

SCHNAUZERFEST NEWS



ISSUE #1

THANK YOU

We start our first ever newsletter by thanking you, our supporters for the kindness and generosity which helped us to get through 2020. You ensured we could deliver what we hoped for in becoming a registered charity - to give financial assistance to rescues for their veterinary bills.

With the brilliant support of everyone, in a myriad of ways, through all the challenges faced by everyone in 2020, Schnauzerfest supporters made a difference. Rescue dogs who needed help got it. Eyesight was restored through cataract operations, dogs rescued from puppy farms were saved from further breeding by spaying and neutering, painful mouths received dental care, infections were treated, life saving operations were paid for.

Everything you do to support Schnauzerfest makes a difference. Whether it's a one-off donation, or a regular monthly one, taking part in an event, buying from our online shop or sharing a social media post, whatever it is, it matters and it's valued. Together, the help we offer rescues has a life-changing impact.

By supporting Schnauzerfest you bring help where it's needed. Thank you.

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

SUPPORT FROM KENT TO CALIFORNIA

TEDDY HAS LIFE SAVING LIVER SHUNT SURGERY

PREMIER LEAGUE FOOTBALLER LOVES SCHNAUZERFEST



GEMMA DENNET A PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER TELLS US WHY HER FAMILY LOVES SCHNAUZERFEST

I live in a small village in Kent with my children, Orla, 3 and 8 year old Georgia, my husband Darren, miniature schnauzer Zuma and Tilly the border collie. We're lucky to be surrounded by countryside with lovely walks on our doorstep. It was Darren who first came across Schnauzerfest in 2018 and we joined the Kearnsey Abbey walk to find out more. Before the walk I read Janetta Harvey's books.

Before this we weren't fully aware of the horrendous conditions that dogs in puppy farms are kept in and the long term effects this has on them. As a family it made us aware that whilst our dogs have an amazing life with us not all dogs are as fortunate.

It was after attending another walk in 2019 we decided to host. We chose a route and planned how we would raise as much money as we could. Georgia was very excited, assigning the family roles right down to my dad helping with car parking and my mum making cups of tea!



Gemma with Georgia, Orla and Zuma

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Unfortunately due to Covid walks couldn't go ahead. But we enjoyed participating in Schnauzerfest's alternative events in 2020 including Schnauzerfest Walks The Globe. By sharing our walks online and encouraging friends and family to join us we could talk about the work of Schnauzerfest and the support it gives rescues. It also encouraged us to find new walks from our doorstep, Zuma has walked further than ever before!

Zuma and I are regularly spotted in our area, me in my Schnauzerfest coat, Zuma in hers. It helps people to find the work of the charity and be more aware of the horrors of puppy farming. We're enjoying our regular walks and have pledged to carry on walking 30 miles each month in 2021. We look forward to continuing to support Schnauzerfest as a family for many years to come and expanding Orla's collection of all things orange!

PREMIER LEAGUE FOOTBALLER AUCTIONS SIGNED SHIRT



Simon Moore, Sheffield United's goalkeeper

Schnauzerfest supporter and Premier League footballer Simon Moore auctioned a shirt signed by his Sheffield United team mates, raising a brilliant £450. Simon's support for Schnauzerfest is a family affair, with his schnauzer Bali at the heart of it.

'I'm always happy to help out and raise awareness for such a great cause. I love schnauzers and will be doing more in future to help these lovely poochies.'

As well as fundraising, Simon also introduced his Instagram followers to our Walks The Globe Challenge, helping to bring in pledges to get us 5 times around the globe in just 4 months.



MILLIE KNIGHTS RECYCLES INK CARTRIDGES FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY



An easy and free way to raise funds is to recycle inkjet cartridges. Millie Knights has been collecting them from her south London community, using local social media contacts, filling several boxes in just a couple of months.

"It's not time consuming unless you offer to collect from people, in which case you need to map your collection routes. There are many good people round my way which helps and we're a densely populated area so lots of printers in close proximity".

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www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C95778

WITH HOPE FOR TEDDY

Just before Christmas we were contacted by Hope Rescue in Wales. They had taken in a dog, Teddy, who had been signed over after being taken to the vet with a range of worrying symptoms. It wasn't known then quite what a complicated and serious medical journey Teddy was facing. His initial, emergency treatment addressed a blocked bladder.

We quickly agreed to assist with the costs of Teddy's treatment. As a young dog with no other lifeline aside from Hope Rescue, it was not a difficult decision for the Trustees to make. He needed help, Hope offered it, we stood with them to pay for what Teddy required to save his life.

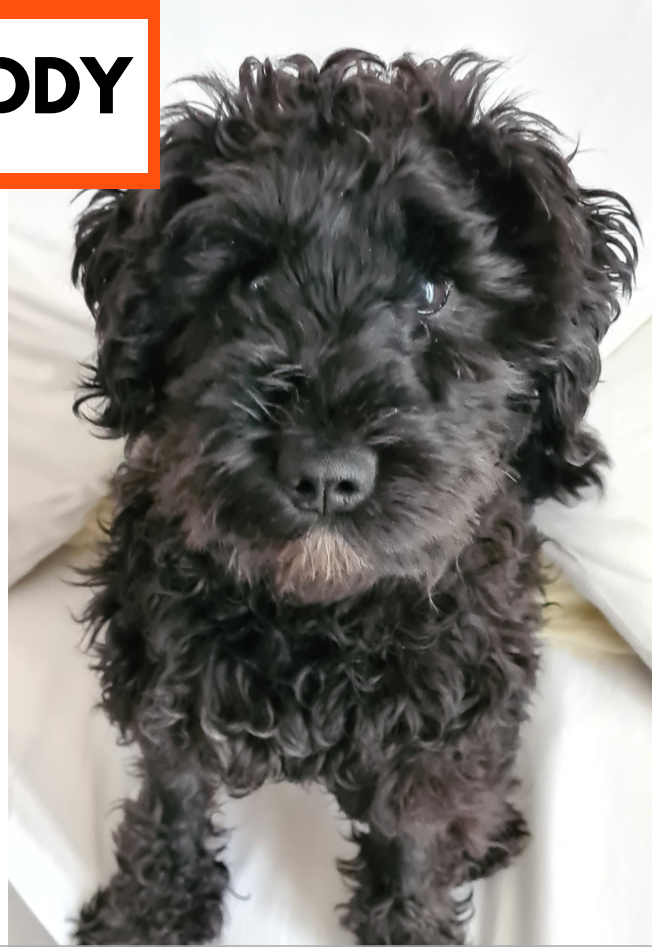
He spent Christmas in a foster home recovering from treatment but it became clear that all was not well. Further investigations were needed, and thanks to the generosity of you and other supporters, we could provide the financial aid needed to get to the bottom of Teddy's problems and fix them.

Langford Referral Hospital confirmed a portosystemic livershunt requiring complex surgery. Without it his future would be short and bleak.

In early February Teddy had the op and after a few days in critical care, went home to his fosterer where his recovery continues to go well. A second op may be needed, that won't be known for a little while.

The costs for Teddy's care are several thousand pounds, but this is why Schnauzerfest is a charity. Because you care, your support and donations mean we can be there for dogs like Teddy and their rescuers.

Teddy's future is bright now and all going well, he will live a happy, healthy life. We look forward to seeing him out to play, loving life this summer.



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CALIFORNIAN SUPPORT FOR SCHNAUZERFEST WALKS THE GLOBE



Schooner, Poppy and Nelson with Maggie

When COVID-19 wiped out our 2020 walks Schnauzerfest Walks The Globe was our alternative. Never did we imagine supporters would pledge miles to get us around the world an amazing five times - **124,505 miles** - in just 4 months. Support came in from across the Schnauzerfest global community, including California. Maggie Tupman who moved to Los Angeles 26 years ago from Cheshire tells us why she supports our charity, and **raised \$600 (£461)**.

"I LOVE SEEING SCHNAUZERFEST WALKS, ESPECIALLY BARRY ISLAND, BEING A BIG GAVIN & STACEY FAN!"

My daughter Kat, introduced me to schnauzers. Her Schooner is a 3 times cancer fighter and Nelson is a tripaw. I have Poppy, a schnauzer mix rescue. I'd been looking for ways to join in and raise funds for Schnauzerfest so when Covid halted the usual social walks, **Schnauzerfest Walks the Globe** was perfect for me and Poppy to have a go at raising some funds.

I'd already done a virtual walk with friends in the UK from Lands End to John 'O Groats and that gave me the idea to 'walk' on the Pacific Coast Highway which is close to where we live in sunny California.

We have many schnauzer pals around the world thanks to Instagram and Schnauzerfest. We loved taking part and helping rescued schnauzers.

To see more of Maggie, Poppy and Kat's Californian life and how they support rescue schnauzers follow them on Instagram

@mags5a

@schoonerttheschnauzer



In Douggie's Memory



When Douggie died in December aged 14 his family wanted to do something to help rescue dogs.

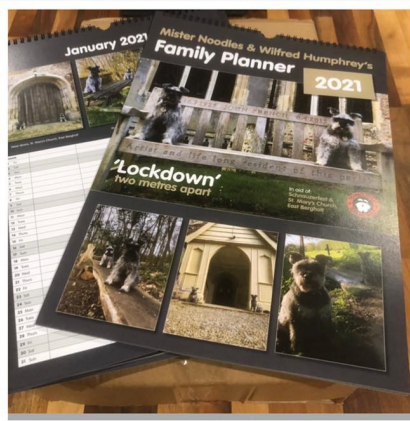
They arranged a monthly donation to Schnauzerfest in Douggie's memory. On behalf of Schnauzerfest we would like to send a huge and heartfelt thank you to Douggie's family for their kindness at a time of great sorrow.

If you would like to set up a monthly donation, please email us admin@schnauzerfest.org

SELL OUT CALENDAR BY SOCIAL MEDIA STARS

Mr Noodles and Wilfred caught the imagination of many during lockdown with photos featuring their local area.

Graham and Nicki kindly produced a 2021 calendar and sold out the whole print run raising £1400. This was split equally between Schnauzerfest and their local Church.



Enjoy more by following Mr Noodles & his best friend Wilfred

PLAY THE SCHNAUZERFEST LOTTERY



**Play today
and support our cause!**

- Help raise money for Schnauzerfest!
- Win prizes of up to £25,000!
- Tickets only cost £1 per week!
- 60% of your £1 goes to good causes in the UK
- Join in it only takes a moment

Launched in February our weekly lottery is a low cost way to support Schnauzerfest. Tickets are £1 per week and each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize, with a top cash prize of £25,000.

In week 3 Paul Goodwin was the first lucky Schnauzerfest supporter to win a cash prize of £25, and Nicola Baker won extra tickets.

**Visit our website to play the lottery
schnauzerfest.org/lottery**

LOOKING FOR A SPRINGTIME READ?

Janetta Harvey's books are available from our online shop, with all proceeds helping us deliver help to rescue dogs.



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