

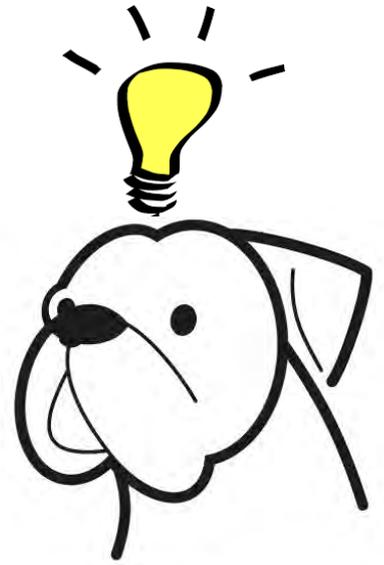
Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue

Dedicated to the welfare and protection of Boxer dogs

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Newsletter 2016

So what is involved in a Rescue..?



Letter from the Chair...

Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking you all for your support, without you NAYBR could not continue or to grow as it has done so successfully since its inception.

I would like to thank all of the trustees and coordinators for their dedication and continued hard work over the past 12 months, especially Lorraine Brown our Events Coordinator for the amazing work she has done for the rescue.

NAYBR has only been going since August 2010 and in that time we have achieved so much. We are now one of, if not the best, Boxer Rescue in this country and our constitution mandate has and will always be what we strive

to be; that is for the betterment of all Boxers that we come into contact with. It is also to give help to owners with advice and support, this is achieved by the continued follow up calls that we do.

Since last year's newsletter, we have successfully re-homed 47 and placed into foster care 14 Boxers, an amazing amount.

All monies that NAYBR take in each year pay for the kennel fees, veterinary care and medication. It also pays for the maintenance and purchases of gazebos, along with the running costs of our vehicle. I would like to point out that no one in the Rescue takes a wage, we are all volunteers and give up our time freely.

Through all the hard work of



fundraising and donations we now have a marquee that has our own "Bryan" on it which stands out. This assists in quickly identifying us at the events that we attend all around the country.

Once again thank you to all our members for your continued support and we hope to see you at the "Funday".

Ian Kearney

Chair NAYBR

A brief note from us all...

Here at NAYBR we pride ourselves on our team spirit and we strive to be the most ethical and professional organisation we can be. Helping dogs in need requires a team built with a full range of strengths, from people that can deal with dogs patiently and compassionately, to fundraisers that battle the cold and wet. We need promoters who can create events that are both fun packed as well as safe; we are so lucky in this respect to have Lorraine Brown who despite battling illness still makes these wonderful days happen. Technical improvements make us more efficient and helps raise awareness over Social Media and the Internet. A big thank you must go to David Harris for building us this fresh new website. We take administration very seriously and we are proud to be a registered charity as well as a recognised breed rescue with the Kennel Club. Not many UK breed rescues can boast our CV and we will continue to build on this whilst ever there are boxer dogs in need. Recently we have seen our funds being really stretched due to more older dogs being given up or forgotten; this really is a time to stand together and to offer strength and support to each other, as you can appreciate our spirit is often tested.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and would love you to be part of this wonderful pack.

Our very best wishes to you all,
Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue



Winston's Story (A lesson in identifying a behaviourist)...

As a rescue we often get contacted by owners about behavioural problems and sometimes get asked about trainers / behaviourists. People are unaware that ANYONE can call themselves a behaviourist and getting the wrong advice can result in disaster!

One day we were contacted by a "behaviourist" from Wales who had in her care a boxer called Winston. She told us she was an adviser to royalty and celebs and she'd been asked to assess this dog. In her opinion he was "seriously aggressive" and could we take him. If we didn't take him she said he was being moved the next day and didn't know where he'd end up!

So off we set to Wales, not knowing what we were going to find. The staff at the kennels were warned that we were bringing in a dog with serious issues and we were all very worried as to how dangerous he actually was.

The van pulled up at the kennels and off popped the most wonderful, handsome boy. No sign of any aggression what so ever. In fact totally the opposite. We had to assess him over time of course and look at his behaviour in depth.

After some time in kennels Winston had a short stay for assessment in the home of Lesley and Ian to see how he reacted in a home environment.....still a very good boy. He returned to kennels and we looked for a longer term foster for him.

Then one day we got the call we'd been waiting for. Lynne and David Morton had seen our appeal for a foster for him and wanted to help. No young children, no other dogs, at home most of the time and with boxer experience. They were perfect!

They passed the homecheck with flying colours and came down to meet him. We all spent a lot of time together with them and Winston and going through all his training etc. Winston also had allergies so this also needed to be addressed.

Then the day finally arrived and Lynne came over to the kennels to collect him and take him HOME. She had already said that if all went well they'd be adopting him but because he'd been labelled as "seriously aggressive" we had to be extra careful that he was safe in the family in which he'd been placed.

On 22nd March 2016 Winston was signed over to Lynne and David and they officially became his forever family. He is the most wonderful, gentle boy, good with people and other dogs. Here is what Lynne says about him.....

"He is amazing! He plays with every dog he passes, he is great with everybody he meets along the way, thank you for believing in him and us to be the family for him. We love him so much."

A happy ending for Winston but only because we do our own assessments on dogs in rescue and are trained and supported by Kim Hunt who is a fully qualified canine behaviourist. The woman who called herself a "behaviourist" and labelled Winston as seriously aggressive had NO qualifications what so ever, just a very clever website. She does however, charge £170 for a half hour assessment. You can draw your own conclusions from that.

So please note. If you are having behavioural problems or looking for a trainer please, please be careful and choose wisely. Look for a formal set of qualifications and ask questions. A qualified canine behaviourist will have studied and gained a degree in the subject and not just been on a quick course somewhere.

Making the wrong choices for your dog not only may not help with the behaviour you are trying to change but also may make matters worse. In Winston's case it could have cost him his life!



Bryan interviews the team...

We sent our rover reporter out to ask the questions that you wanted answering..!

So tell me Tracy, how long has Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Recue been established and how has it grown? As Founder and General Manager, you must have seen some changes?

Well Bryan, Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue started life as just a dream amongst friends some 6 years ago. I'd seen how some rescues operate and didn't agree with their lack of ethical practices and thought to myself "there must be a better way!"

We didn't have a penny, we didn't have kennels Just a determination to change things for the better.

I never imaged that the rescue would grow into such a success and one of the proudest days of my life was when we were awarded charity status. I have one big dream and that is that we would one day have our own kennelsbut who knows what tomorrow will bring..?

Gail, as a Coordinator receiving calls, what kind of help can NAYBR offer?

Hello Bryan, here at the rescue we receive many various phone calls, some are asking for help and advice on behaviour issues and some want to know how to help out the rescue with either donations of money, food or volunteering enquiries. We are very lucky to have a lot of experienced Boxer/dog owners within our rescue and these are all passed on to the relevant people who are happy to help out our callers whether they are members of NAYBR or not. NAYBR also gives support to people who are experiencing tragic news of their dog about to go to the Rainbow Bridge or the joyous news of a new addition to their family. For people who do not have internet access the phone line is very important as lots of information can be obtained this way - applying for adoption, rehoming, event information or a friendly ear if needed when concerned about your dog. So you asked me 'What kind of help can NAYBR offer?' We try our very best to help whenever / wherever possible.

Lesley, as a Trustee you are obviously passionate about boxers; what makes them so special as a breed?

Yes you are right about me being passionate about Boxers. They are such a unique breed, loyal, loving and full of fun.

I truly believe that once you have been privileged enough to have owned a Boxer, you would find it hard to match their faithfulness and of course their quirky ways.

May I add a thank you for being such a good ambassador for our rescue.

Lorraine, what kind of events do NAYBR organise throughout the year; as a Trustee you must always be wanting to promote the good work of NAYBR?

Hello Bryan - events are seen as an essential part of the Rescue, our main Fun Day is on the 10th July but we also attend 5 All About Dogs/Aztec events, smaller village fete events as well as fund-raising at Pets at Home stores and supermarket bag packing. If we have a team available we will attend as many events as we can, this is an ideal opportunity to promote the rescue by speaking to members of the public about fostering/adopting and of course fund raising.

All the events we attend are listed on the Events page of the web site and manned by volunteers, so if you are at a loose end and wish to join us, come on down!



Sue, being Volunteers Coordinator, what advice would you give to someone who would like to help but who are unsure about what they can do?

There are so many ways you can offer your help to NAYBR, whether it be by giving a few hours helping out at one of our fundraising events for example; helping to put up/take down the tents and gazebos and lending a hand with selling merchandise, signing people and their dogs up for the fun dog shows, chatting to the public about how you became involved with NAYBR..... you can donate goods for the tobola and raffles we hold at events, contact your local supermarkets to ask if we can have a bag packing event to raise funds or have an NAYBR stall in store for a day, raising awareness of NAYBR and providing members of the public with information about the work we do and why we do it..... hold a car boot sale at your local car booting venue.... ask for sponsorship to raise funds by running a marathon, losing weight, sky diving carry out home checks and transport dogs safely for us....foster a dog while it waits for a new forever home... There are so many ways you can help out and the boxer dogs who come to us in their hour of need will be the ones who benefit the most from your help!

Remember, every single one of us who are now involved with the rescue felt pretty much the same as you in the beginning, we all wanted to help but perhaps (in my case, certainly!) felt a bit anxious and nervous about volunteering and didn't really know what we could offer. I'm more than willing to support and guide you until you feel more confident and new fund raising ideas are always welcome... and if you need to know about something I'm not sure about, there will always be someone I can contact who will be able to provide the answer, guaranteed!



Fiona, you as the Fostering Coordinator must need more fosterers, what would you say to anyone that is considering fostering for NAYBR; what do they need to offer?

I have been fostering co-ordinator for NAYBR for a number of years now and we have had some very successful foster placements during this time and still have, for which I am very grateful. I believe that anyone considering fostering must first and foremost be motivated by their desire to help a boxer in need. The dogs that need a foster home are often those for whom it would be difficult to find an adopter. We are ideally looking for people who have experience with the breed and understand that a rescue dog may need extra time and patience. I would like anyone thinking about applying to consider whether or not they can offer the right environment for a large breed rescue dog to adjust to new surroundings and be able to commit to helping the dog on his/her road to becoming the much loved family pet that they deserve and that so many of our boxers have now achieved.



Lisa, you're a Coordinator; how rewarding is it when you rehome a dog to its new family?

Hi Bryan, it's always a great feeling when we get a correct match and see a dog go to its new home, however there is a lot of work behind the scenes to get to this point, assessment and matching is taken very seriously then there's meet and greets and home checks before a dog can go. But for me there's always an element of sadness watching a dog I've grown to know well leave for its new adventures. But the best thing is seeing progress reports on Facebook and photographs of dogs and families settling in and their adventures in their new forever homes this always makes me smile.

Nicola, the Yorkshire Coordinator must see and hear some sad stories; what makes it all worthwhile?

Hi Bryan

Being involved with a rescue can be incredibly upsetting at times, it's never easy seeing a dog in a bad state or really scared. It helps to be part of such a wonderful team who are always there to give support and to talk to about the upsetting side of the rescue - we're all here to help each other and I find that invaluable.

The thing that makes being involved with the rescue absolutely worthwhile is seeing the dogs go off to their new homes and receiving all the updates about how they are settling into their new lives. Getting the match right between the dog and its new owner is so important - it not only changes the dog's life but also that of its new family. Bruce and Mindy changed my life and for that I will forever be grateful.

Mr Chairman, or may I call you Ian? What are the future goals of NAYBR?

I have many aspirations for the future of the rescue, here are some that I believe to be achievable.

I hope that we can encourage more people to offer whatever assistance to the rescue in any way they can, especially at events where we do sometimes struggle with setting up and running shows etc.

I would like NAYBR to expand to become nationwide.

As we are now a registered charity, it would be so nice to have a well-known patron on board to promote the rescue further.

It would be good to have all of our Gazebo's as nice as the sign written one, (with your face on of course), that we have recently purchased.

Finally it would be truly amazing for the rescue to own their own kennels, this would assist in reducing costs dramatically.

Thank you Bryan and all the volunteers for another successful year, may we continue to grow.



Jules, it must have been a lot of work for you as the Secretary to help NAYBR becoming a Registered Charity; how does this make us stand out as a rescue?

Becoming a registered charity was one of our goals a few years ago and achieving this status was a very proud moment for us all. We wanted to show the public, who trust us with their donations, that they can have complete confidence in our organisation. We feel that being open and accountable makes our rescue stand out from the others. Every penny donated goes towards helping boxers and having charity status helps us to be taken seriously by other respected organisations.

Another great benefit of being a registered charity is that we are entitled to Gift Aid so all your kind donations are enhanced by a further 25%. You simply have to be a UK tax payer! I'd say it was worth any hard work and has been a great boost to NAYBR and all the dogs that come to us!

Jo, the Rescue obviously has large bills for veterinary care and kennel space; how important is it that we all continue to fund raise so you as Treasurer can ensure these bills are paid?

As a rescue our biggest expenditure is on veterinary care and kennel space, without the continued fundraising we wouldn't be able to take in all the boxers that need our help, many often come in with medical issues too, as a rescue we get no funding so we have to raise ALL the funds ourselves.



Emma, the Fundraising and Donations Coordinator must be always looking out for corporate as well as private sponsorship; what should people do if they know of anyone that may be able to help us?

Well Bryan, we are quite a tech savvy bunch here at NAYBR, our Facebook page is a great port of call and I am always there, posting pictures of my own Boxer, and I'm more than happy for people to get in touch via private message. There is also our website, where you will find my mobile number, so you could call or drop me a text. Building relationships with large companies as well as small businesses is such an important part of what we do, as it opens up other avenues for fundraising opportunities, donations and contacts of people interested in fostering or adopting, which is ultimately why we are here.



Matt, how do you spread the word about the work of NAYBR; you as Vice Chair must want to shout about it?

Well Bryan,

We use all kinds of platforms to promote ourselves; our website is very important to us as well as Social Media. We have Facebook pages and Twitter feeds; we use Instagram to show photos of our dogs and not forgetting YouTube for our videos. Our EBay shop has our merchandise showing off our logo beautifully; your face looks great by the way..!

We are however traditional at heart and nothing beats talking to the public about what we do, hopefully face to face at one of our events.

Karen, being the Head Coordinator, how important is team work within the rescue?

Teamwork is necessary to keep the rescue up and running smoothly, 4 of our coordinators currently work alternative weekends on call where we walk and assess the dogs in our kennels. Bring in a dog, re-home or do a meet and greet with a potential new owner. It is vital to the rescue to have volunteers/coordinators working together to do this as it allows us to assess as a collective and share information on how a dog is coming along, How and where best to re-home.

All about Funday...

Sunday 12th July 2015 saw a very special day for us, it was our annual Funday; despite a rainy start the sun came out and we had a wonderful day. This event has become a regular in our calendar and brings together all the NAYBR family to have fun with their dogs, catch up with friends and all for a very worthy cause. It is only through the hard work of our volunteers giving up their time that we are able to create a day that we are always incredibly proud of. As well as the usual stalls, raffles, auction and games we held our now familiar Fun Dog Show; always open to all breeds and this year will be no different.

We had a petting zoo with creepy crawlies as well as some more 'cuddly' types..!

The kids zone had fun and games, as well as a colouring competition; there was even a doggie talent competition.

The team are always prepared to go the extra mile (they don't really have a comfort zone) so with a lot of practice and nervousness a dance troop was created for one day only, MONSTROSITY strutted their stuff.

This is our very own event and we would love to see you and your dogs there this year; it's free entry so that must be greeeat value for money..!



Funfair Kids fun area Icecreams

Circus skills, have a free go...!

Petting zoo, creepy and cuddly options...!

Stalls Live auction Tombola

FAMILY FUNDAY



With DOGSHOW



**Golden ticket prize draw
(top prize flat screen TV/DVD player)**

Music from our compère Andy

Raffle, top prize £200

Meet some of our special guests, Peppa Pig, Minion, Ninja Turtle



**In attendance will be the
Mayor of Gedling**



Sunday 10th July

11:00am to 5:00pm

Thackerays Park Arnold—Notts—NG5 4HP

DOG SHOW CLASSES:

**Most Fabulous Family
Loveliest Lady
Most fabulous Fella
Best Rescue Dog
Best Junior Handler
Most Gorgeous Golden Oldie
Best Paw Shaker
Musical Sits
Judges Own Favourite
Most Awesome Eyes**

**Best in Show and
Reserve receive a
Trophy
ALL BREEDS
WELCOME..!**

**Meet some of our
special guests,
Peppa Pig
Minion
Ninja Turtle**

**Doggie obstacle
challenge**

**Raffle, top prize
£200**

Golden ticket prize draw

Andy runs for the 'Golden Oldies'...

On the 26th April 2016, Andy Gibson did something amazing; he ran the London Marathon for NAYBR.

This is his story....

Sadly, in December 2014 my Boxer dog Tango died at the age of 11. After a month or so the house felt empty without a dog, so we decided that we would like to have another Boxer, but this time we agreed to give a home to a rescue dog. In January 2015 we contacted the Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue (NAYBR), who after a home visit to check our suitability, offered us a lovely old fella called Louie, who was almost 10 years old. They didn't know all of his history but he had been spending most of his time living in a garage. When we first got him, he was very nervous but he soon started to make himself at home. After attending a Fun Day last year, organised by the charity, I decided I would like to raise some much needed funds for them. The charity is run voluntarily by amazing people, none of them get paid a penny for all the hard work they do trying to rescue and give Boxer Dogs a better life. I started training for the marathon last December, realising what commitment was needed having completed 2 marathons in the previous 2 years. The training was going well until about 6 weeks before the big day, when I picked up a calf injury. This really affected my training and left me doubtful about even being able to take my place on the start line. After a lot of rest, heat and ice, sports massage and having my calf taped up, despite my lack of proper preparation I did make it to the start on 24th April. It was an amazing experience with spectators lining the whole course. The weather was perfect and I made it to around 15 miles before my lack of fitness crept up on me. From then on it was a case of just getting to the finish line any way I could. This involved walking/jogging the last 11 miles. With wonderful encouragement and support from the crowds of spectators and other runners I finally finished in 4 hours 49 minutes and 51 seconds.

This was my third marathon and despite this years trials and tribulations I am already looking forward to running another marathon next year, but I don't yet know where.

People can still donate here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Andy-Gibson67>

Editorial Note:

We must thank Andy's employer, Johnson Matthey for their very generous donation of an extra £1,000 to his total. Thanks guys..!



Ollie's Story...

Hi it's Ollie and I just wanted to tell you my story.

It was early January 2016 and I was at home when a lovely couple (their names were Matthew and Nicola I think) came to see me. Apparently I was being a bad boy at home and my humans couldn't cope with me anymore (for goodness sake I was 3 yrs old and thought they loved me)I wasn't sure I was being bad as being deaf I couldn't hear their commands and requests for good behaviour and they really hadn't helped me by not communicating with hand signals.

I was very pleased to see these new humans, as they seemed to understand that I couldn't hear, and they showed me kindness and stroked me. Well I jumped in the car and off we went. I arrived at a funny place, there were lots of dogs and more humans but they fed me well and I had my own space. Of course I couldn't hear the other dogs all shouting away and the humans there said I was a good boy and that I got on well with the other dogs. I was being looked after by something called NAYBR Boxer Rescue.....whatever that was, but they were very kind to me. A little later on I got to go to a new house and after a visit to the vet (not sure I liked that) was allowed to stay to recover.....they had a cat and I was a good boy....I liked the cat. I was sad when I had to go back to kennels but they were all very kind to me. After a while the rescue said that they had found me a foster home and I went to stay but I got things wrong again and had to come back to the doggy place. That made me quite sad, and despite them looking after me well I was losing weight and getting more and more stressed. Well, and here is where it gets really exciting, on the 13th February I had a visitor, it was a very pretty white boxer called Mollie and her humans. Mollie was also deaf JUST like me but I noticed they didn't shout and push her they just seemed to wave their hands around and Mollie just seemed to react.....strange dog.

The funny humans started waving their hands at me and being as Mollie was doing it I thought I'd copy her....amazing they gave me treats and made the thumbs up sign and fussed me.....me being good of course I was. It didn't last for long though.....the humans and Mollie went away and I had to go back to my kennel. That made me sad again.....but at least I had shown I was a bright boy and I did love all the praise. I woke up next day and I was back in my kennel, the humans were kind to me but I was unhappy. Around lunchtime the humans from yesterday came back and I made a big fuss of them.....they put me in the car and took me for a walk....yay Mollie was there too and there was a really tall, Red boxer....he was called Kendal. We had a lovely walk and then they took me back to kennels.....even though I was very well looked after I was sad again....I had had so much fun and I had remembered some of the hand waves from the day before. The next day the humans came back and I went off in the car again. When we stopped I was taken into the garden and through the window I could see MOLLIE and KENDAL.....I was so happy. After a while we were all allowed to say hello and I found out that this was where they lived....no kennel for them. Anyhow after playing for a while we all had some food and the humans said I could stay for the night.....as long as I was a good boy.....yay a comfy bed and no kennel. The next day came and went and the

next....I had Mollie and Kendal to play with, the humans were really kind and told me I was good boy and that I was also very clever , learning all the hand waving stuff. Apparently I was now being fostered; I liked that. I went to a strange house with lots of dogs and humans and really enjoyed learning to say hello nicely and they made me do all these funny things....TRAINING they called it. Well to cut a long story short, after about 3 weeks the humans started waving their hands about and telling me I was a good boy and that I would not be going back to kennels; I had been adopted.....I love my humans and my fur brother and sister and after all the hard times I finally feel understood, loved and trusted.

Thank you NAYBR for coming to get me from my old life and finding me my new human and forever family.



So what's life like with a deaf dog..?

We do see deaf dogs come into rescue and there are a lot of myths surrounding them.

Our friend Mark Fenton kindly shares his experience....

Basically:

1) No different 2) Rewarding 3) Easy to train

So where do you begin?

* Keep it simple

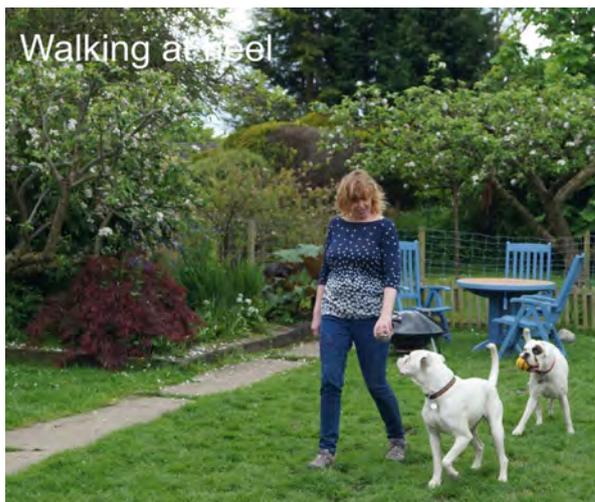
* Be consistent

* Reward correct responses

* Do not get cross/frustrated if they get it wrong.....just reinforce and praise when they get it right

* Choose your signs and stick with them (there are many signs some use British Sign and there are many resources including the Deaf Dog Network) but remember it's your dog and you are teaching communication so as long as the signs are clear and differentiated you can improvise

* Be positive at all times, you need to build trust and a bond with your dog to be successful



So what do I do?

The dog is deaf so you need to establish a way of getting eye contact first and foremost.....this is easier than you would think as your dog will want to engage with you and read your facial and body language. Many use a simple point to your own eye as a way of establishing you want to communicate....."look at me" is what you are teaching. If you get eye contact then reward (treats, belly rub or a simple pat) are all good.

Couple this with a reward sign.....I use a thumbs up to indicate "well done", "good boy/girl.....for Mollie and Ollie this has evolved to a double thumbs up for "really good" and they both adore a "double thumbs up" coupled with a "bum wiggle" and this means , to them, that they have done really well and is a very positive reward for the behaviour you want/asked for.

We use the thumbs up for reassurance and as a general greeting too.

Once you have established a good eye contact routine and your dog is checking for your hand signs you can use eye following of your hand to establish that you want your dog to move in a certain direction/ or to a certain place

For a sit we reinforce the behaviour by standing close and getting your dog to look up at the sign. In this case it's a raised finger, by being close as your dog looks up, it almost forces them to sitagain reward and praise using treats, belly rubs etc. and don't forget to give your thumbs up for well done.

With more sit training you can reinforce a sit at a distance by raising your hand higher (and we take a step forward too). Never forget the thumbs up to reassure your dog that he/she has got it right (eventually the "thumbs up" becomes the reward and we no longer use treats for distance sits)

But what about wait?.....we use a hand up with palms out, (or both hands) and again reward using your reward sign. This needs to be gradually built up a step away at a time always keeping eye contact and reinforcing with the wait sign. As ever praise is required and we have found it easier to walk back in using the wait sign before giving the thumbs up and belly/chest rubs. Treats can also be given of course. Eventually it will be possible to circle your dog increasing the radius as you go. Your dog will just swivel on the spot to maintain its eye contact with you.

Heel walking can be taught using a treat in the hand.....keep looking down and encourage your dog to keep eye contact....rewarding all the way and we use a tap on our leg to reinforce that we want them to stay close. Don't forget your good boy/girl sign

Now the big one.....encouraging a check in..... (Eye contact at a distance). A long/lunging line is really good for this. Take your pup to an open area (preferably with few distractions) and allow them to wander the length of the line. When the line is fully out wait for eye contact and reward with "thumbs up" and then let them wander some more. For every look back/eye contact with you, give the "thumbs up" reward. Once you have established the check in you can start to bring your dog back in by reeling in the line and establishing a sign for "come in" we use "open, outstretched arms" as if to say time for a cuddle.....persevere and your dog will not wander far without you.

Of course there will be times when you want/need your dog to stop a particular activity or have a need to point out some danger or unwanted behaviour.....so we use a wagged finger and again praise when the activity ceases. For more definite finished/stop we use both hands palm outwards in a crossing motion. Do remember to reward if the outcome is what you want and do not get frustrated if this takes a while (none of like to stop when we are having fun)

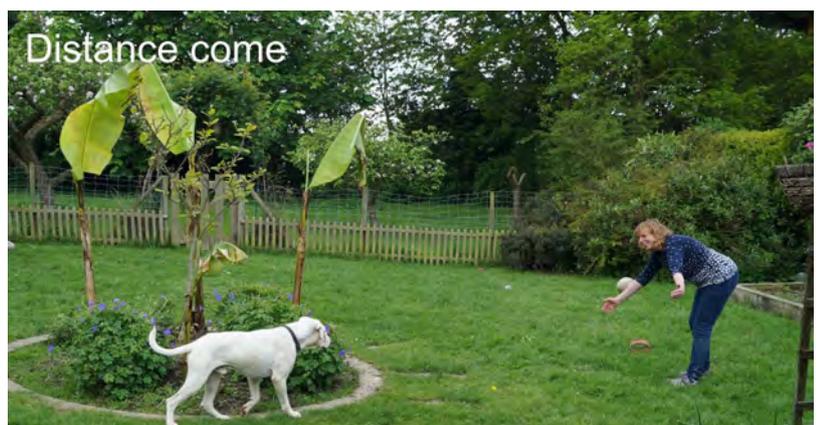
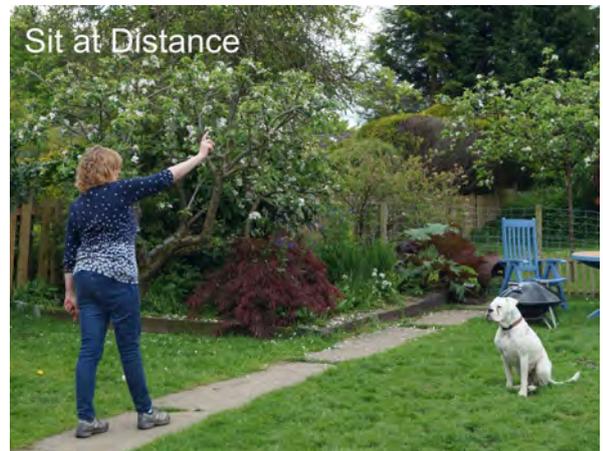
There that's a taste of how we have trained Mollie and Ollie and we are pleased to say that both pups can run free (in safe areas of course) and we are confident that they will not only check in regularly but will also come in to be leashed when the time arises.

You can obviously build up the signs over time and Mollie and Ollie have signs for lie down, bed etc.

For us I think we have found it easier to train the deaf duo than some hearing dogs.....

It just takes time, patience, consistency and of course lots of positive reward and praise

So in a word would we have another deaf dog....."YES"



What people get up to...

Do you think you may be able to raise some much needed funds for us; we rely entirely on the generous support of friends and businesses so if you can help please do.

Some things that people do for us include car boot sales; it's a great way to raise money and to recycle..! Big thanks to Fiona and Rob Leatherland for doing these, as well as Angela Kennedy with Tony Bourn. Ian Gott has been out car booting and Beau has been a real hit with the crowds; Go Beau..!

The lovely ladies at Calagran Four Paws Hotel held a giant Easter egg raffle which was a lovely (and tasty) idea; thanks ladies..!

Our Treasurer Jo Jenkins held a cake sale at her work; a great way to keep your work colleagues (and the boss) happy; thanks Jo.

We even had our good friend Fiona Neal doing a Santa Run for NAYBR; what a generous and thoughtful idea; Go Fiona..!

As you can see there are loads of things you can do and hopefully these few examples are some inspiration.....Thanks guys..!



Please get in touch...

At NAYBR we are always happy to hear from you and have created lots of ways to stay in touch. Whether you would like to adopt, foster or rehome a dog; we are always here to help.

If you would like to help us with fundraising, events or join the team then please let us know..!

Call us on **[07747 311624](tel:07747311624)**

Email us at: **info@nayboxerrescue.co.uk**

Facebook page: **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nayboxerrescue/>**

Twitter: **<https://twitter.com/NAYBR1>**

We have photos on Instagram: **<https://www.instagram.com/#nayboxerrescue>**

We have videos on YouTube: **<https://www.youtube.com/>**

Check us out on The Good Dog Guide: **<http://www.thegooddogguide.com/>**

We are a recognised breed rescue with The Kennel Club:
<http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/services/public/findarescue/>

All these details and more can be found on our website:

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Amber's Story (A true lady) ...

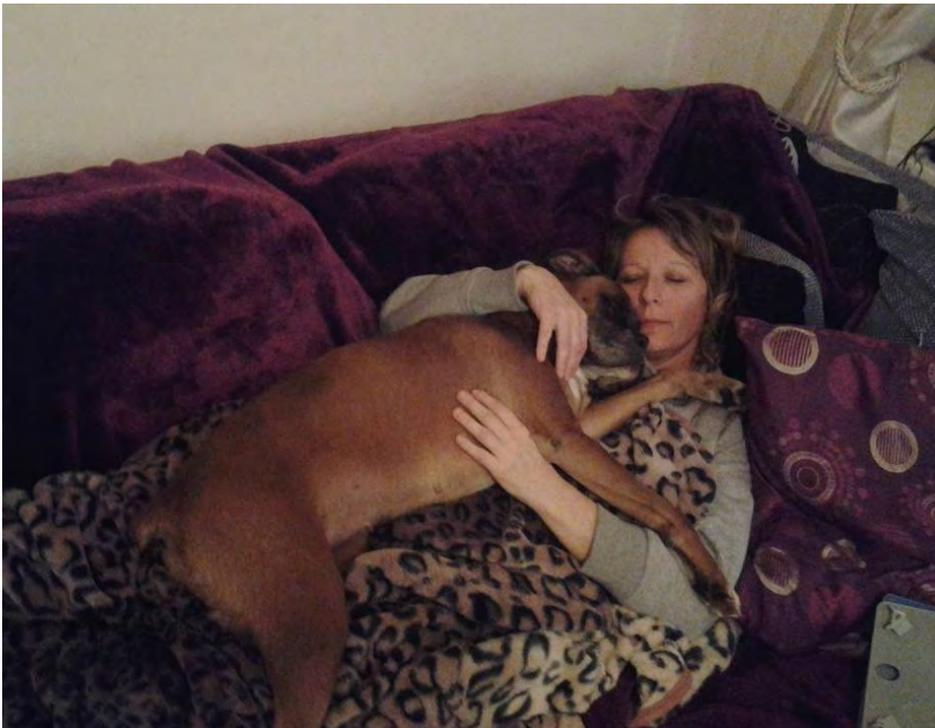
I can't remember how old I am in human years but the rescue think that I'm around 11 years young. I had these terrible lumps all over my body and somehow or other I ended up in a stray kennel. I was very sad and lonely and I worried that this is where I would end my days.

One morning a lovely man came and took me from my kennel and off we went on a car ride. I was enjoying the ride so much I really didn't want to go back and guess what.....I didn't!

When we got out of the car a lady and a man came out of a house with another dog. I didn't know at the time but this other boxer was going to be my foster brother and the man and lady were going to be my new foster Mum and Dad. We went a walk together then went back to the house that was going to become my home. I know I was a bit smelly so I had a nice bath and I settled on the sofa for some cuddles.

I had to have an operation to remove the lumps on my body and I had the most lovely, caring vet called Charlotte from Animal Doctor Vets who looked after me and her excellent care soon made me good as new.

Today I have the most wonderful life. Me and my boxer brother Woody are the very best of friends and my Mummy and Daddy have shown me that even old ladies like me can enjoy life again and be loved..xx



Bianca & Jet 'jump to it' with a sponsored skydive...



On Wednesday 19th August 2015 Jet Rutherford and Bianca Newbold both bravely completed a 14,000ft tandem Skydive from Langar airfield in Nottingham in aid of Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue; a charity close to both of their hearts.

Bianca said "I woke one morning to a text from Jet, Do you fancy jumping out of a plane with me?" I almost threw up reading it. I struggle watching others lean against ledges and was stuck sobbing in the loft once when the ladder fell down but when she said it was for NAYBR I instantly said yes, (not at first realising how scared Jet was too). It was months of torture, worry and what if this, what if that but we had amazing support to get us to the day without cardiac arrest and we did it..!

Members and supporters of NAYBR including a few Boxers also came along to support us on the day (Pictured right).

Donations were sent in from as far as the USA and were sent in memory of loved and lost furbabies. All the names of the lost ones were worn on our T shirts over skydive suits in mark of respect for them, including the beloved ambassador for NAYBR Merlin who sadly passed before the skydive. It is true on freefalling that Jet sailed through a rainbow, we both truly believe it was a sign.



The final amount raised was £2,360.

Thank you to everyone who supported and donated xx

As you know, no one at NAYBR takes a penny in wages for their hard work, they do it purely for the love of dogs and the priceless reward of changing dogs lives. Fundraising is vital in order pay vet's bills and kennelling fees so the least we can do is keep the volunteers and merchandise dry and safe, which is why we are proud to display out new events marquee showing Bryan's happy face. Our fundraising efforts cannot be hampered by the weather, the dogs need our support come rain or shine. Whilst ever there are dogs out in the cold and wet through no fault of their own, we will stand in the cold and rain to help them. A big Thank You to Boxer Building Services for their generous contribution..!

As always big thanks goes to the Aztec team for being great supporters of NAYBR and we always enjoy attending their shows and organising the Fun Dog Show. We also attend other events up and down so please keep your eye on Facebook and our website for further details.

Here are just a few of the places we will be this year:

Arnold Carnival 18th-19th June Nottingham

Horbury Show Sunday 26th June Horbury WF4 6NE

NAYBR FUN DAY Sunday 10th July Thackerays Park, Arnold NG5 4HP

All About Dogs 28th-29th August Norfolk NR5 0TT

Gedling Show Sunday 4th September Nottingham

All About Dogs 24th-25th Sept Hylands (Essex) CM2 8WQ

SANTA PAWS Sunday 4th December The Acacia Centre, Annesley Woodhouse NG17 9BH

Out and About...



There is no 'naughty list' for dogs...

Last year saw the start of something really special as an idea we had some time ago became a reality. During a committee meeting we came up with the idea of having a Santa Paws event where the dogs can meet Santa in his Grrrotto and receive a special gift and photo souvenirs of their special day. The event was more special than we could have dreamed of and a big thank you must go to the Acacia Centre team for allowing us to hold the event at Annesley Woodhouse. Dogs were welcomed into the centre so the weather (which was kind anyway) could not spoil our special day.



Over 100 dogs of all breeds came to see Santa and the response from everyone was truly heart warming; we had live music, stalls, food and loads of Christmas gift and treat ideas.



We had crafts and games and what seemed an endless row of raffle prizes.

No event would be complete without our Fun Dog Show and the Christmas theme categories bought plenty of cheer and good will...!

Events like this are only possible because of hardworking and dedicated volunteers who truly believe that Christmas applies to dogs too.



Please bring along your dogs to this year's Santa Paws which will be on Sunday 4th December 2016 at the same venue. More details to follow in due course so please keep a date in your diary and check out our website: <http://www.nayboxerrescue.co.uk/News.html>

Click to donate...

Donating generally or sponsoring someone couldn't be easier, it's just the click of a mouse..!

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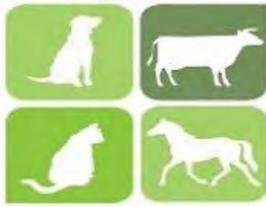
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Your help makes a real difference to my four legged friends and they will love you forever..xx



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The Last Word...



Hi, I'm Buster and my pal Bryan has asked me to give the last word this year, as they always say, it's all about us the dogs.

Well, as always it's impossible to thank each and everyone for their kindness and generosity; we genuinely thoroughly appreciate every penny and every second of time you give. You can't change the whole world but you can and do change the world for some dogs. I am especially proud of my Mum Emma Roberts for taking on the role of FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS COORDINATOR and big congratulations to her and my Dad Stuart for tying the knot this June; don't I look smart in my best man's outfit..! Trustee Sue Edwards has taken on the role of VOLUNTEER'S COORDINATOR which is another vital role that I'm sure she will be amazing at.

Life is not without its sad times and the rescue was so sad to hear the passing of Ron Whitely and Judith Tucker, they were wonderful supporters and will be deeply missed..xx

If anyone thinks they may be able to help my doggie pals in any way then PLEASE contact the rescue, the team will be so pleased to hear from you.

Hope to see you soon,

All my Love, Buster..x

