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#### Cover Girl

Our Cover girls this issue is seven year old Shadow, she came into our rescue because her owners were suffering from serious health issues. Like all our dogs we need to spend some time with them to make sure they don't have any hidden issues. She spent a month settling in while we got to know her pre her being ready for adoption.



It didn't take long and she is now in her new loving forever home with a lovely family who have adopted from us previously.

#### Big Jim

Jim has been with us for quite a long time, he's a lovely lad but he does have a few problems.

He loves sheep, in fact he loves anything that moves, and if there's nothing moving he will go looking for it. This makes Jim a flight risk.

He has lived on a farm so isn't used to built up areas and, although very lovable, he would take a lot of settling in to a domestic life.

Jim loves people, loves cuddles and loves to be the centre of attention, so when we thought about how to keep big Jim happy it seemed obvious. We offered him the job of meeting and greeting visitors to the Trust and, as you can see, he thinks it's a great idea.

We are just faced with one problem at the moment, he loves to sit on a chair, which can be fine but not when someone is already sitting on it!



#### Fun Photo

There comes a time when we just have to give in. They seem to think there's safety in numbers and I think they could be right!



### National and International Sheep Dog Trials

**English National**, Macclesfield, SK11 OHE August 6th—9th Hot food & drink available all day, Ice Cream, Milkshakes, Full Bar/ Come-Bye refreshment van

**Welsh National**, Brecon, August LD3 8NW 13th—15th. Catering, Food Truck, Ice cream

**Scottish National** Perth August PH2 9QF 19th 22nd. No information provided yet.

**Irish National**, Co Tyrone August BT80 5AE26th—29th. No information provided yet.

**International** Moreton-in-Marsh Sept GL56 0YG 11th—13th Hot food, drinks, ice cream and full bar available all day. A selection of country craft vendors, craftsman stalls and entertainment. .

**The World Trials** are every three years and this year they are in the UK at Huntington Farm, Scottish Borders, TD2 6QU Sept 16th—20th. This will be an amazing event with the best of the best from 24 different countries all competing for the accolade of World Champion. If you miss this one you may have to wait a long time for the next one in the UK.

More info including camping can be found on the International Sheepdog Society website [www.isds.org.uk](http://www.isds.org.uk). You can meet us at the English, Welsh, International and World trials. Our teams include TJ, Bonny, Barbara, Jen, Luke, Bev, Vicki (Allison), and we are all looking forward to meeting you. You can't miss us, the green Gazebo with FOSTBC banners on it.

**Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear."**  
Dave Barry

**"Dogs are loyal, patient, fearless, forgiving, and capable of pure love. Virtues that few people get through life without abandoning, at least once."**  
M.K. Clinton



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## Identifying Dog Parents?



One thing we have noticed in the rescue is the different way people respond to a dog they are thinking of adopting. We have a father figure and a mother figure, one is gentle but firm, listens to what we say and, in a very positive way, makes the dog feel safe. The other is definitely the ‘playmate’, rubbing the dog’s back, ruffling its ears (while we cringe and quite often the poor dog cringes, after all this person is a stranger) and all the while telling it what fun they can have. Rather like the family situation of mum being the rule maker and dad the fun guy. Rarely do age or gender make any difference, there is always one who is the strong one, the rule maker, but the one the dog turns to when it’s unsure, and one is the ‘fun’ person who plays and gives lots of treats but the dog sees them as a play mate and not a parent protector figure. It’s always interesting for us to observe and when we are showing them how to lead walk the dog I think you can guess which one has no problem and which one struggles.

### Every Life Celebrated with FOSTBC



Our new Facebook page is about celebrating the lives of those we have loved and lost. It may be your pet rabbit from your childhood, or a beloved pet you have lost recently, sometimes we just need to let the universe know how and why they were so special. From the smallest to the very largest of companions they all have a place in our hearts, and now you can tell their story on this page. Each entry has an Album so you can visit anytime without the need to scroll down.

### A Gift for Collie Lovers

The dogs in our Sanctuary are sponsored monthly but sometimes people just want to buy a single payment gift for a friend, birthdays etc. You



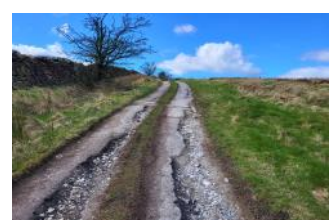
can give a gift of a Sponsored Kennel for three, six or twelve months, for £15, £25, or £40, and the recipient will receive a certificate with the information of the dog in the kennel. As you will be helping dogs that will be adopted, there may be more than one dog use the sponsored kennel, but we will update by email any new dogs plus a photograph of them throughout the time of the sponsorship.

Please email [info@fostbc.org.uk](mailto:info@fostbc.org.uk) for a sponsor form

### Preparing for FOSTBC relocation

Photos taken as we work on our project. The first one is the back of the house, then one of many piles of rubble cleared out ready for modernising and being two cottages, and the remains of a fireplace. One of the many sheds which as yet we aren’t sure will be kennels or a play area and the access lane as it was. Thanks to our fabulous supporters and fundraisers we now have concreted a large part of the lane and it is now accessible, enabling us to start on the building works. To find out more or help us build our dream kennels please visit our gofundme page. Thank you.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-to-secure-the-future-of-fostbc-saving-border-collies> (copy and paste)



**“The greatest pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too.”**

**Samuel Butler**

**“Dogs are loyal friends, and if they could talk, your secrets would still be safe. (If my cat could talk, I’d have to let the dog eat her.)”**

**Richelle E. Goodrich**

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## The Inbetweeners

We have dogs in our rescue that are able to be rehomed, they don't need to be in our Sanctuary as they are not aggressive and do not have major issues. They have either been abused in the past or shut away and have become shut off. They are our inbetweeners, they can be rehomed but they need a special someone with lots of time and patience. Until that special someone turns up we keep working with them and they do come round very slowly, however in a home getting one-on-one attention they come round much quicker.

In the past few months we have had three Inbetweeners find their forever homes. Maddie, Roy and Jock had all been shut away prior to coming into our rescue. We spent months and months getting them to come out of their pens to feed, to go into the garden and relax, to walk on a lead without panicking. They still had a very long way to go when they were adopted, going for walks could be months away and we all knew it would take time for them to relax in their new homes and feel safe. But they are now happy, still a long way to go but they are in homes and are so much more confident and relaxed, we are so grateful to those adopters, for giving these dogs the chance of a normal life.

Spot is 'inbetween' sanctuary and rescue, he has had a really bad start in life and remains somewhat elusive. He has been with us for a year which isn't long in terms of rehabilitation, the three above had been with us much longer, but he is still very reserved. He is better with one person as he tends to struggle when there is more than one. He will take sprats but only if given lengthways—so you can tell he has character developing—he goes for short walks and loves being in the garden, he's fine with other dogs he has no aggression whatsoever. So Spot is looking for his new home, it would need to be reasonably local for the rescue—not hundreds of miles away - with a secure garden and limited traffic noise. If you feel you can be patient for as long as it takes for this boy to settle in your home and your life please get in touch with us.



## Calendar 2027

It sounds crazy but we are already getting ready to print our 2027 calendar and we have some great photographs of FOSTBC rescue collies.



Supporting our calendar helps us to keep the printing costs low which means we are able to keep the final cost of the calendar the same each year, which is a huge thing for our charity.. It's £50 to be a sponsor of our 2027 calendar. There will be no more than two per page and if a specific month is requested we will do our best but we can't promise. please send your sponsor donation via this link <https://www.fostbc.org.uk/donations/> by cheque, bank transfer, or paypal. Then email [info@fostbc.org.uk](mailto:info@fostbc.org.uk) with your name and sponsorship words (both are optional) as well as your address so we can send you a calendar when they are printed.

We really appreciate our calendar sponsors as it enables us to keep the price as affordable as possible for everyone who would like to buy it.

Thank you for your support

## New Dogs In Rescue

The last few months we have had some sad cases come to us. Betsy's (7yrs) owner had passed away and bless her she took some time to settle down but has now been adopted and is a happy bunny again. Chase's owner was unable to keep him anymore due to poor health. Chase (18mth) is now adopted and, like Betsy he is loving his life.

And more recent Bella and Peg (9 and 10yrs) who were left on their own when their owner passed away. They are now both safe in our kennels and we will keep them updated when they go on our site.

## 2026 Calendars

We still have some of our 2026 calendars available in our online shop on our site [www.fostbc.org.uk](http://www.fostbc.org.uk)

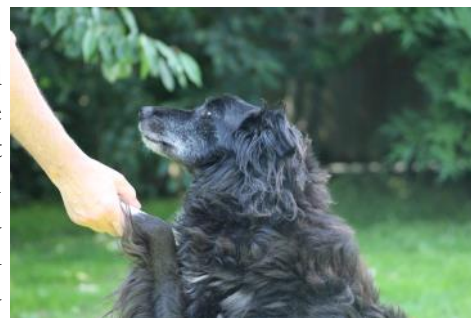
Each page has a lovely photo of one our dogs, some are waiting for their forever home, some are rehomed and some are in out Sanctuary but they are all FOSTBC rescued dogs.



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## Taking Responsibility

There was a time when if you had a dog you needed to get a collar, lead, food dish, water dish, to have a lot of patience and understanding, and the knowledge that you have taken on a huge commitment and responsibility. Problems that could arise may have been lead pulling, recall, nervousness. Sometimes a ball was evident for a kick around in the garden. You only went on holiday if you could take your dog. Help was very limited, no google, few trainers, no social media to turn to for help and advice, and if you took on a rescue dog you would be foolish to think it would be easy.



Then came the w/w and suddenly help is available in abundance, lots of trainers with varying qualifications, doggie day care facilities, social media teeming with advice, more varieties of dog food than on a restaurant menu, and the gadgets! Balls, something to throw a ball, squeaky toys, tuggy toys, halti, harness, figure eight, plus more 'help' to make lead walking easy. Training classes, pre beginner upwards (never understood the 'pre' bit as its either a beginner or it isn't).

So why do we have more bad-mannered dogs than ever, why are rescue kennels overflowing and why are the gadgets not working? Gadgets don't teach good manners! Money is there for dog food companies, trainers, gadget makers and sellers and breeders. It's a profitable enterprise for those making money and it's the ruination of many a good dog, and in some cases the end of a dog's life. Dogs and puppies going into homes with no research done, incorrect information from inexperienced sources mean dogs go into rescue with issues, who then struggle to find a home because some people don't want to put in the time and work needed. There are two sides to every story and there are responsible breeders, good owners, patient adopters and sensible dedicated people, there always has been, but now they are outnumbered by the ones who just don't understand that a dog is a life! It's not a commodity, a must have, an experiment, something for the kids, it is a life and one that should be cherished.

## Our Sponsor Dog this issue is Blue



Blue has been with us for five years and as you can see he's ace with a ball.

But when he came to us he was in a terrible state, found as a stray and believed to have been at some point

with travellers. He had an eyelid missing but a set of pearly whites he was happy to show and to use.

He is settled and is a very happy lad and enjoys his games of 'footie', pigs ears, gravy biscuits and walks but he still doesn't like strangers in his space.

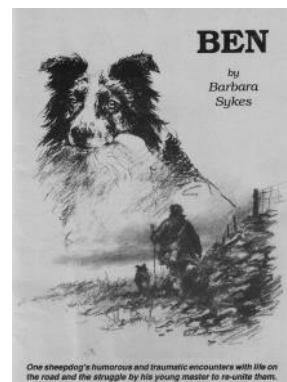
All our sponsored dogs are on good diets, get walks and play times, are wormed regularly and some are on special diets. By sponsoring a dog you helping us to be able to keep on giving them a really good life. To find out more please visit the giving page on our site [www.fostbc.org.uk](http://www.fostbc.org.uk) to find the dogs in Sanctuary.

### Hot Paws

We are all hoping for some sunny days but hot sun can make the pavements and roads unbearable for dogs paws. It's best to limit their time out in really hot weather and stick to the grass as much as possible.

## Summer Holidays

Half term, the summer holiday or going away there often comes the time when you think, 'If I could just keep the kids quiet for a while'. Ben is a book aimed at children of all ages—that includes adult children as well! Ben is a great little book available on line at [www.fostbc.org.uk](http://www.fostbc.org.uk) and easier on the eyes than video games.



### Fun Facts

When dogs kick backward after they go to the bathroom, it's not to cover it up, but to mark their territory, using the scent glands in their feet.

Dogs use the Earth's magnetic field when they're relieving themselves, and they can choose to do so in a north-south axis, ref: journal Frontiers in Zoology

Dogs amazing memories: While their short-term memory is relatively brief, their long-term memory allows them to retain information for years.

