

Adopt A British Squaddie Newsletter

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The Bond

The sun gleamed on the marble
the epitaph aglow
as light danced on the sacred words
inscribed so long ago

the wooden bench was occupied
as it was this time each day
the world went round
the clock moved on
while he sat down to pray

His eyes though dim gazed steadily
at poppies uniformly grown
he pondered friends who gave their all
and cried a tear, alone

Awkward footsteps startled him
his solitude was broken
The young man sat down on the bench
and not a word was spoken

The young man's eyes though bright, were blank
his tears began to fall
on poppies uniformly grown
beneath the marble wall

They sat together on the bench
two soldiers, sans a sound
in silence joined their thoughts and prayers
Brothers in Remembrance bound.

Submitted by Donna Louise Armstrong

Mr Scamp

by Sarah Bryne

So, a couple of newsletters ago I mentioned about my 'other' boys (aka the local Ice Hockey Team I support), well, I've got a new boy in my life - I know, I'm terrible aren't I? haha

Well, here he is



Our beautiful cutie, Scamp! Not that we're biased in any way shape or form of course

After much debate with Mum, after losing our first dog 15 years ago, she finally gave in and agreed to have another dog. With much family discussion it was agreed we would go for a rescue dog. Mum and Sis did lots of visiting different Rescue Centres and they finally decided on Hull Animal Welfare Trust. So sad to hear them talk about some of the places they had visited as it is the poor dogs who miss out. They had a couple of visits there, to get to know the staff and then, to get to know the lovely dogs.

This one little chap made an impression on both occasions so Mum applied to adopt Widge (his name that he had been given by the staff). The only information the staff were able to provide was that he was a Patterdale Cross; around the age of 18 months old and finally that he was found as a stray in

Withernsea (a small sea-side town around 20mins from our hometown of Hull). Not much to go on but we love a challenge.

A lovely lady from the Centre came and gave the house a check over and after a further chat, Mum was accepted.

On Saturday 5 July, 2014, Mum and Sis went to collect 'Widge' (so annoyed as I couldn't get time off work so I couldn't go). All day at work I was wondering how it was going and if there would be someone waiting for me when I got home. Well, no-one was waiting at home for him; he was at the bus-stop!! What a fussy little chap, even the bus driver made a comment haha.

Although we thought the name 'Widge' was 'ok' it just didn't seem to fit him really. Mum gave it some thought and came up with the name 'Scamp' and boy, is he living up to his name!!

We have taken him to Scarborough for the day and he loves travelling in his cage that we have for the car. We had a good day at Scarborough until a 'silly man' who couldn't control his rather large dog and it went for Scamp only for when Scamp retaliated, the 'silly man' said Scamp should be muzzled. Now, don't get me wrong, Scamp isn't an angel by a long shot and we are having problems with him, but that was not Scamp's fault at all.

We are realising through certain things we do with him, that he must have been some sort of work dog as he has no idea on how to play, which is rather sad. He still shivers and backs away sometimes when we go to stroke him, which makes us wonder what has happened to the poor little chap, again, very sad

He is getting better, but we know we have a long way to go, a very long way to go. We also know it's not only Scamp that needs training, it's us too!

We will do whatever we can for our new little chap in our lives, as we want the best for him now he has found his 'fur-ever' home – love that phrase and I'm pleased to say it came from a fellow AABS member, thanks Lizzie!!

Oh yeah, he's a clever dog – he has his own page on Facebook!! Hahaha

Hoping this has put a smile on someone's face and you've enjoyed reading about the new chap in my life.

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