

## Rehoming Successes

### Megan

Andrew & Megan with friends - Canine & Donkey



Andrew W gave a pet home to 6 year old retired brood bitch Megan in November 2008. Andrew wrote: 'After a start when she was scared of everything - doors, steps, wheelie-bins, even blowing leaves - she's now much more confident, and on the quiet part of walks is off the lead, and coming when called (well mostly). She's a very affectionate and gentle girl, but there is a Welsh terrier in there, as cats have found out! Anyone thinking of taking an ex-brood bitch should do so.

They may surprise you in the first few weeks as to how little they know about being a companion dog, but they are amazingly adaptable, and the effort and patience pay you back quite soon, many fold.'

### Clover

- and best friend Rudolph Reindeer



2 year old Clover went to live with Colin & Julie C in 2015 after her original owner realised that having two Welsh Terrier bitches in the same home wasn't working. As the younger, Clover, moved into adulthood and became more assertive, the fights between the two became increasingly more serious.

On her own, with her new humans to herself, Clover is now in seventh heaven.....

### Basil

Leading a local health walk with his new owner

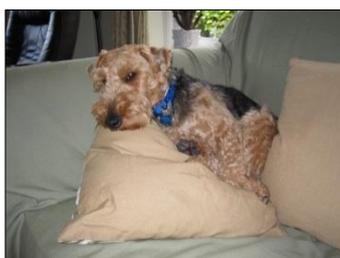


8 year old Basil's original elderly lady owner was finding it hard to cope with Basil's energy and strength, so we were asked to find him a new home in 2017. Keith L had been on our waiting list and jumped at the chance to take him in.

They are now regularly seen in their locality, walking on the local downs as well as leading the health walks, where Basil is much admired and spoilt by all the ladies!

### Evie

Contented in her new home



In 2016 when Evie was 4 years old, her owners decided that they would have to rehome her because she was increasingly picking on the 9 year old Cavalier King Charles spaniel bitch, so life at home was very difficult keeping them apart.

She has always been an escape artist (as many WT's can be); her new owners, Alan & Judith B, were aware of this before they collected her and, although being experienced WT owners, double-checked their home and garden for any possible escape routes for such a seemingly determined little girl.

### Teddy

On one of his many Lake District trips



Teddy was a 4 year old boy whose original owners found it difficult walking him, because of his exuberance, and he became increasingly frustrated at the lack of exercise. This meant he became more & more intolerant of the family's 9 year old Wire bitch and inevitably fights happened. In 2017 the owners realised they had to rehome him.

On this occasion, we were obliged to physically take Teddy in, and he was fostered by one of our 'good guy' breeders whilst we waited for the right people to come along. This happened six months later in February 2018 when Teddy went home with Richard E.

They are now constant companions, making frequent camping trips to the Lake District and enjoying long walks together.

## Sam

Cuddled up & watching TV with the family



In 2014, when his owners' home circumstances meant they could no longer keep him, 7 year old Sam had to be rehomed. Helen S and her family, previous WT rehoming who had lost their previous boy Jack, instantly took Sam into their home.

Helen wrote recently ... *'Sam changed our world, bringing new joy to his new family and Molly the cairn who was struggling coming to terms with the loss of our boy Jack. Sam gave selflessly his affection & loyalty to all he met. We will be forever grateful for your wisdom and trust in matching us.'*

*What we would say to anyone thinking of rescue? Be honest about your lifestyle and wait to be matched to the right dog. Trust the rescue experts. Ask for help/ wisdom/advice at any time, the WT rescue and owners are one of the best organisations and groups out there. They know so much and you can't go wrong.'*

## ..... AND TWO YOUNG BOYS THAT WERE REHOMED IN 2018 FOR ALMOST IDENTICAL REASONS .....

- *'the home and family was too hectic for him'; 'he didn't have a space he could call his own'; and 'he'd started to get stroppy with the three children' (ages 9 to 13).*
- *'he needs a new home because the family household is too hectic for him'; and 'he is barking at, jumping up at the children when they are being noisy or running around.'*

Both owners had consulted behaviourists and were given 'behaviour change plans' to work on at home, but of course these have to be worked on consistently & persistently by all members of the family..... Luckily for the dogs, both families accepted that their lifestyle was causing the dogs stress and that it was only going to get worse, so they contacted us.

## CLOVIS



21month old Clovis was quite straightforward to rehome, with Anne & Clifford F who were experienced WT owners already on our waiting list.

Anne wrote a few weeks later: *'We are on holiday this week - we have taken our Welsh Terrier to Wales (pure coincidence) and he is having a great time. The advice from the behaviourist was working so if need be we shall continue with that when we get back home. I have added a photo of Clovis as he had a nice haircut for his holiday and is looking great.'*

*I would like to thank you for finding Clovis for us - we really appreciate the work you do.'*

## RAPHA

In his usual chair in the office



It took a bit longer with 14 month old Rapha; we had to take him in at the beginning of April because of the increasingly strained atmosphere in the home. In a way, it did help us to work out Rapha's temperament for ourselves, in a calm steady daily routine terrier-experienced situation. He proved to have become quite self-sufficient, not wanting too much human contact but wanting to show 'friendship' on his terms.

Finally, some nine weeks later, Michael T contacted us and, after a visit to meet him, they went home together. Rapha is now Michael's constant companion, going to work with him each day.

They regularly go to watch Michael's son play football, and Rapha gets on amazingly well with all the boys in the team, but he is so much happier with the less hectic household and regular daily routine.