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Roy

If you follow our Facebook page you will have been following the journey of Roy.

When he came to the trust we couldn't get him out of his pen. He would hide in the back. With lots of patience he started coming out and

we slowly started to gain his trust, at first this was with a lot of food! As time went on he gained more confidence and is now going on walks around the farm and coming up for a stroke. Please follow our Facebook page to see his progress and see videos and photos of how much he's improved.

Christmas Cards and Calendar



Our 2026 Calendar is now available on our website and from September 28th our Christmas cards will also be available on our site shop.

The cards and calendar have lovely photos of some of our rescue dogs and every item sold helps us to help more dogs.

Thank you so much for your support.



If I could be half the person my dog is, I'd be twice the human I am.

Charles Yu



Fireworks

It's coming round to that dreaded time of year - fireworks!

When my kids were little we used to love going to bonfires where sparklers, catherine

wheels and pretty coloured rainbows were the norm. Now it seems to be all about how loud and how high they can go! There have been several petitions to regulate them but all to no avail and in the meantime our domestic and wild animals continue to suffer.

There are different things on the market to help with this and keep dogs calm, plug ins, collars, thunder jackets, medication, etc., but not all work on different dogs, so its best to test run some before the event(s) not forgetting Christmas, New Year, various weddings etc! We use oils and Quinessence, synergies for sleep or relax, and they do work on a lot of our dogs— it must be synergies as if the dog accepts it then it can be massaged, whereas pure oils cannot go on the skin. To be honest the best thing in most cases is to let the dog find a 'safe place' and bed down for the duration, quite often the more we fuss or worry the more stressed they become (see note 2 in fun facts). Playing music can help and sometimes introducing music that has loud drums or bangs can be introduced some time before with the volume being increased gradually over a period of time. I'm afraid that until new laws ever come into force the best we can is to manage it for our dogs. Keep calm and stay safe.



Meet Luke he joined our team in August and if you were at the International Sheepdog trials you will have already met him. Luke comes from a farming background and is hoping to be able to do some trialling with his dog.

Handle every situation like a dog. If you can't eat it or play with it, just pee on it and walk away.

Adopters and Sponsors Day

If you have adopted an FOSTBC dog or sponsor one 'Pop in and have a brew' on October 18th between 10.30 and 3.30

We love seeing you and your adopted dogs and showing sponsors how well their Sanctuary dogs are doing. Unfortunately, our car park isn't big enough to hold everyone at once and last years "pop 'n' shop" worked so well that we are repeating it this year. So please pop in have a brew, see what's new and see some of our amazing dogs and meet some of our team. Stay as long or as short as you like, meet TJ, have a chat with us and enjoy some refreshments. We will have next year's calendars, small gifts and Christmas cards.

If the car park is full give a little pip and we will try and find a tucked away space for you. Also there are lots of good local pubs for food and drink, Plenty of places to go on walks with fantastic views or, if pubs and walks aren't your thing and you prefer something quieter, the local cafes are fab too!

Fun Facts

Dogs have three eyelids, with the third one protecting and moistening their eyes.

Dogs can "smell" your feelings, as fear and nervousness cause you to sweat in ways that trigger a dog's scent detection abilities.

A dog's nose has as many as 300 million receptors? In comparison, a human nose has about 5 million.

Dogs' noses can sense heat and thermal radiation, which explains why blind or deaf dogs can still hunt.

Dogs curl up in a ball when sleeping to protect their organs, a holdover from their days in the wild, when they were vulnerable to predator attacks.

Expansion Update

We are getting there slowly but surely. The hold up has been the planning—why does it have to take so long and be so complicated? Even the bat survey took ages—and as we suspected, there were none. We are hoping that in the next newsletter we will be able to give dates, plans and a full update.

In the meantime we are going to be Crowdfunding, we are a charity and funding is going to be needed to have the facilities that will enable us to help many more collies. All the info will go on our website, Facebook and all our social media.

If you're uncomfortable around my dog, I'm happy to lock you in the other room when you come over.

Daisy and Gerti

These two lovely ladies are eleven year old litter sisters and came to our rescue when their owner passed away. There were no offers to take them and they were home alone when a lovely kind gentleman took them home and contacted us. They are lovely girls and so full of fun.

This often happens and we urge everyone at any age to make sure they have security for the pets.

You can find info on our site for Wills, legacies and how to make sure your dog will never go unwanted.



National and International Sheepdog Trials



What a hectic few weeks for us, North Wales for the Welsh National, a few days break then Penrith for the English and straight on to Lockerbie for the Scottish, (TJ got stung in the mouth by a wasp at Penrith and had to be rushed to the vet). Another week then

Back to Wales for the International. I say it every year that this just has to be seen to be believed, these dogs are amazing, instinct, harmony, skill and intelligence. We were welcomed at each trial by the hosts, and our little stand was well visited during each trial. At the International we were honoured again by a visit from HRH Princess Anne, she is so easy to get on with, so down to earth and really loves dogs. We were also part of some filming for Country File with Matt Baker—another lovely down to earth person. So all in all it was a successful time for the Trust, we had a great time but were very tired at the end of it.

You can catch up Countryfile on BBC Iplayer.



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