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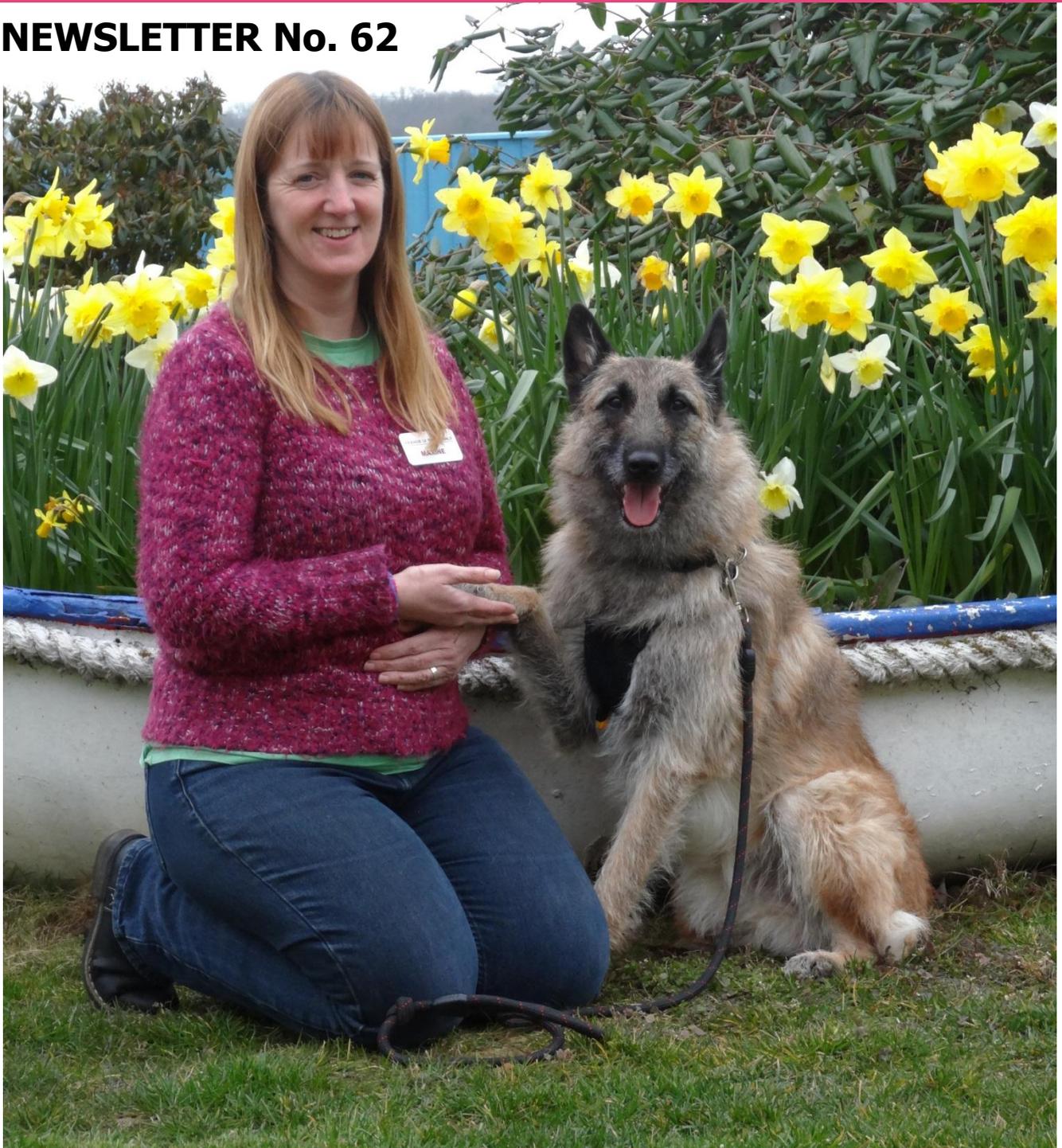
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### NEWSLETTER No. 62



**Was "TED" the unluckiest dog in Britain?**

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Dear Supporter,

'Ted' on the front cover is a German Shepherd X and was just 14 months old when he came into our care. The majority of this poor dog's life was filled with cruelty, fear, discomfort, pain and sadness and there's no doubt he'd be a strong contender for the title of 'Britain's unluckiest dog'. Last year, when just four months old, there was a major fire at the Waste Works where 'Ted' was kept in squalid conditions (see right) and Firemen only realised he was there when they observed 'Tess' the Works' *other* dog desperately trying to get back into the yard to reach the pup. Sometime later, the yard was broken into and CCTV footage showed both dogs being bundled into a van and driven away. The dogs did reappear – but both had been injured.

A few months later 'Tess' escaped her unhappy existence, but there was to be no happy ending for her, as she got onto the railway line near Smethwick and was sadly killed by a train. CCTV footage



showed 'Ted' spent all night lying beside her body. A couple of days later, 'Ted' got on to the same track and tragically he too was hit by a train ! In the accident, he lost half of his tail and the trains wheels amputated his back right leg (fortunately cauterising it, otherwise he'd have bled to death).

Surgery followed and a few weeks later 'Ted' was brought to the I.O.W. to be fostered, re-habilitated and eventually re-homed by our dedicated team. We all thought it would be plain sailing from here on in. How wrong we were, a lot more drama was still to come. The following day, there was a very hard frost and whilst out walking him 'Ted's foster Mom unfortunately fell breaking her wrist. The lead slipped from her grasp and 'Ted' ran off into the densely wooded area that is St Lawrence. The Charity immediately put out an appeal on social media for volunteers with wellies / stout walking boots to rendezvous early the following morning to help in the search.



'Ted's plight really captured everyone's heart and we had a *great* team out looking for him. People came from all over the island to offer their help and the many concerned local residents were especially good. Several people took to their cars, some leafletted houses and a kind couple loaned us four walkie talkie radio's which proved to be invaluable, as St Lawrence is a mobile phone black spot. 'Lost Pets' gave us great publicity and contacts and I.O.W. Radio broadcast appeals and became the link to the Dog Wardens.



Two Builders joined in the search and were superb and Vikky Stewart brought her wonderful Collie 'Ozzie' - who is in training as a 'tracker dog'. (see left) 'Ozzie' picked up 'Ted's scent and proceeded to track him through gardens, across two fields, down the cliff to the beach and then stood in the sea barking. This is what finally led to 'Ted's location. It was then just the *not so simple*

matter of catching him.

This was never going to be the easiest of rescue missions and there was much slipping and sliding in rough undergrowth, tripping over rocks, falling into holes, scrambling over boulders and wading into the freezing cold sea. But, **great** things

can be achieved when a lot of motivated people pull together and everyone pulled together *magnificently*.

Spirits soared and there was much relief, when one of the Builders managed to grab 'Ted's lead when it got caught in rocks; but leading a terrified, three legged dog over wet, super slippery boulders was to prove a very difficult task. Struggling frantically 'Ted' unfortunately backed up and in so doing, managed to wriggle out of his collar – and lead ! **This meant our team were back to square one.**

Woody Bay is an area where you can easily get cut off by the sea; it's also where shingle washes up. It's especially difficult to walk on as it shifts and you sink in and at this point Maxine and several others were on their hands and knees. Meanwhile and despite only having three legs, 'Ted' proceeded to scramble at some speed over the super slippery boulders which run along the shoreline and then in a desperate attempt to get away from his rescuers - to everyone's dismay - he headed out into the freezing cold sea.

Maxine (on front cover) and our former employee Karen Chapman bravely waded in after him and managed to get within a couple of feet. But, trying to lasso a frightened, leaping dog – whilst keeping your balance in water is pretty impossible and 'Ted's capture once again eluded them. He was *finally* caught when a dozen rescuers formed a half circle around him and moved steadily forward, effectively trapping him in a mini cave where the shingle had banked up under the cliff.

Poor 'Ted'. He'd been out for almost 48 hours on the coldest nights of the year and once caught, our helpers had absolutely no intention of letting him get away and so two leads and a harness were securely attached. And, as an added precaution, Maxine then clipped the harness to her trousers and despite being desperately cold herself she took off her coat and wrapped it around the terrified dog.

'Ted' had sore paws, superficial cuts on his legs, he'd lost a dew claw and was cold, hungry, frightened and exhausted, but was otherwise O.K. and was immediately taken to retired Nurse Janet Sagar a very capable lady, who has fostered dogs for us on several previous occasions. We knew that Janet could provide just what 'Ted' needed - a quiet home where there were no other animals.

We are so grateful to *everyone* who helped with this rescue – some of whom fared better than others. Karen told me she couldn't walk for two days afterwards as she ached so much and poor Maxine ended up having to wear slippers, as she'd got blisters the size of conkers !

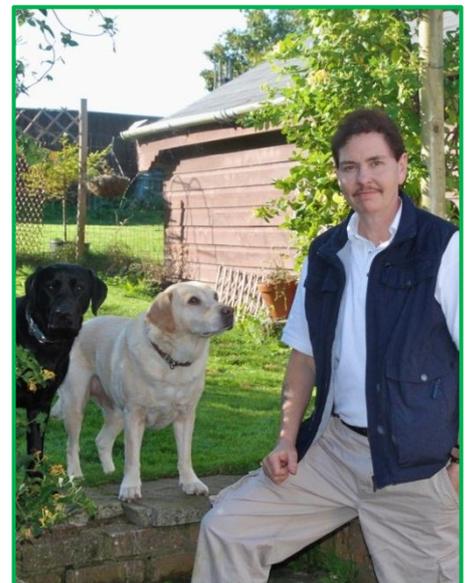


Within a day 'Ted' started to eat and drink and shortly afterwards he was checked by a Vet, but didn't need treatment. For the first time in his life, he had a basket - which some kind supporter had donated to the Charity and he was given two blankets knitted by our lovely friend Daphne Adams. 'Ted' likes to sleep with his Teddies (not much street cred there) and on the first morning when his Foster Mom got up, she discovered that during the night he'd opened her handbag. Coins were scattered over the floor and he'd taken her purse and one of her slippers into his basket, no doubt as a comforter.



Not surprisingly, Ted was hugely mistrusting, choosing to spend a lot of time in his comfy basket, although he would have a furtive look around and get out - if he thought no one was watching !

'Ted' was so severely traumatised he would literally hold his breath. He'd gone through so much in his short life and we knew that rehabilitation could best be achieved if we took things very slowly at his pace and this is where Janet and Maxine's experience and patience came to the fore. We were also very fortunate when the island's best Dog Behaviourist & Trainer Paul James Marshall kindly offered to assess 'Ted' and give us ongoing help free of charge. Paul has generously helped us on numerous previous occasions and we gladly accepted. ([www.cottagecanines.co.uk](http://www.cottagecanines.co.uk))



In the beginning our intention was to buy 'Ted' a G.P.S. tracking collar – just in case lightning struck twice, but we quickly discovered that none would work in his current location. And so, we decided to get four walkie talkie radio's instead.

On one of her visits, Maxine captured this wonderful breakthrough, when 'Ted' spontaneously gave Janet both paws ! Coming from such a badly abused dog (who due to the amputation was also off balance), this gesture represented a *huge* milestone and it seemed that for the first time in his life, the sun was finally beginning to shine on 'Ted'.

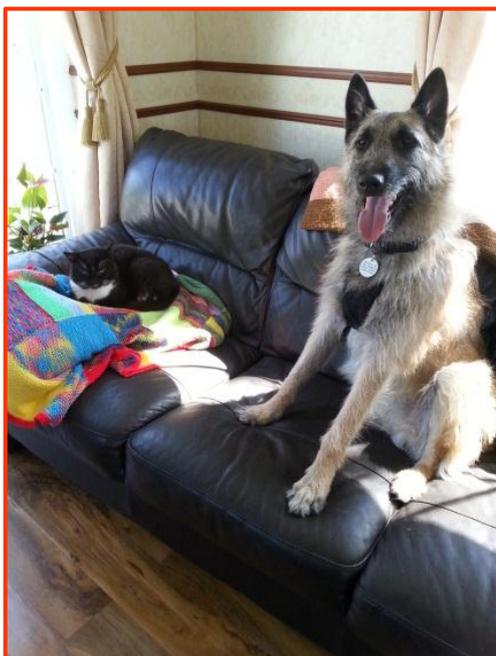
Whilst most dogs can be *bribed* with food and treats, we soon found out that 'Ted' was not one of them. However, his foster Mom persevered and with three meals a day, he began to put on weight. Maxine's regular visits over several weeks built up his trust and as his confidence grew, he became happy to go out on (extending lead) walks and was soon responding to 'recall'. Maxine then started taking him out in the car, parking outside shops, they would just calmly sit watching people pass by. Next was a trip to our office in Newport where with outside doors securely locked, 'Ted' was able to wander around exploring off-lead.

Rescuing and rehabilitating a dog like 'Ted' takes very considerable staff time and effort and several supporters have chipped in towards the ongoing cost – none more so than '**Pets at Home**' in Newport I.O.W. who have been fantastic. The photo shows us taking delivery of a whole pallet load of pet food, toys, treats and accessories all



generously donated by their charitable arm '**Support adoption for pets**'. This is in addition to substantial cheques and vouchers and in-Store fundraising events.

'Ted' was at absolute rock bottom for a long time and so we've been advised to delay getting him neutered. Happily, he's improving every day and this picture of him sitting on a sofa with a (once feral) cat is certainly something I never thought I'd see.



We are looking for a secure, extra special 'forever home' for 'Ted' on the I.O.W. This once timid dog so deserves a chance. He's also built up quite a fan base which stretches from Chris Blake in North Wales to Claude Silavant in Sydney, Australia.

Most importantly, please share 'Ted's story and remember we will happily mail out a free newsletter (all nice stories) to your animal loving friends. *Thank you*

## BRICK APPEAL THE LAST PUUUSSSHHHHH

In November, we'll reach the end of the lease on our premises in Newport and having spent out on rent for more than twenty years, we desperately want to buy a permanent base for the Charity. We've done appeals, street and store collections, numerous events and more quizzes than any Charity I can name. We receive no government or Council aid, 100% of our income comes from our supporters. I'm delighted to tell you that with your help, we are three quarters of the way towards our target of £200,000 ! We really are **so** close.



Please help us with one last push towards raising the last £48,000 we still need.

**To DONATE BY CARD** Please Telephone 01983-522-511 between 10-00am and 5-00pm Tues – Fri, or 10am – 4pm on Sat. and quote "**BRICK**" appeal.

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**To DONATE BY CHEQUE** Please make cheque payable to FOTA and send to: 'Friends of the Animals', 17a Riverway, Newport. PO30 5UX

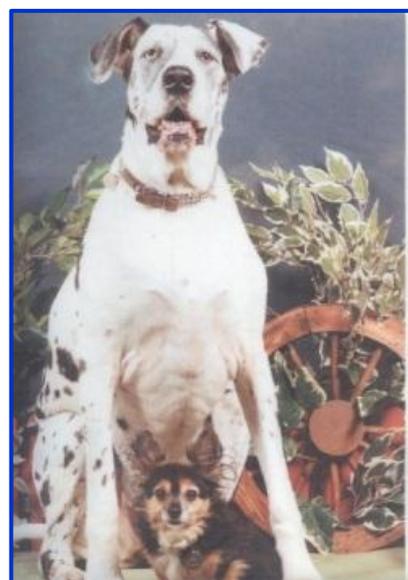
**To DONATE BY BANK TRANSFER OR TELEPHONE BANKING** Account name: Friends of the Animals. Sort code: **09-07-20**. Account number: **0358-9234**

*Thank you*

The following are just a few of the many people who have sponsored bricks in the names of their animals:- Mr & Mrs Nicholson in memory of their dog 'Teaky'; Lesley Abbott in the names of Greyhounds 'Lady' & 'Bert', Susan Sykes in memory of 'Heidi', 'Blackie', 'Fluffy', 'Sally' & 'Sam' and Karen Lowe in the Midlands who donated a spectacular sum in honour of 'Dusty', 'Ragga' & 'Fluff'.



Two year old, 'Jess' (left) will never be any bigger than a 12 week old kitten as she has dwarfism. However, she more than makes up for her lack of size by being by far the noisiest cat around.



'Shona' the Gt Dane's original owner was an alcoholic. We all love this photo of her with 'Jess' (a previously unwanted pup) between her paws. Both dogs found their 'forever' home with supporter Annetta Hwyl.



Last year, 584 of the animals we had neutered were cats. We also funded numerous cat dentals, paid for countless cat broken legs to be repaired and provided veterinary treatment for many R.T.A. victims.

'Milo' and 'Mimi' were living in a garage as their owner's partner was allergic to them. We re-homed them with Leane and her elderly cat 'Leo'. Leane wrote: "Milo and Mimi have made friends with my Leo just fine and they all hang out together. M & M send their greetings and thank for introducing them to us. They are lovely characters."

Elizabeth Peace is another happy owner. She wrote: 'Sam' is settling well and is much admired by all who meet him. He's a dear little chap who loves the car. But, he's still a bit bewildered by the size of my garden & country walks – he's a 'townie 'Sam' on his 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday with small boy Thomas Coward.



## THE SANCTUARY

For 13 years, we have paid veterinary and feed bills for: sheep, cows, goats, cockerels, pigs and turkey's residing at 'Woolly Park Farm' in Wolverton, Warwickshire. Many of the 455 animals have been rescued from dreadful cruelty. A lucky few have escaped the horrendous 'live export trade'. The vast majority are left to cope, for as the need for profit increases, so man's compassion lessens and the victims continue to suffer. Whether cull ewes, forced to breed beyond any capacity nature intended, or animals badly injured due to careless and rapid loading onto ill designed transporters, these animals have suffered a lot and so deserve the peace they now enjoy. Farm animals often dismissed as stupid, show remarkable intelligence and gentleness once you've dispelled their fears.



This Winter brought cold days, but the Sanctuary didn't suffer the arctic conditions they've endured in the past. Although, the weather is *never* right. If it's hot, there's no grass and if it's wet, you end up with muddy, water filled ruts in the fields ! There are lots of animals to sponsor, including the turkeys which appeared in the **Vodafone Christmas T.V. advert**. Go to [www.friendsoftheanimals.co.uk](http://www.friendsoftheanimals.co.uk).

**Beware:** Walking on public bridleways can be seriously dangerous. Since the year 2,000 there have been 74 fatalities involving cattle. By comparison, in the last 8 years 'just' 17 people have been killed by dangerous dogs.



Prior to his show at Medina Theatre in Newport, our lovely patron Rick Wakeman took time out and spent almost an hour speaking to us. Pictured l- r: Alan & Anne Barker (rescuer / fundraiser), Rick (holding 'Millie'), me, John Perrett (super generous owner of the islands SPAR shops), Sarah Pointer (Gunville shop Mgr), John Ward (Coves Club owner), Di Haines (fundraiser) & Maxine Woodford (animal re-homer/fundraiser) with 'Ruby' the Pharaoh Hound. (The cuddly Valentine dog kindly donated by our good supporter Keith Quinney, raised a whopping £168-00 when raffled).

We were delighted when Rick introduced 'Friends of the Animals' work to **Peter Egan**, a wonderful actor who we are pleased to welcome to our list of patrons. In addition to extensive stage rolls, Peter has been a Theatre Director and has been in dozens of films. His numerous T.V. appearances include: Midsomer Murders, Jericho, Inspector Lynley, Touch of Frost, MacGyver, Ruth Rendall Mysteries. Peter is currently saving Moon Bears in China.



## Thank you for caring about animals as much as we do.

We are an appreciative Charity and are grateful to *everyone* who helps our rescue's. From our patrons, trustees, staff, animal fosterer's, drivers, admin and shop volunteers, home checkers, fundraisers, and generous donors such as 'Wollescote Dog Training Club', Tony Phillipson for foreign coins, Debra Mundy, 'The Line Dancing Legends,' the Wain family in Rowley Regis, Penny Cunnington, Maria Warrington, Fred Woodley, Richard & Vanessa Baker in Rotherham, Miss Stevens & Miss Cotton, Super Steve (Bridgeman) who is truly a one-off, John & Lynn Cooper, Fred & Jenny Richards whose quizzes have raised £19,000 plus, Marian Rogers, June Hutchins, Miss A. Jayne in Somerset, the exceptional Scilla Edmonds, Sally & Al Brown and 'The Walker 597 Trust' for support going back twenty years – and of course to the many not mentioned *Thank you all.*

**Check which dog treats you're buying.** Whilst visiting our local Veterinary Practice I saw Molly a lady I know, who told me her Westie had been diagnosed with 'Fanconi Syndrome' a serious condition which affects the liver and kidneys. I did some research and the cause is thought to be Jerky treats made in China !

Pictured l to r: Rebecca, Nick, Kathryn & Zoe Clarke

In 2011 in Northampton, animal lover Kathryn Clarke swerved to avoid a red kite and crashed her Mercedes Sprinter van head on into a telegraph pole and then into a tree. Kathryn sustained what was described as 'non-life sustainable brain and neck injuries' and was airlifted to 'Walsgrave University Hospital' in Coventry, where she was put into an induced coma. A metal plate was inserted into her neck to hold her skull onto her spine and in total she spent fifteen months in two Hospitals.

The family lost their business, their home – and almost Kathryn. But happily, she defied all medical odds and we were delighted to welcome her and her lovely family, when they visited our office to meet our team. With the help of her husband, Kathryn walked in and we could all see why she'd just won the 'Inspirational Woman of the Year' award. Because she'd intentionally swerved – there was no insurance pay out and 'Friends of the Animals' are helping by supplying ongoing pet food, treats and veterinary help for the family's two dogs 'Woody' the Springer and 'Timon' the Lurcher.

Kathryn needs all the support she can get, so please view and share [kathrynclarkefoundation.com](http://kathrynclarkefoundation.com) which was founded to raise awareness and funds, both for herself and for others going through similar situations.





'Wild Bird Aid' has helped us out on several occasions and when they put out an appeal for a much needed seabird aviary, we really wanted to help. Pictured with the new aviary is rescuer Claire Newsome. As soon as drainage has been sorted out, we'll also be financing a pond, as seabirds need to build up waterproof oil on their feathers, prior to being released back in to the wild.

**The record for the number of unwanted puppies** goes to.....

'Friends of the Animals' focus is on spaying and neutering, as it's the *only* humane way of reducing the numbers of unwanted animals. I once visited a house in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. To say "I'll never forget it" would be an understatement, there were puppies everywhere! Two of the ladies bitches had given birth on the *same* day to a total of 21 puppies. Incredibly she also had unwanted off-spring from a litter born a few months previously. There's absolutely no point in doing half a job, so we neutered the lot. Needless to say, a problem of this magnitude, wipes out several fundraising collections.

**As 2016 dawned, we reached our 30,200<sup>th</sup> spay / neuter !!**

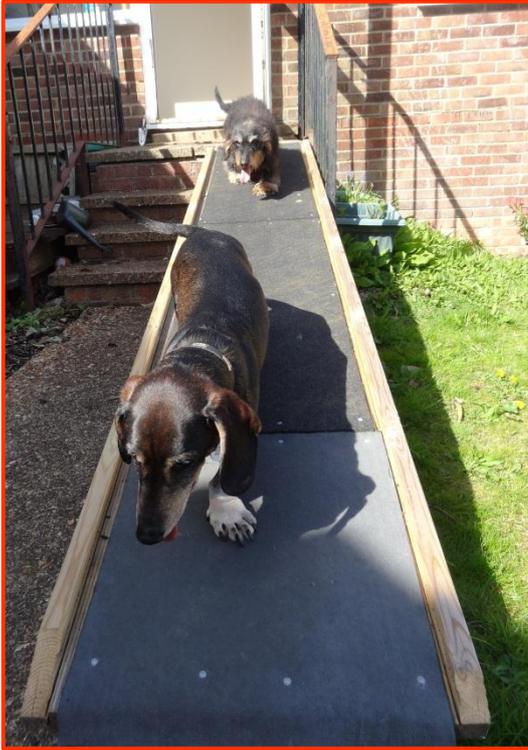
This is quite an achievement as the Charity had very humble beginnings. Thirty eight Veterinary Practice's kindly support our work by giving us a 'Charity rate' – which we then further subsidise to make it truly attainable to pet owners genuinely in need of assistance. One lady we helped wrote: "You don't know how grateful I am, this means so much to me. I work two jobs, but as a single Mom of three, it's hard to make ends meet. Thank you from the bottom of my heart".

Not everyone is so appreciative. When we quoted one owner £65-00 to get his large Rottweiler/German Shepherd neutered, he told us he was very disappointed with the price as it was far more than he'd expected. We gently pointed out the full cost was more than double that, had he gone to the Vet direct.



Last year Di Haines lost her 20 year old son Kieron whilst he was on a snowboarding holiday in France. Following her tragic loss, she went on to organise several fundraising events in Kieron's name and chose 'Friends of the Animals' as the beneficiary. Di was such a good fundraiser that a few months later when we had a vacancy we contacted her to ask if she was interested in applying. She did – and we are all delighted to welcome her to the F.O.T.A. team.

**Nothing happens without funds and we are immensely grateful to all the Stores who kindly allow us to collect on their premises.**



We recently had three sausage dogs in our care for re-homing. A foster home decided to keep one, which just left us with Bruno & Henry who'd come to us when their very ill owner



returned to Germany for treatment. Not many people will take on two elderly dogs and we were so pleased to find them a loving home together. The home was perfect – except for one thing. We knew the Dachshund's with their very short legs would have a problem with the steps leading from the house into the garden. This was where

Bill Lardner who gives us lots of practical help, stepped in and made this super, non-slip ramp. New owner Marie says "Bruno and Henry are amazing. They are so good, they're clean, they're quiet, perfect if left and fit in so well. I love them and they love me".

Years ago, I remember the assertion that the introduction of Computers would make for a shorter working week. In reality we're finding people are working *longer* hours – often to pay ever increasing bills. This means they're out of the house longer, the animal is on its own longer and so is put up for adoption. This, together with relationship breakdowns and moving to accommodation where pets are not allowed, are the main three reasons why animals lose their home. By the end of this year, we expect to have re-homed our 8,000<sup>th</sup> animal !

Vicky and team at 'Pets at Home' in Burrfields, Portsmouth, always pull out all the stops to give our North End branch great support. Most importantly, their efforts enable us to help with veterinary bills, plus neuter hundreds of animals in that locality.

We took a call from a homeless man desperate to re-home his Staffie / Boston Terrier X bitch. The man had spent many weeks living on the streets and his health was suffering badly. He'd been offered a room, but as he wasn't allowed to take his much loved dog 'Skye' with him – he'd turned it down. 'Skye' is currently being fostered by Toby Brown who tells us she is a fantastic dog, with a perfect personality. If potential owners went on personality alone, we could have re-homed 'Skye' ten times over; but because she has some Staffie in her, it makes it that much more difficult.



**Our thanks to the friends and families whose love of animals moved them to make 'In memoriam' donations for the following loved ones:**

"In memory of my late husband ROBERT G. SMITH who died on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2015. I hope the money will help relieve the pain and suffering of some of the animals you rescue". – Lynne Smith. Walsall. West Midlands.

"A donation for JOHN SCARROTT & ALICE RUSHWORTH, who passed into the Lord's hands within two weeks of each other". – Marion Rogers. Blackwater. IOW.

"In memory of our darling Mom – BEATRICE LLOYD who was definitely one of the best ! She had many animals during her life and loved them all very much. We still miss her, she was very special". – Dorothy, Kathleen & families. Pensnett. West Midlands.

"In memory of FRANCES SMART". – From Margaret Smart in Coventry, and from Ted & family.

"In memory of my cousin MARION McEWEN. – Jan Edwards. Surrey.

"In memory of AUDREY DOWLING". – Mrs S. Waldron. Freshwater.

"In memory of AVRIL CORREIA". – Alan & Sheila Powell. Wootton Bridge.

We also received donations in memory of SIMON TONGUE.

"Please accept this £100-00 towards your brick appeal, in memory of DOMINIC WALL". – Doreen, Lesley, Mick, Graham & Maria Bird and John & Carmen. Yardley. Birmingham.

**Readers are invited to send in donations and messages in memory of, or in appreciation for much loved pets.**

"Sadly we lost our beautiful girl Maureen (see right), after another battle with bloat, she was too weak to pull through. In the 3 years she was with us, she stole our hearts and was very much a family member. She was spoilt rotten in those years and she will be very much missed by so many people. RIP Maureen, forever in our hearts". xx – Anne Marie Kirkland. Stafford".



Cheque for £150 enclosed in memory of my little dog 'Charlie' (Cavalier) who died aged 15 years. We had him from 'FOTA' about 13 years ago. Perhaps you could use the money towards your building fund". – Mr W. Rudling. Totland Bay.

"In memory of our Collie dog 'Bonnie' (right). She was a dog in a million and is much missed by us all. The house is empty without you 'Bonnie". – Tony & Christine, Helen & Mark, Sarah, Andrew & Lisa. Havant. Hampshire.



"Remembering my precious Labrador 'Jack' who died a few months ago – so faithful. Bless him". – Marion Rogers. Newport.

"In memory of beautiful 'Fallon' (Leonberger)". – Nora Turner. Wollescote. Stourbridge.

"In memory of 'Cassie' my adored little cat who loved the airing cupboard. She lived to 19 ½ years". – Scilla & David Edmonds, Hayling Island.

It was a fabulous surprise when at one of our Quizzes, we were presented with a cheque for £500-00, generously donated by Phyllis Sharp in memory of her very much loved Dachshund 'Freddie'.



*Are you, or someone you know getting married ?*

*If so, take a look in our shop in North End, Portsmouth, as they have taken delivery of a huge quantity of brand new, still tagged, Wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses, hairbands and tiaras, plus a few waistcoats and ties. The Wedding dresses are in sizes 12 and 14 and colours include: gold, ivory, champagne and white. They are on sale at a tiny fraction of their original prices.*



Jillie Wheeler launched 'Cassie's Care 4 Pets' in memory of her black German Shepherd a.k.a. Cassie the Canine Collecting Queen. The fund which is part of FOTA, helps towards the cost of veterinary treatment, especially for pets whose owners are getting on in years. Treating a dog like 'Lucas' (left) who has lost more than half of his fur, will take a lot more than T.L.C. and he is but one of the many animals helped by Jillie.

**HELP NEEDED PLEASE.** Lacie our Office Manageress, recently opened up the



office to find fifty eight overnight messages on the answer machine. With approximately 46% of U.K. households now having at least one pet, perhaps it's not surprising that 'Friends of the Animals' is always busy. We warmly welcome volunteers and would be very pleased to hear from anyone able to offer a regular day or ½ day to help out in our

Newport office. We would also greatly appreciate help at our Gunville I.O.W. shop, or especially in our shop in North End, Portsmouth.

**STANDING ORDER THANKS.** Every day I see first-hand, the enormous difference Standing Orders are making to alleviate animal suffering. If you are not yet helping in this way, please consider completing the Standing Order form on the back cover. *Every little helps* and for the price of a weekly packet of biscuits, you could be directly helping animals.

**GIFT AID.** If you're a tax payer, simply signing the Gift Aid form on the back cover, enables us to claim an **extra 25%** from the tax man, at no cost to you.



In our last newsletter, we featured 'Poppy' the Spaniel puppy born with a disabled leg - which has since been amputated. New owner Miranda Doe told me ringing FOTA was the best call she'd ever made and from the moment they'd heard about 'Poppy', they crossed their fingers and said "please let us be the lucky ones". She said, "Poppy's a delight, a real little treasure



Photo Credit IoW County Press

who makes your heart melt. She's just the perfect match for our family. She and 'Paddy' our other dog, always share a basket. It's like she's been here forever. We really don't notice she only has three legs. When she runs it's like she's got five legs and nine times out of ten, she gets there quicker than 'Paddy'".

*Please help ensure we can always be there for animals such as 'Poppy' by including 'Friends of the Animals' in your Will.*

**LAST YEAR WE PROVIDED VETERINARY TREATMENT FOR 3,982 ANIMALS – almost 11 animals a day, 365 days a year !!**

**We would love to be able to substantially increase this figure.**

**One is three veterinary treatments is paid for by a Will.** If you are planning to make your Will – or update an existing Will, please consider including a gift for the forgotten animals we battle to save. Call 01983-522-511 for our Will booklet.

I enclose a donation of £.....which I would like to be spent in the **MIDLANDS / ISLE OF WIGHT / PORTSMOUTH / SANCTUARY / BRICK APPEAL.** Please delete as appropriate, make cheques payable to FOTA and send to our HEAD OFFICE at 17a Riverway, Newport. I.O.W. PO30 5UX. *Thank you.*

Your name and address. ....

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To everyone who has helped in any way at all, remember that thanks to your kindness many animals who would otherwise have been destroyed, are now safe and secure in loving homes.

As always, I send my grateful thanks.



**GIVE WITH CONFIDENCE**

Helen Sinclair M.B.E. (for services to Animal Welfare)  
Founder



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**To the Bank.** When making payments please quote "F.O.T.A. ref. No" .....  
In the event of any query, please contact the Treasurer on 01983-522-511.

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## **"FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS" GIFT AID FORM**

17A Riverway Newport PO30 5UX

Title:-..... Forename(s):-.....

Surname:- .....

Address:- .....

Phone No:-..... Postcode:-.....

I wish "Friends of the Animals" to treat all donations I have made since April 6<sup>th</sup> 2005, until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid Donations. I pay tax at the STANDARD / UPPER rate. (Please delete whichever is not applicable).

Signature:-..... Date .....

Notes:-

1. As your declaration covers donations you may make in the future please notify us if you change your address or if you wish to cancel the declaration for whatever reason.
2. You must have paid an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that we reclaim on your donation in each tax year.
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income, please cancel your declaration.
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief on your Self Assessment Tax return.
5. If you would like any further information please contact the Charity or your local tax office for leaflet IR113 Gift