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2020...SOME GOOD NEWS!

2020 has been the best year for hen harriers breeding in England since the Natural England's hen harrier recovery project started in 2002.

2020 saw 60 chicks fledged from 19 nests across Cumbria, Lancashire, Northumberland and the Yorkshire Dales.

Most of this year's chicks have been fitted with satellite tags, which will allow them to be monitored and the data used to help to improve understanding of the breed.

The success has been down to a high numbers of voles, good weather, and commissions, partnerships, charities and other groups that work tirelessly to help the species.

Hen harriers were once found across upland and lowland Britain including throughout many English counties,

however after 1830 it became an exceptionally rare breeding bird in England due to raptor persecution, which was then made illegal in 1954. The hen harrier is now one of England's rarest birds of prey.

Other factors affecting bird numbers include the suitability of local habitats and food availability are significant in some areas.

Hen harriers lay 4-6 eggs during late April-May, with incubation lasting 30 days.

Hen harrier chicks then fledge in 28-32 days. Both females and males attend the young, with the males providing food which is often passed mid-air to the female in a distinctive display of throw and catch.

The hen harrier is listed on Annex 1 of the EC Birds Directive as it is considered

vulnerable within Europe and is on the red-list of birds of conservation concern in the UK. It is a species of principal importance for biodiversity conservation in England under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

Hen harriers have an owl-like face. Males are blue-grey with a white rump, pale underside and black wing tips. Females are brown above and streaky below, with a white rump and a banded tail.



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A MESSAGE FROM TIGGER



Hi Pals,
Anyone else feel like they have missed this year? It has been really strange, and hard to

believe it is already October.

My Tweet Ups have had to be stopped again as the threat level rose again in my area.

Until then we will just have to learn how to live in these new strange times and hug our humans until things get better,

we learn to live with it or they find a cure.

Let me know how you are coping and managing to keep your humans entertained. Stay safe pals.

Nose bump to you
Tigger

NEWS FROM DORIS - THE ROVING REPORTER



I went on holiday pals, yes a holiday, that strange traveling type thing we all used to do before Covid! It wasn't far, obviously, but did involve a new island I'd not been too.... Hayling Island! This spit of bridge linked land is near Portsmouth just up the coast from me and is rather lovely. A haven for kite surfers, dogs, boaters and anyone who liked holidaying in the 1970s. Well, that's rather harsh but it did feel like going back in time and we loved it, 6 days felt like 3 weeks.

As per my usual UK vacations there was an obligatory storm, Storm Whatnot raged through the campsite for 2 days and caused considerable havoc. Our new awning, which we'd stupidly inflated, survived but flapped and rattled worryingly

in 50mph winds. First world problems over and the sun came out, albeit for 5 mins.

Bar from mooching around near the seafront and campsite, there was little to do which suited me. The site was on an estuary creek and during low tide it was super fun to sniff about the edges. One day we ventured further and took a day trip in the torrential rain to Poole to enjoy the grey harbour vista. This, however, was a holiday and we were going to enjoy ourselves!

Hayling Island has a wonderful long pebble beach with mini sand dunes in places. There are masses of parking spots but on one road in so it gets congested. It is great though, every pub was doggy friendly and several had really good

seafood (I can vouch for the mussels in the Olive!) I can highly recommend if you're in the area.

I wonder where I'll be visiting next?

With local lockdowns increasing I imagine by the time you read this we'll all be shut away nationally.... must bagsy the sofa.

Doris x

<https://dozontour.blog/>



YODA AND CHEEZLT'S SCRATCHING POST



Hello pals! We hope everyone is doing great in their part of the world! We hope everyone is staying safe, and healthy, and staying cool...well, or warm, depending on where you live. We are coming into Autumn here, or so we have been told. Like that means anything to us. We don't know those words. We're cats! We really try to be multi-lingual cats...but that language that humans speak is mighty confusing to try and learn. Our Momma is the one having the task of translating from cat speak into semi international human language. We're sure she messes up the translation, and that the true

meaning of our words get lost. That would be "so her". Back to the weather.... The other morning Momma had to turn the heat on. It was so cold inside (it was probably even colder outside). This weather stuff humans are always concerned with really changes fast! Not that we're surprised. That's usually how it is around here. We are Chicago area kitties...and the weather here is predictably unpredictable. Maybe we should move somewhere with better weather. But, we don't have jobs....so couldn't afford it on our own. Guess we're stuck with Momma. Hot. Chilly. Wet. Hot. Hotter. Wet. Cold. Hot. Cold. Colder. It can be so annoying because it affects our squirrel and bird watching. However, the weather doesn't really seem to bother those

critters. Those squirrels will come out in a rain storm just for a few nibbles of corn! It's actually pretty funny to watch... them slipping and sliding on the corn feeder thingy (which they have managed to bend because they are getting so fat from Momma feeding them so much)! How did we go from talking about the weather to talking about our nemeses, the squirrels??

Must be that "stream of consciousness" way of telling a story. Apparently we take after our Momma there. Now, that's one lady with a "stream of consciousness" that twists and turns!

Oh well.

Til Next Month,
Yoda & Cheezlt
(and the others)

DUSTY'S DIARY



Hi Pals

I had the most amazing beach walkies recently. I had been running around the dunes, inhaling all the amazing bunny sniffs, and I had chased my ball on the beach until both me and the human were ready for a rest.

I flopped down next to the human on a nice patch of grass, and had just started a well earned snooze, chasing

bunnies through the dunes, when a squizzer entered my dream. Hang on a minute I thought. A squizzer at the beach, that's odd, but I wouldn't complain.

The squizzer scent was flooding my nose now, and I jumped awake to find myself staring at an actual fluffy tailed blighter! We both paused in shock, before I jumped up, closely followed by the human. The squizzer, not knowing where to run, ran up the human's leg to escape me while I helpfully ran round in circles woofing in excitement. Eventually my woofing worked,

and it ran down the other leg and into the grass where I lost it, but neither me or the human will forget the beach walkies where I had to save her from a squirrel!

Until next time.

Have a pawsome month
Dusty

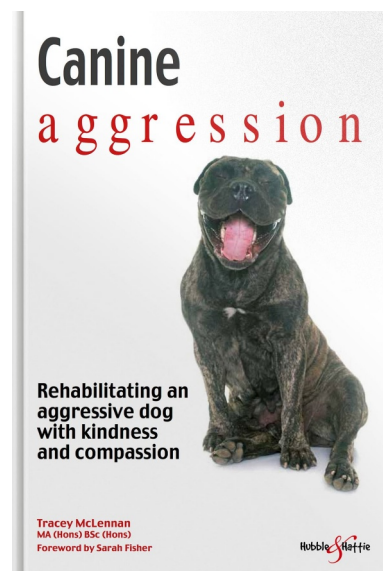


ON THE BOOKSHELF

Canine Aggression - By Tracey McLennan

The inspirational story of Calgacus, a dog-to-dog aggressive Bull Mastiff, and a first-time dog owner. Learning how to understand Calgacus and encouraging him to direct his own learning alongside clicker training, TTouch, trick training, and lots of fun, allowed him to conquer his issues, and find joy in playing with other dogs.

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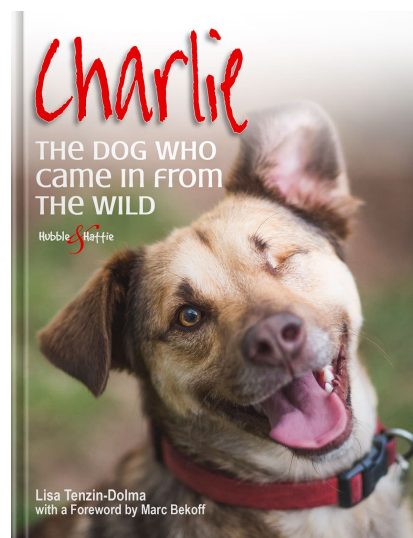


The dog who came in from the wild - By Lisa Tenzin-Dolma Foreword by Marc Bekoff, PhD

The true story of a bond that developed between author Lisa Tenzin-Dolma, and Charlie – a traumatised, one-eyed, Romanian dog who lived the first 18 months of his life in the wild, never socialising with humans.

Charting Charlie's progress and setbacks, it explains how Lisa worked with Charlie to help him overcome his extreme fearfulness.

You can purchase your copy here:
[The dog who came in from the cold](#)



IN THE KITCHEN



Article By: Fred and Tess

Mum and Dad are a bit partial to a scone but always declare "sorry Freddie and Tessie, there are raisins in the scones and they are bad for doggies" and then giggle all smug with themselves!

So, we thought we would make dog friendly scones.

We always have lots of bananas and thought that would make a change, but this recipe will work with any fruit especially blueberries (if we can pry them from Mum's hand! BOL!).

Ninny-Nanna Scone
(makes 10 medium size scones)

Ingredients:

120g plain flour
135g course oatmeal
1 tsp baking powder
115g mashed banana
2 medium eggs
120ml fat-free yogurt
60ml sunflower oil

Method:

1 Preheat oven to 180 and grease a baking tray.

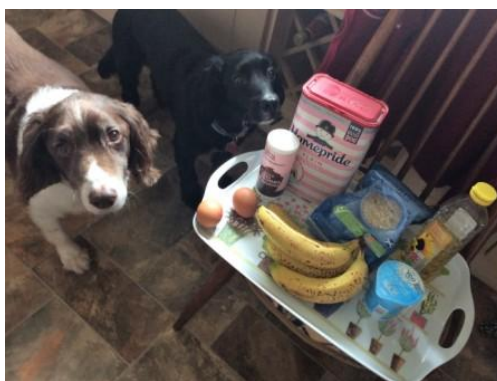
2 Mix together the banana, eggs, yogurt & oil in one bowl. In another bowl, mix the flour, oatmeal and baking powder then mix in the wet ingredients.

3 Using an ice-cream scoop (nose bump to Mum for this wee baking hack) place clumps of the mixture onto the oiled tray.

4 Bake for 25 minutes until a toothpick inserted into the centre of a scone comes out clean. Leave to cool on the tray.

Storage:

Will store for up to a week in a sealed container or freeze them.



DUKE VISITS... KINVER EDGE AND THE ROCK HOUSES

Repawter: Duke

I want to tell you about my visit to the National Trust Kinver Edge and the Rock Houses.

After a 45 minutes drive the car got parked on a layby in a wooded area. Then I spotted my girlfriend Luna and her hoomans. The visit was prebooked for 11am and we showed our tickets to the lady in the ticket booth. The hoomans thought she had popped out of her shed so called her shed women for the rest of the day. It was quite a quick walk down a field then a step walk up to the rock houses.



The houses are carved into the red sandstone making them warm in the winter and cool in the summer. These houses are among the finest in Europe lived in from 1617 until the national trust were gifted them in 1967.



The rooms have been restored to how they used to be lived in with kitchens and bedrooms. In 1861 eleven families 44 people lived in the houses. We stopped and had a group hound photo in one of the door fronts.



Post group shot we walked up the slope to the tea room where the hoomans had a coffee and us hounds got some treats.

We walked back to the cars and decided what walk to do. They have coloured markers and 3 trails to follow -

1. woodland trail (orange)
1 mile 45 minutes
2. Heartland Trail (red)
1 mile allow 1 hour
3. Rock House Trail (purple)
3 mile circuit allow 2.5 hours.

We decided on the woodland trail that is classed as medium difficulty, some steep slopes and steps. It went through woods and up to a way marker stone (Toposcope). Up there we came across a number of locals.



They were very friendly and ignored us. From this point there was some amazing panoramic views and on a clear day 5 counties can be seen.



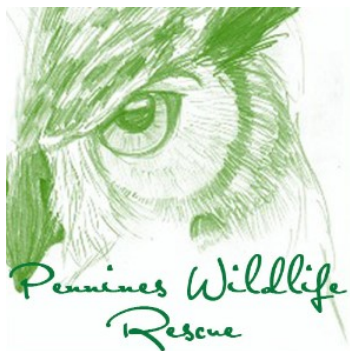
I stood in the middle to allow the hoomans to socially distance. A slow walk down some steep steps we sent the hoodads to get the picnic. Before having our picnic we got our national trust passport signed by Shed women. Although she was on a teabreak so is it was shedman who stamped it for is.

There are also loads of other walks to do in the area. It's well worth a visit.

Until next time
Love and licks
Duke

dukesdoggieadventures.wordpress.com

FINDING AN ABANDONED FAWN..



Repawter: Pennines Wildlife Rescue

Deer deliver their newborns in the strangest of places! Residents will find them and be concerned about a newborn deer on their lawn, in their garden, under the azaleas, etc.

Most call because they think the fawn is in peril and Mom is nowhere to be found. Well, Mom is actually off feeding and helping to keep predators away.

Those who call ask what they should do for the fawn ... Leave it alone, do not touch, move or attempt to feed it.

Here's the scoop.

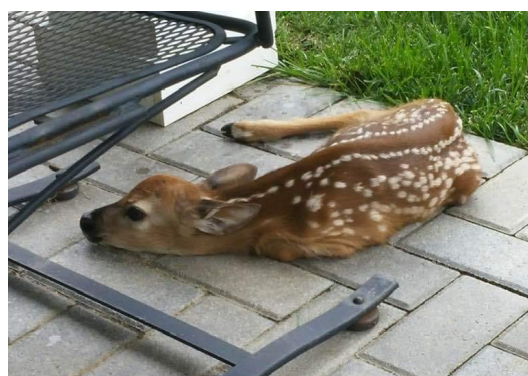
Deer are NOT like horses. They do not have their legs under them immediately and need time to rest after birth. Horses get up and go that's the sign of a healthy horse. A healthy fawn will curl up, nap most of the day and move their heads. They have no scent and predators cannot find them unless humans interfere.

Mom leaves during the day for 2 primary reasons: to feed, and to keep her scent a distance from the fawn. Mom will come back

(unless something tragic happens to her), but don't expect her until dusk and certainly don't expect her if humans are hovering around.

If you are fortunate enough to have the gift of a fawn please enjoy the experience, respect Mother Nature and let the Mom do what comes naturally.

She will move the fawn daily so you may see it in different locations.



PENNINES WILDLIFE RESCUE



About:

We setup Pennines Wildlife Rescue in 2012. We registered as a charity a year later and, in the years since, have helped rescue and save hundreds of animals and birds. Buzzards, hedgehogs, mice, owls, you name it...we've saved them all. We are a Wildlife Rescue Centre situated in Carrshield in

the Pennines....We will rescue look after and release back to the wild all small wildlife Birds And Birds of prey.....We are unable to take in Foxes and Bats but all other animals considered.

But, for JoJo and me, it's saved us. You never know how bad 'it's' going to be until it happens, but the animals help us as much as we help them. We are situated on a 110 acres farm, 1.5 miles off the main road so please make sure you give us a ring before bringing

any animal needing help. If you don't have a 4 x 4, you won't be able to make it up to our farm especially in winter. We are happy to meet you at the main road gate but remember to let us know you are coming.

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Email: jhnsna928@aol.com

Website:

www.pennineswildliferescue.co.uk

TIGGER'S GREEN PAW - IN THE GARDEN

As with all plants, always check if you have any health problems that may be affected by growing any plants in your garden or yard.

Pumpkins

Animal Safety: Dogs: Yes Cats: With Care Rabbits: With care
Free Grazing: See below

Lifespan: Perennial

Sow: March to June

Plant out: May to June

Prune: June to October

Soil Type: Well composted/manured soil

Position: Sheltered and sunny

Growth: Spreads around the ground.



Varieties: 45 varieties with a variety of colours from green, yellow, red, white, blue and brown.

Growing information: Sow pumpkin and squash seeds indoors in spring. Sew a seed into a pot and place in a warm light place.

Once the risk of frost has passed, plant outside.

Choose a sheltered, sunny spot and dig in with lots of compost or well-rotted manure. Plant at least 90cm apart depending on the variety. Cover the surrounding soil with a mulch of garden compost to retain moisture. Remember to mark where each plant has been placed, so that it will be easier to water when they are growing around the area.

Pumpkins and squashes have separate male and female flowers. You can tell them apart as the female has a swelling behind it, which is the immature pumpkin or fruit. In cold or wet summers you may need to aid pollination.

As each pumpkin starts to develop, raise them off the floor onto a bed of straw or a brick. Pumpkins are usually ready to harvest when the stem starts to crack.

How to use:

Pumpkins are a good source of fibre and can help rebalance problems with digestion and poop bag consistency.

Pumpkins are a good as a source of weight loss as they are high in moisture and fibre which can be used to help with weight loss.

The seeds are high in fatty acids and an antioxidant which is good for overall health and fur.

Pumpkin seeds are an extremely effective deworming agent because they contain an amino acid called cucurbitacin. This paralyzes the worms making them easier to be passed through the system.

TIGGER'S GREEN PAW - IN THE GARDEN

Pumpkins (Cont.)

For dogs:

Both the pumpkin and the seeds can be fed raw and cooked to dogs. The seeds can be crushed and added to meals.

You need to make sure you do not feed too much at once. Pumpkin and the seeds are both high in fibre, so excessive feeding will give a rather unpleasant and very frequent poop patrol for the human, not to mention making the dog feel quite unwell.

Feeding pumpkin to dogs has a rough guide of 1 seed or 1 teaspoon per 10lbs (4.5kg) per day.
- This does not say you can feed pumpkin every day.

For Cats:

Cats need to have their pumpkins cooked and chopped or pureed to avoid choking.

As with dogs, too much pumpkin and seeds will have a rather unpleasant effect on the cat and poop clearing duties for the human.

Feeding pumpkin to cats has a rough guide of 1 teaspoon of ground seed or pumpkin per adult cat per day. 1/2 teaspoon for kittens or small cats.
- This does not say you can feed pumpkin every day.

For Rabbits:

Pumpkin can be too acidic and starchy for rabbits. So use as an occasional treat rather than a main component.

It is not recommended to use pumpkin as a cure to digestive problems as pumpkin can cause an imbalance in the digestion system.

Do not feed seeds as they are a choking hazard.

Feeding pumpkin to rabbits has a rough guide of 2oz per 6lb per day.
Definitely as a rare treat and not daily.

Further Notes:

Ensure you check with your vet if you have any digestion or allergies before adding pumpkin to your diet.

Always check with a professional before using pumpkin as a natural wormer.

It is not safe to feed animals a pumpkin that was carved for Hallowe'en. When a pumpkin is carved it starts attracting harmful bacteria. So feeding animals pumpkin that was carved then has sat will have a higher risk of making an animal sick.

FOOD AGGRESSION/POSSESSION

First of all neither myself nor my human are experts, I am only sharing my experience. If it helps someone then great, if not then it was an interesting article to read.

Always seek professional advice when there are any behaviours that are negative, troublesome or seem to be getting towards dangerous.

Puppies first learn to be very focused on food while in the litter as they compete for their share of the food.

Most dogs get over this obsession as they naturally leave their litter and start living with their humans. Who show the puppy they will get fed and will also teach the puppy more about manners and good behaviour.

Sometimes things break down somewhere. Perhaps the dog was not taught good manners, mistreated or was abandoned. Whatever the reason, there comes a time when a dog has problems with eating food and any activity around their food bowl.

It may start as eating too quickly or freezing, refusing to move from their bowl when requested or even a short growl before moving when requested.

As soon as it is noticed that there may be a problem, that dog should be fed separately

from other animals and humans, but not in a way the dog is felt that they are being punished.

Training or retraining around food and feeding is a long process and expectations of success should be around the long term goal rather than a quick one or two day fix.

To try to explain it properly, let me tell you of my first few weeks of adopting my humans, life in my new home and what my humans did to help me.

As a stray I had obviously gone days without food and was used to having to grab what I could, when I could. So in my mind I was constantly thinking of my next meal and how much would it be.

The first lap of my new house was a search for food. Stopping to fully counter surf in the kitchen, but alas my humans were very lurcher savvy, so the kitchen was dog proof.

My first treat was cautiously snatched at high speed and completely inhaled in seconds.

My first meal here consisted of dried food. Before my human had actually put it down I was grabbing great mouthfuls of dried kibble and swallowing as fast as I could. Even to the point of choking and coughing so I could get to another mouthful.

My bowl was mine and I was going to guard it and no one was going to take it while I was eating.

I was also a constant food hunter and no surface was safe. Not to mention fingers when I was handed a snack or treat.

My humans had seen this behaviour to food before and knew what to do. With their patience they totally changed my thoughts about food.

They portioned up my daily kibble allowance and added 10% due to the way they were going to feed me, plus they knew my activity level was going to be very busy. They kept in a lurcher proof cupboard so I could not get to it

All food scraps and treats were put into my bowl to make me realise that is where I was fed from. My kibble amount was adjusted to ensure I did not eat too much.

My food training started as:

Every time they went into the kitchen, even just making a coffee, three bits of kibble were dropped into my bowl. Yes dropped so that they made a noise.

As soon as I heard the food landing into the bowl, I raced in and inhaled the kibble.

FOOD AGGRESSION/POSSESSION (CONT.)

Then stood there looking around waiting for more, but alas there was no more until they next visited the kitchen.

Then at 'proper' meal times (breakfast, lunch and dinner) my human put more than three bit of kibble in to try and teach me when actual meal times would happen.

For the first week of being here I raced into the kitchen every time my human headed there and stood by my bowl in eager anticipation of those few bits of kibble.

I even got underfoot when my human was cooking and nearly tripped them up a few times.

By the second week I was getting the hang of this feeding schedule and started to get wise to it. I even started to leave the three bits of kibble put in the bowl while my human was cooking as I knew a 'proper' meal was coming soon.

I also got taught wait and was expected to back off from my bowl while eating so that my human could put something else in there.

I even started letting my humans touch and stroke me while I was eating as I had realised they were not going to take my food away.

Apart from helping me to eat

more slowly it also helped us bond, so it was a win - win all around.

Without prompting or training from my human I started to either stand back or out of the way while my human was cooking so I didn't trip them up. Much to their relief.

By the start of the third week I was so over this rush to the kitchen and had realised if I didn't eat those bits of kibble they would still be there when I did go and look.

This was the point that my human only put the three bits of kibble into my bowl every other visit to the kitchen, unless I did happen to wander in with them. Even then I did not always eat it straight away.

By the end of the third week my human had stopped the three kibble thing and had started to put proper portions out at the set meal times.

I even started to take a mouthful of food and bring it into the sitting room so I could spit it all out and eat near my humans. Returning to my bowl to get the next mouthful. Yes I know that sounds disgusting, but it was a great breakthrough from being food obsessed.

Once the panic for food was over I was taught how to take treats gently and regularly get praised for being so gentle by my pals humans when they

give me a treat.

Today my daily food schedule is very predictable.

I am fed from a double bowl raised feeder. One bowl is for my kibble and the other is for food from my human's food.

My daily kibble allowance is put in one bowl and I will take all day to eat it by take a munch now and again throughout the day.

At my human's meal times I now can be found snoring on the sofa or playing inside / outside with my toys while my human cooks and eats in peace.

Then when they are finished I follow them to the kitchen to see if I have been given anything.

Which I always do, even if it is the smallest amount.

It shows me my human is happy to share and reward me for my patience.

I now have a much healthier and relaxed attitude towards food.

I even left my human's dinner untouched when they went to answer the door once when they were eating and casually left their plate on the coffee table.

They even let me pick out one treat myself from the treat cupboard. I sniff all of the treat options and carefully select one. I feel really lucky.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st October

Dusty will be Celebrating
her 4th Birthday on the
1st of October

**11th October**

Group Walk: 11th of October
[Cannock Chase tweetup](#) - Staffordshire
Arrive 10:45am for 11:00am start
** May be postponed due to covid19 **

13th October

Socks will be celebrating
her 9th Gotcha Day
on the 13th October



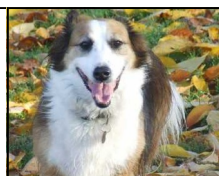
Fergus crossed the
Rainbow Bridge on the
13th of October 2017
Run free Fergus



Barney Crossed the
Rainbow Bridge on the
13th of October 2017

**14th October**

Cassie crossed the
Rainbow Bridge on the
14th of October 2017



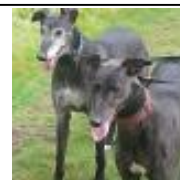
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**15th October**

Rolohound crossed the
Rainbow Bridge on the
15th of October 2018



Digger crossed the
Rainbow Bridge on the
15th of October 2018

**17th October**

Plum crossed the
Rainbow Bridge on the
17th of October 2018

**26th October 2019**

Doris will be Celebrating
her 11th Birthday on
the 26th October

**28th October**

Erica will be celebrating
her 2nd Gotcha Day on the
28th of October

**31st October**

Scout will be celebrating
his Birthday on the
31st of October



Are you organising an event ?
Do you have an announcement to share?
Email me at: tigger@tigger.club
Events and Announcement listings are free.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

31st October

Winston will be celebrating his 3rd birthday on the 31st October



31st October

Strawberry will be Celebrating her Birthday across the Rainbow Bridge on the 31st of October



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We are a new, independent fund that has been set up to help support the Police dogs who have served with Cleveland Police following their retirement from the Force.

Very few Police Forces around the country provide any financial support when their dogs retire although some do give a one-off payment.

Unfortunately, our dogs do not benefit from such a payment and therefore it is our intention to step in and by raising funds,

provide financial help towards their veterinary bills. This should allow them to get the best healthcare possible, ensuring that they have an excellent quality of life in their retirement years.

So, what about insurance, you may ask? Whilst not impossible to obtain for retired Police dogs, the premium prices quoted often make it cost prohibitive for owners of our furry heroes. This is mainly due to the nature of the dog's work and age at retirement, and any pre-existing injuries or illnesses that may have been sustained throughout their working life will not be covered. A working Police dog can serve many years in their specialist area and although most retire normally at the end of their service, some will retire early

through injury or illness making it extremely unlikely that they would be covered on any policy.

All of us at COLLARS believe that our Police dogs deserve the VIP treatment in their retirement, and their health and wellbeing should be the number one priority therefore we want to ensure that any owner of one of our retired dogs, whether that be the former handler or new owner who takes on the full responsibility and financial commitments for that dog, receives the support they need to help provide the VIP retirement that our dogs have earned.

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OUT AND ABOUT (CONT.)

OKEHAMPTON CASTLE - DEVON



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Entry: Free for EH Members

Open:
seasonal - check website

Dogs:
on leads

About:
The remains of the largest castle in Devon, in a stunning setting on a wooded spur above the rushing River Okement. Begun soon after the Norman Conquest as a motte and bailey castle with a stone keep, it was converted into a sumptuous residence in the 14th century by Hugh Courtenay, Earl of Devon, much of whose work survives.

After the last Courtenay owner fell foul of Henry VIII in 1539, the castle declined into a ruin.

There is a riverside picnic area and beautiful woodland walks nearby. It's also a great place for bird lovers with regular visiting species and in spring and early summer you can enjoy a variety of seasonal wild flowers, which adorn the

meadow, woodland and motte.

Parking:

The free car park is located roughly 100 yards from the castle, along a country lane with no pavement. Coach and minibus parking is available in the town centre, as access to the site car park is narrow and spaces are limited.

The nearest off-site parking is in the town centre

Facilities:

Shop
Toilets
picnic Area
Gardens

Notes:

The majority of the site is

wheelchair accessible (except for the keep, which can only be accessed by a steep staircase).

The main pathway surfaces include gravel, grass slopes, and historic flagstones which are uneven in places. Pathway to the keep includes a steep grassed slope.

A river runs alongside the grounds and there is a stream on site. The water levels here only deep when there is heavy rain.

There are a number of steep, unfenced slopes.

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