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Welcome

Hello everyone,

It's Ziggy here, or as my formal title goes 'Editor'. As the warmer weather is upon us, I've been stretching out my paws and soaking up the sun in the garden while writing up the Home's Spring/Summer 2022 edition of Taily Mail, which I'm pleased to present to you.

I'm so excited to finally see that in-person events are back! There is something for everyone – from pub quizzes, to our summer car boot sales and even our open day, Paws By The Prom. Read more about our events and how to get involved on pages 10-11.

Our foodbank services continue to grow as we expand into more areas across East and Central Scotland. In this issue, you'll read about the importance of our work in the community and how Paws Pantry is helping pets remain in loving homes.

Finally, our Spring Appeal this year focusses on the increasing number of reactive dogs and anxious cats coming into our care and importance of supporting them through training and enrichment techniques to secure the best future for them - see pages 14-17. I hope you enjoy reading through our updates today, I'm off to play with my favourite tennis ball before treat time!

Until next time folks,

Ziggy 

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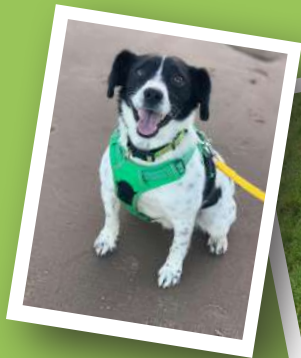
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Nelson's Story

Nelson is looking for an experienced dog owner who has dealt with resource guarding issues in the past. He needs an adult only home where there will be no visiting children, and where he will be the only pet. He would like a home with direct access into a secure and private garden, in a quiet area away from the city centre.

Nelson is a happy wee boy who loves to have fun. He likes playing with his toys, whether that's chasing after a ball, throwing around a squeaky toy, or keeping himself amused with a tasty filled Kong. He has lots of energy so likes to keep active and might even like to run with his new owner or go hill walking. He is an affectionate boy but he does need a bit of space at times, and he enjoys learning and loves enrichment.

To find out more about Nelson you can fill out a rehoming form online at edch.org.uk/pet-profile/nelson or call us on **0131 669 5331**.



To support animals like Nelson in our care, text
NELSON to **70560** to donate **£5** per month

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What's New?

Crypto for Good

In late 2021 we took a dive into the world of digital and starting accepting donations via cryptocurrency. In the six months since launching, we are delighted to have raised over £150,000 in cryptocurrency donations. One donation of £87,000 from crypto project Pawthereum, is believed to be the largest charity crypto donation in Scottish history and has been allocated to fund our Paws Pantry pet foodbank for the whole of 2022!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful people and projects who have donated to us through our cryptocurrency platform so far. If you are a cryptocurrency user and would like to find out how you can support the Home, please visit:

edch.org.uk/cryptocurrency



Cor-paw-rate Partners

The generosity we received from our corporate partners in 2021, both new and long-standing, has been vital to our operations. We have worked with some amazing businesses to bring creative partnership strategies together, and we couldn't be more grateful for the funds that are donated as a result.

If you are interested in exploring a partnership arrangement with the Home to support our cause, we would love to hear from you at fundraising@edch.org.uk. Here are some of the businesses we had the pleasure of working with last year - visit our website to find out more about how they support the Home.



Paws For Progress



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Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home is delighted to announce the relaunch of its partnership with Paws for Progress. Through the UK's first Rescue Dog Training Programme created by Paws for Progress, Young Offenders at HMP and YOI Polmont will work with dogs from Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home, offering life changing opportunities for both young people and our dogs.

Paws for Progress is a local Community Interest Company that originated as a PhD research project at the University of Stirling, working in partnership with the Scottish Prison Service over the last decade to help young offenders through teaching them to train dogs from local rescue organisations.

The rescue dogs selected for the Paws for Progress programme have all been working hard with the kennel training team and are identified as having a huge amount of potential, which makes them great candidates for the Paws for Progress 'Pup School'. Participating in the programme allows rescue dogs to build on their training and work on their socialisation, whilst the Home continue the search for their forever homes.

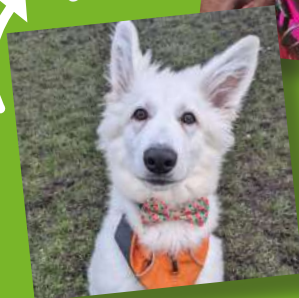
Recently we have seen Poppy and Ghost from the Home working on their new training skills. They both did a fantastic job and here is what one of their students had to say:

"I enjoyed working with different dogs and learning more about them. It was fun building up a relationship with Poppy and teaching her new tricks. Keeping Poppy focussed and concentrating could be a little difficult, but we kept patient and Poppy was really good."

Rebecca Leonardi, Development Manager and Founder of Paws for Progress, said:

"Paws for Progress are delighted to welcome Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home to the wonderful collaboration of organisations making our rescue dog training programme at HMP & YOI Polmont a great success. The impact for the young people and dogs involved is profound, and the charitable aspect of helping the rescue dogs is very important to our students."

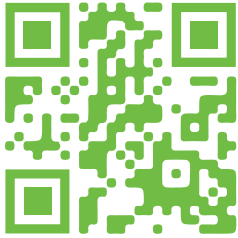
Home's training dog, Ghost



Home's training dog, Poppy



In partnership with



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Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home's dog first aid courses prepare you to give first aid in the event an emergency incident. They are ideal for all dog owners, as well as trainers and other dog professionals, providing knowledge to keep your dog safe.

Visit: edch.org.uk/DogFirstAid

Since December we have delivered to 81 foodbanks, run 12 pop-up foodbanks, and given out 16,000 meals.

As the cost of living rises, so has the need for additional support, and in response we have increased the number of foodbanks we work with by taking Paws Pantry on the road and delivering 'pop up' services in the community.

These foodbanks are one-stop shops for dog and cat owners, with supplies of food, toys, treats, jackets, beds and enrichment materials, all of which can be accessed by the public with no referral or criteria. By working with established organisations, we can get to the heart of communities and provide support for people and their pets, and reach those who would not otherwise be able to access our services.

As part of the rise in cost of living, we are seeing a growing fuel poverty crisis across Scotland. At the end of 2021 we began operating our dog winter jacket fitting service in the community to help dog owners keep their pets warm over winter and access other support at the same time.

Rico's Story

Rico is just one of many dogs who we have helped through Paws Pantry. He previously spent most of his time being kept in a cage in the corner of a room, according to his new owner, *Paul and he knew he wanted to offer him a better life.

Paul had just moved into the local community and was told about Paws Pantry through word of mouth. Rico just had a chain slip lead at this point and Paul was worried about the costs of keeping Rico.

Upon meeting Rico at one of our pop-up venues, we did a top to tail examination of Rico and talked about what items he needed, such as a harness, lead, food and toys. Paul will be back monthly to see us and we look forward to being able to continue support him and

Rico. *Name has been changed.



Rico looking happy and healthy since being rehomed.

Fundraising Update

Proud Kiltwalk finisher!



Virtual Kiltwalk

The Kiltwalk is back with a full calendar of events for the first time since 2019. Take on the challenge and raise funds for the Home – not only will we receive 100% of the money you raise, but your sponsorship will be topped up by a huge 50%, courtesy of the Hunter Foundation! To sign up for the Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen or Virtual Kiltwalk visit edch.org.uk/events

Christmas Appeal

We were blown away by the success of our 2021 Christmas Appeal, which highlighted the story of beautiful Dixie and Jackson.

Everyone here at the Home is extremely grateful for the kindness and generosity we received, during what was a very difficult time for a lot of people and businesses with the ongoing impact of Covid-19.

The appeal raised an incredible **£39,043** from **989** donations and recruited **15** new regular supporters. We also received over **£15,000** from **41** businesses and their employees, which is the most corporate support the Home has ever received through our Christmas Appeal.

These funds will make a tremendous difference to the lives of our dogs and cats. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



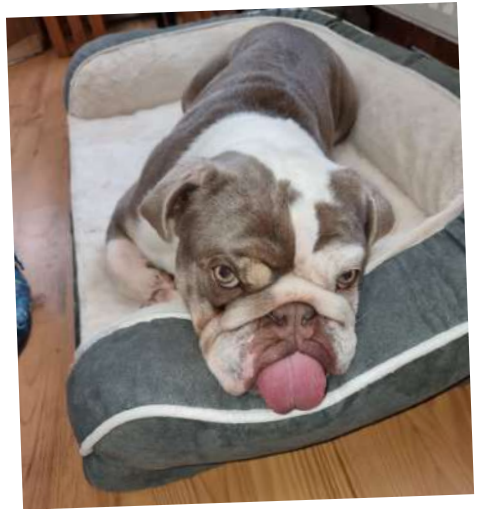
Dixie and Jackson enjoying the beach

Living His Best Life

Back in October 2021, you helped to raise over **£4,000** to improve the life of one-year-old British Bulldog, Hugo, who had breathing issues and required costly surgery. Thanks to your help, Hugo is now happy, healthy and in a home with his new owners who have kindly sent in an update for everyone.

"Sir Hugo, first of his names, very quickly took his place as Lord of the Manor! He was very hyper when he first arrived and mouthed a bit, but he has now well settled in and only causes a fuss if you're late with dinner (two minutes too late is too late!)"

- Hugo's New Owner



Hugo, pretty comfy in his new bed!

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Keeko in the slime!

Keeko

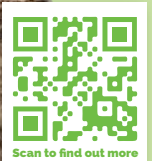
For the second time, gaming supporter Keeko smashed his **£1,000** fundraising target, completing a 24 hour gaming stream in aid of the Home.

Not only did Keeko stream for 24 hours, thanks to the generosity of donors, he also completed several forfeits, including eating an onion and pouring slime over his head – all for the dogs and cats!

Thanks Keeko – your commitment means the world to the Home.

*'Jog With Gobi'
Returning Autumn 2022*

Keep up to date at
edch.org.uk/events



Join us from 1 May 2022 and again in June and July
Free admission at 26 Seafield Road East, Edinburgh, EH15 1EH
Sellers: Cars £12 Vans/Trailers £15

Please book in advance: edch.org.uk/carboot



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A Dug's Dinner



Gala Ball

Thursday 3 November 2022

Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh

Single tickets **£100** | Table of 10 **£1,000**

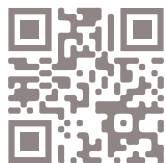
Visit: edch.org.uk/dugs-dinner
for booking information

You've Found Your Perfect Match

Help our dogs and cats find theirs

Incorporate your love of animals into your special day, while helping to provide ongoing care for lost and abandoned dogs and cats across East and Central Scotland.

Help us to help them find their new loving forever homes.



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Advocating For Animals

In the past six months we have continued to use our voice to help improve the lives of dogs, cats and pet owners.

We have joined forces with animal welfare organisations across the UK to call on the governments of the four nations to put an end to greyhound racing. We believe that there is no space for this cruel sport which harms so many greyhounds every year and would like to see a full ban in place in Scotland and the UK.

We have also lent our voice to several Scottish Government consultations, including the Commercial and Non-Commercial Movements of Pets into Great Britain and the Ending the Need for Food Banks consultation.

We will continue to speak out for animal welfare and those facing pet poverty to affect change locally and nationally.



Leave Your Legacy

Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home has rescued, reunited and rehomed animals for almost 140 years and relies almost entirely on donations to be able to continue this vital work. One in three pets are cared for through gifts in Wills.

To find out more, please contact Gillian on **0131 669 5331** or by emailing gillian@edch.org.uk

edch.org.uk/legacy



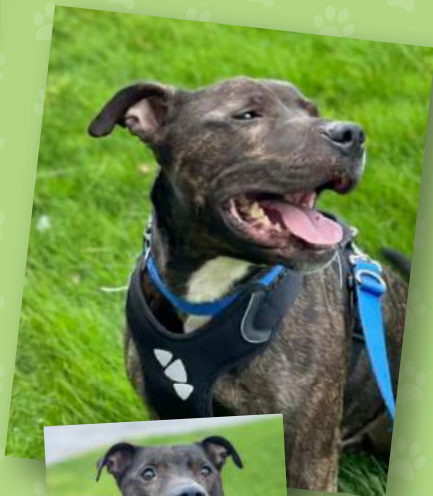
Whatever It Takes

When people hear the name Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home, they think of the hundreds of vulnerable animals we rescue and rehome. What doesn't always spring to mind, is the intense work that goes on behind the scenes to prepare our dogs and cats for their new life.

One of the biggest challenges our kennel team has been faced with over the last two years is the increase in the number of reactive young dogs being brought to the Home.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we are fortunate enough to have a passionate and experienced training team on site. Our team works closely with all resident dogs who struggle with anxiety and unwanted behaviours.

Whilst working with these animals on a long term basis, we also continue to rescue new dogs and cats who need our help. Pressure on our resources is mounting and we need your support to help us keep going for animals like Tazz.



Meet Tazz

Tazz, a lively Staffordshire Bull Terrier, arrived at the Home in September 2021 as a stray.

On arrival, Tazz was nervous yet very energetic. When he got excited, he became difficult to control, and was easily frustrated. His background was a mystery, and it was evident that he hadn't felt safe or content for a long time.

Our dedicated training team quickly identified that Tazz needed a lot of socialisation training to change his behaviour towards other people and dogs.

After a few weeks of consistent one-to-one training with the same staff members, Tazz made encouraging progress. He is now more trusting, which in turn has reduced reactivity.

We will do whatever it takes for every animal in our care.

While some of our team are spending one-to-one time with the dogs who need it most, many of our other animals still need to be cared for, taken to the vet, and get that vital enrichment and human interaction time.

Having a remarkable dog training team to support dogs like Tazz is incredibly beneficial to our animals, their mental health, and our dreams of finding them all new loving forever homes. Their second chance is only possible thanks to wonderful donations from people like you.

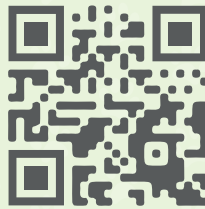
Please help us to help more animals like our newly reformed Tazz.

Best wishes,



Vicky Fyfe, Dog Trainer

Scan here to see how we support our cats



"We could see the potential in Tazz. We identified his training needs and put a training plan in place to give him the best possible chance of a successful rehoming."

– Vicky Fyfe, Dog Trainer



To make a donation, please visit edch.org.uk/Spring

My gift to help the Home do whatever it takes for the dogs and cats

£20



Could buy and replace enrichment aids such as Kongs and lick mats

£45



Could buy a training harness, lead and muzzle

£75



Could help to provide one week of consistent 1-2-1 training time

Ways To Donate

 Visit edch.org.uk/Spring

 Call **0131 669 5331**

 Text **TAZZ to 70085 to donate £10***

*Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text TAZZNINFO to 70085 instead.

 Or by **returning this form** in the freepost envelope provided.



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- Yes**, reclaim Gift Aid on all my donations so that each £1 is worth an extra 25p to Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home. This declaration is valid for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April), the previous four tax years and all future years. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the year of a donation that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. You must be a UK taxpayer and understand that if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of your donations across all Charities, it is your responsibility to pay any difference. Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home reclaims 25p for every £1 you donate from the tax you pay for the current tax year. If you change your name, address or tax status, do let us know.

I'd like to become a Companion and give a regular contribution by Direct Debit:

£8 a month can buy and replace enrichment aids

£12 a month could help to buy a training kit

£18.75 a month could help to provide consistent staff 121 training time

Your Amount:



Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

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Please pay Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Your Direct Debit:

Bank/Building Society Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Account Holder Name (s): _____

Account Number: _____ Branch Sort Code: ___ - ___ - ___

Direct Debit Start Date: 1st: 15th: 25th:

Contact Preferences

We would love to keep you informed of Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home's vital work to rescue, reunite and rehome stray and unwanted pets across Edinburgh and the Lothians. If you have supplied us with your postal address or phone number, we may use these details to communicate updates on our dogs and cats, events, campaigns and services that we think you might be interested in, unless you have told us not to. If you would like to hear from us via email or SMS please let us know below. With all of your contact methods, you have the right to opt out of receiving these communications at any time. If you would prefer we did not contact you by post or phone, or would like to change your contact preferences, you can do this simply and easily by emailing dataprotection@edch.org.uk or calling us on **0131 669 5331**.

Would You Like To Receive Communication By:

SMS Yes No Email Yes No

Thank you!

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Our Open Day Is Back!

Our annual open day, Paws By The Prom, is back for 2022 and this year we are opening our doors all weekend!

With two full days of fun and activities planned, we invite you to come along to get involved with fun games for the family, our doggy competitions and meeting the team. Grab a bite to eat and take a stroll around our stalls - there will be something for everyone. More details can be found on the events page on our website.



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Visit edch.org.uk/OpenDay to find out more

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