

## Callouts 2012

“Full Page” means that all of the Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dogs were paged to attend. “**Found**” means that the dog team found the casualty with no prior knowledge as to his/her location. “**Located**” indicates that the Team or dog handler had a rough idea where the missing person(s) was, but was able to pinpoint them. Callouts with multiple days are now counted as separate incidents.

No	Date/ Time/ Team Area	Search Dogs	Details	Outcome
1	Jan 5th 0000 <b>Patterdale</b>  Limited Page  Stood down at 0500	Dottie, Skye	A 40 year old male, staying in Patterdale, was reported as overdue in gale force winds whilst walking on the Dodds.	Dogs and Patterdale team searched immediate footpaths and routes in extreme conditions, (winds in excess of 80mph) and were forced to withdraw when winds grew too dangerous.
2	Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> 0800 <b>Patterdale</b>  Full Page Stood down 1430	Fly, Skye plus dogs from SARDA England	(1 Continued)... A 40 year old male, staying in Patterdale, was reported as overdue in gale force winds whilst walking on the Dodds; winds had moderated somewhat, but still fierce.	Further search with Patterdale, Penrith, Keswick MRTs. The search was aborted when it was discovered that the misper had departed his hotel without payment; there was no evidence he was on the hill. Police enquiries continue.
3	Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> 0530 <b>Galloway</b> Northern Dogs  Stood down 0900	SARDA Southern Scotland dogs plus Ginny, Skye on the hill; Fly en route.	A man was reported missing after going for a walk in woods near Stranraer.	The misper was found very shortly after the search commenced by members of Moffat MRT. FATAL
4	Jan 31st 0300 <b>Keswick</b> Full Page  Stood down 0340	Ginny, Meg on scene; Dottie, Einich, Fly en route	A 73 year old Alzheimers sufferer went missing, with his dog, from his holiday accommodation in Braithwaite in the middle of the night.	The police requested assistance from Keswick MRT and search dogs to search for him. He was spotted in town by a dog handler on her way to the incident, and was re-united with his family.

<b>5</b>	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> 0925 <b>Duddon &amp; Furness</b> Full Page  Stood down 1600	Einich, Ginny, Fly, Kitt, Meg, Skye	A 40 year old vulnerable local man was reported missing in the Ulverston area. Duddon and Kendal MRTs and search dogs combed a large area without success.	Duddon and Kendal MRTs, and search dogs combed a large area without success.  <b>Postscript.</b> This man's body was discovered on a sandbank in the estuary 2 months later.
<b>6</b>	Feb 21 <sup>st</sup> 1134 <b>Keswick MRT</b> Full Page	Ginny; Kitt en route	An 11 year old child was reported missing from school in the Threlkeld area. Members of the local community were already out looking.	The handler's task was to search old railway line from Threlkeld to Keswick, including the embankments and riverbank. The child was found near the school by a member of the school support staff.
<b>7</b>	March 15th 1545 <b>Cockermouth</b> Full Page  Stood down 1615	Bute, Dottie, Einich, Ginny, Keppi  Keppi's 1 <sup>st</sup> callout	A 19 year old male reported himself lost between Black Sail and Rosthwaite with a leg injury.	Dogs were en route when he was located close to Black Sail by Cockermouth team members, unhurt.
<b>8</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> March 1603 <b>Bowland Pennine</b> Specific Request  Stood down 2045	Dottie	A 73 yr old male walker was reported missing in the Silverdale area. Bowland requested the assistance of a dog to search an area of woodland and scrub near the shoreline.	Nothing was found. The man was missing for some months; his body was eventually found on the estuary mudflats.
<b>9</b>	April 6 <sup>th</sup> 1903 <b>Coniston</b> Local Dog only  Stood down 2220	Einich	Two walkers reported themselves missing whilst heading back to Walna Scar from Stephenson Ground.	Coniston team responded with team members and one of their search dogs. The mispers were located near Caw Moss above the forest line by Team Members.
<b>10</b>	April 8 <sup>th</sup> 1845 <b>PENRITH</b> Full Page  Stood down 2027	Dottie, Ginny, Meg on the hill; Einich, Keppi, Kitt en route.	A lone Pennine Way walker reported himself lost somewhere between Cross Fell and Dufton, having lost the footpath.	Penrith team called backup from search dogs, given the size of the potential search area. He was found by a group of PMRT members well down towards Cow Green Reservoir as dogs were arriving to be deployed.

<b>11</b>	April 29 <sup>th</sup> 2045 <b>Keswick / Cockermouth</b> Full Page Stood down 0345  Re-paged 0700 Stood down 1030 – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Einich, Jake, Keppi, Kitt, Meg, Ollie, Rosie overnight  Dottie, Kitt morning + 4 dogs from SARDA England.	A fell runner taking part in the Sail Beck Race was reported overdue in very poor conditions.	Keswick and Cockermouth MR Teams worked together to organise a search overnight of very difficult ground, in poor visibility, using Team members and dogs. In the morning a Sea King from RAF Boulmer located and retrieved the misper's body in a stream high up in the Scar Craggs / Addacombe Hole area. He had taken a tumbling fall whilst descending. FATAL.
<b>12</b>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1800 <b>Wasdale</b> Local Dogs only Stood down 2130	Olly,Pippi, Rosie	Police requested assistance in searching for a male missing from home in the Whitehaven area.	The Team and dogs searched the areas above the cliffs in the Kells area. The man was eventually located by police in the town.
<b>13</b>	May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2120 <b>Penrith</b> Full Page Stood down 2145	Dottie on the hill; Ginny, Kitt, Keppi, Skye en route.	Penrith requested assistance of dogs to search for a missing female despondent, whose vehicle had been found at Mardale Head. An RAF helicopter was also tasked.	The Team, which had been mobilised two hours earlier, located her safe and well near to the top of Nan Bield Pass before the remaining dogs arrived at the RV point.
<b>14</b>	May 6 <sup>th</sup> 1130 <b>Patterdale</b> Stood down 1340	Dottie	A Male who was reported as missing on Coast to Coast walk by a concerned relative, on the section from Grasmere to Syke Farm, Patterdale.	Team organised the search. However, the misper turned up as dog was being deployed.
<b>15</b>	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 0001 <b>Cockermouth</b> Full Page  Stood down 0055	Ginny; Einich en route	A 52 year old female who was walking solo from Wasdale to Buttermere via Scafell, Great Gable and Haystacks, was reported overdue by her partner. She had no torch.	Cockermouth team requested assistance from Keswick and Wasdale teams to search the route. However, as the search was getting underway, the lady turned up at Dalegarth in Buttermere.
<b>16</b>	June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1800 <b>Wasdale</b> Local Dogs only Stood down 2230	Olly, Pippi	A couple were reported as lost on the Central Fells, Scafell area, in poor weather.	The two were found by Team members in a tent near top of Pikes Crag, and walked off safe & well.

<b>17</b>	June 16 <sup>th</sup> 0357 <b>Wasdale</b> Local Dogs only Stood down 0930	Olly, Pippi	A group of 4 Three Peaks eventers got lost when descending from Scafell Pike in atrocious weather, and then became cragfast in difficult ground.	Dogs were tasked to search the Lingmell side as far as Piers Ghyll. The casualties were located by Team members between Piers Ghyll and Greta Ghyll, in mild hypothermic condition. They were re-warmed and walked off via Lingmell, because of very high stream levels on other routes.
<b>18</b>	June 18 <sup>th</sup> 1700 <b>Galloway</b> Local Dogs (North) Stood down 1752	Dottie, Ginny, Meg	Galloway MR team were asked to undertake a search for a missing 82 year old man with Alzheimers Disease near Kirkcudbright.	The three dogs set out, but were turned back when the misper turned up safe and well.
<b>19</b>	June 26 2300 <b>Cave Rescue Organisation</b> Full Page Stood down 0015	Dottie, Jake, Skye Plus a SARDA England dog.	A group of six people taking part in a Yorkshire Three Peaks event got lost coming off Ingleborough in poor visibility.	CRO organised a search, and the mispers were found shortly after the dogs started, by a Team member on a quad bike. They were walked off to a Team vehicle and evacuated safely.
<b>20</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> July 0930 <b>Kendal</b> Local dog only Stood down before deployment	Keppi	Police requested assistance to find a missing despondent in the Lindale area.	Kendal Team turned out, to be stood down when the despondent returned home.
<b>21</b>	July 15 <sup>th</sup> 0500 for 0800 start <b>Patterdale</b> Full Page Stood down 1230	Dottie, Einich, Ginny, Keppi, Meg, Moss, Skye.  Moss's 1 <sup>st</sup> callout	The car of a 44 year old male, missing from home. was spotted on the shores of Ullswater. The Police requested a search be made of the local area.	Patterdale organised the search, and requested dogs to help clear the woodland and shoreline. During a prolonged search when nothing was found, two dogs separately showed interest at the edge of the lake. This was marked to be followed up by an underwater search team. However, no find was made and the case remains unresolved.
<b>22</b>	July 16 <sup>th</sup> - As 20	Moss	Search continued	Nothing Found.
<b>23</b>	July 17 <sup>th</sup> - As 20	Dottie, Moss	Search continued	Nothing Found.

<b>24</b>	July 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1700 <b>Kendal</b> Local Dog only Stood down at 2130	Keppi	A 22 year old man jumped off Devil's bridge at Kirkby Lonsdale into the River Lune, and failed to surface.	Kendal Team were asked to search the riverbanks downstream in case he had managed to get ashore. Nothing was found, but police divers later recovered a body from the area just below the bridge. FATAL.
<b>25</b>	July 26 <sup>th</sup> 0917 <b>Cockermouth</b> Full Page Stood down 0948	Fly, Ginny; Dottie, Einich to follow	Police asked Cockermouth team to search for a dementia sufferer who had been missing overnight.	The Team were assembling at base, and the dogs were en route when a member of the public spotted the missing man, and informed the police. Team and dogs were then stood down.
<b>26</b>	July 26 <sup>th</sup> 2146 <b>Wasdale</b> Local Dogs only Off the hill at 0430	Ollie. Pippi	Group of 7, who were a variety of nationalities undertaking a Three Peaks challenge, got lost and stuck on either Scafell, or Scafell Pike.	Wasdale Team was mobilised to search from a number of flanks. Two of the party managed to find a way off into Eskdale, others were too scared to make the descent. They were <b>FOUND</b> by Search Dogs Ollie and Pippi (Penny Kirby) in steep ground beyond Fox's Tarn Gully. The group were assisted with roped descent of Mickledore, and then walked off.
<b>27</b>	July 29 <sup>th</sup> 2115 <b>Wasdale</b> Full Page	Bute, Ginny, Jake, Meg, Ollie, Pippi, Skye	A couple reported themselves lost somewhere in the central fells, with no map, compass, or proper equipment. Because of the huge area, Duddon and Keswick teams were also deployed.	Wasdale organised a comprehensive search, and the casualties were eventually located by team members in Calf Cove Beck. They were rewarmed, and airlifted by an RAF Sea King to West Cumberland Hospital.
<b>28</b>	Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup> 0900 <b>Cornwall (!)</b> Dog on course Stood down 1530	Dottie  Nine SARDA E dogs.	A 20 year old autistic male was reported missing from a remote house in the Bodmin area the previous night.	Search Dog Dottie and handler Kaz Frith were attending a trailing course on Dartmoor, and were able to assist SARDA England dogs with the search. The misper was located by police later in Camelford.

<p><b>29</b></p>	<p>Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 2336  <b>Keswick</b>  Full Page  Stood down 0335 11<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Einich, Ginny,  Jake, Keppi, Kitt,  Meg, Skye.</p>	<p>Two elderly walkers became separated on the Coast to Coast route. A 74 year old with medical issues, and defective footwear(!) was reported overdue.</p>	<p>Keswick requested Langdale to cover the Far Easedale area, whilst they took Wythburn and Greenup Edge. The dogs were split between the various routes, with two following a lead dog up Greenup Edge to provide extra assets if the areas along Ullscarf and High White Stones needed to be searched. The gentleman was found by Team members on a footpath at the top of the waterfalls in Wythburn. Once he had been fitted with a pair of loaned boots, he was able to walk down to Steel End with assistance. All units were then stood down.</p>
<p><b>30</b></p>	<p>August 31<sup>st</sup> 2225  <b>Keswick &amp; Cockermouth</b>  Full Page  Stood down 2315</p>	<p>Ginny, Meg, Olly,  Pippi</p>	<p>A 73 year old man and his 50 year old daughter were reported overdue on the Coast to Coast route. Both teams were mobilised, and organised a search.</p>	<p>The two walkers turned up safe and well at Gatescarth Farm, Buttermere, not long after the search began. They had lost the route between the end of Ennerdale and Rosthwaite.</p>
<p><b>31</b></p>	<p>Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2330  <b>Keswick &amp; Langdale</b>  Local Dogs  Stood down 0052</p>	<p>Ginny, Skye</p>	<p>This was the same group as No 27, but this time between Rosthwaite and Grasmere !</p>	<p>Langdale organised search – dogs went from the Wythburn side. The group were <b>LOCATED</b> by Search Dog Skye (John Leadbetter) not far from Steel End. The elderly gentleman had turned his ankle, which had slowed them down. Group were transported to LAMRT base; the gentleman was taken to hospital for treatment, where he had to have it plastered.</p>
<p><b>32</b></p>	<p>Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1700  <b>Cockermouth</b>  Local dog only  Stood down at 2100</p>	<p>Jake</p>	<p>A Father and son lost the path on Starling Dodd, and were unable to find a way off because of low cloud.</p>	<p>The Team mobilised a small group with the Search Dog, and located them on the summit of Starling Dodd. They were escorted off the hill.</p>

<b>33</b>	Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> 0006 <b>Wasdale</b> Local Dogs only Stood down 0650	Ollie, Pippi	A party of three heading up to Scafell Pike got lost on the side of Piers Gill, somewhere near Flass Knotts. Rather than turn back, they proceeded to get well and truly lost, and then cragfast.	Wasdale Team organised a search, and the party were located close to Straight Gill by Team members, who had to climb serious and precarious route to reach them. It took several hours – and 640m of rope (!) to evacuate them. Dog handler provided radio relay after group had been found.
<b>34</b>	Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> 2150 <b>Wasdale / Cockermonth</b> Local Dogs only	Jake, Ollie, Pippi	A lone 60 year old female turned her ankle whilst walking in the Pillar area, and was unable to continue.	Wasdale and Cockermonth teams organised searches to find her, and she was eventually located close to Pillar summit in an exhausted state at about 0130. She was then stretchered off into Wasdale by both teams. A long and exhausting rescue in very difficult terrain.
<b>35</b>	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> 2117 <b>Langdale / Ambleside</b> Local Dogs only Stood down 2300	Dottie, Ginny, Meg, Sam	A 69 year old solo male was reported overdue from a walk on Helm Crag. As he suffered from a serious medical condition, the Team requested assistance to search all possible descent routes.	Langdale organised footpath searches of the immediate area, dogs covered Greenburn and Wythburn. He was located by Team members in Far Easedale, having suffered an ankle injury. He was also suffering from hypothermia. He was evacuated by an RAF helicopter.
<b>36</b>	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> 2240 <b>Penrith</b> Full Page Stood down 0330	Dottie, Ginny, Jake, Keppi, Kitt, Meg, Sam.	A 69 year old local man failed to return from a walk in the local area around Cargo, north of Carlisle.	A multi agency search involving Coastguard, Penrith Team, search dogs and a helicopter ensued. The area was close to the River Eden, and in very wet fields. The misper's body was eventually located by an RAF helicopter using Infra red equipment. He had collapsed. FATAL.
<b>37</b>	Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> 1852 <b>Langdale / Ambleside</b> Full Page Stood down 1931	Kitt, Sam.  Ginny, Meg, Moss Keppi en route.	A 77 year old woman with an ankle injury was reported injured by her partner, but she could not tell the Team exactly where the casualty might be in the Greenburn - Far Easedale – Wythburn area. Dogs were asked to assist in locating her.	Langdale team had a head start on the dogs, and they located her not far up Far Easedale. She was assisted to the road, and reunited with her companion after medical assistance.

<b>38</b>	October 28 <sup>th</sup> 1915 <b>Keswick</b> <b>(+ Wasdale, Langdale, Duddon)</b> Full Page	Ani, Beck, Dottie, Einich, Ginny, Jake, Keppi, Kitt, Meg, Ollie, Pippi, Rosie, Sam. (Ani & Beck's first callout)	Two men, part of a larger party, set out from Seathwaite to go to Scafell Pike in atrocious conditions. The others turned back. The mispers, who had no torch, map or compass, got lost and benighted. This was the first night after the clocks went back.	A major search was organised by Keswick team which covered all the major entry and exit routes, and involved four rescue teams with 50 personnel and 11 search dog teams. They were found in the Mickledore stretcher box at about 11.30 pm by Wasdale team members.
<b>39</b>	October 30 <sup>th</sup> 1542 <b>Coniston</b> Local Dogs only Stood down 1040	Einich, Kitt	A couple become lost and benighted on the Coniston Old Man ridge in very poor weather conditions.	Coniston team organised three search parties. The mispers were found near Grey Friar in the area known as Fairfield. They were walked off to Levers Water, and taken to Coniston base for rewarming.
<b>40</b>	November 1st 1516 <b>Patterdale</b> Full Page Stood down 1745	Corrie, Dottie, Ginny, Moss	Police requested Patterdale MRT search for a missing 36 year old vulnerable male.	The Team searched all footpaths and areas thought to be likely. Search dogs combed areas of woodland. Nothing was found, and the search was stood down after further information became available.
<b>41</b>	November 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1259 <b>Patterdale</b> Stood down 1730	Ani, Beck, Fly, Ginny, Jake, Keppi, Kitt;  Plus 11 SARDA E dogs.	Further searches were made in respect of the missing male in Incident 36, following further information coming to the police. This time we were assisted by dogs from SARDA England who were training in the Lakes.	Nothing was found, but large areas were eliminated from the search. (Footnote: Police divers located a body in Ullswater the following day. )
<b>42</b>	November 5th 0914 <b>Keswick</b> Full Page Stood down from 1300 as handlers finished areas.	Bute, Corrie, Fly, Ginny, Kitt, Meg.	Police requested a search be made of the Harrop Tarn and Blea Tarn areas of Thirlmere for a missing despondent man.	Keswick Team co-ordinated Team and search dogs. Nothing was found.
<b>43</b>	November 16 <sup>th</sup> 1847 <b>Kendal</b> Full Page Stood down 1941	Keppi, Kitt, Sam;  + Beck, Dottie, Einich, Fly, Ginny, Meg, Moss en route.	A 76 year old lady was reported missing after walking her dog.	Kendal organised the search and requested help from Duddon & Furness, and Langdale Ambleside. Shortly afterwards, the lady was found in a nearby house; she was confused, and believed she lived there.



<p><b>44</b></p>	<p>November 22nd 0800  <b>Penrith</b>  Local Dogs only  Stood down 1300</p>	<p>Dottie, Ginny</p>	<p>Police requested a search for a fisherman Along the River Eden in Carlisle. He had been missing from home since the previous evening.</p>	<p>Penrith team, with two search dogs , covered footpaths and banks, and some areas of woodland. Nothing was found at the time. His body was recovered some months later from the Solway Firth.</p>
<p><b>45</b></p>	<p>November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1209  <b>Langdale / Ambleside</b>  Full Page  Stood down at 1400</p>	<p>Fly, Ginny, Keppi, Kitt, Meg, Rosie;    Dottie en route.</p>	<p>A 60 year old man was reported missing on a mountain walk, and had not returned to his car. The weather was poor and deteriorating. No details were available as to his route.</p>	<p>Langdale organised search groups, and also called in Wasdale team to cover a neighbouring area. As the teams were being deployed, the misper walked in to Old Dungeon Ghyll car park. He had survived the night out, and had managed to make his way off the hill. A lucky man!</p>