

Stan

Rescued: 11th November 2011

Rehomed: 27th November 2011

Stan came into Willows care on 11th November 2011. We were contacted by the staff from our vets, Castleview, who advised us they had a 10 week old Staffy cross pup that would be heading to the pound if they couldn't find anyone to take him. At that time, the pound had an outbreak of Parvo, and anyone who deals with dogs knows that, for a 10 week old pup, it is a death sentence.

We didn't have any foster homes available, no real funds coming in and we were paying for 2 kennels – so of course we said yes!

Whilst preparing to nip through to the vets Julie took her dogs out for a quick walk and bumped into a man called Steve. Steve's dog Ollie and Julie's dog Missy both get along well and have a good run around in a morning. As usual she saw Steve but mentioned that she was in a rush and told him all about Stan. As luck would have it, Steve said they had been talking about getting another dog for Ollie. He said he would ring his wife Sue and then let Julie know if they were interested in trying the pup with Ollie.

Steve got back in touch with Julie before she had even got to the vets, to say how they would like to give it a go. Stan was taken straight around to Steve and Sue's house. Julie stayed for around an hour and watched the dogs together. Stan didn't have a clue about Ollie's body language which goes to prove he is another dog that was probably sold at an age when he should have still been with his mum.

Everything was going well so Stan stayed. We gave them a cage, bedding and a mountain of stuff the fantastic girls at castleview vets sent him.

That first night Stan started to cry so Sue sent Ollie downstairs. As soon as he went into the kitchen and lay in his basket, Stan stopped and went to sleep. Since then Stan has gone from strength to strength and he is fitting into Steve and Sue's routine nicely. Ollie is such a friendly dog with a wonderful nature and if his temperament rubs off on Stan then he will turn out to be a cracking dog too. Steve and Sue are really pleased with how it's going and Ollie loves his new playmate.

Just like their namesakes Laurel and Hardy – Stan and Ollie are a fantastic duo.

