

SCHNAUZERFEST NEWS



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AN ABUNDANCE OF THANKS

Summer is racing along and what a summer it is. The recent heatwave which affected many in the UK certainly brought challenges for rescues around the country. Keeping one dog cool, comfy and happy when temperatures soar is a feat, imagine doing it many times over. But, if there's one thing we know from the world of rescue, rising to challenges is all part of it. We are very thankful for the hard work they do. And with your generous help, we're proud to play a role in supporting good rescue work.

In this issue we bring news of where your wonderful support goes, and how our small charity reaches far and wide helping to change lives. From being a fundraiser for one rescue in the south of England, Schnauzerfest, as a registered charity now helps many around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. With you alongside us, Schnauzerfest delivers help where it's needed. Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORT

This is now filed with the Charity Commission. While it's a legal requirement, we enjoyed writing it and looking back on our second year working as a charity. The full report can be read on our website. Do take a browse. We hope you'll enjoy seeing exactly what a difference you've helped to make to the lives of many dogs and people.

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

WE WENT TO A SHOW!

THE PREDICTED ANIMAL CRISIS IS HERE

PIPPA'S SURGERY HEALED MORE THAN HER LEG

FUNDRAISING RUNS, A PICNIC AND LOTS OF FUN



ALL ABOUT DOGS WAS A LOT OF FUN

April saw us join thousands of others at the All About Dogs Show at Newbury Showground. It was the first event of its kind for Schnauzerfest since we gained registered charity status. For a small volunteer-run charity it was an exciting decision to be part of something like it, and a little daunting.

But we need not have worried. Our small band of volunteers pulled out all the stops. We got organised in good time and a number of private donors helped us with the costs, easing any financial concerns about taking it on.

The sun shone and the crowds came. We talked to everyone who stopped by our stall about puppy farming, the hard work done by rescues and how we support them. A common theme for those we chatted to, was how big a part of their lives walking with their dogs plays in their mutual happiness. Music to the ears of a charity which champions dog walks! There were many highlights during the weekend. We renewed old friendships and made many new.

It was great to be out again connecting after recent years of restrictions. Some people came to the stall knowing little or nothing about Schnauzerfest but leaving a lot wiser and happy to help in future. We met others who regularly fundraise, organise walks, or who love being part in one way or another of the work the charity does. One thing was clear, Schnauzerfest is out there in the world, bold and bright and making a difference.

Some of the dogs who know this first hand were around over the weekend and it was a great pleasure for everyone to meet them. As well as raising awareness of rescue work, puppy farming and the terrible toll it takes on dogs, we also raised money for the charity. People kindly made donations and bought items from the stall. Some pledged to set up regular monthly donations. At a time when things are not at all easy for people, the generosity shown was greatly appreciated.





PAWS IN THE PARK HERE WE COME

Following the success of All About Dogs for the charity, we're heading to the Paws in the Park Kent Show on 17-18 September.

Set in rolling Kent countryside, Kent Showground is easily accessible from the M25, M20, M2 and London. It's set to be a perfect weekend for all the family. If the weather tries to throw a spanner in the works, there's plenty of weather-proof activities too. We'll be there with our can't-be-missed orange gazebo and stall and look forward to meeting as many supporters as possible.

Book tickets for the show
www.pawsinthepark.net/buy-tickets-now

NOMINATE AND HELP US WIN £1000

The Movement For Good Awards is an annual platform set up by the businesses that make up the Benefact group. This year £1 million is being donated. We tried in the first round to be one of the chosen charities to receive £1000 and weren't successful. But, with your help we're giving it another go for the September round.



We need people to nominate us. The more that a charity receives, the greater the chance of winning. So, once you've nominated Schnauzerfest could we ask an extra favour and ask you please to spread the word with your friends and family. It costs nothing but a minute or two of time. And it might be your vote that tips our luck.

When you nominate you'll need our charity number 1185975

Nominate Schnauzerfest
<https://movementforgood.com>

SADLY AN ANIMAL WELFARE CRISIS IS WITH US

As a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) we are seeing how hard it is at the moment for many of the country's rescues. While rescue work is never easy, it seems that this is the start of a real crisis caused by a rise in pet ownership rates in the pandemic colliding with cost-of-living pressures. ADCH members are seeing an increase in animals coming into care with centres full or close to capacity, as rehoming slows down and more people are looking to give up their pets.

Recent research by the ADCH shows that demand for rescue dogs has declined in the past year while the number of dogs being abandoned is higher in 2022 than 2021 and 2020.

70% of ADCH member rescues surveyed, report an influx of dogs with behavioural issues. This is in line with studies indicating that inexperienced dog owners are giving up dogs they acquired during lockdown and are now unable to care for, due to a variety of factors.

Halita Obineche, Executive Director of ADCH, says:

"There was a huge surge in people getting pets in lockdown and we are dealing with the fallout. Inexperienced owners unable to manage pets with behavioural issues caused by poor training and a lack of socialisation; workers returning to the office; and now the rising cost of living, all combining to create a national animal welfare crisis."

As well as giving as much financial help to rescues to pay vet bills as possible, Schnauzerfest is determined to promote pet adoption. **If you've been thinking you might one day foster or adopt a dog, now is the time to act. Rescues need money and they need people to adopt.**

Donate to help us help the rescues

schnauzerfest.org/donate





PIPPA'S FUTURE IS FAR BRIGHTER NOW

When Pippa's rescue asked us to help with the costs of orthopedic surgery we knew how vital it was for her to be pain free and mobile. Pippa was struggling physically and emotionally to adapt to life out of the puppy farm where she'd spent years as a breeding dog.

For some, the adjustment can be hard, as, however terrible the conditions they lived in were, it was a familiarity they'd learned to endure and survive in. When dogs are released or seized out of the breeding industry they often take with them many years of psychological as well as physical damage. Pippa had both to recover from.

A Grant was quickly agreed and her leg surgery went ahead.

A few weeks on and Pippa is doing really well. She's steadily getting into a more normal routine with her family.

Julie tells us more about their journey together,

"Pippa is by far was the most damaged dog I have ever had. I don't think that she will ever fully recover as she is severely emotionally damaged. However, she has made great progress, even if the average person may not think so. She used to sit in the furthest corner of the garden and hide, now, with her surgery, she definitely wanted me, saw me as comfort."

"I AM TRULY GRATEFUL TO HAVE PIPPA AND FOR ALL YOUR HELP."



BERKSHIRE SUPPORTERS DONATE £250

In June, Anne, one of our Trustees met Minesh and his family to collect a very generous £250 donation cheque from RKP Wealth Management. They came to know about Schnauzerfest through walking with other supporters in Berkshire.

Minesh,

"We became dog owners in 2020 and naturally we fell in love with our miniature schnauzer, Indy. After hearing about the amazing work Schnauzerfest do to raise money for rescue dogs and raise awareness of the cruel world of puppy farming it was impossible for us to not donate and support this wonderful charity."

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To find a local walking group visit

schnauzerfest.org/walking-for-schnauzerfest

10K RUNS RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS

In April long time supporter Jeremy ran the Brighton 10K for Schnauzerfest raising an amazing £550. His dogs Trevor and Geof cheered him along as only schnauzers can.

“SCHNAUZERFEST IS A CHARITY DEAR TO MY HEART AND AS I WASN'T ABLE TO HOST A WALK LAST YEAR, I DECIDED TO GET TRAINING AND START RUNNING.”



Paul Scott ran the hot streets of London on July 10th in the ASICS London 10K. We are very grateful that Paul not only ran it, but did it safely and fast and raised £140 along the way! Last year Paul walked Hadrian's Wall for Schnauzerfest, we must ask him which was toughest!

PICNIC IN BRISTOL

A beautiful June day saw supporters in Bristol gathering for a summer picnic in aid of the charity.

Among guests was little Moo, who a few months ago was critically ill. A Schnauzerfest Grant ensured her treatment costs were covered which helped her rescue and adopters at a distressing and worrying time.

What a lovely first summer out of a puppy farm Moo is enjoying.



"Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Bristol Schnauzer picnic. We raised £84 for the charity and were joined by Moo (formerly Minnie) who is a beneficiary of Schnauzerfest."

Alice and Rachel, organisers.

JAN TOMALIN JOINS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

"As a long term supporter of the charity I am delighted to join the Board of Trustees. Dexter was the first schnauzer to enhance my life - a wonderful character, as schnauzers are. I had left my role as Controller of Legal & Compliance at Channel 4 Television to start my own media law practice, working from home, which enabled me to have a dog. In 2013, I adopted Dolly. Janetta's first book about her beloved rescue dog, Susie-Belle, who inspired her to start Schnauzerfest, was an invaluable resource, clearly explaining the needs and challenges of adopting a dog who had been damaged by her years breeding in a puppy farm. In 2015 I adopted Wilf, an older ex-stud puppy farm dog. They all bring me joy daily and I have been lucky enough to make friends with other fantastic Schnauzerfesters and their lovely dogs.

I hope my skills and experience will be a useful addition to the charity and that, with the invaluable help of our generous supporters, Schnauzerfest will continue to go from strength to strength."



THE ARNOLD CLARK COMMUNITY FUND AWARDS US £1000

We were delighted to be awarded £1000 from the Arnold Clark Community Fund. This enabled a Schnauzerfest Grant to go to Arundawn Dog Rescue in Sussex.

Even when the rescue is already working at capacity, under high pressure and helping the most vulnerable at risk dogs, Arundawn helps Schnauzerfest when owners ask us for help rehoming their dogs. The £1000 Grant will pay veterinary costs for dogs in Arundawn's care.



Baloo, was successfully rehomed by Arundawn when we were asked to help his previous owners.
(photo credit: Arundawn).

WHY MONTHLY DONORS MEAN MORE THAN MONEY

The kindness and generosity of every supporter keeps us going. Without it we could not give the rescues the help they need now more than ever. By becoming a regular donor you not only do this, but you help us to plan ahead. This is key for a young charity to do. It's a great thing knowing we have you alongside us every month.

To support with a regular donation visit

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