets. There were many underlying issues and we really felt that he had had enough so after discussing the options with our lovely vet we decided that he had had enough and our vet was happy to go with our decision. His end was peaceful but the pain we feel will be with us forever. A truly once in a life time dog and we were so privileged to share his life for 10 wonderful years. Following his passing so many people have told us how much they will miss him – we hadn't realized how much he was loved. Our thanks go to our wonderful vets and receptionist: your support, hugs and wishes really did help.

**“NO ONE IS DEAD UNTIL THE RIPPLES THEY’VE CAUSED IN THE WORLD DIE AWAY”
(REAPER MAN BY TERRY PRATCHETT)**

Return to Sender



We were all getting ready for Christmas and had been busy all day getting our pressies ready when who should turn up right in the middle of our fish and chips (it was Friday) but Max! Now I didn't know Max but Sandy, Abby and Quincy did. Quincy was delighted to meet his old friend again and they are seldom apart these days. However I do feel that he is perhaps a bad influence on Quincy as he takes him to Irish bars where they are found drinking Baileys and Max will also be drinking Guinness!! Max will then start singing Irish songs at the top of his bark which can get a bit much. They both went missing on St Patrick's day and I have to say that Quincy came back a bit worse for wear! Earlier in the year we were taking a walk in the park when we came across a football match. Max ran onto the pitch and started to play, chasing the ball around and running all over the place. The ref stopped the game and asked Max which side he was playing for. 'De side that be winning Sur!' was the reply he got. He was also asked why he wasn't wearing a team shirt to which he replied that he knew his own name and age so he didn't need one. It all got a bit confusing as neither team could work out who he was playing for so didn't know if they should tackle him or pass the ball over. Max on the other hand just kept running from one end to the other scoring goals for both sides. I don't see as much of Quincy as I used to as he is often with Max now.

I am still kept busy welcoming all the LW dogs to their new home. They tell me how lucky they have been to have had such wonderful second chances. So if one of these dogs is yours be assured that they are missing you. Joining us since last time I wrote are :-

Adopted dogs

19/10 2016	Ari	passed away with cancer
--/11/2016g	George Smith	sadly missed for his fund raising efforts
03/12/2016	Murphy Dawson	after losing his battle with cancer
--/12/2016	Rosie Bacon	
--/12/2016	Radley Cooper	
23/12/2016	Sadie Nicholson	lost her fight with cancer
	Rosie Hopwood	after having Cushing's for many years
16/12/2016	Max Roberts	after having Addison's for 4 years
	George White	sadly only had 20 months in his new home
23 /02/2017	Bruno Woolley	another one lost to cancer
--/03/2017	Jake	went off his back legs

Foster Dogs

11/11/ 2016	Jet Newbold	lost to old age
--/12/2016	Ollie Webb	Lost to old age
--/01/2017	Toby Webb	Lost to worsening arthritis – brother to Ollie
	Dexter Musson	Lost to old age
	Bouncer Sawyer	Lost to old age

Supporters Dogs and other pets

Jock the horse	Hannah Gray's (Lanie's daughter) horse. Very much loved and sadly missed – special friend for Mr Tibbs.
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Not actually a poem this time but hope that it helps those who have lost a pet

A ship sails and I stand watching till it fades on the horizon and someone at my side says
'He is gone'.

Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all. He is just as much there now as when I last saw
him. His diminished size and total loss from my sight is in me, not in him.

And just at that moment, when someone at my side says he is gone, there are others who are
watching him coming over their horizon and other voices take up a glad shout -There he
comes!

That is what dying is.

An horizon, and just the limit of our sight.

Chocs away

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