

Secretary's Annual Report For 2016.

This year, once again we have been very busy, the number of dogs that have been dealt with by the Trust is around the 84 mark, with a lot more males than females, about 70% of the males topped the social and aggression problems, and with fewer bitches than dogs having medical problems. These numbers takes into account those involved in grant applications, contact rehoming, or initial applications to rehome dogs that were eventually retained by their owners etc.

Although to date we have not had the numbers of recent years, many this year have been longer term fostered due to their aggression problems. The aggression is generally centred around food, dominance or territorial, with more aggression toward people than in previous years giving us much greater concern, much of this goes back to a lack of training and knowledge on the part of the owners and quite often the breeders. We are really in need of more long term experienced foster homes who can tackle these dogs and give them hope for a future home.

On a sad note most would have heard the news that we had the most KC registrations of any other breed in 2016 topping over 20,000 Frenchies registered. This situation cannot go on much longer, we already now have four frenchie dedicated rescue organisations all working really hard to cope with numbers. The biggest problem I believe is the lack of breed education to the general Frenchie owning public. So once again I ask all responsible and knowledgable Frenchie owners to pass on their experience and information(the earlier the better) to anyone you know with a Frenchie and make that hopefully one less Frenchie we have to deal within the future.

On a brighter note fund raising has gone from strength to strength while again raising the profile of the Trust, very well done everyone.

We have had a number of notable successes this year with dogs that would have been euthanised by other societies. In particular two dogs that were handed over to us from Battersea dogs home. Both dogs failed Battersea's test for rehoming and would normally have been put to sleep, however an employee from the home contacted us and arranged for the two dogs to come into the Trust, with a lot of work from our volunteer foster homes and finding just the right homes for them, they now both have a loving future in a forever home.

Once again it has been a great pleasure and privilege working with the other Trustees and all the Volunteers who give up their time and more often money along with those who contribute to the Trust, without your help and input we couldn't even begin to do what we must to help UK frenchies in Need.

Please carry on your support.

Secretary Mick Gordon.