



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2025

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It's been a busy and exciting time here at Hardy K9's. Many of you will already know that we have a new addition—Koda! She's still settling in, and we're getting to know each other, but overall, things are going really well. She's now been spayed and is recovering however we are not sure "rest" is part of her genetic make up! Thank you all for your kind wishes and support during this time.

Over the past 11 months, it's been great to see more of you using the field and recommending it to others. Your feedback, support, and sharing photos have meant a lot to us—thank you so much, and to your dogs as well! You all have such beautiful dogs and there have been some really goofy photos that have made us smile.

Please keep sharing, tagging, and recommending the field—word of mouth really is the best way for us to grow. We're excited to see what the next 12 months holds and to keep creating great experiences for you and your dogs!

If you have any suggestions for activities for your dog then please just let us know. We want everyone to have an enjoyable time in the field especially the dogs.

## OUR 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of September we celebrate our one year anniversary of the field opening to the public.

To celebrate our one year anniversary we would like to offer a 10% discount on our already great value for money packages that are purchased between:

**28.09.25 - 04.10.25.**

So a 10 session package which is valid for 4 months will cost £40.50 (£4.05 per session) and a 20 session package that is valid for 6 months will cost £72 (£3.60 per session)

*This offer is limited to one purchase per customer and the usual T's and C's apply.*

## SAVOURY DOG TREATS

### Ingredients:

1 cup whole wheat flour (or gluten-free flour if needed)  
1/2 cup rolled oats  
1/2 cup grated carrot  
1/4 cup grated cheese (cheddar or Parmesan)  
1 large egg  
1/4 cup chicken or beef stock (low sodium)

### Instructions:

Preheat your oven to 180°C (350°F).  
In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, oats, grated carrot, and cheese.  
Add the egg and broth, mixing until a dough forms. If it's too sticky, add a little more flour.  
Roll out the dough on a floured surface to about 1/4 inch thick.  
Cut into small shapes or strips using cookie cutters or a knife.  
Place treats on a lined baking tray and bake for 15-20 minutes until golden.  
Let cool completely before giving to your dog.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT MEET UP

We've received some heartfelt messages and stories from our field users about their dogs and how the space has been such a benefit. Many of you have been open and honest about the realities of life with dogs—not always kisses and frolics, but meaningful and sometimes challenging.

After speaking with a few of you, it became clear that there's a desire for a friendly get-together (without the dogs) to offer support and reassurance. We understand this might not be for everyone, but if you think it could be helpful for you, we're planning to arrange a meet-up in October at a local village hall.

We'll keep everyone updated via our social media channels, where you can sign up to attend. The event will be held in the evening, and we'll provide refreshments. There may be a request to make a small donation to our charity pot, but please know it's entirely optional.

Our goal is simply to create a space where no one feels alone. If you're interested, keep an eye out for further details!

### DID YOU KNOW...?

The tiny vertical groove between a dog's nose and upper lip has a purpose?! It is called the vegetal groove and every time a dog licks its lips saliva collects in that groove and the moisture travels to the nose helping it keep damp.

## CHARITY POT SO FAR...



## BENJI AND BALU



For the first time in over 30 years, bears are back on the Isle of Wight! Back in June 2025 two rescued brown bears, brothers Benji and Balu, arrived at the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary in Sandown to start their new life.

Believed to be around 13, these former caged bears from Azerbaijan have made an incredible 3,000-mile journey to find peace and happiness. Their new enclosure, spanning 3,500 square metres, offers plenty of grass, ponds, shaded trees, and cosy dens—giving them the space they deserve.

This historic moment was made possible by a £300,000 fundraising effort and the collaborative work of the Wildheart Sanctuary and Azerbaijan's Ministry of Ecology. Lawrence Bates, CEO, says, "Benji and Balu finally have the life they've been waiting for, full of comfort, care, and freedom."

What a beautiful story to remind us of what compassion and working together can achieve!