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# Border Collie Rescue FOSTBC Newsletter May 2025

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### Expansion Update

The property we have bought is just over the Lancashire border. The reason why we could purchase this property is its need for repair and build. We have now applied for planning permission for the house and hopefully it will go well. We are hoping we can find a lovely builder in the area who will help us, especially with the kennels. Any suggestions of people or companies gratefully received.

We have so many plans for the future and we will update you as we go on. We're all very excited about it all but it's also very hard work but we're getting there.

### Time Flies

It certainly does, we have just sent the 2026 calendar to the printers. Lovely photos of FOSTBC dogs that you have all helped to support over the years, without you we could not have taken in as many dogs or been able to give them amazing start they all go to their forever homes with. Please keep an eye on our website as they will be on our online shop as soon as we get them back.

### A Gold Star for Technology

There are times when I think technology is great but it can have its drawbacks. However today it gets a plus point from me. I have a couple of hours to pass while waiting to collect a dog, so I am parked in my van on the top of a wild and beautiful moor with my lap top on my knee. Still working but I have Bonny's nose on one shoulder and TJ's on the other so a definite plus for the modern world today from me.

"The fidelity of a dog is a precious gift demanding no less binding moral responsibilities than the friendship of a human being. The bond with a dog is as lasting as the ties of this earth can ever be."

- Konrad Lorenz

**The only impossible journey is the one you never begin." — Tony Robbins**

### Appreciating Border Collies

Have you heard the rumours that Border Collies nip, chase cars, fight other dogs, are hyper, untrainable are not friendly dogs, and they are not a good dog to have. These rumours are the reason our rescue is full, with requests for rescue spaces coming in several times a day.

It's time for the truth about Border Collies and we will be at the Scout hut, Hill Street, Crawshawbooth, Rossendale BB4 8NS, Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4pm where we will talk about the facts with no cover ups, no blaming the breed, no defending the excuses for not understanding them. It's time for honest no punches pulled insights into this amazing breed, what it is capable of, its loyalty, and the love it has to offer.

If you have not heard any of those comments you are extremely lucky, but we would still love you to join us for an afternoon packed with information and fun. We can laugh, cry, discuss, ask questions and go forward to help spread the word about how good border collies really are, and start to quell the rumours that are putting this breed at risk.

This event is being put on by the Trust, the speaker is Barbara Sykes, accompanied by team members plus Bonny and TJ. There is a £5 entry donation to help cover expenses payable to the Trust. The website for payment is <https://www.fostbc.org.uk/donations/> and is as a link in this email.

### Sponsor Dog of the Month



Blue enjoying time in the paddling pool. Blue had been abused and has half any eyelid missing. He is safe and happy in our Sanctuary and would love to be sponsored. To find out more please visit [www.fostbc.org](http://www.fostbc.org).

**Believe you can and you're halfway there."**  
Theodore Roosevelt



### Desmond a chance to live

We have said many times that rescues are so full of 'unwanted' dogs that genuine cases struggle to find a place. Des is one such dog, he is nine years old and has been with his owner from being a pup.

His owner has to undergo a long and painful treatment and has nobody able to look after Des, he has been forced to part with his beloved pet to ensure that whatever happens, his dog will be looked after. We made a space for Des and we will find him a loving home, he spent a few nights fretting but he will be fine. His owner cried unashamedly when he brought him in, not just for the sad parting but because with rescues refusing him a place due to being full and an older dog (yes that happens) he was terrified that with 3 days left to being hospitalised he would have to have his pet euthanised. Yet many selfish thoughtless people put their dogs into rescue for reasons that beggar belief. Genuine cases should not be refused a place because rescues are full of dogs that their owners just don't want anymore.

### Adopters and Sponsors Day

We are hoping to be able to host this annual event in late October and will be setting a date shortly.

If you have adopted an FOSTBC dog or sponsor one keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for more information and the date. It's always a fun day and it's lovely for us to see happy dogs visiting us, and it's special when you can see the dog you are sponsoring.

### Fun Facts

Dogs can exhale through both their nose and mouth simultaneously, a feat humans cannot accomplish.

A dog's nose print is as unique as a human fingerprint.

Dogs can be susceptible to contagious yawning, just like humans.

Like humans, dogs can have a dominant paw, either left or right.

Human blood pressure goes down when petting a dog, and so does the dog's



### TJ's Promotion

We have a new logo on our clothing, we still have Digby and Pip but we have now added TJ. Polo shirts, caps, beanies, fleeces can all be found in the shop on our site.

The link is in the email.

**Do not let making a living prevent you from making a life." — John Wooden**

### National and International Sheep Dog Trials 2025

Welsh National, Llwrst, Conwy, 31st July - 2nd Aug.  
Llanrwst, Conwy, LL22 8BL

Irish Nat., Athlone, Co Roscommen, 7th - 9th Aug.  
What 3 words — resolutely.terminated.torn

English Nat. Newton Reigny, Penrith, 14<sup>th</sup> -17th Aug.  
What 3 words - inclines.lovely.hilltop

Scottish Nat., Courance, Nr Moffat, 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug.  
What 3 words - rainfall.blacken.nibbles

International Supreme Championship  
Brynkinalt, Chirk, Wrexham - 11th -13th Sept.  
Wrexham LL14 5NS

The only trial we won't be attending is the Irish National as it's a bit too far away and complicated to travel with the stand and the dogs.

But we will be at the other four trials with our FOSTBC stand and our Ambassador dogs Bonny and TJ. We love these events and look forward to meeting old friends and new ones.

For more information on any of the trials please visit the ISDS website, [www.isds.org.uk](http://www.isds.org.uk)

**The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.  
Sir Winston Churchill**