

SCHNAUZERFEST NEWS



ISSUE #6

WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL 2023

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. Firstly we'd like to wish you a peaceful and happy new year. And offer a very heartfelt thank you for making 2022 a good one for the charity. It is not always easy to feel happy or positive when we see what's going on in the world, but Schnauzerfest is a wonderful community and we hope you feel positive about what you make happen: support goes out for the dogs making a real and daily difference to many lives.

While nobody can know what lies ahead this year, it is likely to be a tough one in the world of animal rescue. The pressures on everyone are enormous and building. But, one thing we are certain of is that Schnauzerfest is in good shape to help others this year. This is because of you. None of what we do can happen without you.

So here's to a lot more Schnauzerfesting together in 2023.



ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

Dogs helped in 2022

You are needed now more than ever

Cilla's Christmas crisis

Free things to do that all add up



DOGS HELPED IN 2022 , DOGS WE WILL HELP IN 2023

In 2022 Schnauzerfest Grants paid veterinary bills for over **40 schnauzers**.

In addition, grants were given to rescues to help with vet costs for a number of breeding dogs and their puppies saved from illegal and low welfare breeders. Plus a small number of stray dogs.

A developing trend in rescue is for dogs to arrive in council pounds, or be found straying with obvious medical problems. This not only means that rescues taking them in face large vet bills, but it takes time before the dogs are treated and well enough to be ready for adoption. This leads to a backup in the rescue spaces which are available. Couple this with a reduction in the numbers of people adopting - in part due to the cost of living crisis - and it's easy to see why the problems are increasing at levels most have never seen before. Some of the rescuers we work with have been doing it for decades.

With your help we can pay some of the vet bills, easing some of the pressure for those we can support.



We regularly update our website with news of the dogs who you are helping. News can also be seen by following us on social media.

www.schnauzerfest/stories

OCTOBER AND DECEMBER WALKS



Walks and Schnauzerfest are synonymous. Walks with and for dogs is how we started and most definitely how we are going into 2023.

From October to December many walks were enjoyed by dogs with their human pals. There were small gatherings and larger ones, organised in online groups and privately among friends and family. Every walk in aid of Schnauzerfest is something we love to see, share and celebrate.

While the stars of Schnauzerfest are always the dogs, occasionally humans steal a little of the limelight. Although when comedian John Bishop stumbled into a walk in Surrey, he was more than happy to let the dogs steal the show.

Walks happen all around the UK and likewise, the help they bring goes out to rescues around the UK. We're very proud of what our supporters make happen.

If you organise a walk in 2023 do get in touch.



Photo credit: Christian Lewis

Find a local group
www.schnauzerfest.org/walking-groups-supporting-schnauzerfest

WHAT MIGHT YOU DO IN 2023?

Doma and Pixie are off to a great start with their fundraising goal for 2023. Doma organises local walks in Hertfordshire and joins in other things throughout the year. She has decided this year to walk at least 20 miles a month for Schnauzerfest and has opened her Justgiving fundraising page.

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Jayne Coughlan shared a link.
29 Dec 2022 · 🌐

As 2022 draws to a close and 2023 looms I have enrolled into the [#walk1000miles](#) again, this is my 7th year of undertaking this challenge and have clocked up approx 7.5 thousand miles over the past 6 years 🍷🐾
Even I'm pretty astounded by that total....

Once again I will be raising money and awareness for dogs in need so will be supporting [#Schnauzerfest](#) in my challenge.

Why do I do this..... well simply....

There are thousands of dogs stuck in these living hells, dogs that will never feel grass under their paws, feel the sun on their backs or the wind blowing their fur... they are the reason that I pledge to walk for [#schnauzerfest](#)...

every step I take is for them....

Every post I share about their plight is because they are unheard, silently suffering, uncared for and unloved...

if we don't speak out for them who will....

The suffering is a never ending cycle....

We can all do something...

Not everyone can adopt..
Not everyone can foster..
Not everyone can donate....

But we can all tell people about the horrors of puppy farming, we can all educate those who don't know what goes on..

Bring on the challenge for 2023 raising money and awareness 🐾❤️

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#Walk1000Miles is a challenge originally conceived by Country Walking Magazine. Over the years it has grown in popularity and many thousands of people do it every year, some for charity. We are delighted that each year the number of Schnauzerfesters pledging support for us this way increases. Not only for the fundraising which is achieved, but the happiness everyone gets from joining together for the cause.

If you fancy fundraising and committing to [#Walk1000Miles](#) for Schnauzerfest in 2023 we can put you in touch with Jayne, our fantastic fundraising mentor.

CILLA AND HER CHRISTMAS CRISIS



Cilla (R) with her sister Clara.

Cilla was adopted in 2016 after leaving a puppy farm. She had cataract surgery before going to live with her new family. Despite having one eye removed due to complications, she has put a lot of her trauma behind her, becoming a happy little dog.

In recent weeks however, her mobility started causing concerns. After an initial course of physiotherapy which seemed to help, a referral to a neurosurgeon was made. No referral centre contacted could see her before the new year and it was hoped she would remain stable in the meantime. But, just before Christmas there was a sudden, distressing decline and Cilla became semi-paralysed.

"IF IT WASN'T FOR SCHNAUZERFEST CILLA WOULDN'T BE HERE"

Cilla's case was now urgent and thankfully she was seen at North Downs Referral Centre where an MRI identified the problem. In layman's terms a slipped disc was causing the paralysis and immediate surgery went ahead. Cilla's back surgery has a good prognosis but there is a long, intense period of recovery and rehabilitation needed once she gets home.

Orthopaedic and neurological treatment costs are some of the highest in veterinary medicine. To treat Cilla it will cost in excess of £7000. Kathleen, her adopter knows how valuable your support for the charity is. "If it wasn't for Schnauzerfest, Cilla wouldn't be here", she tells us.

It is only because of your kind generosity and support of Schnauzerfest that it is possible for the charity to support Cilla's family and get her up on her feet and enjoying life again with her sister Clara.

For news on Cilla follow us on social media and check our website
www.schnauzerfest.org/stories



WAYS TO HELP IN 2023 FOR FREE!

As things get increasingly difficult for many we understand 100% that we need to find more low cost ways that you can help us. Shopping online is one of the easiest if you do it using one or more of these schemes. You can also donate Nectar points to us.

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UNWANTED GIFTS?

We're sure you love every gift received but in case you're wondering what to do with a 2nd or 3rd of something we can help.

We are always in need of good quality items to help our fundraising and we're here to take them off your hands

Drop us an email and we'll tell you how you can help: info@schnauzerfest.org

We can make great use of them. Get in touch and we'll tell you how.



NOMINATE A RESCUE

In December we invited you to tell us about the rescues which you know are struggling to survive and doing good work against the odds. Those which would benefit from a Schnauzerfest Grant to put towards their vet bills this year. For a small charity we received a large number of nominations before they closed on 31 December. Every single one will be looked at and considered by the Board of Trustees as they decide where the special round of New Year Grants will go.



Association of Dogs & Cats Homes

16 December 2022 at 12:18 · 🌐

A big thank you to [Schnauzerfest](#) who have supported our Members particularly during the cost of living crisis.

Schnauzerfest support rescues by paying vet bills through grants. Whilst they mainly cover bills for schnauzers, they can also help with other rescue dogs. 🐾🙏

Janetta from Schnauzerfest said "We're always keen to work with ADCH members. We never interfere with cases, we pay vet bills and if asked to by the rescues, will use our network to help with homing. But we never assume this is what's desired".

As members of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes, we see the tremendous pressures that rescues are dealing with. We are pleased to be able to play a part in helping some get through this crisis. The help given by you has never been more important than it is now.



MARCH EVENT - you won't be surprised to know our brand new March event will involve walking! And dogs! And fun! And you - we hope!

bookmark the page to stay up to date
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