



# BERT'S BIG ADVENTURES!

**What an eventful last quarter of the year I've had, there's lots to tell you about and a few things I will be up to in the coming months.**

## JUNE

We'll start off with my visit to Lincolnshire Wildlife Park to help celebrate their 20th anniversary. It was a very warm day, and I was panting just as much as the animals were due to the sunshine, luckily us furry creatures are given water more often during the warmer months to keep us hydrated.

During the visit I met lots of friendly people who wanted to high five me and take selfies, I also went for a walk around the park to see some of the animals. I was greeted by the lions and the tiger, but I think they thought I was a large orange toy to play with.

The parrots and the meerkats seemed to like me, and I felt slightly more relaxed around them. Towards the end of the day, I took part in a mascot race, unfortunately I didn't win but it was good fun racing against other larger than life characters.

Big thanks to Gemma and Jo who came along to help guide me around the park.

I was then invited to another birthday party in June, Stepping Stone Theatre asked if I would like to come along to their 8th birthday party, there was singing and dancing and also lots of buffet food and a cake. This party was attended by lots of people who knew Bill and Kate from Stepping Stone.

## JULY

This was a big outing for me as it was our "Celebrating Our Communities" event at the Lincolnshire Showground. Lots of people had turned up for this one and it was wonderful. There was some amazing people in attendance and it was great to meet so many of them. I was dancing to the music, I went to see some Yoga being done and even tried a few poses myself.

I was even asked to get up on stage to help draw the raffle and hand some prizes out to the winners, I also

got to stand on the stage with my boss, Rachel.

## AUGUST (MY BIRTHDAY MONTH)

My Birthday month, I was so excited because I had heard I was going to go out for a little trip and also eat some Birthday cake. Lucy took me to see the amazing Lincoln Cathedral where I met some nice people, and had my photo taken outside the Cathedral. afterwards I went back to the office and had a piece of my lovely Birthday cake that my colleagues had organised for me. It was such a great day, people from all over the county were wishing me a "Happy Birthday".



To continue the celebrations in my Birthday week I was then asked if I wanted to play for Gainsborough Trinity Under 21's in the Shine Cup. I was very excited to be a part of it and I got to walk out with the players and officials and then take part in the warm-up. The Manager Brad Wright asked me to come on and be the goalie for a while and we won. My favourite player is Tristan Drumond.



## SEPTEMBER

In September some of the Shine employees took on the Yorkshire 3 Peaks but I had not trained enough for this, so I sent one of my mini-Bert's to take on the challenge with them, he told me he completed it on one of the walker's shoulders so look out for his adventure in the next newsletter.

## THE REST OF THE YEAR

I will be making sure I am fit enough for November as I will be taking part in the Gainsborough 10k. I've decided to take the next step up from my 5k run at Caythorpe in March and attempt the 10k distance this time around.