

DATE	INFO
04-Aug-10	V064 Bosley and V065 Seamus rescued and arrived at VBRC. Confiscated by the authorities (Thanh Hoa Province) because they have no microchips and are thus illegal. Both were nervous on arrival but have settled in very well. Both appear to be relatively young sub-adult males and are gorgeous.
21-Oct-10	V064 Bosley: Anaesthetic and health check. Roy arrived at the same time as Seamus and so this was also his first health check with us. Another small young bear in good condition. He has a skin rash and a nasty infection between his toes. Otherwise no major abnormalities detected. He was also castrated.
09-Nov-10	moved from TA cage in TA to den in River House, not yet integrated with anyone. Bosley is a very very playful young bear so is taking full advantage of the extra room. Bosley did have a slight problem, getting stuck up on the platform in his den and not being able to work out how to get down, which is a testament to the lack of development of normal behaviours that results from these bears being kept in small cages since a very young age.
10-Dec-10	V064 Bosley and V065 Seamus were integrated. Because Seamus escaped his surgery and thus was not required to stay in a recovery cage for 4 weeks, this integration was fast-tracked. These two bears arrived together from the same farm in August 2010 and they both look like very young fellows, so it is possible that they might have been together before, or even siblings. Whatever their history, they have been DESPERATE to get together ever since arriving here and have had to be content with adjacent TA cages, and then dens. Today they were finally integrated and it was non-stop frantic play from the moment the slide opened. A perfect (and very fun to watch) integration!
20-Jan-11	V062 Vandrew and V064 Bosley were integrated. This could not have been a more different integration from the attempt to integrate Vandrew with V067 Sharkey a couple of weeks ago. Bosley and Vandrew have been great mates through the bars for a number of weeks now, and today when they could finally get their hands on each other that is exactly what they did – lots of wrestling and playing. Vandrew is quite a bit bigger, but the match is quite even as his lack of one foreleg means that Bosley can still manage to wrestle him to the ground if he tries hard enough! The day finished on a lovely note where they even ate nose to nose from the same food pile.
21-Jan-11	V065 Seamus was re-united with his best buddy Bosley , and integrated with Vandrew. Seamus is definitely the most boisterous, but Vandrew didn't seem to mind and there was non-stop play all day. Really great integration – Bosley and Seamus are lots of fun, and love their new playmate, but it almost seems they are aware that he is missing an eye and a leg, and so they are not too rough with him.
17-Feb-11	The three boys V062 Vandrew, V064 Bosley and V065 Seamus who integrated so beautifully a few weeks ago moved from their shared den in River House over to a shared den in House 1. This is the first step in the plan to integrate them into a bigger group of bears. The next step will be for them to have enclosure access which will hopefully happen next week and will be their first walk on grass J.
21-Feb-11	V062 Vandrew, V064 Bosley and V065 Seamus were given access to the outside enclosure for the first time. Seamus (Mr Exuberant) was the first one outside, and also the first one to learn about the electric fence L. All three bears came out, but didn't explore too far. Later in the week Vandrew made good use of the enclosure, but the young boys are taking a bit longer to pluck up courage to really enjoy the outdoors – but we are sure it won't be much longer until they are all happily playing on the grass.
04-Mar-11	Just a quick update on the three boys in House 1 who recently had enclosure access for the first time. V062 Vandrew, V064 Bosley and V065 Seamus. Vandrew has been the bravest all along, and on Monday Annemarie and I witnessed him having the most wonderful time in the pool – described by Annemarie as “playing submarine”. Lots of splashing and frolicking – amusing himself completely and a world away from the skinny old-looking bear who arrived in July last year and used to sway in his cage all day long. And the good news is that today, Friday, the other two boys Bosley and Seamus have spent quite a bit of the day outside and are beginning to really enjoy themselves – Seamus was even seen to climb up one of the play structures J.
21-Mar-11	V062 Vandrew, V064 Bosley and V065 Seamus were integrated with V024 Maggie and V026 Taurus. Lovely integration - Vandrew is particularly smitten with Maggie and it seems the feeling is mutual, and Seamus and Taurus also seem to get on very well.
23-Mar-11	V025 Angus and V058 PJ were integrated with V062 Vandrew, V064 Bosley and V065 Seamus, all went smoothly, everyone getting along very well and lots of playing. This now makes a lovely group of 7 young bears in H1

02-Jul-12	The group of 7 young bears from House 1 (V024 Maggie, V025 Angus, V026 Taurus, V058 Shima, V062 Vandrew, V064 Bosley and V065 (Seamus, now Fynn) moved house to House 3. This house has a bigger enclosure and the move is in preparation for them to be integrated with more bears, which we are sure they will enjoy, given they are such a playful group. The move went well with all the bears loading and unloading from the transport cage well, and it wasn't long before they were sniffing their new neighbours excitedly through the bars.
03-Jul-12	After settling in to their new house overnight, the next morning the group of 7 bears were given access to their new enclosure. They were a little cautious to begin with but soon most of them were enjoying exploring their new turf. Of course V024 Maggie was the first to climb up on the play structures - she loves climbing! V058 Shima is a little more nervous about going outside but it won't be long before she feels more comfortable. Once all the bears are relaxed in their new surroundings, the integration with the group of 10 neighbouring bears will begin.

Most recent update – 11th July 2012

Bosley has settled into a calm, playful and generally lovely bear, popular with bears and people alike. He lives very happily with his best friend Fynn, who was rescued with him, and five other bears in our new bear house, House 3, opened in summer 2011. He often looks surprised, observing his environment with big round eyes, and loves being outside. He spends his days sniffing his way around the enclosure and playing with friends and toys, and rewards his carers every day with the look of excitement on his face as he seems to re-discover all new things, all the time.