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NEWSLETTER



Cliff Top Kennels Re-Homing Centre URGENTLY needs your help.

Our charity is run by a very small but dedicated group of volunteers. We rely entirely on the kindness and generosity of our supporters, and money raised through our monthly fundraising events. We have dog food collection points in Morrison's, Scarborough and Tesco, Filey. We also receive VIP Lifeline vouchers from Pets at Home to spend in their store.

We receive no funding from any organisations and no corporate sponsorship.

The current Covid-19 pandemic has hit many people and businesses very hard and we are only too aware of the difficulties that have been created. It has had a massive impact on us too.

In real terms, what this means for us is that we have rescue dogs in the kennels that we still have to support and care for, and this is not cheap. We are currently unable to rehome any of the dogs due to the Government regulations currently in place. We had a full calendar of fundraising events booked over the summer months and these have all, without exception, been cancelled. The reality is this; that with no income and dogs to care for to our usual high standard we only have our reserves to fund their care.

If the current situation continues, our budget forecast shows that we will not be able to function beyond September.

How can you help?

We are currently exploring ways in which we might be able to fund looking after the dogs in our care until such time as we can resume both re-homing and fundraising again. We are researching possible grants and also looking at setting up crowd funding. This type of fundraising is all new to us, and we are reaching out to ask you, our valued supporters, for ideas for raising money. Maybe grant applications are your area of expertise or maybe you have a brilliant idea of a way people can raise money from the comfort of their own homes. Please, please get in touch with any ideas. It is devastating to think that we may not be able to carry on fulfilling our mission to find homes for stray and abandoned dogs.

We can be contacted by phone on 01723 870456
or by e-mail jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com
or by post to Cliff Top Boarding Kennels,
Rocks Lane, Burniston, Scarborough, YO13 OHX.



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If you have received this newsletter in the post, perhaps you would consider letting us know your e-mail address and we can send the next issue direct to your inbox. This saves the charity money on postage and is better for the environment.

Thank you.



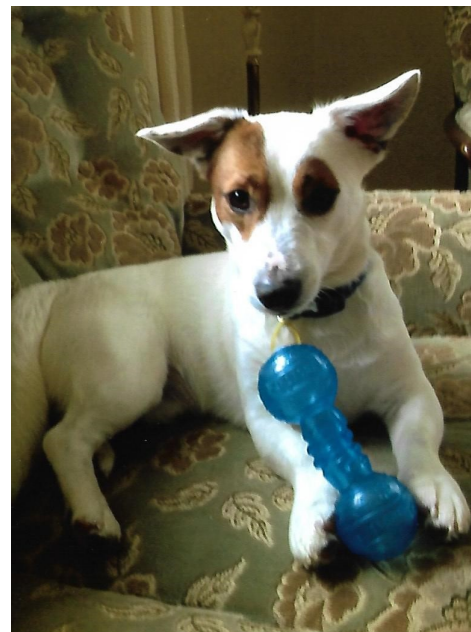
CONTACT US

If you want to get in touch, send us your e-mail address, re-home one of our dogs or send us a success story you can contact us at jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com

SUCCESS STORY

PIPPIN aka TREVOR

On 7th July we rehomed Trevor the Jack Russell Terrier from you. Just letting you know how he is doing. We have re-named him Pippin, he has had his injections and has settled in really well. He has a really good bond with my hum, whom he adores.



He gets on really well with my Jack Russell, Abby, and they have a good play and run around my mum's garden when we go and visit, usually every other day. He loves to sit in the window and look out, and when he sees us, his ears prick up and he runs to the gate to greet us with excitement. He is a beautiful, handsome young man and we all love him dearly.

Thank you for letting us give him a home.



If you have a success story you would like to share, please drop us a line at jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com

We love to hear how our re-homed dogs are getting on with their new families.

A new way to help us raise vital funds

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

You can help us raise money for the charity while shopping from the comfort of your own home with Amazon Smile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.co.uk) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. The first time you log on to Amazon Smile you will be asked to choose the charity you would like to support. Just choose Cliff Top Kennels Re-Homing Centre and then start shopping. Then all you need to do is remember to use AmazonSmile at smile.amazon.com when you want to shop through Amazon and they will do the rest!

Display a Collection Tin for Us !

Contact us at the kennels on 01723 870456 if you can display a collection tin on our behalf at your place of work or somewhere you shop regularly.

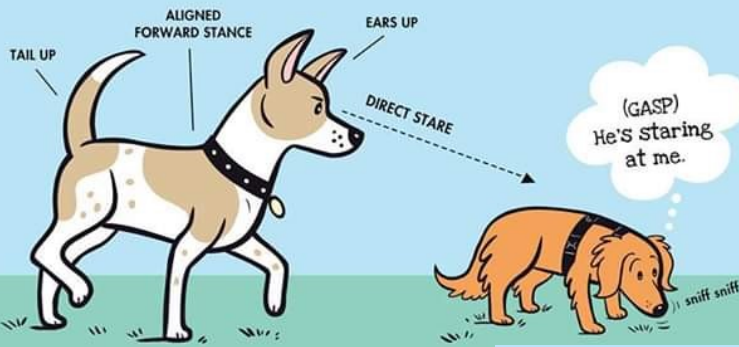


Please Help the dogs by giving a donation towards the care and wellbeing of the dogs that need it most, the dogs without homes!

Thank You for all you support

Social Distancing in a dog's world

IS YOUR DOG PUSHY?



'Social distancing' is probably going to be the catchphrase that 2020 is remembered for, for obvious reasons! However, understanding your dogs need for social distancing has always been relevant and will continue to be as long as we keep dogs as pets. Do you know how to read your dogs comfort level when they meet other dogs when you are out on a walk?

Pushy dogs aren't listening to other dogs' signals! Give him a time-out ON A LEASH or OUTSIDE THE PARK until he has calmed down and can show good manners.



IS YOUR DOG SCARED?



If your dog is scared, GET HIM AWAY FROM WHAT SCARES HIM; it may be time to leave the park.

PLEASE NOTE:

This article is not implying that there is any link between you, your dog and COVID-19.

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Currently available for re-homing



CANDYMAN

Age: 6 years

Breed: Greyhound

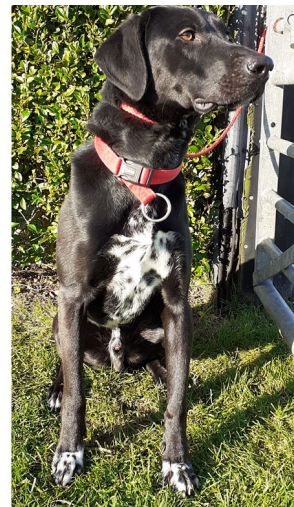
Candyman is a gentle, friendly dog who loves to spend time playing with his toys. He is fully vaccinated, neutered and microchipped.

MARLEY

Age: 2½ years

Breed: Dalmation x Labrador

Marley is a friendly dog who would be best suited to a home where he is the only dog. He is fully vaccinated, microchipped and neutered.



MOLLY

Age: 5 years

Breed: Border Collie

Molly is a friendly dog who would be best suited to a quiet home where she is the only dog. She is fully vaccinated, microchipped and neutered.



If you can help rehome any of our dogs please contact
Cliff Top Boarding Kennels on 01723 870456

News on our dogs and new dogs available for re-homing are kept updated on our website: www.scarboroughdogs.org.uk

We are unable to rehome dogs at present due to current Government regulations, however as soon as the restrictions are removed, it will be business as usual!

Caring for your dog during the coronavirus pandemic

The Kennel Club have published lots of helpful advice about how to care for your dog during these difficult times

To protect the most vulnerable in our community it's vital that we all work together to reduce the spread of coronavirus. Reducing social contact goes against our nature, but for dog owners, self-isolation creates an extra set of problems.

- You can still walk your dog, so long as you are not quarantined due to coronavirus symptoms in your household. Each adult in your household should only go out to exercise once a day, but you can take it in turns to walk your dog to help keep them active.
- Be prepared: ensure that you have dog food, poo bags and medicines for your dog to see them through a possible two week quarantine period.

If you do go into quarantine, you should not leave your house. You can exercise your dog in your garden or around your home, but if you are unable to do this then you can ask someone to walk your dog for you, but you do need to take certain precautions.

Wash your hands

Currently there is no evidence that dogs are affected by COVID-19, or that they can transmit the virus to other humans. As with any surface, if someone with COVID-19 touches, sneezes or coughs on a dog, the virus could temporarily contaminate them.

Although we don't know how long COVID-19 can survive on surfaces, scientists think that it could range from a few hours to several days, depending on the type of surface, how warm it is and levels of humidity.

During this time you should maintain good hygiene practices. Bath your dog often and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and hot water before and after you:

- Feed them
- Touch them
- Touch their toys
- Touch their bedding.

It's also a good idea to try to avoid them licking or kissing your face and sharing your food with them. This advice is generally good practice as dogs can sometimes carry common bacteria which can also be passed on to humans.

Walking your dog

If you are not quarantined because you, or a member of your family, have shown signs of coronavirus, then you can still take your dog for a walk. The government currently advises that you only leave your house once a day to exercise. This means that:

If you live by yourself then, for the time being, you will have to reduce walking your dog to once a day.

Households with two or more adults can walk their dog more than once a day if they take it in turns to take the dog out.

When walking your dog you should practice social distancing by avoiding busy areas and keeping

at least two meters (or three steps) away from others, particularly those that you think may be vulnerable.

With most children being at home all of the time it is important that your children are reminded that your dog is used to having quiet time during the day when they are usually at school so they must respect that sometimes a pet needs so 'time out' to relax.

If you are self isolating and therefore unable to take your dog out at all, there are various ways of helping your dog to cope with these new circumstances and ways of stimulating them without needing to go outside.

Some of these techniques are listed on the next page.



Keeping your dog entertained and stimulated if you are unable to take them outside

We are all being asked to stay home and although this may be difficult and frustrating for us and our dogs, it is temporary and there are many things that we can all do to help make it easier.

Bored dogs are unable to cope with a lack of stimulation and may show signs of behavioural issues, so it's important that you supplement their normal exercise routine with activities in your home and garden to keep them entertained.

If you or a member of your household show signs of coronavirus it's important that you stay inside. You should not take your dog for a walk yourself and if you are unable to exercise them in your home or garden then you can ask someone else to walk them for you, but you should take precautions to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

Keep a routine.

Try to ensure that both you and your dog have a regular routine. If possible, make sure that they get up and go to bed at roughly the same time each day and that they have regular times for feeding and playing. This will help them know what to expect from their day. Try to encourage your dog to have some regular time and quiet periods when they are left by themselves. This will prepare them for when you go back to work and leave them for short periods.

Use food

Use a food puzzle to make meal times more stimulating for your dog, these include bases to put food on, making it more difficult to get to the food, or toys to hide food into. If you do not have one you could order one online or ask a friend or neighbour to pick one up for you. Scent work can be a great way to keep dogs busy for ages. Try hiding treats around the garden or house and send them off in search of them.

Play with your dog

Most dogs love playing, so a good game of indoor fetch or tug of war can keep them entertained. If you are playing with your dog inside the house try to ensure that they play on non-slip surfaces to avoid injury. Make sure your dog isn't overdoing it and give them regular breaks and access to fresh water at all times.

Use toys and dental chews to keep your dog stimulated and stop them chewing on things. If you have a number of toys why not try a toy rotation and put one away one day and bringing out another. This may stop them getting bored as quickly and will keep their toys new and exciting.

Think outside the box

Try creating an obstacle course inside your house or in your garden using toys, cushions, blankets, towels or anything you can think of. Get them to jump over a scrunched up blankets, or weave through towers of cushions. Use your imagination and take the time to teach your dog how to run the course.

Dogs love to chase bubbles, so if you have any in the house get them out and see what your dog thinks of them.

Teach them a new trick

Learning a new trick or command is great mental stimulation for a dog. Get out the treats and try to teach "roll over", "sit" or "paw". YouTube is full of advice and videos on how to train your dog.

Let them go outside

If you have a garden then play outside to give them more things to investigate and smell to help keep them stimulated.

Give them things to watch and listen to

Keep the curtains or blinds open so that your dog can see what's going on in the outside world. Put a cushion or a chair by the window to let them see outside.

Look for dog friendly podcasts for them to listen to, or TV for dogs on YouTube to provide them with other types of interest and stimulation.



Thank you

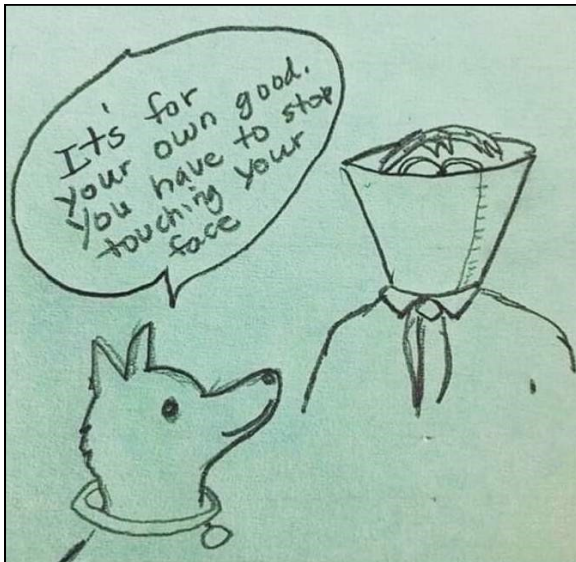
We were hugely grateful over Christmas when two local companies chose not to send Christmas cards to their colleagues but to spend their card money on food, treats and toys for the rescue dogs in our care.

'Thank You' to
**Scarborough Savers and
First Locate**

it was much appreciated.

We also wish to say a big 'Thank You' to **Burns** dog food. They recently sent us a donation of food for our rescue dogs. It arrived last week and couldn't have come at a better time. Burns pledge to give 25% of the profit from their dog food sales to rescue charities and we were delighted that we were chosen to receive a donation.

Rescue dog Molly can't wait to get tucked in!



Quarantine Day 7

My dog just asked if I want the radio left on when he goes out!!!

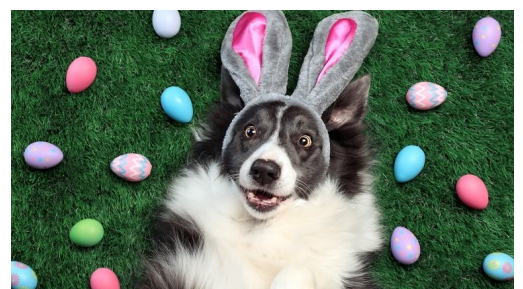


Feel free to share

We hope you have enjoyed reading this edition of our quarterly newsletter. As stated in our front page article Cliff Top Kennels Re-Homing Centre is facing uncertain times over the coming months. It would help us spread the word about the valuable work that we do and raise awareness of our cause. If you have a relative, friend, neighbour or colleague that may be interested in the work that we do, please feel free to share this newsletter to as many people as you like. Thank you.

HAPPY EASTER

from everyone at
Cliff Top Kennels Re-Homing Centre





Cliff Top Kennels Re-homing Centre

www.scarboroughdogs.org.uk



01723 870456 Registered Charity No. 1110716

Cliff Top Kennels Re-homing Centre is able to continue re-homing abandoned dogs due to the donations and support of its members and friends. Dogs come to the Charity having been abandoned by their owners in the Scarborough, Filey and Whitby areas. These dogs are often traumatised by their experience and need special care and attention.

You can help these dogs by becoming a member of the charity. For a donation of £6 we will send you a regular newsletter keeping you up to date with our fund-raising activities.

If you would like to become a member, renew your membership or just make a donation please complete the form below. The form, together with your payment, should be sent to:

The Membership Secretary

Cliff Top Kennels Re-homing Centre, Rocks Lane, Burniston, Scarborough, YO13 0HX

(Cheques should be made payable to Cliff Top Kennels Re-homing Centre)

Membership donation: £6.00 (delete if not applicable)

Other donation: £ _____

TOTAL DONATION: _____

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1.00 you donate.

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year.
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¹ I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ _____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to **Cliff Top Kennels Re-Homing Centre**

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If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.