

IRISH RETRIEVER RESCUE Summer NewsLetter

AUGUST 2013



A Warm Welcome from IRR

A big hello and welcome to the Irish Retriever Rescue (IRR) Summer Newsletter. IRR is a registered charity which was founded in 2004. 2013 saw a new team come on board and everyone is working harder than ever. Our aim at IRR is to safeguard the futures of abused, abandoned, neglected or simply unwanted Golden Retrievers from Ireland. Our newsletter will be issued 3 times a year and will include details of upcoming events, topics of interest and news about the charity. For more information please visit www.irishretrieverrescue.com or our Facebook page – Irish Retriever Rescue. Please feel free to e-mail the editor, Sinead at sineadellis@gmail.com with any queries, suggestions or topics you would like covered in the next edition. *We hope you enjoy the read!*



Fosterers Urgently Needed in Your Area



IRR works very hard to ensure that every rescued dog is kept in a loving foster home for a short period of

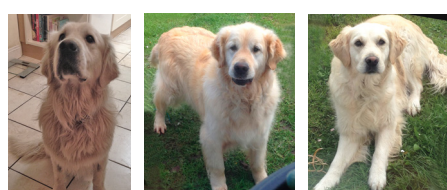
time prior to going to their forever home. This ensures that each dog is individually assessed on a one to one basis in order to establish the dog's behaviour, temperament and specific needs. IRR need to know how a particular dog reacts to other dogs, pets and children etc so they are placed in a suitable home. Could you be a fosterer and give a Golden the warmth, safety and love they so badly need?

For more details and to download an Application Form, please visit: www.irishretrieverrescue.com or contact irr.foster@yahoo.co.uk



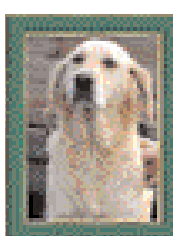
What it costs to save a life

In the first 7 months of 2013, IRR re-homed 44 dogs. That's 44 dogs that may have been abused, neglected, abandoned, surrendered, or simply unwanted for various reasons and through no fault of their own. Rescuing a Retriever, however, comes at a cost. IRR ensure that each dog is neutered / spayed and micro chipped before going to their forever home.



Unfortunately, some dogs that come into our care have on-going health or a behavioural issues which means they cannot be adopted right away and sometimes not at all. These dogs require veterinary visits, medication, behavioural assessment /classes, transportation and long term care to name but a few and all of this costs money.

We are constantly looking for new ways and new people to come on board and help with fundraising. If you believe you could raise money by holding events, bag packing, cake sales, sponsored walks etc in your local area please make contact with our fundraising Coordinator Chrissie at: irr.fundraising@yahoo.co.uk



Get your walking shoes on...

'PAWS for a WALK' is a series of walks held all around the country. Why not become a team leader and organise a walk in your area. You can find out about any organised walks in your area and all the contact details you need to join in the fun on our facebook page – Irish Retriever Rescue or the IRR website - <http://irishretrieverrescue.com/paws/paws2013.html> Even if you don't own a dog, please come along to support a team and raise the funds we desperately need. Don't forget to check out the



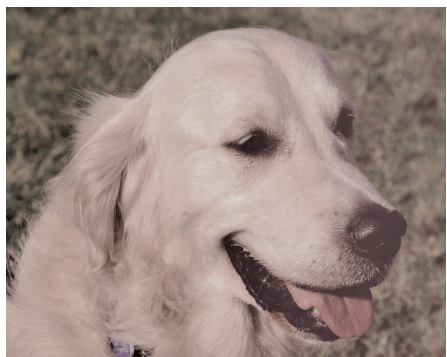
pictures of your Team on the website after each walk. So get your walking shoes on and get going. Everything you need is on the web: posters, sponsorship forms, etc. For further information, help or advice please contact Chrissie at irr.fundraising@yahoo.co.uk

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OSSIE

Rescued by Irish Retriever Rescue
and now a 'Pets As Therapy' Dog



I was put in the pound, frightened and scared,
I really thought that nobody cared.

Sandie rescued me and found me a loving home,
I am so happy now I would never roam.

I have been a 'Pets As Therapy' Dog for over a year,
and I help the children get over their fear.

My Mum doesn't put my coat on until we get to the door,
as I get so excited and I bounce on the floor.

I go to a Special Needs School, where the children have
helped me get over my past,
They are so loving and open, I know it will last.

I start at Reception and say hello,
Then I am off to the classes and ready to go.

The children call me 'Ossie Dog' at the school where I go,
I know the children love me and always let me know.

The children like to stroke and brush me,
which I like very much,
I really like their loving touch.

I have a very special friend, who is in a wheelchair,
I love to kiss his hand and show him that I care.

I meet many of the older children too,
they talk to me, and stroke and brush me too.

So to all of you dogs if you have a few hours to spare,
Volunteer and be a PAT Dog and show that you care.

Love from Ossie Dog xxxx

Get Together

On 31st August there is a small IRR Get Together for humans and their four legged friends. The venue is Elm Cottage Touring Caravan Park in Central Cheshire. There may still be time to book a camping space. Check out their website or email chris@elmcottage.co.uk to check availability. Due to the restrictions on site, we are asked not to encourage too many day visitors!



However, we are meeting at Delamere Cafe at 12pm for people wanting lunch and a "Paws for a Walk" at 1 pm. Check out our facebook page if you would like to join in this walk and raise some much needed funds. Afterwards at 7pm we are meeting at the Shrewsbury Arms for the get together BBQ - everyone is welcome at this event but please email your names and numbers to Nicky at: nicky.ray-herring@sky.com

CHECK IN EVERY DAY...

Apart from keeping up with the comings and goings of the dogs, there is plenty to look at on our website: The Gift Shop offers an exciting choice of presents; Ossie has joined the Sponsor Dogs as a new member; there is a book of "Pawitry" to tug at your heart strings ... and plenty of ways for you to get involved. Why not check in today!!

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