

HULA tails

The Newsletter of HULA Animal Rescue



Spring 2011

Home for Unwanted and Lost Animals

HULA

- Has re-homed over 35,000 animals
- Microchips (cats and dogs), worms and vaccinates all its animals
- Never puts an animal to sleep (unless medically advised)
- Helps animals and their owners
- Receives no funds from government
- Relies on volunteers
- Serves Milton Keynes, Beds, Bucks and Northants.

HULA Upcoming

Open Days

Sunday 10th April

Easter Get-Together
1pm-4pm

Sunday 15th May

Fun Dog Show
12 - 4pm

Sunday 29th June

39th Anniversary
1pm-4pm

Kaiser - Hit the Home Run

Remember Kaiser, and how he became the focal point for so much, and so many issues during his time at HULA? The great news is that Kaiser has overcome all the obstacles and challenges put before him and is now happily settled in a home, complete with a play mate.



Kaiser - at home!

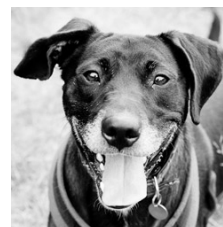
Abandonment, unknown treatment, a total lack of socialisation, discipline and love were just some of the things dumped at his door. Sadly in this world he would have been long gone if he had not been taken out of the pound by the HOPE charity, arriving at HULA in April 2007. He catalysed a new approach and became the standard bearer for the HULA Long Term dogs' pro-

gramme, where those less fortunate than others were worked with and provided with a life that bit better than simply being in one of the kennels. The initiative of home-from-home living, training, socialisation, and behavioural assessment has been very successful, repaying the faith and efforts put into it by the many people who embraced it – trustees, staff and volunteers.

The dogs that were inevitably going to be more difficult to home stepped up and proved that everybody deserves a chance, and whilst the story of Kaiser has become symbolic of the initiative, all the dogs who were originally at the back of the line and overlooked for new adoptions have come to the fore, seizing their chance.

Kaiser, having picked up a silver Good Citizen award along the way, is thriving in a large garden with Jed and is at the heart of a new family. Luke, who developed an

agility enthusiasm, made such a great impression on Heather, the HULA volunteer who worked with him, that he is now happily at home with her yappy collies, Denzel and Dizzy.



Luke - happily settled.

Sam, Nuggets, Holly, Tye and Molly all are in new homes and Karl, the Rottie, has picked up the baton and is excelling and it is hoped he wont be at HULA much longer.

And the last word to Kaiser – “as one lady said the right home will come along for me... sometimes you just have to be patient”. That, in essence is what HULA is about.

“God help us if we forgot his carrot!”

Carlos, one of the best loved characters at HULA, died peacefully recently. Here are a few words from those he came into contact with.

“Carlos was a real character, loved cuddles, grooming and a good old roll in mud! Every morning we were greeted with a BIG loud bray for his breakfast and God help us if we forgot his carrot! He always knew what

time tea break was, appearing at reception demanding a biscuit.”

“The first animal to greet me would be Carlos waiting for his breakfast. I would always say hello and have a stroke - he didn't really like his ears being touched but they were simply irresistible!”

“He adored having his head held - I remember seeing

Debbie cradling him and he would visibly relax and appear to fall asleep. He also loved being sung to.”



Adios Carlos - RIP

@ The Sanctuary

7½ Years & 7,000 Miles

In 2003 a Collie cross was re-homed. His owner contacted HULA with the sad news of his passing. The note was a testimony to the family, to Murdock, and why HULA exists, providing a chance of a better life to so many animals.

"Right until the last few hours of his life he was a very active dog, who lived for his walks and the company of 'his people'. Even on the day before he passed away he was walking up to a couple of miles a day and I reckon he clocked up somewhere between 6 and 7 thousand miles in the 7 ½ years we had him.

"Murdock had real character and many times he made us laugh with the mischief he got up to like barging past my wife as she was putting dishes away in a cupboard and knocking her in it, jumping on the bed when he thought nobody was about(!), you couldn't be cross with him for more than a few minutes when he looked at you with his big brown puppy-like eyes and big drooping ears. Although we both desperately miss him it is some consolation that he lived to a ripe old age (at least 14yrs), a happy, contented dog."



"Life at the Sanctuary has been ticking over quite normally over the last few weeks. We were very fortunate that the severe weather we encountered didn't have too much of an effect – we had the usual pipework issues, but no major disasters and the animals were kept warm and safe. The biggest issue was ice on the ground and volunteers getting access to help us out - no real dramas ensued though.

Re-homings have been continuing at a good rate, and we were delighted to see Kaiser and Luke head off to good homes – that is especially rewarding. It was a sad time with the passing on of Samson and Carlos, however, the time

they spent with us was fantastic for them and the sanctuary they had with us. Mind you, given their characters, they will be sorely missed by us at the Sanctuary and visitors alike.



Carlos - as receptionist!

Our new relationship with Lynne Davies is going very well, and the new format Adopters Evenings have become very successful in helping the transition to new homes for many of our adopted dogs and their new

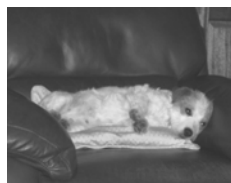
owners. We approach the spring with a degree of optimism – one thing that HULA is very fortunate of is the amount of goodwill and willingness to help from the public. Without their help, keeping the place running would be more difficult and the corporate teams who visit for project work is essential. I know some have been featured but my thanks go to all for the great work they do, and the spirit in which they do it!

We'll be featuring some more in-depth looks at life here, but in the meantime, thanks again to all for everything you allow us to do to help all the animals and the new owners for the one's that are re-homed."
Steve

HULA Alumni

Notes from some of the many HULA adopters and the lives they have provided for the animals.

Tilly - "is adorable! She is well behaved and very few believe she is already five years old. She has made a



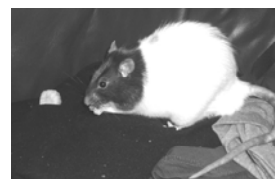
few friends and loves going in the car (maybe she knows she gets a special long walk afterward!) Our family is really taken by her and she is very friendly towards everyone, always ready to get cuddles. We are very lucky to have her."

Mia - "has made a good friend in our dog rosie, always following us on our walks and they play lots together and like to sleep

near each other too! :). She loves her cuddles, the outdoors, is always investigating smells and anything that moves she likes to stalk! She's made our home a happier one and she's given me lots of laughs."



Jack "has fitted in with our family very well, he has made great friends with our boy rats, as well as keeping an eye out for our girl rats! Jack loves cuddles in bed with us in the morning, he



loves to be groomed and in the evening he runs freely

with the boys, up and down ladders and in and out of tubes and trying to be a dinner thief (brussel sprouts a favourite)! Jack is a truly gorgeous rat and we are very very grateful to be his new owners! We would like to thank Hula with all our heart for the great work they do!"

Sharon - *remember the abandoned hamsters? Well, Sharon was re-homed and "is a shy hamster but has many toys and particularly enjoys running through her tubes and on her wheel. She is very excited by all the space in her cage and loves to run and hide in all her hiding holes. She is such a sweet hamster, thank you Hula."*



Pippin 'eck - What a Story

Pippin is a very friendly and loveable lad. He was adopted as a puppy from another rescue a couple of years ago.

However, he developed a skin condition and with the family circumstances changing, he was unable to be looked after properly. A HULA supporter became aware of the situation and the fact that, if he was returned to the original rescue centre, he would be put-to-sleep. HULA was contacted and, following a home visit, contact was made with the other rescue,

who confirmed they would pay for the injection. However, it was apparent that this was not the best course of action and, while he was in a lot of discomfort and pain, he had a fight for life within him.

He was taken in by HULA and, through the Association of Dog and Cat Homes, a place was found elsewhere. He arrived in a very poor condition, wouldn't eat and hadn't been for a good walk for a long time. He was treated, placed on a natural diet and now has his fur grown back, a very

waggy tail, a treat obsession and is on the verge of being adopted by a new family. Another clear example of why every dog deserves a chance and how rescues help each other for the sake of the animal.



Pippin - alive and well.

Look Who's Visited HULA

HULA is very fortunate to receive a lot of help from local organisations, groups and clubs.

The 1st Woburn Sands Guides chose HULA as their charity to support and

activities, all centred around animals, their importance and their care.

HULA has also been visited and helped by other organisations, including pupils from Bury Lawn School who



embarked on a series of activities, projects and fundraising events.

This culminated in a visit to the Sanctuary where they received a tour around, met some of the residents and presented HULA with a cheque from all their fundraising. One of the patrols had organised a HULA night where all the Guides came up with ideas for ac-

helped HULA with a donation made from the sale of their home made crafts. A group also came for a good look around and made some wonderful thank-you cards and gifts.

Another local organisation, AXA ICAS, descended on the Sanctuary and held their 'Hearts in Action' day at HULA, helping provide some winter protection to

the fences, sheds and reception area. One highlight being Fonzi's constant willingness to help, although not in a practical manner but by trying to consume a lot of packed lunches, pre-lunchtime!

Domino's Pizza has done a lot over the years to help keep the Sanctuary in good repair have again been applying their talents and time to giving the reception area a thorough sort out and makeover .



Many thanks to these and all the other organisations, businesses and groups too numerous to mention for their dedication and effort in helping the Sanctuary.

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO...

All the many people and organisations who provide their time, donate money and goods to help HULA help animals, including:

*Selections Hardware
Woburn Sands Guides
Lynne Davies
Mercedes Benz UK
Alameda School
Tesco Distribution Centre
Great Linford Water-side Festival
Furniture First
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Bletchley Rotary Club
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Filgrave & Tyringham Village Association
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Shaw Energy & Chemicals
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Baileys Travel Agents
Greyhound Gap
Bernese Carters
Icknield Veterinary Group
Aspley Guise School
Domino's Pizza
AXA ICAS*

help HULA, help animals

HULA Aims

To relieve suffering & distress, by providing refuge and care to unwanted domestic animals until suitable permanent adoptions can be found. To provide help and advice to pet and animal owners or their families, who are unable to cope due to a change in their circumstances.

HULA: receives no Government funding; is volunteer dependant; has re-homed over 35,000 animals; is an independent charity; will never to put an animal to sleep (unless under medical advice); survives on donations and legacies.

HULA takes in unwanted and abandoned small animal pets (cats, dogs, rabbits, gerbils, birds etc.) for re-homing, but also rescues large animals and has goats, pigs, Shetland ponies, chickens, ducks, geese, sheep, as well as two very lively cows which will stay with us for the rest of their lives.

HULA is open to the public every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1pm to 3pm for viewing the animals. For further help please call between 1pm and 3pm any day or email HULA on hularescue@tiscali.co.uk

Free & Easy! HULA Partners with

Previously it has been highlighted how online shopping can help HULA - and it costs you nothing.

EasyFundraising is a site set up to help charities. Once registered, access your online shop via EasyFundraising, and the retailer will pay a % to HULA.

And it really does pay - in the last 3 months of 2010 HULA supporters raised £105, and to date HULA has received £649. So, if you shop online then sign up, do what you do anyway and help HULA - for FREE!

easyfundraising
.org.uk

Remember the BBC's Dog Borstal? Someone who featured was Lynne Davies, a well respected trainer and behaviourist.

Well, HULA is delighted that Lynne is partnering with HULA, providing invaluable advice and expert guidance on the behavioural side of life with a HULA dog. She is working with a number of ex-HULA dogs and their owners, attends HULA adopter evenings, imparting her knowledge in general and tackling individual questions from the owners. This is critical to ensure adopted dogs are settled as soon as possible in their new lives.



Adopters also receive a new guide - Your HULA Dog. Assessments of HULA dogs are also provided, a great benefit to potential adopters, and, especially for Karl our long-term Rottie, the input has proved of immense benefit.

www.lynnedavies.co.uk



Stories, news, and all things HULA

Have you got anything you'd like to see in the newsletter - your own story, pictures or news relating to your adopted animal, perhaps something you are doing or planning on doing to help HULA, or just any ideas? Then email the editor at:

mkdon59-hula@yahoo.co.uk - don't forget you can stay up to date with what is going on at HULA by visiting our website www.hularescue.org



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HULA eNews

Would you like to get updates and news of what's happening at HULA more frequently?

We are putting in place an eNews programme for our members and supporters - this means you can keep up to date with the special dogs for example, and all the exciting plans being put in place. If the answer is "yes" then drop the editor an email and keep an eye on your Inbox.

and finally

HULA has teamed up with Burns, the makers of natural, holistic pet foods.

As part of the partnership, Burns will donate some high quality dog food to help HULA's feeding, as well as some special foods for those with specific needs.