



### BIG CHANGES AT RDR

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#### In 2010.....

- 578 dogs came into the pound
- 214 were reunited with their owners
- 359 were moved to the safety of a rescue
- 5 dogs sadly lost their lives to illness or old age.

Since September fewer dogs have been coming in to our pound so we have been using our experience and contacts to help other pound rescues to save dogs lives.



Although Rochdale Dog Rescue are still going strong and we are still working with our usual "pound" unfortunately due to some recent contractual changes there are not as many dogs via that source coming into our care. So we've decided to offer help to other pound rescues and take dogs from other pounds where they are at risk of being put to sleep. Sadly there is no shortage of dogs in this situation and we will, with your help, continue to save as many as we can.

We still, of course, have dogs in our care to look after and as usual its the gorgeous Staffies that have needed our help most.

Of course the dogs can only move on if we can get them to their rescue spaces. Transport runs are a constant struggle to sort with a desperate shortage of volunteers. When the

dogs move on to rescue it means we can free up a space for another dog in need. Please have a look at the transport section on the forum to see if you can help at all, or contact our transport co-ordinator (details on back page) and add your name to the database. Fuel costs can be reimbursed – please don't worry about asking.



Yet again our funds are extremely low but we are desperately working hard at the fundraising side of things and we have several events planned to help raise enough money to keep our dogs safe and help more of the "death row poundies".

These include our Online Photo Shows with a wide range of classes for all pets. For those of you with a sweet tooth we have our Rochdale Dog Rescue chocolate, great to indulge yourself with or lovely for a gift.

Another great way to help us raise funds is to recycle your old mobile phones and printer cartridges. Freepost envelopes can be sent to you for inkjet cartridges and mobiles. Or do your online shopping via [easyfundraiser.com](http://easyfundraiser.com) and nominate RDR to receive the donation. All details are on our web site.

Have a look at our fundraising section on our internet forum or check the website for more information on any of these events or more ways to raise funds. Remember every penny raised goes directly to helping the "pound" dogs have a safe future and start on their way from "death row" and into loving homes.

New members are always welcome on our forum so please tell family and friends to come along and join us at Rochdale Dog Rescue.



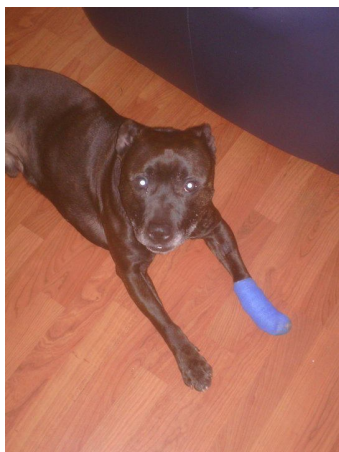
## FUDGE: A VERY SWEET STORY

Fudge's tale highlights how wonderful it can be when rescues work together. .

When we first heard about Fudge, he was called simply M2. He was in a pound in Yorkshire and our friends at Precious Poundies were trying to find him a rescue space to save him from being put to sleep. He was a healthy young staffie cross with loads of personality and he didn't deserve to die. Things were getting desperate because the pound was full and M2 was well over his allotted seven days. The pound needed to make space and he was first on the list.....

RDR had received some money to help one of the dogs in our care but we'd found a rescue space and didn't need the money for this dog. So we asked the people who donated if we could use it to help Precious Poundies dogs – of course the answer was yes. At RDR we give our dogs names, so little M2 became Compo and he was lucky enough to get a space at a rescue in Scotland. All the transport was arranged and Compo travelled North. The rescue described him as "a whirlwind on legs". He was quite young and very friendly with everyone. He liked other dogs and quickly became popular with the volunteer dog walkers. Everyone thought he was much too young and lovely to stick with the name Compo – so he became Jacob.

Less than three weeks after arriving in Scotland, a family came to visit. They had recently lost Nippy, their gorgeous young staffie, to cancer and were devastated by their loss. The rescue arranged a home check and took up references. They fell in love with Jacob and he adored them. Jacob had found his new family. But his new family didn't think Jacob suited him so he quickly became Fudge. He now has an active, happy life meeting lots of doggy friends on his walks and making sure his new family know who's the boss.



Fudge so nearly didn't get a chance at this new life. It's thanks to members of Rescue Helpers Unite who donated money, Precious Poundies, Rochdale Dog Rescue and the rescue in Scotland that there is such a happy ending to this story. Well done everyone!

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## How we help dogs

When a dog is picked up as a stray they are taken to the local pound. Their stay there is funded for just seven days. If they're still in the pound after that, they are usually put to sleep. Rochdale Dog Rescue work closely with a local pound to make sure this doesn't happen to dogs who end up there.

As soon as a dog comes in, the pound tell us about it and photograph it for us. Straight away we start trying to find the owners by checking lists of lost animals. In case the dog isn't claimed we put the dog on our web site and start looking for a rescue space. If we can't reunite the dog with it's owner, a volunteer picks him up on his last day and takes him to his rescue space. The rescues we work with guarantee to rehome animals with care, provide back up for life and never destroy a healthy dog. If we haven't found a space for him, we take him to our emergency boarding to wait until a space comes up. In the meantime, the dogs get all the vets treatment they need and our volunteers visit them in boarding as often as possible to help with walking and play. The kennels work with the dogs to assess their nature and keep them happy while they wait.

Sometimes, when a dog has been with us for some time, or has been handed in by owners who can tell us something about him, we are able to look for a forever home. Any offer of a home is carefully checked before the adoption takes place. And sometimes a dog may need extra care and we place these dogs with foster carers rather than boarding. At RDR, we do all we can to find loving homes for healthy dogs who would otherwise be destroyed.

## SUCCESS STORIES

### Meet Jake.



### **REUNITED**

This gorgeous boy went missing in the summer of 2010 and was posted on [doglost.co.uk](http://doglost.co.uk).

In August the dog warden picked up a German Shepherd Dog who was looking a bit thin and scruffy. RDR volunteers check the details of dogs against doglost listings and this guy sounded familiar. The owner was contacted and rushed to the pound, arriving just minutes before closing time.

There was a very emotional reunion when Jake recognised his overjoyed owner. Another great example of rescues getting together to work wonders.

### Wiggum – an update

We met Wiggum in May 2008 (when one of our volunteers had been watching too much Simpsons). He had a bad skin condition and was in a lot of discomfort. We got him treatment but he needed baths which the pound didn't have facilities for, so one of our fosterers took him in. Wiggy also needed an eye operation, biopsies and neutering. But he was always friendly and affectionate, no matter what happened to him.



By July he was feeling much better and we put him on websites and prepared posters so people could come forward to offer him a home. And in August a lovely family came to meet him and fell in love. They had a successful homecheck and Wiggy went to his new home in the North East.

His new family keep in touch and send updates to tell us how he's doing – and he's doing very well.

This is him after the Christmas party – I think he may have overdone it a bit!



### Where the money goes

When we can't secure a rescue space at the end of a dog's 7 days in the pound we take the dogs to emergency boarding. The dogs are very well cared for here and the staff work with them to help them overcome any behavioural issues which become apparent. The kennels offer us a very generous discount but even so, in 2010 we paid over £10,000 in boarding fees.

While dogs are in our care we provide any veterinary treatment they need. Our vets are also very generous with their time and help our poundies in any way they can. But we have paid nearly £3,000 to cover the dogs medical expenses in 2010.

We will always cover the cost of fuel for transport if our volunteers need help. This has cost nearly £500 in 2010.

We want to go on saving the lives of these lovely animals and we need to raise enough money to cover our costs. Can you help us to raise the money we need?

Rochdale Dog Rescue -  
How to contact us

If you are a rescue and you  
can offer a space;

Coryn: 07939 489363  
Deborah: 01491 833800

Offers of help with  
transport;

Ally: 07876 407418

Volunteering and dogs in  
rescue;

Bernie: 07899 821316

Please call before 9.00pm.

Please note that we cannot  
return calls to mobiles.

[www.rochdale-  
dog-rescue.com](http://www.rochdale-dog-rescue.com)

## Events

We have to raise every penny we need by fundraising or donation.

We have on-line auctions on our forum in January and July. Why not join in and grab a bargain – or perhaps have a clear out and offer some of those treasures you no longer need for sale.

There's a buy and sell section and an online shop where you can buy good dog toys and all sorts of other things our supporters have to offer.

And we're hoping to have a fun dog show again this year. Our dogs go all over the country so our dog show can be held anywhere. Could you organise the next one? We can guarantee that our supporters will offer you all the help you need.

Other events are announced through our friendly forum. You can get to it by using the link on our website –

[www.rochdale-dog-rescue.com](http://www.rochdale-dog-rescue.com)

### **Thank you**

*There are so many people who help Rochdale Dog Rescue to save dogs' lives. From the day they come into the pound who look after them and take photos for us to the day their receiving rescue finds their forever home, so many people help to save these dogs' lives. Thank you, everyone.*

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Fostering

Most of our dogs have to go to rescues before being rehomed so that they can be properly assessed. But occasionally a dog comes in who needs a bit more individual attention and we try to get the dog into foster care.

Fostering a dog means bringing the dog into your own home. This will mean assessing the dog's existing training, ability to cope with different everyday situations and its temperament. You will provide a safe and secure home until a suitable forever home is found.

### Transporting

When we find a rescue space for one of our poundies we have to get the dog there. We take dogs to rescues all over the country.

Our transport co-ordinator arranges for a team of volunteers to move the dogs, on a long journey breaking the route into several sections.

Every transport volunteer gets a welcome pack full of advice. We can always cover the cost of fuel if this is a problem.

If you have a car and a little time to spare, could you help?

### Fundraising

We have to raise all the money needed to save the dogs lives through donation and fundraising.

Do you have an idea we could put into practice? Could hold a car boot sale, or a cake sale in your office?

You'll be guaranteed lots of support from our volunteers if you can help.

