

ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT

Garbo's G.S.D. Rescue

Charity No. 1142451

26th January 2025

Held at Brownsea Scout Hut, Ashford Road, Laleham. TW18 1RU

TRUSTEES

Mrs G. Garnham (chair)

Ms A. Willis (secretary)

Mr J. Taylor (webmaster)

Mr K. Andrews (treasurer)

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Membership Secretary = Miss J. Tugwell

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The rescue continues in its mission to ease the suffering of German Shepherds in need of care and protection, providing when necessary, treatment and security, assessing and removing dogs from situations where they may cause danger to the community and to make the public aware of the responsibilities of owning/keeping a German Shepherd.

In the financial year 1st November 2023 - 31st October 2024 we have placed another 76 dogs, oddly the same as last year!

Anne, Liz and Garbo travelled to Crufts, NEC on 9th March and were joined by Sabine, Debbie, Tina and other brilliant volunteers for the long but rewarding day. It is always such an interesting experience and we can shop and shop and shop for everything doggy from clothes to food to paintings, jewellery, EVERYTHING !

7th April was the Easter Party for dogs and handlers, lots of fun, lots of goodies and a great deal better weather than holding a Christmas 'DO' in January.

Anne and Garbo attended the Breed Rescue Conference at Stratford on Avon in June, organised by The Kennel Club and Agria insurance. Several rescue charity's were there and some really excellent speakers. We were given much

to think about and were, very importantly, able to exchange ideas and experiences with other rescues during the evenings.

On Sunday 8th September, we took the shop to Wimbledon Commons Open Day. As always, we were welcomed by the organisers and had a good site near one of the entrances.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Keith Andrews for the sterling job he is doing and has done with the accounts during his first year as treasurer and for catching up with Gift Aid.

Our outgoing treasurer, Anthony Mackenzie, has generously agreed to continue as Auditor, so thank you Tony for all your labours with us, you are so kind.

We are very, very grateful for the enormous support from the volunteers who walk the rescues, attend Norman's training sessions with the dogs and help out in so many different ways.

Thank you to Pets at Home in Maidenhead, Staines and Taunton for constant assistance and generosity raising funds, we are so fortunate to have you as friends.

Heathrow Boarding Kennels, Star Boarding Kennels, Hammerpond Boarding Kennels and dear Sue and Keith, all take such good care of the shepherds. Oh my goodness ! we could not function nearly so well without you and just 'thank you' is really not enough but please believe us, we really appreciate what you do for this little charity.

Back in the last week of April we accepted a bitch without a name and we called her Zoe. A few days after her arrival at Heathrow it became obvious she was carrying puppies.....oooooops! Wonderful Suzi Mee and her husband and son (and Wilson) came to the rescue and took Zoe into their home to whelp her.

Eight fat, healthy puppies were born on 13 May. Suzi and family carried out a perfect job and all pups were safely adopted. We have no idea who or what the sire is.....anything from Labrador to Gt. Dane and anything in between. Happily, we hear all babes have friendly personalities like their dam. We will never be able to thank the Mee family enough for their expertise and hard work, we also hope that sort of drama doesn't take place again for a while.

This is a great opportunity to thank Keith Heskin for driving hither and thither and for keeping the van roadworthy. So thanks Keith, you are a brick!

Dear Celia, you are such a wonderfully kind lady, lending us your land to let the dogs run, play and let off steam as well as giving us all the benefits of your considerable experience with the shepherds. INVALUABLE!!

Massive gratitude to all the kind vets who treat the dogs, so many come into us nowadays with medical issues. Bless you all!

And now, sadly, we have to tell you that our dear friend, member and volunteer, Lyn Julyan, tragically passed away in the late Autumn of 2024.

Lyn is deeply missed by us and we send our love and sympathy to her family for the loss of a beautiful, bubbly lady. Rest in peace dear, valued friend.

Garbo

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Independently examined and agreed by Mrs Carlene A Fox

Signed: 

Dated: 24/08/2025