

SOUTH YORKSHIRE ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL RESCUE

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News

Well the spaniels (and a couple of imposters) keep coming and we have had another busy year so far. .

This year has yet again brought us a few more problematic dogs which has resulted dogs staying with us a little longer and in some very interesting times for ourselves and new owners. There have been a few times when its looked like we would need to add another dog or two to our permanent residents list. However with patience, time and effort and the occasional help of some behavioural experts things are working out and we continue just to have the two permanent boys. Buddy & Mutley (partners in crime) are the best of friends and loved by all who meet them, they enjoy their life at The Hollows Hotel more than they do living in a home, sometimes the routine and lack of pressure that living in kennels brings is what a dog needs. They love they daily walks around the lake (and swimming in it) and for them life is 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.

MISSING DOGS

Missing and stolen dogs seem to be all over social media at the moment so we thought we would put something together to help people ensure their dogs are kept safe and also tell them what to do should the worst happen. The majority of this information we have “stolen” from a fabulous dog theft leaflet produced by Val Davies so a huge thank you to Val for all the work she put into that. It’s a long read (and this is a condensed version) but if your dog goes missing you will be glad you have read it.

Most people will think it will never happen to them BUT sadly this is not the case.

Dog theft is on the increase and wherever you look on social media you will find posts from people who have had their dogs stolen. The majority of these are still stolen from kennels or gardens where dogs have been left unattended; however more recently thefts from houses, cars and even from people out walking their dogs are increasing. No dog is exempt as they will steal dogs of any breed, sex or age. They can be taken as someone fancies owning that dog, to sell on, to be held to ransom (they know most owners will offer a reward for their dogs safe return), to be used for dog fighting and some will steal a dog just because they can.



Dogs can also go missing for a variety of reasons without being stolen, a gate left open, a damaged fence, escaping a car after an accident, chasing something on a walk, getting themselves stuck on or in something. Even older dogs that have never strayed far from you before can get lost as their hearing/sight deteriorates and they can easily become disorientated. Many dogs that just go missing will be picked

up by someone that sees them alone, what that person does with them determines how easy it is for you to be reunited with them.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MY DOG?

Make sure your dog wears a collar and ID with up to date information **(this is a legal requirement)**. If your dog goes missing this is the quickest and easiest way to be reunited. Most people finding a missing dog will either ring the number on the tag or if local return it home. Check your dog's collar and tag regularly to ensure they are not worn and are readable and not likely to fall off.



Get your dog microchipped (again this is a legal requirement), it's quick, permanent and usually the dog hardly notices its insertion. **Make sure your details are always kept up to date on the database.** Also get into the habit of asking your vet to scan your dog everytime you visit, this confirms that the microchip is still in place and working.



Consider having your dog's ear tattooed, it's easily visible and another deterrent. It isn't done like we would have a tattoo and only takes a moment but it does leave a permanent easily visible identification mark. **Again make sure your details are always kept up to date on the database.**

Consider getting a GPS tracker for your dogs collar. If your dog goes missing on a walk or escapes from your home you can easily track where they are on your mobile phone. If your dog is stolen the thieves will probably remove your dogs collar but a tracker will at least show you where they were at the time the collar was removed.

The majority of dogs that are stolen have been left somewhere unattended (especially in kennels) so

Use secure kennels. If you need to keep your dogs in outside kennels, make sure they are very secure with an alarm system and CCTV as a deterrent.

Never leave dogs outside shops etc – they are an easy target.

Don't leave your dog in the car (even if locked) - dogs are often taken from or with vehicles.



Never just let your dog out on the street alone.

Make sure your garden is secure; dogs are regularly stolen from gardens. Bolt and lock the gate. Make sure you can see/hear if anyone attempts to come into your garden and don't leave dogs unattended in them.

Secure your house. When you leave your dogs home alone make sure your home is secure, a good alarm system and CCTV will help protect both your dog and your home from thieves.

Don't allow your dog to run free out of your sight, you don't know what is happening if you can't see your dog, it could be enticed away or get itself stuck on or in something..

WHAT DO I DO IF MY DOG GOES MISSING OR IS STOLEN

The first thing to do is ASK FOR HELP. Friends, family and fellow dog lovers will be happy to help so don't be afraid to ask.



Have good pictures ready. Prepare in advance and make sure you have good pictures of your dog just in case. You don't need general pictures, take them specially for this purpose. They should have only the one dog on and should show your dog from all angles (full face, full body from both sides and from above) and if any unusual markings take a close up of these. If you have your dog clipped/trimmed it is also worth having the same photos before and after they have been clipped. Keep these photos where they are easy to

access both on your computer and mobile phone.

Report to Police. If you believe your dog has been stolen do a quick check in case the dog is hiding or shut in, if not found call the police. Make sure you get a **CRIME** number (not an incident number as they are not the same thing, a crime number means action should be taken not just logged)

Call the local Dog Warden. (Number usually found under local Council). It is an idea to have your local dog wardens number programmed into your phone along with your dogs microchip number.

Register your dog on the DogLost database, www.doglost.co.uk 08448003880. They have extensive knowledge of lost/stolen dogs and will help, advice, distribute posters and their network of helpers will help you too.

Call your microchip/tattoo company and report the dog as missing/stolen, make sure they record this fact. Again keeping their contact details and your dogs microchip number on your phone will make it easier and quicker to do.

Inform any breed specific rescue you can find.

You need to call ALL pounds and kennels, if possible someone who knows the dog should go to the kennels to check rather than just phone as not all details are always recorded correctly. People don't always recognise breeds so may record the dog as a different breed or cross breed, microchips are sometimes missed, ages are estimated so may not be correct and sometimes even the sex of the dog can be



incorrectly recorded. Remember once a dog has been with the dog warden for 7 days it can be rehomed or worse still put to sleep so time is of the essence.

Print off and distribute posters, if you have registered your dog on doglost you can download ready made posters direct from the site. Put up posters at vets, training classes, pet shops, dog walking areas, lampposts, anywhere and everywhere. Speak to dog walkers and people on the street (and get help to do this).

Get on social media (your friends and family can help with this) and get your dogs details out to as many people/groups as possible. However you choose to do this always include your doglost link to your dogs poster, this way people can always get the most up to date information on your dog and also print/share the poster and help you further.



Look for your Dog At the same time as doing all this if your dog has gone missing rather than having been stolen you need to be looking for it (even if stolen they may just have dumped it or it could have escaped from them). If your dog has gone missing whilst out on a walk search for as long as you can if you don't find your dog and have to go home leave something with your scent on it at the place you last saw them it then go back with something of theirs bed/toy etc (we have even read that the contents of your vaccum cleaner can help) often this will be enough to encourage your dog to return to this spot and it will hopefully be waiting for you when you go back. If not search your neighborhood both on foot and by car, dogs are more active at dawn and dusk so search at other times as well, but focus on those two time periods. Cover the paths where you normally walk your dog (remembering that it may be stuck in/on something so unable to come to you), as well as surrounding areas. Draw a circle on a map with your home at the center. Extend the radius out a few miles so you can cover the area in a comprehensive, methodical way. Grab a leash, and take along some really stinky, yummy food you know your dog will love. If your dog has a favorite toy, bring that along as well. Toys that make noise, such as ones that squeak or jingle, are best. Whether you're walking or driving, go slowly and shout out your dog's name in a happy voice. (If you're in a vehicle, having someone else drive so you're free to shout out the window is advised). . If you have another dog, or have access to another dog yours is friends with, take that dog along on searches. Ask anyone you meet whether they have seen your dog and give them a poster so if they see your dog at a later time they can contact you. Dog can very quickly go into something called survival mode (a good explanation of this can be found at <https://www.buddhadogrescueandrecovery.com/pages/survival-mode>) which means they won't always come to people that know them so you need to keep this in your mind.

Ask the people at doglost.co.uk for advice, they will be able to help you.

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 2nd DECEMBER 2018

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.

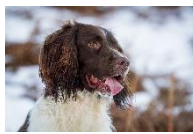
The Pictures used are shown on the opposite page – what a lovely collection of photographs. You can view larger versions on our website/FB page.

SYESSR ORDER FORM

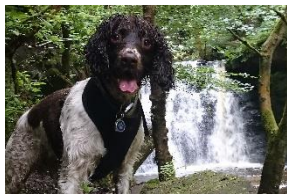
Description	Price	Number Required	Total Cost
2019 Calendar	£7.00 each post/packing - £2.30 (2 can be posted for this price)		
Christmas Cards	£1.20 each or £5.00 for a pack of 5 Assorted. post/packing: 1 or 2 cards – £1.20 3-10 cards - £2.30		
Name & Address			
Email & Telephone			
Please send order form to J Dean, 13 Warren Lane, Chapletown, Sheffield, S35 2YB 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.

No More Dogs



I have been asked to write a short piece about Bailey's progress over the last 18 months from rescue to gundog.

I was not looking for another dog after the passing of Molly a much loved springer spaniel. I said "no more dogs" when it was suggested, but as usual my husband Neil had other ideas. He spotted Bailey on SYESSR website described as a bad tempered grumbly growly 2 year old Jekyll and Hyde springer bitch. Neil said, "she will fit in nicely here". We went through the adoption process, met the fosterers Christine and Cyril and brought her home.

Bailey looked so sad and out of sorts when she came but we are lucky to have 10 acres of securely fenced land next to a country park, we have horses, sheep and chickens (mostly rescues) and we carefully introduced her to the other animals. Bailey loved it and it was like a light switched on in her head at the different sights and smells of wildfowl, deer and rabbits galore. She came out riding with me and really loved that although her recall from horseback can be a little sticky and it remains a constant work in progress, when the nose switches on the ears switch off.

Christine had done work with her prior to Bailey coming to us, we kept in touch and she continues to offer invaluable support and advice, with her encouragement we decided to continue with gundog training to channel Bailey's natural instincts. We enrolled on a local Gundog club grade 1 course but found it very frustrating, Bailey just would not retrieve so at home we came to the understanding unless she fetches a dummy she could not come out riding with me, and it worked. We passed the first grade and then went for grade 2 in which she passed with a distinction. We are now working towards grade 3. We have also been in the placings at some small friendly competitions, Bailey loves to work and use her brain and I believe this has helped enormously calming her aggression.



We kept in touch with Christine and Cyril and became firm friends, Christine invited us onto a local shoot and Bailey and I have spent the winter beating for them putting

the training into practice, we must have done all right because we were invited back to join them the following season.

It has not all been plain sailing for us but it's been very rewarding. I am amazed at how intelligent and talented she is proving to be, Bailey has changed from that bad tempered spaniel into the most loyal companion anyone could ask for and we have become inseparable, she is my dog of a lifetime.

Through Bailey I have made loads of new friends and learnt new skills and even though she is still a grumpy bum when stressed or tired its part of her personality and charm and I wouldn't change her for the world.



And I keep saying "NO MORE DOGS" but since Bailey was such a success we have adopted another rescue spaniel called Ollie (Neil's wild child) I would like to thank Jo and Heather from SYESSR and Christine and Cyril you this journey that Bailey and I are on would not have been possible.

Joanne Fisher & Bailey

A photograph of a brown and white speckled spaniel jumping in a grassy field. The dog is facing left, with its mouth open and tongue out, appearing happy and energetic. It has a green tag on its collar.

Give a little time and make a big difference to our dogs

WE URGENTLY NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN OUR CHARITY SHOP IN SWALLOWNEST

ResQued is a small shop run entirely by volunteers and is currently open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 4pm. We are flexible to the days/times worked however Wednesdays and Fridays we are especially short of help at the moment.

No experience is necessary, we just need volunteers to be friendly, helpful, reliable and willing to work for tea/coffee and biscuits

The shop address is ResQued, 9 High Street, Swallownest, Sheffield, S26 4TT If you think you can help us keep our shop open, please either call in or ring us on 01142879458 or 01142879786

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

JASPER



Jasper is an 8 year old boy who has come into rescue due to a change in his owners situation which meant he was being left alone for long periods, this was something he did not enjoy and protested by barking.

He is a lovely friendly boy with people and enjoys his walks and cuddles. He can be grumpy with dogs he doesn't know, especially if they jostle him. He does have cataracts resulting in poor eyesight so

maybe this is part of why is uncomfortable around new dogs, we have been walking him with the other dogs without issue but it will be something any potential owner needs to consider. He enjoys playing ball but because of his eyesight the ball does need to be thrown in clear areas so he can see it. Ideally he will be an only dog but he may settle with an steady bitch who won't bother him too much. He will also be looking for a home where he will not be left for long periods as this is obviously something he is not happy about.

He is still a lively boy as you can see in this YouTube video
<https://youtu.be/7ZzCQ-8QaG8>

SAM

Sam is a delightful 3 year old boy who although originally from overseas 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 is a little little reactive in certain situations but once he gets to know you and the other dogs he is very friendly. He is a big lad (Labrador sized) and does need to lose a lb or two but we are sure that will come off quickly, especially as he is trying his best to keep up with the spaniels. He does pull on his lead so this will require work but he is very good off it and always comes back when called, he is clean in his kennel and excellent with all the other dogs.

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 playful boy so maybe a doggie friend to play with would be good for him.

You can see a little more of Sam on these videos. You can't miss him, he's the big lad trying to keep up with the others

<https://youtu.be/vIHdb0ZpuAY>

<https://youtu.be/H7J1ogE644g>

POPPY



This is the soon be beautiful Poppy, she had been dumped over the fence into a substation but lucky for her (and us) some workmen found her. Our vet thinks she is around 3 years old and has had puppies quite recently (probably not her first litter either). Despite what she has gone through she is a loving girl and very friendly and sweet natured. She will be looking for a home where she can continue to receive the good food and TLC she needs to get her looking on the outside like the beautiful girl she is on the inside.

JASPER



Yet another Jasper. We don't have any history on him as, bless him apparently his previous owner moved house and left him in the garden. We think he is around 2 years old and so far we have learned that he can be a little nervous initially but soon comes round, he is friendly with dogs and people, he doesn't like cats, pulls like a train on the lead and his recall needs lots of work (as Heather found to her cost

when tripping up and letting go). He is gorgeous though and with the right training will make a fabulous family member.

TOBY



This is tiny Toby, he is a mixed breed boy that came to us as a favour to another rescue, he was picked up as a stray but was in good condition and well socialised so unlikely he was straying long. He is a friendly happy chap (except with cats). Its hard to describe him, the nearest I could say is that he looks like a Labrador but is the size of a Jack Russell. Like most dogs that come to us he would benefit from training in all areas of life

but we are sure he will make a fabulous family pet, with a dash of character.

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?

DO YOU ALREADY HAVE ONE OF OUR DOGS? IF SO PLEASE SEND US AN UPDATE

We become very attached to the dogs while they are in our care, as do our volunteer walkers and just love to hear how they are doing in their new homes. We know time goes very quickly and everyone is always short of time but if you could just spare 10 minutes to send us an update and a picture we would really appreciate it.

You can post updates yourself on either our forum or our facebook page, or send them to us by email to mail@syessr.org.uk or by post to ResQued, 9 High Street, Swallownest, Sheffield, S26 4TT