

# Luther

We were lucky enough to adopt Luther 4 years ago after being completely seduced by his loving charms, whilst walking him and playing in the paddock at BCDH. The rainy day we took him home, he jumped straight into the back of our Ka, filling the back seat without a backward look to Tom, one of his handlers (being dog aggressive he really wanted to be out of the home, away from all of the other dogs). After putting so much love and energy into looking after Luther and building him up, we felt for Tom and the others.

Not sure of his background, he came to us underweight (32kg) and slept contorted in a tight cat-like ball with everything folded in. He settled in immediately though, his coat filled out, he found his feet and voice and was instantly part of the family. His weight soon increased (47kg) to a good, stable level (we have Arden Grange & Lillys Kitchen

to thank for that), and before long he was outstretched on his own leather sofa, or rolling on his back, head back and all four paws in the air!

Being a big lad, we made sure he had two walks a day, in the park, around town and further afield, but he just loved

coming home to a relaxed environment. He was an elderly(ish) so didn't need very long walks, loved company and slept most of the day. He was a really handsome boy and usually we wouldn't go a week without getting comments from strangers out walking, on how good looking he was.

We had glorious days out and campervan holidays at the beach down in Dorset and Cornwall, digging in the sand and playing in the surf which he adored. Driving back to Bath, he would simply sleep all the way; we loved his reaction on returning home, he would dash in, his face light up in the knowledge he was back to his own bed. We also had fantastic holidays to Northumberland and The Lake District.

Recently, he fell ill suddenly, out of the blue. He collapsed whilst in the garden (with us) one Saturday afternoon and after the vet's immediate diagnosis it was clear we had no choice. He was not in pain, was very peaceful and did not suffer.

Luther was a loving part of our family, with a soft, caring nature and we miss him dearly every day.

Rest easy Luthy, we'll never forget you.

Zac & Louise Nicholson

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