

SCHNAUZERFEST NEWS



ISSUE #2

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER NEWS

We're halfway through the year, things are busy with the charity and we're delighted to bring you our summer newsletter. We have news of walks and activities which people are having fun organising and doing. Supporters are busily raising awareness for rescue dogs as well as funds. While we cannot organise dog walks across the UK as we used to do, supporters certainly can with friends and family.

We have a new guide to help anyone who is arranging dog walks in aid of Schnauzerfest. The guide pools many combined years of experience. Do get in touch if you'd like a copy. We also have a new website page to help all our fundraisers, you'll find a downloadable guide with lots of tips and advice.

We all share a passion for helping the dogs and together we're making positive things happen. When you do anything for Schnauzerfest, you change lives, human and canine.

So for all you do we say a heartfelt thank you.



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WE PROMISE

We are clear, open, honest and respectful

We are fair and reasonable

We are committed to high standards

We are accountable and responsible

CLEMMIE'S NEW LIFE

Sometimes the work the charity does is less about funding veterinary bills, more about helping dogs get into their perfect homes.

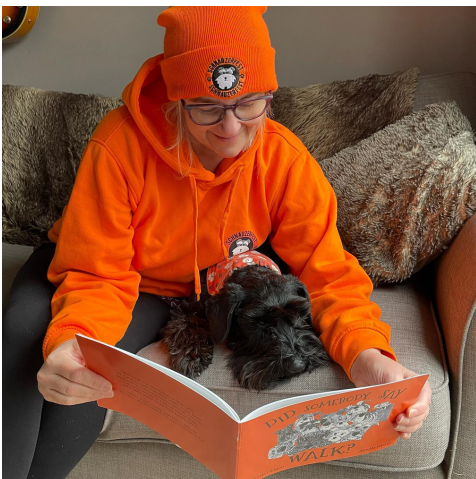
We were asked to help Clemmie, a blind dog who had spent her entire life in a breeding facility. At the time it wasn't known whether her eyesight could be improved. It was important she was in a home where her future would be secure and quality of life given maximum priority, whatever could, or couldn't be done for her sight. We set about using the Schnauzerfest network to find just that home.

Clemmie was adopted by Heather, who has decades of experience living with dogs from troubled backgrounds, including blind and deaf, elderly and ex-breeding dogs. Heather expects nothing from her dogs, she accepts them for who they are, who they become, and loves each one wholeheartedly. She has the perfect home for Clemmie.



Clemmie with her new sisters

Sadly there is nothing that can be done to restore Clemmie's vision. But this is not affecting how she is getting on and enjoying her new life. Having four schnauzer sisters from similar backgrounds is certainly helping and she has settled into the swing of family life beautifully. Clemmie takes everything in her stride, recently enjoying her first caravan holiday.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Supporters had fun on social media celebrating World Book Day. **Billy and Andrea** donned their favourite colour before settling down to read one of their favourite books - **Did Somebody Say Walk?** Andrea is a primary school teacher and we know the book is enjoyed by many little (and not so little) ones. It's a great celebration of dogs being out with their friends walking and enjoying life.

SCHNAUZERFESTERS FAVOURITE WALKS

Walking is one of the pleasures of sharing lives with dogs which Schnauzerfest promotes. Becky Wash is a great advocate for exploring places, delving into local points of interest, and helping others discover what's on their doorstep. She shares her enjoyment of her local forest walk.

A firm favourite of ours is our local country park which has everything on offer. No matter what the season, it's a joy to walk there. In the summer months especially the wooded canopy provides much needed shade.

Bert and Otis enjoy time off lead, with plenty of smells to be sniffed! There's a mixed terrain under foot - short grass, meadows, forest tracks and stone paths, we notice the dogs prefer some surfaces more than others. There are remnants of old buildings. The forest is full of history, so you'll find old floor tiles and bricks within the dense forest, as well as ornamental flowers and an impressive avenue of redwood trees. There's even a choice of countryside and city views. It's a real treat for the senses.



"Nothing makes us happier than being outdoors, embracing the sights, smells and sounds, and watching those little waggy tails!"

We like to stop and listen, the early morning bird song is beautiful. This allows time for the boys to wander and explore at their pace. It's reliably comfortable, not too busy, but we know we'll bump into a friendly face.

This forest was our little bit of escapism during lockdown. When I was asked to create a piece of art for our Women's Institute to summarise 2020, it had to be a photo from this walk. We were each given a small piece of calico to decorate,

which will become part of a large patchwork, on display in a local art trail in July. The orange sun symbolises fundraising for Schnauzerfest.



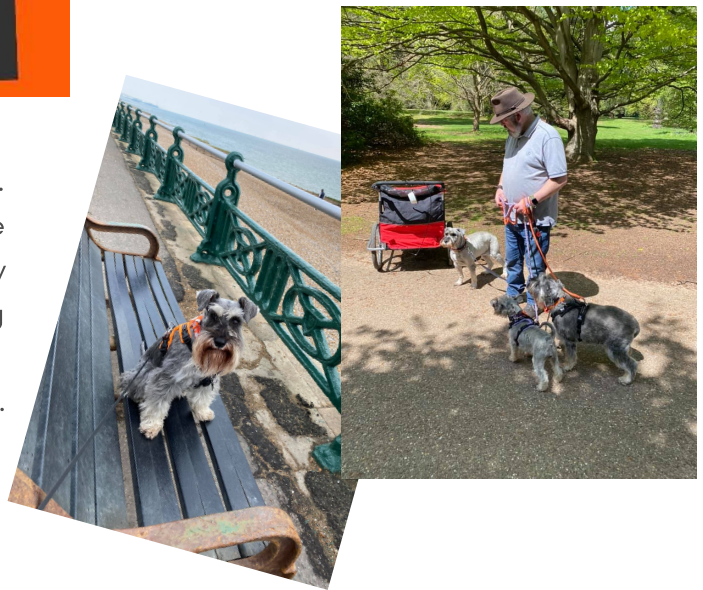
Find more of Becky's favourite walks on her blog
followthepawsooutdoors.wordpress.com

#5KMAY and CAPTAIN TOM 100

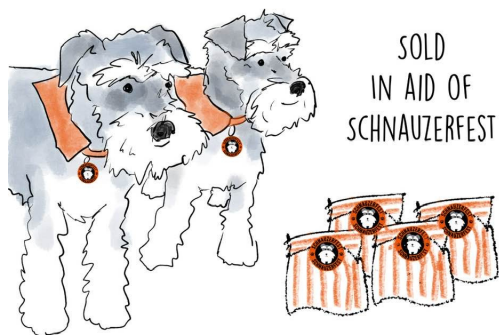


May was a month buzzing with Schnauzerfest supporters out and about helping the charity.

It was the first time we've taken part in #5KMay. This is a nationwide event in which people committed to complete 5k - supporters mainly chose walking but cycling, swimming, running were all happening. Some walked once, others all through the month. **It was a great success raising £1370.**



DARWIN AND DARCI'S TASTY TREATS



As well as this, the Captain Tom 100 Challenge had supporters doing 100 things over the first Bank Holiday weekend. Items were made, baked and sold, objects were sourced on walks, steps were walked, wild swims were done and photographs shared on social media. **A brilliant £680 was raised.**

"I'LL DO 100 STROKES DURING MY FIRST WILD SWIM THIS WEEKEND BEFORE BAKING BISCUITS "
DOMA HIPPERSON

TO SEE SUPPORTERS REGULARLY HAVING FUN FOR THE CHARITY, SEARCH 'SCHNAUZERFEST WALKS THE GLOBE' TO FIND OUR FACEBOOK GROUP.

FANCY FUNDRAISING FOR US?



Flossie loves being out with Ruth spreading the word

Fundraising ideas

Whether you're doing your own thing or joining an organised event, everything you do will help the rescue dogs we deliver support for.

- S** swim, Santa runs, sky dive
- C** coffee morning, comedy night, cake sale, crafting, car wash, Christmas party, cycling
- H** head shave, hike, half marathon, hill walk
- N** New Year Resolution pledges
- A** abseil, art & craft sale, auction, afternoon tea
- U** unwanted gift sale, uniform-free day
- Z** zip wire
- E** ebay, Easter egg hunt
- R** raffle, race night, recycle for cash
- F** fun run, fire walk, fashion show, face painting
- E** everything & anything you can think of!
- S** sweepstake, sponsored silence
- T** tombola, trekking, triathlon, teetotal month

As things start becoming possible to do once again, we'd love you to do something in **2021 for Schnauzerfest**. Perhaps you fancy running a 5k, or doing a skydive, or zipping along a zipwire, or baking up a cake sale?

Whatever takes your fancy, please think about doing it for Schnauzerfest. Do it at any time of year, or why not **time it to happen in October, Schnauzerfest Month!**

There are some great ideas coming in from supporters keen to make the month a great one for the dogs. There will be a variety of things happening, so check out our social media and website to see plans firming up.

**"WEARING
SCHNAUZERFEST
ORANGE GETS US
NOTICED AND
ENGAGED WITH
THE PUBLIC"
- RUTH**

visit our new fundraising page
to download your fundraising
pack

schnauzerfest.org/fundraise-for-schnauzerfest

TEDDY'S NEW EYES

In February Teddy had cataract surgery. He had lived all his life as a breeding dog until he was rescued at Christmas. A dog leaving a life like that faces many challenges. With blindness everything is much harder. Fortunately for Teddy his new family committed to doing everything to help him get the best out of his new life.

Teddy's eye surgery was a success and a few months on he is thriving. He regularly gets out and about with his canine sister Daisy, enjoying his walks and he's made lots of local dog friends. Being a vocal schnauzer means that everyone knows Teddy is coming and are happy to see him each day!



"I don't know what he would have been doing if he had not had his operation - this has given him a brand new life - thank you so much"

Fiona, Teddy's adopter

Preston School Schnauzerfest

At the beginning of April on pet day, we learnt about puppy farms and how cruelly they treat dogs. We learnt that it is much better to adopt dogs from shelters. We were extremely devastated when we found out that some dogs still live in the cramped conditions of puppy farms. Luckily, we learnt that there are charities like Schnauzerfest, which we happily raised money for. Thank you Schnauzerfest!

From Preston School



PRESTON VILLAGE SCHOOL RAISES MONEY AND AWARENESS

National Pet Day was an important day for pupils of Preston Village Primary School in Hertfordshire.

As well as learning about rescue dogs and puppy farms they kindly raised £43.50 for Schnauzerfest.

Later, one of teacher Monika Dye's pupils was so inspired by **'Saving Maya'** that she's now writing a story based on the book. Brilliant work!

IN MEMORY

Samantha Watkins

Samantha Watkins was an active supporter of Schnauzerfest with her beloved dog Merlin. Sadly she died in 2020. We were very touched to receive a generous donation that Samantha's friends and family made in her memory. For them, knowing the money would help a cause that Samantha loved, brought some comfort at a time of great sadness.

Thor

In the spring, two and a half year old miniature schnauzer Thor died suddenly from complications arising from haemorrhagic gastroenteritis. His death was a devastating shock to his family. They later found out he was not the only dog in the area to die in similar circumstances. In Thor's memory we were touched to receive a generous donation, his family wishing money they received from his insurance company to help others to have the long life he was denied.



Thor's birthday in July will be marked by the family, accompanied by friends scattering his ashes at his favourite walking spot, surrounded by doggie friends.

Nellie

In May, fundraiser and rescue advocate Julia made the toughest decision, to have her beloved Nellie put to sleep following a rapid, devastating decline in Nellie's health. After years spent in the breeding industry, unnamed and invisible to the outside world, Nellie's life had great purpose through the six and a half years she lived with Julia. Drawing inspiration from her, Julia speaks up for rescue dogs through an active social media presence and has raised thousands of pounds.



Nellie is greatly missed but in her memory Julia continues to support rescue dogs. Nellie's memorial fundraising has raised £1536 for Schnauzerfest.



Millie loved her beach walks

MILLIE'S MILES

We were delighted that our supporter Jayne Coughlan chose to support us for the second year running with her 1000 miles challenge for 2021.

Especially as every mile walked would be in memory of Millie, a miniature schnauzer who died suddenly in July 2020.

Jayne is a Schnauzerfest Fundraising Mentor, see more schnauzerfest.org/fundraise-for-schnauzerfest

Millie and her family are well known in the local dog community. Janet has since adopted Tuppance, and the fundraiser is being shared between Schnauzerfest and A Promise to Felix, the rescue which saved Tuppance from a life on the streets.

Half way through the year and Jayne is well over her target, she is doing amazingly well with miles walked and money raised.

"Millie loved nothing better than a group schnauzer walk at Brean Beach. She would sing the whole way up the beach and back. I'm sure that Millie is looking down on Jayne and her dogs as they progress through the challenge this year and would have loved to have accompanied them on their walks."

Janet, founder of Southwest Schnauzer Walking group.

SUPPORT IN CORNWALL

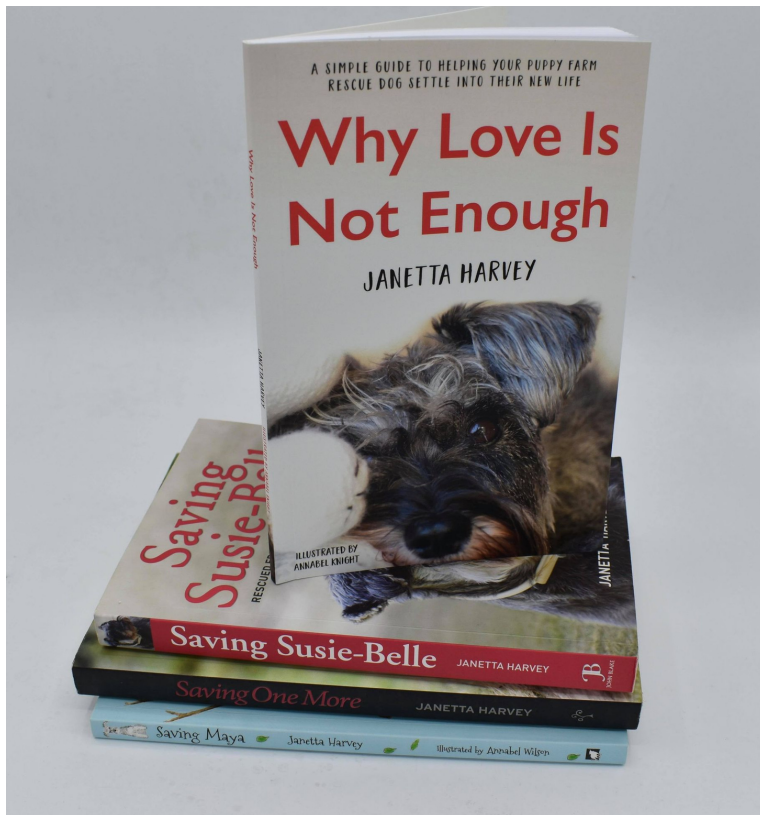
Julie Medforth has embraced fundraising for us this year and persuaded her sister to join in too. During lockdown Julie's sister and fiance renovated their Cornish touring park making a great dog friendly, Schnauzerfest supporting venue near the village of Chacewater which is not far from Truro. Julie's range of candles, wax wraps and chutneys are being sold in the onsite shop with proceeds being donated to the charity.

Killiwerris Touring Park
killiwerris.co.uk



Ringo & Zippy approving the display

NEW BOOK TO HELP ADOPTERS



JANETTA HARVEY author and founder of the charity has a new book out.

"Why Love Is Not Enough" is a simple guide to help adopters understand what their rescue dogs might have experienced in the breeding industry. The book is full of tips and advice, and is the essential handbook for anyone wanting to do the very best to help their dogs settle into fulfilling lives.

"This is a fantastic resource if you're planning to give a home to a puppy farm dog. It gives some great tips which help you understand your dog from the moment you meet. Really informative. I couldn't recommend it more."

Isabell Lotz

"It's comprehensive yet concise...a must read."

Jo Wilson

All books are available from the Schnauzerfest online shop:
schnauzerfest.org/shop

Proceeds from the shop help the charity deliver support to rescues.



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