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## **Happy home in Surrey for 'Lassie' dog victim of cruel leg taping**

### **Kind Kenley family adopt dog after 'worst case of cruelty seen'**

Kenley, Surrey – A dog loving family in Kenley have adopted a Rough Collie into their home after seeing an appeal from The Mayhew Animal Home in London, whose veterinary team had worked overtime to save the abused animal.

The rescue centre were shocked when the rough collie, named Hobo, arrived in December and the charity called it the 'worst case of cruelty seen'

When the eight-year-old dog arrived at The Mayhew, both of his front legs were tightly bound with parcel tape and the smell on arrival indicated the legs were severely infected.

The Mayhew veterinary team removed the layers of parcel tape to reveal additional layers of bandages, tea towels and socks wrapped around the legs; rotting and covered in bodily fluid. The skin and flesh on both the dog's legs had begun to die and to rot away as a result of being taped up.

The gangrenous condition of the legs and the pain that the dog has been in for many months may have been caused by an owner attempting to wrap the legs up to heal or remedy a slight health condition.

Mayhew Animal Care Manger, Gillian Rich, said: *"What happened to Hobo was horrendous and inexplicable but he is a brave and strong dog and has made a phenomenal recovery. He has had to undergo a lot of veterinary treatment to save his legs, but he has remained happy and friendly, even after all he must have gone through."*

*"We were thrilled when the Scully family arrived to express an interest in adopting Hobo, especially as they already have a female Rough Collie of their own. The best we can hope for at The Mayhew that after we have been able to get a dog back to health, they can spend the rest of their days in a loving happy home."*

Photo attached of the Collie on arrival and in his new home. If you wish to request further images or speak with the Scully family, please contact Sarah Dickinson 0208 968 2443 [sarah@mayhewanimalhome.org](mailto:sarah@mayhewanimalhome.org)

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For the Editor

**The Mayhew Animal Home** was established in 1886 for the benefit of “the lost and starving dogs and cats of London so that they should have sanctuary from the cold inhumanity they are being dealt outside”. Today, The Mayhew is one of the busiest animal sanctuaries in London, rescuing thousands of animals from cruelty and neglect each year. We provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home strives to tackle the companion animal welfare crisis from every possible angle. The organisation is pro-active, innovative and continually works to assist animals and their carers. We aim to set the standards in animal welfare. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.