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**SPRINGER SPANIEL RESCUE**  
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**Attention!!! Attention!!!**

**A special message to those who don't....**

**....keep in touch!!**

Whilst many many of rescuers keep in touch with wonderful letters, photo's, emails and 'phone calls there are certain ones who don't!!

We realise that life is busy and not everyone is into letter writing, but we are not asking for an essay! Just a note or brief 'phone call, a quick email or a signing on our guest book is all we ask. You did make contact once, when asking to adopt so please, please to anyone out there who hasn't given us an update on your super springer, please bear in mind that, whilst you know your doggie is safe, happy and well we too, need to know. We at Rescue dedicate our lives to helping springers and every single one of them is so special to us, so "come on!!!"-put pen to paper, turn on the computer or pick up the phone- it's not that difficult!!!

And we thank you, in anticipation.



### **Dates For Your Diary**

#### **Show events**

Newburgh Fair:- Saturday 7 June 12 noon—5 pm

Thornton Hough Festival:- Saturday 5 July 11 am—5 pm

Peover Game Fair :- Sunday 17 August 10 am—5.30 pm (one not to miss)

The above shows are ones which we will be officially attending, but listed below are other shows which we are sure will be of great interest to everyone and hopefully next year we will be there "Raising the flag for Springer Rescue",

Garlands Game Fair (Tamworth) 5 + 26 May

Chettle Game Fair (Blandford Forum) 9 + 10 August

Parkgate Game Fair (Wirral) 6 + 7 September

Weston Park Game Fair (Midlands) 20 + 21 September



### **RAFFLE TICKETS**

Please find enclosed tickets for our summer raffle, super super prizes (5 for £1.00). All prizes displayed at our shows—but you don't have to come to win!! Just put your name + phone number on the ticket stub and return to us. Thank you and Good Luck!!



## So Proud of Toby

Toby came into Rescue from a dreadful home, he was shown no love or attention and was what we call a street dog. The door would be left open and no security in the garden and Toby would walk the streets, playing ball with the local children and when hungry look for scraps, or perhaps "maybe" get some food at home. Thankfully, Toby was brought into Rescue, his hair long and very matted. We immediately took him to the Vets for his inoculations and worming treatment and also had him groomed. He looked terrific but on the thin side. He was in kennels quite a while and during that time we all fell in love with Toby. What a character and so intelligent and where ever Toby went so did his ball. He was a joy to have around. The more we got to know him we realised what a clever boy he was.

We put his details on our website and that is where his new owner, after reading about him and enquiring further knew Toby was the doggie for him. Toby's new Dad is a fire investigation officer and wanted a dog to become part of his team. That was nearly 2 years ago and up to last January after the first initial phone calls after adoption, we hadn't heard any news on Toby. We don't like to pester people after adoption, we just hope people will keep in touch. Then last January, joy of joy, we received an e-mail from Toby's dad. Toby is doing so well, dedicated to his new owner and is in the final stages of his training as a fire investigation dog. He is working alongside his mate Dex a black lab and going for certification at The National Fire Service College in April where after that he will be able to work in his own right as a fire investigation dog, and he loves it.

When we receive details and photo's of his great achievement we will feature them in our next newsletter and on our website. Well done Toby we are all so very proud and happy for you.

## Brave Little Soldier

Who sadly lost his battle

Jakey (4 March 1993—8 February 2003)

Many of you will have read about Jakey in past newsletters and some of you had the privilege to have met him. Jakey was in kennels for 10 months (such a long time) but eventually was homed to a remarkable lady, Judy, whilst in kennels Jake had operations to remove lumps, which proved to be cancerous.

The Vet didn't know if they would return but we all hoped and prayed Jakey was over the worst. Mum Judy came to the kennels in January 2001 and took Jakey home along with her other doggie Maxey ,a very handsome Doberman.

A trial period to see if both doggies bonded and also to make sure Judy could handle Jakey (his illness and past life had made him somewhat temperamental!!! A little grumpy at times , and, as Mum Judy so fondly called him "In his Hannibal Lector Mood")

We needn't have worried on either, Maxey was best pals with his new brother and Judy loved him to bits and knew just how to handle any problem.

On Mothers day 2001 Jakey was officially adopted and since that time we have had the most wonderful letters, 'photo's and regular updates on Jakeys adventures. Jakey gave us all quite a few scary moments when he wasn't very well but somehow always managed to overcome and bounce back, but in January this year Jakey couldn't fight his illness anymore and Mum Judy knew Jakey didn't have very long left on this earth.

His last few days Mum constantly reassured him how much she loved him and how everything would be OK no more pain, just running happy and free.

Jakey may be gone, but he will never, ever be forgotten—God Bless you Jakey. And Judy ,you are a very special person and our friendship made through Jakey will always remain.

## What Springers Mean to Me

We have two gorgeous springers, Stan and Mitchell are their names, and since they came into our home our lives haven't been the same.

They make you smile when you feel sad they know if you are blue, they nudge then jump up on your knee and snuggle up to you.

One look from those huge brown eyes, the knowing look they give, they let you know they are always there, and we feel privileged.

To our minds springers are truly one of a kind, Loyal Loving, giving more than they take.

Springers Stanley and Mitchell, Simply the best.

Thank you Glyn and Wendy for letting us have these two gorgeous boys

Jan x



## HELP NEEDED

During the summer months Springer Rescue attend various country shows. We have a tent, one side of it is for Tombola, on the other side we sell dog related items ,and have our information table. At the back we accommodate up to nine springers (well we can't leave them at home!!) This provides a major form of money for Rescue and with vet fees and kennelling it is more than needed.

In previous years we have displayed disclaimer notices no entry and do not touch the dogs, but this year we are being told by most of the events that we attend that we need Public Liability insurance-the quotes we have been given are way above our price range. In some instances it would cost us more to attend the show than we would make!

So is there anybody "in" insurance who could help us as the way things are going now we are in danger of being unable to attend future shows, due to the ever increasing insurance fees and therefore losing much needed funds for our rescues.

PLEASE any help or advice would be very much appreciated.



THANK YOU

## DID YOU KNOW?

You can now get CDs to play to your pet who has a noise phobia.

They are called "Sounds Scary" and are designed to treat dogs who are frightened by loud noises eg thunder, fireworks, traffic, hoovers etc. More information can be found on – [www.soundsscary.com](http://www.soundsscary.com)



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## Puzzles Page

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BEAGLE

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BOXER

BULLDOG

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COLLIE

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DALMATIAN

DOBERMANN

GREAT DANE

GREYHOUND

HUSKY

LABRADOR

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MASTIFF

NEWFOUNDLAND

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PEKINGESE

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## Letters Page 1—Baggin's Story

Dear Glyn & Wendy,

Sorry to take so long to write this!

It's now more than 3 months since we adopted Baggin's (formerly known as Ralph) from you. So it's time for a progress report to let you know how he is getting on.

But let's start at the beginning. We lost our beloved flatcoat retriever in April 2002 at 6 years old to cancer. Suitably heartbroken I decided that that was it. Having now had to put 3 much loved dogs to sleep in the last 7 years for everything ranging from old age & kidney failure to cancer. I decided we were not going to put ourselves through this anymore. It's just too hard.

We were also left with our geriatric 12 year old Gordon Setter( imaginatively called Gordon, original name was Brutus which was totally not appropriate) who suffers from arthritis, hip dysplasia, spondylosis, and slightly dodgy kidneys, not to mention being almost completely blind, deaf & a bit strange psychologically (well ,they all are), and we felt it would be really unfair on him to bring another puppy into the house and ruin his peaceful dotage.

So there I was at work one day, idly trawling through the dog rescue web sites one lunchtime, when I came across the Springer Spaniel Rescue site, and spotted Ralph ,a lovely little 16 month old spaniel. I must admit he reminded me very much of our first spaniel, Minty. By this time I had been toying with the idea of another dog definitely not a puppy, and was getting a bit fed up with only one dog who seemed to want to sleep all the time. So I discussed it with my husband, and e-mailed him the link to the web site, and he fell in love with Ralph too, although it has to be said, he was not as keen as I was at this time.

I called Glyn and had a long chat with him about Ralph and we decided to travel from our home in Scotland to Lancashire to see him the following weekend. Glyn warned us about Ralph's behavioural problems and aggressive tendencies, but the main concern for me was whether Ralph would get on with Gordon. Any signs of aggression towards Gordon and all bets were off.

In the meantime, because we lived so far away it wasn't possible for Glyn & Wendy to check us out with a home visit. I asked our local vet. If he would mind if Glyn called him to get a reference. This was no problem, and all went well. I also took lots of photos showing our various dogs over the years, the garden, the beach, and some other favourite walks, so that Glyn &

Wendy would have a better idea of where Ralph was going.

Anyway we got there and met Glyn & Wendy, and we all went for a walk with Gordon & Ralph, and Rosie , who was also being looked after by the SSR. All went very well and we decided to go ahead and adopt Ralph. I will admit I was slightly daunted by how completely hyperactive and strong willed Ralph seemed, although I didn't voice any doubts at the time. Having had a spaniel before, we realised they have a lot of energy to burn off when young.

To avoid any nasty little incidents between the dogs on the way home, we put Ralph in the back of the estate car and Gordon on the back seat, separated by the dog guard. We got maybe a mile down the road before Ralph had worked out how to get round it, and landed on top of Gordon. So then we put Gordon in the back, and Colin (the husband) sat in the back seat with Ralph while I drove. It's a long way back up to Scotland with a spaniel you're not familiar with who has sharp teeth. All went well until we stopped at a service station and swapped drivers. The big mistake was buying a packet of Rolos. Ralph was fine sitting on the back seat until he got a whiff of the chocolate, and then lunged across the front to retrieve the packet from the side pocket in the door. Colin stupidly tried to take it away from him, and that was our first display of Ralph in action. Unfortunately Colin was driving when he was bitten. Amazingly, we all lived through the experience, even Ralph.

Once home we tried to reassure Ralph and make him feel welcome. The first night was awful. Ralph's problem is habitual attention seeking. At first ,he would steal things constantly, and become really aggressive if you tried to take things away from him. We can only deduce that he has been beaten for this behaviour in the past. The first night he trashed Colin's specs, a pillow, several magazines, tea towels, Gordon's bed, several throws etc. We soon learned not to try to take anything away from him unless you were prepared to lose fingers, and quickly realised that the best way to stop him doing this and to minimise damage was to ignore him. Ralph didn't seem to care about being good ,he seemed to behave as if he was going to have a rotten time anyway so why bother to be nice? I'm sure he thought that he would only be with us for a few days, so he didn't seem to try to be at all well behaved.

We changed his name to Baggin's, don't know how we came up with that one! He didn't seem to answer to Ralph unless you shouted his name, and then it

## Letters Page 2—Baggin's Story Continued

sounded like you were barking at him. He started answering to Baggins straight away

We thought he might have had bad associations with his old name and we wanted this to be a new start for him. Glyn told us that we were his 4th home, and he was only 16 months old, so we reckoned he didn't have a lot of chances left.

The first month was really hard, we felt we should have named him Endless! He's now "read" every copy of Bunkered golf magazine for the past 2 years. Unfortunately they all got shredded, but we were needing to have a clear-out anyway. We did start to notice his good points though. He is excellent when out on walks, and has very good recall. He gets on fine with other dogs and now has lots of canine friends. He does pull too much on the lead so we are working on that. He does also have a tendency to steal other dog's toys, which can be a bit embarrassing as other owners seem to think we have no control over him. Most people think it's quite amusing though, and we've made some new friends as a result. He has now learned how to play ball properly, and has got the idea that it's actually much more fun to give it back so it can be thrown again. I did have quite a few injuries to begin with when his teeth and my hand got to the ball at the same time, but we've got over that now, and he waits patiently for it to be thrown. He is excellent when left in the house when we're out, there is never anything out of place. Believe me when I say that this is a novelty for us to have a young dog so well behaved when left alone. Baggins predecessors all did a good job on domestic demolition in their day, in fact Gordon has been known to trash an entire kitchen.

We also noticed that Baggins behaviour was directly linked to how much exercise he gets. If he has a couple of one hour runs on the beach in the day time, followed by two laps round the block in the evening (pounding the pavements) his behaviour is much improved. Unfortunately it's not always possible to get him out this much. On days when we can walk him for more than this the evenings are extremely peaceful. Yesterday we were out along the beach for 3½ hours, and I think he was finally a tad tired. I think his best point though, is that he's a wee sleepy-head in the mornings, and likes nothing better than a lie-in.

By month two Baggins had become more confident, and more affectionate, and seemed to be settling down. We still had the occasional little incident, and both of us got bitten a couple of times, but the aggression seemed to be becoming less frequent and less serious. We felt there was definitely light at the

end of the tunnel. We could now see quite clearly that this was a great little dog who has been much misunderstood. Our conclusion is that he's been with someone who thinks that springers are dogs. And we all know that spaniels are very intelligent and require lots of attention and activity, and are not like some of those other boring types of dogs who behave all the time and sit in a corner when you tell them to.

It's been very time consuming, and we virtually have been unable to do anything else other than spend time with the dogs. Gordon & Baggins get on great together, although Baggins does torment Gordon, pulls him round the house by the ears, that sort of thing, and the poor old soul can't really be bothered. At first I used to intervene on Gordons behalf, but realised that for it to be effective, Gordon had to tell Baggins when enough was enough. We also get the impression that Gordon is enjoying the attention. He's certainly enjoying the extra exercise. He doesn't join in all the walks, but manages at least one decent walk a day, and our vet reported in December at our monthly visit that his muscle tone is much improved. He is certainly not falling over quite as much as he was! Baggins came along for the appointment and was a bit wary, but he liked the vet and didn't seem to think it was such a scary place after all. Especially when the vet said to pop in at any time when passing for a biscuit.

By month 3 we are now delighted with his progress. He is a much more affectionate dog than the one we collected, we always get a lovely cuddle in the morning, and yes, he does sleep on the bed, and yes I know you're not really supposed to let them do that. He still has bouts of naughtiness and still steals things, which reminds me I must buy more cling film, but he is much more aware of where his boundaries are. I had imagined it would take a good 6 months for Baggins to begin to settle down, but he has exceeded all our expectations in only 3 months. Glyn asked me to describe how we set about changing his behaviour. All I can say is we've tried very hard to reward good behaviour and to ignore him when he was showing bad behaviour. We tried to avoid scolding or any form of reactive discipline, because it was clear this did not work. He initially seemed to enjoy a good confrontation, almost seemed to expect it, and seemed very surprised when we ignored him. Sometimes I wanted to strangle him so it wasn't easy. The main thing is that we spend a lot of time with him, play with him a lot, he gets heaps of cuddles, a lot of grooming and handling, and we talk to him all the time.

### Letters Page 3—Baggin's Story, plus....

He needs constant stimulation to distract him from behaving badly, and to keep him from getting bored. He also needed to know where he fits in the hierarchy, and seems content with his place. He's not perfect yet, we've still got some work to do, but he has definitely settled down a lot.

He's become a little character in the neighbourhood, and he even got a Christmas card from the Barassie Terrorists, namely 5 border collies who live on the corner on the way round to the beach. He sent one back as the Barassie Psychopath, but I think he's losing his street cred as that one. We all share the same dog-sitting lady, who also seems to have fallen for Baggins charms (despite having just sacrificed a pair of leather gloves as she was mugged by Baggy on the way into the house this morning)

Anyway, he has definitely become one of the family. We love him to bits and look forward to lots of fun and many happy years together. I'm attaching some photos of Baggins, the first one we call the Mug Shot. He stole

the mug and wouldn't give it back, that was at Christmas. The strange thing beside him is Gordon's tail. The second was taken the following week on Baggy's first trip to our favourite walk in Galloway Forest. This is Baggins on top of the world! I'll send more when I can work out how to reduce the file size so they don't take forever to download.

We have thought very carefully about whether we could take Rosie as well. But I think it would be too much for me at the moment. Dad is needing more help now and things can get a bit hectic.

Keep up the good work! Will be back in touch soon.

Sylvia



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Hi Glyn & Wendy,

My name is Benson, do you remember me?

I have had a lot of experiences since you last saw me. My first experience was visiting the vet. After I jumped over a metal gate and got my front paw badly sprained and had to have 10 weeks rest and no running. My second experience was when somebody threw a stick for me and I got a splinter in my tongue and had to have an operation to remove the splinter it was a good job my Mum and Dad had insurance as it cost a lot. So I ask people not to throw sticks for us, sometimes I get the stair gate open and I usually jump in the bath and drink water from the cold tap but the other night I did the same but the bath was full of hot water! It didn't burn me but I jumped out very quickly.

I like my Mum's slippers especially when she is wearing them! I also like pulling paper and things out of the bin and eating it and I also like pulling plates and bowls off the table! But I get told off for doing this! When I'm in the back garden and I hear children in the field, I jump the fence without permission so that I can go and play with them. I also like going for walkies and bike rides.

Love from Benson



Glyn and Wendy

We are almost settled now after moving. Charlie adores the house especially the garden. We have found new places to take Charlie for his walks, his favourite one is round the corner a huge playing field.

Charlie loved Christmas, all the family bought him presents. Craig's Mum made him a Christmas hat, he looked gorgeous, although he kept trying to take it off, we have taken lots of Christmas photos of Charlie and will send you some when developed.

We went to my parents for Christmas lunch, my Mum even made one for Charlie, he was sat at the table with us he decided to help himself to Craig's glass of Baileys Irish cream liquor, he loved it. His new craving is a cup of tea. I have to share every cup with him as he hounds me until he gets his half.

Bye for now Linda, Craig & Charlie xxx





## Letters Page 4

Dear Glyn & Wendy,

We thought we'd drop you a note with an update on our first week at our new home.

It was only a week ago Glyn, when you came into the kennel and led us out to meet our new family. We were both really nervous at first, but when we met Deb & Iain and they gave us loads of attention and took us for a walk in the field we just knew everything would be ok.

There was lots of talking, form signing and then we jumped up into the back of the Frontera and we were on our way.

3 hours later we arrived at our new home. It was a bit scary at first, lots of new smells- in fact we could smell other dogs....a couple of minutes later and we were outside in the garden having a good sniff around.

All of a sudden a door opened & 2 other doggies came bursting out. After a few customary sniffs we discovered our new friends were called Jasper (cocker spaniel) and Archie (springer) Archie seemed a bit nervous at first but seeing 2 good looking girls like us he soon forgot his nerves.

After a good walk together and some food it was time for bed. We couldn't settle that first night, in fact Jade had a really bad tummy and our new Mummy and Daddy were up with us nearly all night- but guess what? They didn't get cross, just lots of cuddles and soft words- we knew we'd be happy here.

We think it was a couple of days later that we met Georgina, Mummy and Daddy's little girl. She's great. She doesn't tease us and we all get on really well.

We've had a busy week, my goodness- how many walks? We've even been up on the hills running around free, we haven't done that for a while- you can tell, we both get quite out of breath. It's good fun though and Daddy says he's going to shift Jades big tummy- you can't say that to a lady !!!

We've also been to the dog groomer (scarey hairdryers), in fact you wouldn't recognise us now. Everyone says we look really pretty, not that randy Archie needs any excuse!!

All in all we're really grateful to you both Glyn & Wendy for helping us to find a home were we so happy and secure.

We look forward to seeing you both in November and we'll bring our boys along as well for a run in your field.

Keep up the good work.

Love

Titch & Jade

PS We've attached a photo that was taken before our trip to the groomers, we're even prettier now!!!!!!

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Hi there,

Just a quick note to let you know how Charlie is doing. I enclose some photos which pretty much sum up how he is settling in.

He still hates the cats and the feeling remains mutual I think!

After his rather painful experience at the vets Charlie is now back to health and certainly back up to springer speed! He had me very worried I must say.

We have an agreement that he gets his 2 mile walk every day and I get a bit of peace in the house in the evening... so far so good.

He's not impressed with me reading dog psychology books but seems to be responding well...that was until he discovered squirrels, getting him to come back in the park is a little difficult at times.

Charlie really is a lovely boy and such wonderful company. I wouldn't want to be without him, hopefully he feels the same.

I'll write some more detail soon but was just catching up with some letter writing and thought I'd give you a quick update.

All the best for 2003

Caroline & Charlie.



## Letters Page 5

Hello Glyn & Wendy

Well I have finally got round to sending you some photos of beautiful Bella. Like I said on the phone the other day, she really is the best dog ever, she is so good, she puts Charlie to shame.

I forgot to mention that my Mum had her house broken into last November, and I think the only reason they tried Mum's instead of mine was because the dogs were in my house that day, and Bella is such a good guard dog, she would have scared them off.

I will be taking more photos of Bella soon so I promise to send you some more. We have booked a holiday for the dogs again this summer, down in Cornwall again, staying on a farm, I think Bella will really enjoy herself.

Like I mentioned my boyfriend Wane is so impressed with Bella that he is thinking of contacting you about another dog for himself. We actually got together because of Bella, as I was going into his shop (pet supplies) for new balls (always losing them) and a new collar and lead, not to mention a nice cosy bed for her, and that's how we started talking to each other. Again he was impressed with her love of swimming, and is hoping his dog Murphy will watch and learn and take the plunge, until now he is only getting his feet wet.

Well I have to get ready now and take them all out for a walk. I hope you like the pictures & I shall look forward to seeing her on the web site. I think the idea of Springer Rescue T-shirts is great, I would buy one for sure.

Many thanks Jules

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Dear Glyn & Wendy

Sorry for not writing sooner about Storm. How time goes by so quickly.

We have had Storm now for a year and can't imagine what life could be like without him. He is adorable and we love him to bits. We don't know how anybody could have parted with him.

He settled in very quickly. He loves long walks and particularly likes Conway beach, that's his favourite. We live by a large field and he meets up with lots of other dogs. He's lots of playmates.

He's lost weight with all the exercise he gets and he

looks quite good now. We have enclosed a photo of him and will send you some more later.

Best wishes

Pauline Robbie Suzanne Storm

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Glyn and Wendy

It's been 10 days since we collected Oscar from you and he has settled in so well.

He's such a well behaved, affectionate dog and loves to cuddle and has sorted out where he likes to sit and sleep. He's particularly good at lying on the sofa on his back demanding his tummy to be scratched! When I'm working, he sleeps under my desk, snoring his head off!!

He's quiet in the house but likes to go mad when he's out and about although his recall does need some work... Once he gets a scent up his nose...

He loves it round at Granny's house, charging around her garden playing fetch. The only problem is stopping my Mum spoiling him rotten!

We've had no more of the growling over anything, so I think the little episode on the Sunday after we had him was a one-off while he was settling in. He barks a couple of times if the doorbell goes but once the visitors are inside they become potential tummy-scratchers!

Our friend with the digital camera has been away so when he comes back we'll get some photos over to you.

Thank you so much for letting Oscar come to live with us. He's such a darling that it seems like he's always been here.

Be in touch again soon.

Love Carole, Andy & Oscar



## Letters Page 6

Dear Glyn & Wendy

My name is Louie, I only met you for a short while 3 weeks ago but I remember you well.

I have settled well into my new home. My new parents have had it easy because I decided to be as good as gold.

I had lots of outings and made new friends. I have 2 best friends, Teale a black lab & Becky a cocker spaniel. We cause total mayhem when we get together. My favourite place we go to is Formby beach, I'm allowed to run through the water & do what I want, so when Mum calls me back I go back straight away because I know I will get a massive hug & be allowed to go back in the water.

I got my new Mum to book me a hair cut, it feels brilliant & I love the new look (knot free). The best thing is I get to sleep between my parents & get two big walks a day.

I didn't like dog food at first but my Mum didn't give in & I'm glad she didn't because I love it now & can't get enough.

I will write again soon & enclose photos.

Love Louie.

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Dear Glyn & Wendy,

Alfie has settled in really well & Rosie loves him to bits She mothers him a bit and they like to play, sometimes they get a little rough with each other, but it's all quite harmless and they end up licking each others faces afterwards! When I first saw Alfie I thought 'what a funny looking springer!' But you look at his face and his lovely pale eyes, he's adorable, Max myself & Rosie love him lots. He's very amusing to watch.

We are learning to keep shoes out of reach & can't use open waste bins, because Alfie will empty them and eat the contents! He also likes sitting on Max's head in the morning when he's ready for breakfast, which I find very amusing! He brings the post to us sometimes, others he destroys it. We are very proud of Rosie & Alfie, they always get complements out on walks, because they are lovely.

Out on walks, Alfie loves the birds, we bought him an extendable lead because if we let him off too soon he goes into the duck pen. That's Rosie teaching him bad habits, she loves to run up & down & make the ducks

take off, Alfie just watches them, all excited. Some of the things they get up to have us in stitches. Like when Alfie chases another dog & he starts yelping at the dog if he can't catch up!

The day we brought Rosie back to the kennels to meet Alfie she was very unhappy being there again, 'Don't worry my baby, I'm not giving you back.' I told her, but she didn't settle until we got home. She had her back to Alfie on the way home, she was a bit jealous. We had only moved house 2 days before. So I was keen to let them off in the garden & they ran around for ages, so excited, wagging tails playing rough & tumble. When they get going it's really funny.

Our new garden is 225 feet long, enough room for those 2, that was the reason we moved to get a nice big garden for Rosie & her new friend. They are very good friends now Rosie doesn't like to let Alfie out of her sight, not much chance, Alfie follows her most of the time. I think they have bonded quite well.

We can't wait for summer holidays, by then one of us should be driving & we can take the dogs on a walking holiday, Max's foster parents have already told us they are staying in a cottage in Wales, October time & that we are quite welcome to join them & their Old English Sheepdog Pandora. That is something to look forward to.

Hope you like the photo's I am on a new film at the moment & making the video! So more will follow. I will also borrow the digital camera from work & e-mail some photo's without red eye. Take care all & keep up the good work. You have made us very happy, our family is complete.

Love Shelly, Max, Rosie & Alfie xxxx



## Letters Page 7

Dear Glyn & Wendy,

Thank you for another very interesting newsletter, it's great to read all the different experiences & the satisfying 'happy endings' to the stories. We also have a happy ending. Lucy (whom we renamed Lizzie to avoid confusion with a family member) is the most loveable dog. Everyone who comes to the house falls under her spell, she's a real charmer, a lively little wench, full of fun & very flirtatious! She uses those spaniel eyes and her once seen never- to -be -forgotten ears to the greatest effect!

Our older spaniel, Chip, has given way to her as predicted and, though not bosom pals, they get along pretty well. Lizzie has a spirited relationship with the cat, Sam. When they are in the same room take cover! It's like being in the room with two tornados! Luckily the fun seems to be quite good natured for the most part.

Like all springers she is happiest out in the country. She has a long walk every day, usually in Lyme Park, and of course covers 3 or 4 times the distance we travel. She loves us as much as we love her and will ignore the most adoring fan if we are around.

We weren't sure how she would cope with our 'Family Day' at Christmas. There were 21 adults & 10 children ranging from 9 years to 9 weeks! She was brilliant. She took it all in her stride and didn't mind the children and the chaos at all. Chip sensible chap, took himself off to the top floor of the house I must say I felt like joining him!

As you can guess we can't imagine life without her and bless that very wet very miserable day when we drove over to meet her.

We often think about her previous owners and think that somebody must be missing her very much.

Keep up the good work.

Regards Pat, Peter & Lizzie

## Special Appeal for our Rosie

Rosie a 3 year old liver & white young lady has been in our kennels since last September. When Rosie first came into Rescue she was a very frightened mixed up little girl. She had been badly treated & we believe beaten. She didn't trust anyone. When reaching out a hand to give her affection she just thought it was the next beating and her only defence was to snap. We knew we had a long job ahead of us.

Through excellent care and attention from Tracy and all her staff at the kennels along with Rescue members, Rosie has progressed so very much. She has now learnt to trust the people she knows. The difference in her is amazing. Her recall is excellent and to take her for a walk is a joy. She loves her toys and loves to play.

We have had her spayed, fully inoculated and wormed.

She desperately needs a home where she can feel safe and loved and with people who can understand her.

In the right loving home Rosie will make an excellent companion.....Please if you feel you can give that special home to Rosie give us a call.....Thank you.



Gallery



Baggins



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Charlie



Boss, Grandville, Alfie & Jake



Wills, Millie & Taff



Briar



Andy & Elsa



Toby



Milo & Dino



Max



Bracken



Lexie & Archie



Alfie & Rosie



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