



# HAPPY PAWS PUPPY RESCUE



Registered Charity No. 1158323

## MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

The last 6 months have been very eventful here at Happy Paws HQ. We are now on track to rescue approximately 250 deserving souls and for a small charity we are very proud of this achievement.

This is only possible due to the amazing support we receive from an ever increasing team of supporters who work incredibly hard to ensure we have enough funds to embark on the work we involve ourselves with. This, to me, is very special as the friendship shown to one another is so important. We are certainly all in this together - as I always say there is no 'I' in team and at team Happy Paws I am proud to say that we are stronger than ever.

Our auction page 'Happy Paws Auction and Selling' is doing so well. Many of you know that it was Anne that set it up and that it is Anne that takes the lead on it. Because of her professional approach it runs like a well-oiled machine. This auction site raises funds and I am very grateful to Anne for doing such a great job.

Our UK co-ordinator, Lisa Birt, continues to ensure that if there is a Golden in need in the UK she will do all that she can to facilitate the re-homing process.

Lisa has helped 19 kids find new homes. Rescuing from the UK can be very emotional for a variety of different reasons but Lisa handles every situation with care, kindness and support.

This can be very challenging but Lisa does a great job and I am very blessed to have her on the team.

Ali, our home check co-ordinator, continues to arrange all home checks alongside Michelle who takes the lead on the 'Easy Fundraising' page. The work that they do for Happy Paws is invaluable and again I am so very lucky to have them on board.

Having set up the charity 18 months ago from nothing, it has, over the last year, grown and developed in to a very special organisation. Anne, Lisa, Ali and Michelle are a constant support, not only to the charity, but to me personally. For all of the team it can be stressful, emotionally draining and difficult but we are always here for each other - and



we have our rescue kids too - as my picture shows when the going gets tough a good 'thank you for saving me' cuddle makes it all worthwhile and makes us more determined than ever.

Happy Paws has made many new contacts. We are now working in partnership to secure the safety of many more Golden Retrievers in need from Bosnia, Romania, Cyprus, Spain and Turkey. The rescuers we work with are at the very sharp end of all the rescues. I have such respect and admiration for these amazing people.

The horrors they see on a daily basis is, quite frankly, mind-blowing but they take these souls off the streets, out of pounds and kill shelters and give them hope. If we are contacted for help then Happy Paws takes full responsibility for them financially, which takes the heavy burden of raising funds away from the other organisation. This in turn helps them rescue more souls.

So to the future. Well my aim is to encourage more people to get involved, to secure support from local businesses and try to secure funding where ever possible.

The fact is the more money we have, the more Golden Retrievers we can save.

So on behalf of the kids we have saved, the kids we are saving and the ones we just haven't found yet, but we will - thank you!

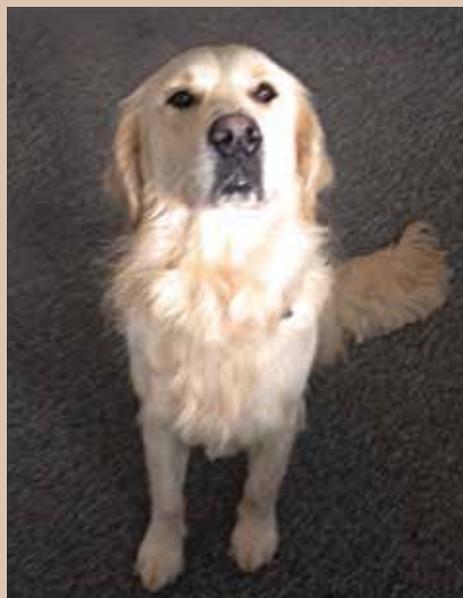
Together we can make a difference - I know we can't change the world but to the kids we save it does change their world and that's why we do what we do.

Thank you to each and everyone of you for joining us on the Happy Paws journey - we couldn't do it without you.

xxxxxxx



## MEET THE KIDS





## BAILEY'S STORY

I was alerted by one of our partner charities to the plight of an old retriever who was in desperate need of help. Information was gathered and it was heart breaking.

Bailey was found sniffing around a bin scavenging for scraps of food. He was obviously in pain. His sad face looked like he had the world's problems on his old shoulders.

We at Happy Paws were not going to look away - we had to help - so we took him under our care. Off to the vets for a much needed check-up.

The charity sent him straight into foster care where he was well fed, warm and above all, safe.

We started to look for a best family and boy did we do well!

Bailey now lives with the best family who just love him to bits. He is quite a character and all who meet him fall for his charms. Without the kindness and dedication of our rescuers, the supporters who donated to his rescue and the wonderful family that care, spoil and love him.

This was an amazing rescue of an incredible dog who is now living the dream. xx



Bailey when he was first rescued



At home



Loving his new life

## SONNY NEEDED OUR HELP

Poor Sonny was chucked out and found himself in the public pound - no place for any dog, but especially bad for a gentle older retriever.

I will never understand why people treat these gorgeous dogs so badly. Sonny was depressed and was sitting at the side of his pen looking out in wonderment at how he found himself there.

Luckily for him we heard about his situation and took him under our wing.

Apart from a few minor health issues he was healthy and so off to foster care he went to be assessed. He passed all his behaviour tests with flying colours so we started looking for the perfect home for him.

He now lives with a super family and mum works from home. Sonny is now his mum's assistant - his job is to lay in the office, guard the door and lay in his bed watching the world go by.

How perfect for an older boy who just wanted to be loved.

This was the best ever outcome for Sonny - we at team Happy Paws could not be happier for him.



In the pound



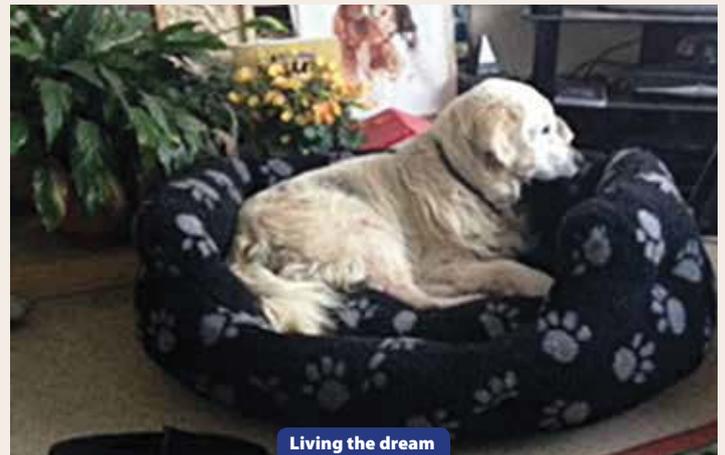
Just rescued



Helping mum in the office



Meeting new friends



Living the dream

## MISS MOLLY

Miss Molly was found hiding under an abandoned car. She was being fed by locals who gave her scraps - she had been abandoned. She was so frightened, cold and alone whilst hiding from the dog catchers. Luckily for her, a friend of the charity was driving by and saw her.

She managed to coax her out from underneath the car and take her into foster care where she was at last safe.

We were contacted and we were only too happy to help.

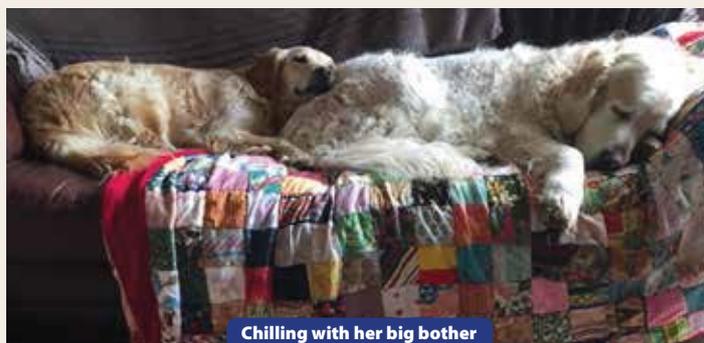
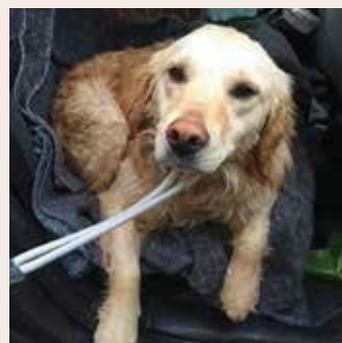
This little girl needed a chance and once she was confirmed as a Happy

Paws girl she would want for nothing ever again.

After all of her behavioural and health tests came in I booked her a place on the happy bus.

I found Molly the perfect family who would love, spoil and care for our little girl. I knew she would want for nothing. She now lives very happily in a wonderful home and has a big brother looking out for her.

This is inspiring, as through it all Molly has remained the sweetest little girl who really seems to appreciate her second chance. xx



Chilling with her big brother



Playing on the beach - Perfect xx



Flora enjoying her blanket

## THE HAPPY PAWS KNITTED BLANKET

Happy Paws loves to spoil our new arrivals with a very special welcome blanket, knitted especially for our kids. They are all hand-made with love from a very special group of ladies.

This is always a nice way to say 'we love you' to each and every one of our special kids. xx



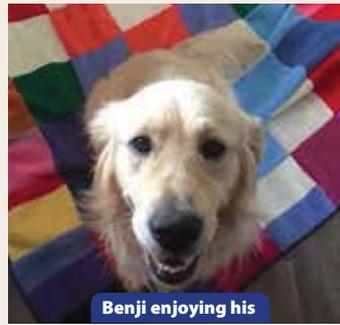
Crystal's been fed, had a walk. Snooze time! xx



Elsie and her mum



Holly thinks hers is great



Benji enjoying his



Molly loves hers



On top!

## MISS WILLOW

Miss Willow tried her blanket out to see what she thought was best.



Rolling on it!



Underneath seemed best xxxx

## MEET THE RESCUERS

Our partners in rescue are second focused and work so hard to ensure to none. these precious lives are saved.

They are at the sharp end and see I, for one, feel very proud to call cruelty to animals on a daily basis. them not only my partners but

They remain incredibly dedicated, also my friends.

*We are lucky that we work so well together with our partners and have built a strong, professional relationship which I feel very blessed to have. With our care and respect for each other we are able to save more lives than ever and get on with the job at hand.*



The 'you are safe now' hug



The 'I love you for saving me' push over



The 'thanks for saving me' paw shake



The 'dad do you need some help with that' look



'I will love and miss you always' cuddle



# HAPPY PAWS PUPPY RESCUE

## OUR KIDS!

We at HP HQ are proud of all our kids. They all have a story to tell of hardship and cruelty.

But we always say - let's focus on the positive side of rescue. By looking forward so much can be achieved. Take a look at Toby, Hope, Lucy and Quita.

All chucked out and unwanted yet just look at them now - it's such a testament to their loving families that they can come through their ordeals and achieve so much.

We are so pleased for them and to see them looking so happy and being treated like a valued member of the family is just priceless.

So well done to each and every one of them xx



Elizabeth and Lucy



Hope on her Muddy Day Challenge



Toby and his friend



Sarah and Quita

## HANDOVERS - COUPLED WITH AN 'AUNTIE CUDDLE'

One of the perks of running a rescue is the excitement of getting to hand over our kids to our families. I try very hard to make sure I can get to each handover so that I can personally ensure all goes well.

One of the best bits for me is having a cuddle before the families arrive - and I love it!

So much emotion goes into each rescue and it's a very personal journey for all concerned.

Every effort is made to ensure our kids have the very best we can offer. So when I see them in the flesh I feel as if I already know them.

Each one is special, each one means the world to me personally and I will always be there watching over them.

I feel like I have won the lottery every time I meet our kids and it's a real privilege to have helped them on their way to a wonderful life.



Milo



Astor



Kira & George



Scamp

## MEET THE FAMILIES

All these pictures were taken when I had just handed over our kids to their new families.

Just look at all the happy faces!! On everybody!

This is such a special time.

The handover is done in a calm, respectful way to ensure the kids feel relaxed. They all go off for a walk around the grounds so they feel confident that all is well.

Then off they go to their new homes. xx.....Perfect!



Gorgeous Benson (now called Teddy)



Sweet Martha (now called Maya)



Old Boy Bailey



Gentle Betsy



Handsome Olly



Elsie



Larry



Flora



Charlie Boy



Mollie



Woody



Toby



Freddie



Amy



Charlie

**ALL OUR DOGS JUST LOOK SO HAPPY  
WHEN THEY HAVE A FAMILY  
TO CALL THEIR OWN...**



**AND WE LOVE TO SEE THEM SMILING!**



Rosie



Benji



## OUR TURKEY KIDS

We started to rescue from Turkey and soon discovered there were so many Golden Retrievers in need.

To be honest, it took us all by surprise just how many needed help.

As a small charity we took a deep breath and got on with the job.

It costs approximately £1300 to rescue each Golden as we have to wait four months before they can travel. Therefore the foster costs are much higher than Europe.

But, like every thing we do at Happy Paws HQ we hit it head on and proceeded to do our very best for the kids who come our way.

So here are some of the lucky ones who now come under the Happy Paws umbrella.

*Our work and scope is continuing to grow in Turkey. With the network of rescuers and foster carers Happy Paws is proud to have brought over 14 lucky kids to the UK - with many more in the pipeline. This has been an interesting experience with many ups and downs, twists and turns but everyone involved has helped to guide us through the mountain of rules and regulations and we now feel, although still learning, that we do know a lot about rescuing from this country. We hope to continue our work in Turkey as there are many Golden Retrievers in need that require our help.*



Cute Ali



Sweet Sasha



Lovely Vera



Beautiful Sheila



Gorgeous George



Pretty Pollyanna



Happy Honey



Handsome Denton

## TILLY'S STORY

**Dealing with cruelty on a daily basis can affect you. The way we deal with it is to try hard to focus on the positive side of rescue. Looking to the future - thinking about the life these dogs can have, and if the effort is made, you can make a difference.**

This is exactly how it was for poor Tilly.

Thrown out by her owner, left to fend for herself, then caught by the dog catchers and thrown, with a metal catchpole, into a public pound.

This is where she was found.

Sitting confused, helpless and frightened - for those of you who have a Golden please just think how your

dog would feel if the same happened to them - that thought quite frankly blows my mind.

Tilly was on our radar and lucky for her we managed to get her into foster and away from the public pound where dogs are randomly put to sleep very quickly.

But we had her - she was ours and we would stop at nothing to get her the family she deserved.

I think judging by the pictures of her now we did good !!

Thanks to people supporting us financially another precious life is saved and Tilly now has her happy ever after.



At the dog pound



Caged!



Stunning Tilly



Loving her ball



Just look at our girl



So cute

## ANNA & HER PUPS – THE LITTLE KIDS

Thanks to great team work we helped rescue Anna, who was already pregnant.

We asked a good friend of the charity to help and she really stepped up to the plate.

She gave Anna a safe, warm place to give birth and she produced four super kids.

Anna has been re-homed and is doing really well.

The little ones have been given

the very best and they are all thriving and ready to start their new lives with wonderful families.

So to Miss Florin Green, Miss Daisy Red, Miss Poppy Pink and Master Bailey Blue - good luck little ones!

This rescue was only possible because of the generous donations from everyone.

Thank you to all who contributed to this lovely families welfare. xxxx



So lovely



Anna has just given birth



The kids



Gorgeous



Daisy Red

## ANNA'S KIDS ARRIVE IN THE UK

After months of worrying, waiting and fretting Anna's kids finally arrived in the UK to be met by their very loving families

It's been a long journey for these 4 little ones but the joy on their faces when they met their forever family was wonderful.

These little ones would not have

survived with out the incredible team work and support we received.

So please enjoy these pictures as they are indeed very special.

*Right: Even I had to get in on the act - I just loved my 'thank you for saving me' cuddles.*

*It was very special and just what I needed xx*



Poppy pink



The crazy gang xx



Florin Green



Bailey Blue



## THE TINY KIDS

As a charity we have had a couple of nice surprises this year.

Milly the Lab gave birth to four little ones - two little girls and two little boys.

This family would of died in horrific circumstances if we had not intervened and agreed to the rescue.

So five lives were saved that day.





# FUNDRAISING



## GOLDENS GET TOGETHER – MIDLANDS

Our friends at **Goldens Get Together, Midlands**, have arranged many Golden walks and raised lots of much needed funds. This is a super way for families and their beautiful retrievers to help Golden in need. We are very grateful for their kind and continued support. Every penny raised goes toward giving

our kids the life they do deserve.

Kathryn, who does a great job organising the walk and her Golden girl - well I think there is a Golden under all that mud - but you know what they say 'a muddy Goldie is a happy Goldie' so someone must be very happy then. xxx



Kathryn



The Golden gang

## RUN DONNA RUN

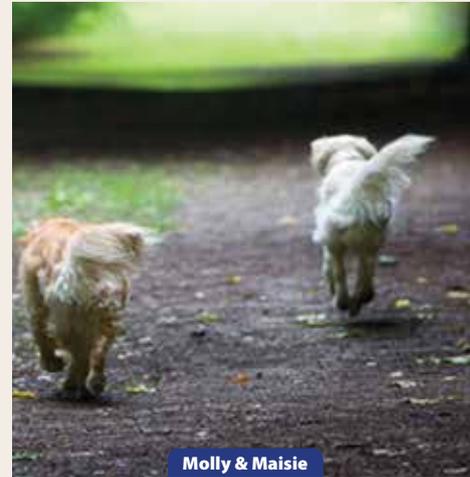
Our great friend Donna Jones has run another 10k run for us - and didn't she do well!

By choosing us as her charity Donna has contributed to saving our kids lives.

We are very impressed with Donna's dedication and we could not be more grateful.



Donna



Molly & Maisie



## WALKIES

Molly & Maisie, my beautiful girls are off to think about more exciting fundraising ideas.

Please do think about getting involved - we appreciate any help and support we are given. xxx



## HAPPY PAWS PUPPY RESCUE ANNUAL DINNER

In April the Annual Happy Paws dinner was held.

60 people attended and were treated to a super evening of great food, superb entertainment and best of all, we all came together in the name of animal welfare.

Everyone had a fun-filled evening and we raised £1700 - so more lives saved! xx



Donate at Just Giving - Happy Paws Puppy Rescue  
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