



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members and Supporters,

It's that time of year again, where we wish all our supporters a very merry Christmas. This year seems to have come to an end very quickly. We have certainly seen some changes during this year especially the latter part of it. There seems to be a never ending demand for space for animals needing to be rehomed, particularly with dogs and cats. Mary and Ted at the kennels have been overrun with our inmates lately, the cattery is full to capacity and every day we get asked to take in more. This is why we appreciate your continued support so much. It really is a no win situation and I fail to see how we can make a difference in the long term. We have to accept that we cannot help them all and concentrate our efforts on the animals currently in our care.

The charity shop is still ticking along nicely; it has just hit the usual Christmas lull, but has been very busy up to now. We (or should I say, my other half) spent all last Sunday laying a new carpet in the shop and we have had a bit of a revamp, it looks great even if I do say so myself. Our thanks go to our volunteers who have worked another year manning it for us, they are a loyal and hard working team and without them we would lose the shop income, so our thanks to you ladies and Harry.

Our Christmas cards are now available in the shop, at the cattery and on the Christmas stalls we're doing.

Thanks for all the postage stamps you forward to us, we now have 2 sacks to send off. This is a new venture so it will be interesting to see what return we get.

Don't forget our coop share number is 2187

Our thanks go to Rachel and Pete Cohen who did the Ipswich half marathon for us this year and raised £300; to Treasure Kipping at the moon and sixpence caravan site in Waldringfield who had an event there and raised £226 for us; to Lesley and her band at the Acorn dog training club at Tunstall for another fundraiser raised for us £417. These are just a few of the monies we have received from you and we are extremely grateful for them all, we really could not carry on without your support.

Our cattery open day in Sept was an excellent day, although homing figures were down from other years we managed to raise £657 and raised another £600 from the grand draw. So thanks to you all for buying our raffle tickets, and a huge thank you to our first and second prize winners Miss Felgate and Pam Theobald who kindly re donated their winnings to Suffolk animal rescue. We received many donations from you included with the draw tickets and thank you for your generosity it certainly boosted our funds.

The Auction we held at Needham market this year did quite well, raising £850 not a bad result but still a bit disappointing as it really should raise more. Our thanks to Gary for auctioneering for us at such short notice due to poor Al (our usual auctioneer) being unwell. Cheers Gary. We held a sponsored dog walk this year at Easton, it was a pleasant day and the dogs enjoyed the walk, although there were very few of us we managed to raise £250.

We are all hoping for a bit of a rest now as our big annual fundraisers done for this year. We will not be sitting idle though with many animals in our care and piles of paperwork, accounts, gift aid claims etc, all awaiting attention.

Forthcoming Events:

We have a few more stalls booked for Christmas events

Friday 4th December – Jayne + Angela will be in the Red Lion as part of Debenham's Christmas shopping event.

Saturday 5th December – Patricia has a stall in Badingham village hall.

Sunday 6th December – Donna + Claire will be at the Market Hill in Framlingham.

Thursday 10th December – Collection at Tesco in Martlesham.

Saturday 19th December – Collection at Coop in Debenham.

If you have an hour spare and would be able to help at either of these please ring Patricia on 01728 638228 she will be delighted to hear from you, we need to cover as many hours as possible at these collections as this is 100% profit income.

The Animals:

Carolyn has been busy updating the website for us, so if you are looking for an addition to your family, please give us a look. It is very difficult to keep right up to date when the animals are rehoming, but as we are at a quiet stage now it may remain up to date a bit longer.

We always neuter all of the cats before rehoming and have this year managed to offer the same to the dogs, apart from the odd one (if in season, too young etc). This is of course a huge expense but we believe very important for the dogs well being. We have had several dog dentals done also, a very costly business but usually essential, it appears that people are totally unaware that dogs need dentists too. Obviously, all of this costs, so we have put our homing fees up a bit and generally ask £150 homing fees for dogs now reducing that a bit for the elderly ones. Cats have remained at £25 to keep the homing turnover. So as you can see we make no profit as such on the animal rehoming and need to keep our finances on the up to keep up with our costs.

Amber, our beautiful old GSD is now in a new home and doing very well. She has worked her charm on her new mum and dad who absolutely adore her. During a quiet week we went to the pound and brought back 3 lovely dogs, all adorable but out of time there. We still have one of them - Jed a young collie x. Raff the staff x we brought back has since gone to live with Tessa a very anxious GSD that we had in for some time earlier this year.

We also had a couple of dogs brought up from Southend pound last week, so our numbers have gone up again, Mary and Ted are not short of dogs to walk at present, we cannot thank them enough.



Milo (left) is an 11yr MN JRT; he is one of 3 elderly dogs brought in from the same household. All had dental problems, Milo had to have 12 teeth removed, but is a happy boy who loves his grub!

Sam (right) is an 8yr MN Lurcher; he came to us when his owner died, he is a happy boy with people and other dogs, but would chase cats and small furies.



Other dogs in our care include: Beau, a 5yr MN GSD cross, the victim of a marriage break up, he loves people and other dogs; Albert, an 8yr MN staffie cross, this lovely boy came in from Southend pound as his time was up; Jed, an approx 18 month MN medium sized crossbreed. Good with other dogs, but not cat friendly. A very boisterous young lad. He is very lively and needs an active secure home; Kimba, a 3yr MN crossbreed, also from Southend pound; Marlow, 5yr MN JRT, lovely little chap good with other dogs, victim of a marriage breakup.

We still have many, many cats ranging from 8 weeks to 14 yrs old. Rehoming is very slow at the moment, but we are hoping that this will pick up again after Christmas. There has been a new trend this year for cats being left abandoned in my garden, particularly when I am out. I find an empty cardboard box left on the patio so often don't even know what I am looking for. The most recent of these was little Jack in the box. Left on a Monday afternoon when I was in the shop working, unfortunately I didn't get home 'til 6 that day and it was already dark. I kept hearing a cat in distress and after searching under hedges for an injured cat came across a little sealed up box containing a kitten of about 5 weeks old. He obviously had cat flu, so had to go straight up to the vets, but is now fit and well and looking for a new home.



Jack in a Box (left) and Gismo (right) are at each end of the age range of cats that need homes, Gismo is 14 years old, all he wants for Christmas is a comfy lap to sleep on and a nice dinner.



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