

After being passed a copy of the Winter 2017 edition of the quarterly newsletter by my friend Steve Devaney, I was moved to read the article about brave, little Baloo. Excuse my ignorance, but I had never heard of Garbo's German Shepherd Dog Rescue, despite owning a GSD myself! Knowing how expensive veterinary fees can be, as my own GSD has had cruciate ligament surgery, I knew we had to do something to try to help.

I roped in the assistance of a couple of friends, Steve Devaney being one of them and two others, Carol Ashton and Mary Jewell, all of whom have a passion for the breed and we all put our thinking caps on!

We were fortunate that Steve was running a Dog Show at the Littlewick Show in Knowl Hill on the August Bank Holiday Monday. Steve approached the organiser, Valerie Bosley and asked if we could hold a raffle at the show, with all proceeds going to GGSDR. She very kindly said "YES" and so we had our idea. Now, the next step was to get some prizes. We wrote and emailed various tourist / family attractions, both local and London based and also local businesses asking if they could possibly donate a raffle prize. We were fortunate to have a few positive replies. Finally, we now had to go about selling as many tickets as possible. Not wanting just to rely on selling tickets at the show (although we were very successful), we had raffle tickets printed up, so that we could sell them in advance. We asked friends, family, dog owners / walkers in the local parks, put up posters in local vets and pet shops and also set up a "Crowd Funding" page. The page allowed us to share Baloo's story on social media, in the hope of selling tickets or getting donations from people who were not local and made a big difference to the amount raised.

**After a final count up, we raised a grand total of £1,250
and**

**The great news is, we have been given permission to hold it again, at the Littlewick Show in 2019
So, watch this space for how you can buy your tickets – You don't want to miss out!**

We would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to the following companies and local businesses, without whom, our raffle to raise money for Baloo and the GGSDR would not have been possible.

Ines B Photography – Pinkneys Green – www.inesbphoto.com

Odds Farm – High Wycombe - www.oddsfarm.co.uk

Liquid Leisure – Windsor – www.liquidleisure.com

Fox Security – Specialising in Intruder Alarms & CCTV – Maidenhead – www.fox-security.co.uk

Pet Care – Maidenhead – www.maidenheadpetcare.co.uk

Maidenhead Mini Golf – Maidenhead – www.maidenheadminigolf.co.uk

Valerie Bosley – Knowl Hill - www.littlewickshow.co.uk

We would also like to thank the following individuals for their charitable donations

Steve Devaney, Mary Walton, Cara Bell, Natalie Johnston & Sherry Bell

Your kind generosity and support of this cause is hugely appreciated.

So please when you have read your copy of the Newsletter, don't file it away, pass it on to a friend or ask to leave it, for others to read, in your local vets. The more we can spread the word about the

fantastic work Garbo and the GGSDR does, the more members we can attract and hopefully, the more money we will raise for this magnificent cause.

Photos from the Littlewick Show, Knowl Hill

