May 2013

May has been our busiest month to date. On the 4th we had our Open Day and LU reunion at Glebe Farm, which was a huge success.

The team made the trip to Romania to see AMP’s shelter, to meet Cristina and Roger Lapis the founders and witness the difference the money raised has made.

Our latest transport arrived on 23 May and brought over 25 dogs and 1 cat. Having met these latest arrivals in Romania we all agree there are so many wonderful characters. For more information go to our Facebook page:

http://www.facebook.com/RomanianUnderdogs

Fun Dog Show and Love UnderDogs Reunion

Our second Open day proved to be a huge success. We were expecting showers all day but they were few and far between and really did not dampen the high spirits of everyone there.

Our adopted dogs and their owners travelled from far and wide to be with us but the prize goes to the wonderful Reuben and his family who travelled down from the Orkneys.

Apart from the Dog Show, Food Tent and Merchandise our wonderful team offered Grooming, Dog Training and Holistic Energy Therapy.

We have over 34,000 supporters on Facebook. Please share with your friends and help us increase that number dramatically.

TO DATE WE HAVE RESCUED AND REHOMED OVER 176 DOGS AND COUNTING...........

We raised a grand total of £1250. THANK YOU
**Dino is ready to move in with his forever family.**

Dino is a beautiful boy of 7 and a complete belly rub addict. He simply cannot get enough ...and foot massages.....he just loves!

Dino loves to explore and go for walks; he is so smart he can open doors! He has been waiting a long time for a stable home environment and is looking for an experienced family that will give him the chance to be loved.

Dino is house trained and has experienced home life when he lived in a foster home.

As with all of our dogs, he is neutered, Micro-chipped, UK Vet checked and has a passport.

As you can see from his photographs he is just so laid back and takes life in his stride.

For more information on Dino or any other of our dogs please email: info@loveunderdogs.org

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**Collar and lead appeal**

In last month’s Newsletter we appealed for collars and leads for the AMP sanctuary. Almost immediately they started arriving in twos and threes – wonderful we thought. Then a few days into the appeal the postman arrived struggling under the weight of the largest sack you could imagine!

A wonderful story we must share with you, a Love UnderDogs supporter contacted Catherine Hanks who owns ‘Gorgeous George’ a Luxury Pet Products supplier and asked if she would donate some collars, maybe even match the number of collars she bought. One thing led to another, more people bought from Catherine and one day 480 collars arrived.

The wonderful Catherine donated 240!!!!

http://www.gorgeousgeorgepets.co.uk

To date we have received:

552 Collars, 53 Leads, 47 Collar & lead sets and 11 harnesses.

They went out to Romanina on 23rd may

THANK YOU SO MUCH

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**Jayne & Beckie Forknall**

**LoveUnderDogs’ Holistic Energy Therapists**

Jayne and Beckie use various forms of healing and energy work including – Reiki, Crystals, Aromatherapy, Bach Flower Remedies and EFT. They work with animals: dogs, cats and horses, because they love bringing a different aspect of help and health to them and work not just on the physical but the emotional side of their problems.

Jayne is a Clinical Aromatherapist and has over 20 years experience. Both Beckie and Jayne are qualified EFT Therapists and work with Reiki – Jayne qualified as a Reiki Master several years ago.

Jayne advising visitors on our Open day

Jayne and Beckie are a huge asset to Love UnderDogs and bring special dimension to the care and well being of our dogs.

Jayne and Beckie have their own Private Practice and can be contacted on: 07840 747500

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A huge thank you to Cobby Dog for donating all of the Ring numbers and Vouchers for our recent Dog Show.
The Love UnderDogs visit to the AMP Shelter in Brasov, Romania.

The entire LoveUnderDogs team set off for Romania in early May. For most of us it was our first trip and we were really not sure what to expect.

We were able to visit the Stupini municipal pound where there have been huge improvements over the last 2 years thanks to AMP and Love UnderDogs.

Love UnderDogs funds the salary of one of the AMP staff to work there in a fulltime capacity to ensure the welfare of the dogs is maintained to a high standard.

Once at the shelter they are vaccinated, neutered, micro-chipped, assessed and prepared for adoption. The injured dogs receive veterinary treatment and the puppies receive special care.

In addition, AMP works in cooperation with Stupini Hall to provide regular food and veterinary treatment to the dogs held at the municipal pound. Whenever possible, AMP take dogs from the pound to find them homes through the Triaj rehoming programme.

Members of the Love UnderDogs team who had visited the AMP Shelter and the Municipal Pound at Stupini two years ago were delighted to see the improvements that had been made since their last visit.

The overwhelming generosity of Love UnderDogs supporters enables us to continue to support Cristina and Roger in their amazing work.

The Triaj Shelter

Cristina and Roger Lapis founded the Triaj Shelter in Brasov.

It is just 15 minutes drive from the centre of Brasov. They provide shelter, food and loving care to stray dogs found in and around the city. Many of these animals have been abandoned and neglected by their owners. Numerous have been injured whilst living on the streets.

There is still work to be done but Love UnderDogs is committed to supporting AMP in their work.

From there we went to the AMP Triaj shelter. There are currently over 500 dogs there, all waiting for their turn to find a forever home.

The care they receive there is exemplary, the staff clearly love the dogs but they all deserve a family of their own.

There is something so remarkable about these stoical dogs, many have suffered so badly but because of the love they are shown there, so many are on the road to recovery and just want to give back that love.

Happy snaps..........
Regan’s advice for working with rescued dogs…….

“With rescue dogs, the first order of business is usually dealing with their anxiety. We can construct a foundation for our new relationship based on four pillars:

Confident leadership - if you don’t feel confident then at least act it! The dog needs to recognize that even if they don’t know what’s going on, at least someone does. Your cool, confident demeanour is a great start. Confident is not the same as arrogant or dominating, neither of which will gain your dogs trust.

Relaxation Skills – this can be a tricky one, you can’t force it! Lead by example; try to find what works for you and your dog eg: Tellington Touch (http://www.ttouch.com/). Reiki or long walks in the countryside. Reward calm, relaxed behaviour no matter how brief, the trick is to give yourself time. If you start feeling cross just walk away, the damage done by losing your temper far outweighs the importance of whatever you are doing at the time. Encourage play but with frequent ‘timeouts’ for the dog to relax and to ensure that they don’t get too excited.

Stable home environment – dogs love routine, although once a routine has been established they also like variations, I am sure we can all relate to that!

Behaviours that build confidence – there is a great phrase that Robert Lindsay uses, that is “promoting an expectancy of success”. Teach the dog a game and reward the success.

Be careful though, the dog may try to prompt a treat by giving you that behaviour when you are not expecting it. Imagine if you’ve been teaching it to weave between your legs!!!!!!

Lindsay accurately states that “play and relaxation are the emotional antipodes of fear and anxiety”.

Find out more about Regan on his website: http://www.regansdogtraining.co.uk

Fundraising
We would like to share with you some amazing facts and figures.
In addition to the transportation, kenneling and medical bills in the UK YOU have paid for:

In February 2013
210 kg rice
333 dogs to be fully vaccinated
The creation of a nursery and a log heater.

In March 2013
280 kg dry food
230 dogs to be fully vaccinated
Improvements to be made to the Public Pound and the salary of a supervisor – to ensure the standard of care.

For more information on how you can help please go to our website www.loveunderdogs.org