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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CAROLS AT WINDYWAY—SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 2014, 5—6 PM
TO INCLUDE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE FOR DECEASED PETS
SEE THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

FAVOURS AUCTION—WITH ADAM PARTRIDGE—MONDAY 2ND MARCH, 2015
MACCLESFIELD SALE ROOM, WITHYFOLD DRIVE, SK10 2BD; TIME TBC
IF YOU COULD DONATE A FAVOUR /PROMISE OR VOUCHER FOR AUCTION
PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS EARLES OR PAT BARNARD—THANKYOU.

SPRING FAIR—SATURDAY 11TH APRIL, 2015, 10.30—1.30
SENIOR CITIZEN’S HALL, DUKE ST, MACCLESFIELD. ENTRANCE 50P

WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER



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Supporting
Animal Rescue
at Windyway,
Buxton Old Rd,
Macclesfield.

Hello and welcome to our Winter newsletter.


We are happy to report that nearly all the kittens and mum cats have been found happy new homes and we are left with a few who have specific needs—more about them later. Sadly though, many of the individuals profiled in the Summer 2014 newsletter are still with us. They are all lovely dogs, cats and rabbits and we wish that suitable adopters would come forward to offer them the homes they are so desperate for so that they don’t spend Christmas in the sanctuary (this will be Ziah’s 3rd Christmas here). A couple from the Winter 2013 edition have found homes at last (Faith and Lily—nervous cats) but Tyson the elderly German Shepherd is still here. If you don’t have a copy of these editions they can be found on our website —www.windyway.org.

Thankfully we do still have a few happy endings to report and a piece on the joys and rewards of adopting or fostering older and special needs animals.

The last will and testament of a loved pet;

*To a poor and lonely
homeless-pet I’d give;
My happy home, my bowl &
cosy bed, soft pillows and all my toys
The lap which I loved so much, the
hand that stroked my fur and the
sweet voice which spoke my name
I’d will to the sad, scared homeless-pet the
place I had in my human’s loving heart.
So when I die please do not say, “I will
never have a pet again, for the loss
and pain is more than I can bear”
Instead, go and find an unloved pet,
one whose life has held no joy or hope
and give My place to Him.*

*This will be my legacy....
The love I left behind*



INTRODUCING.....

The animals featured this time have 'special needs' for one reason or another. Please do consider this when thinking of adopting a rescue animal—very few arrive here in perfect health or with no behaviour problems and taking these on can be very challenging. It requires a lot of hard work, patience and perseverance. It often costs quite a lot as well if you need to visit the vet frequently or see a behaviourist. It is however one of the most rewarding things you can do if you have the time and emotional strength—just see page 3 for evidence of this. Please do ring for a chat if you think you could help these or any of our many other 'special needs' animals.

At the moment we have two young cats who have tested positive for Feline Leukaemia virus (FeLV). They are not related. **Raisin** is an 8 months old neutered male who came here as a kitten from a Macclesfield estate. **Connie** is 14 months old (spayed female) and came here from a home. Her routine test (we have this done on all cats) also came up positive. Both cats are really friendly and Connie has lived with a dog (see below). These two could potentially live together but not with other cats, and they should be kept indoors or at least away from other cats, not only so that they don't pass it on, but also to protect them from catching other bugs. They are both well at the moment but the virus gives them a

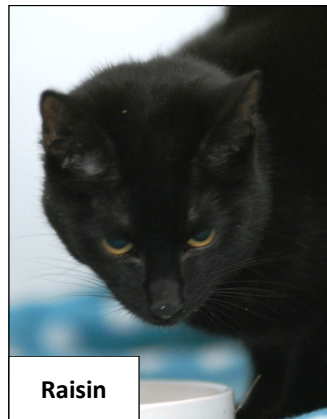


Connie



Gordo

shortened life expectancy with the possibility of minor illnesses having worse consequences for them, so will need regular vet checks for life. More information on the condition can be found here; <http://www.catchat.org/leukaemia.html>. Meet **Gordo**, the Great Dane. He came in with Connie—the child in the family was allergic to both animals. It would be amazing if he and Connie could be reunited in a new home as they used to curl up together. Gordo is 3 years old and has lived with a Polish family all his life—he even has a passport and has visited Poland. When he arrived here he was very worried and to be honest a bit grumpy, but now he has got used to his routine here he is fast becoming a happy relaxed boy. He walks beautifully on a halti and loves to lean against you and have his bottom scratched! Great Danes do have quite specific needs and Gordo would be best suited in a child free home with previous experience of caring for giant dogs.



Raisin

Fair on the 8th November. The stalls were heaving with gifts, decorations, bric-a-brac, cards, cakes etc, and not forgetting our pets, the pet stall had lots of Christmas toys for our special friends. There were also tombolas and a raffle and our merchandise. We now have some brilliant Windyway Trust tote bags, with either a dog or cat on and these are proving very popular for Christmas gifts. These can be purchased at our shop on Chestergate. The refreshment ladies were busy serving teas, coffee, sandwiches and cakes. We were very lucky in that we had a lot of super items for our raffle, tombola and stalls, many of them brand new and would just like to say a big thank to you everyone who donated things to us to make our fair the success it was.



OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The students at **Macclesfield College** are still working hard raising funds for us, Windyway Trust being one of their joint charities of the year. They have recently handed us another cheque. – Thank you

Thank you to the **Co-operative Store** on Buxton Road who recently held a raffle for us and to **Gayle Parks of Moss Lane Pet Food Supplies**, who is once again having a collection point in her store where you can donate food, toys and treats for our animals for Christmas. We would also like to say thank you to everyone who has collecting boxes in their shops, pubs, cafés etc. and to **Morrisons** of Chapel-en-le-Frith and Buxton, **Tesco's** and **Jolleys** in Congleton who have permanent food collection points in their store.

Thank you to everyone who has worked hard doing individual fundraisers for us over the year – we really appreciate this.

The **900 Club** is doing very well, having had quite a number of new members. The yearly membership fee is £12.00 and we have a monthly draw when you can win the sum of £50.00. Application forms can be obtained from our shop on Chestergate or download from our website.

In October, We were delighted that **Adam Partridge**, the Auctioneer and Television Personality, agreed to become our Patron. Adam visited the kennels and enjoyed a guided tour to meet our animals and to see the work carried on there. We are confident that he will be an asset to the Trust.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our hardworking volunteers and to all our loyal supporters and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

Report by Pat Barnard

OPEN DAY: On the Saturday before Open Day we were busy putting up the gazebos etc, and the weather was unpredictable. However, on the Sunday morning it was fine!!! and stayed with us for the whole Open Day, this was quite a relief after having quite a few wet days to say the least!!! We had our famous "Fun Dog Show", have a go agility, games, tombolas and lots of other stalls, and a super refreshment stall, where people could relax with a cuppa, sandwiches and cakes. Judith, our resident compare, was in fine form, as usual, and Liz, one of our vets presided over the judging. All in all a good time was had by all and everyone said what a lovely atmosphere there was, and the icing on the cake was that we raised a lot of money.



QUIZ NIGHT: In October, Barry Davies and Linda Pratt, together with some helpers organised a Quiz Night at the Royal British Legion in Poynton. People just kept coming and coming and there was a frantic rush to find more tables and chairs. The Quiz was a huge success and the two teams who won monetary prizes very kindly donated the money to us.



There was also a raffle, the first prize being a Golfing Day donated by Shrigley Hall. Barry Williams shone as the Quiz Master and apparently people have been asking when the next one is – so watch this space.

PETS AT HOME had an Autumn Fundraiser and Raffle for us and we had a stall in store for two days and of course we have a permanent food collection bin there which fills up regularly. We would like to thank everyone who has become a member of Pets at Home VIP Club enabling them to forward Gift Cards to us. We have been able to buy all our animals toys and special treats for them to have for Christmas.

A big thank you to Bishop William of St James the Great Church, Gawsworth and Jane Robertson, who donated the collection, taken at their annual **Animal Blessing Service** on the 5th October to Windyway Trust. The service was well attended, including three riders and their horses, as well as lots of doggies and their owners, which included 6 Windyway dogs.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: We had been very busy for months sorting and pricing for our Christmas



A letter from **Sir Scruffs**, who came to Windyway as an older boy who had spent most of life attached by a short chain to a tiny wet kennel. A real "rags to riches" story; *Second Chance!!*

"Having spent a life time of living outside in all weathers, attached to a heavy chain and unloved, one very special day my life changed forever. I was rescued from my miserable life and taken to Windyway. Being an older dog, lots would not give me a second chance! But that very special family came along. WOW how my life turned around. I truly believe I had one of the best homes ever.

You see we older pets really appreciate that second chance. I had some fabulous holidays travelling around the UK in our Motorhome. Mum has lots of photo's to remind her of our happy times. (That's me at the seaside on the front). Unfortunately I got sick. I got Cancer. That still did not stop me enjoying life. Luckily my family could get me the treatment I needed to give me extra quality time. I had six months chemotherapy. Mum was so very strong. She took me and picked me up for every treatment. That was her job she said! As you can imagine I was very popular at the vets. May I ask you one thing? Please consider adopting an older pet. Your time together maybe short, but I promise you one thing, you will have the best time ever. My time with my furever family was short but the best. 17-02-13 - 24-09-14.

'Everyone loves puppies, older dogs love everybody.'

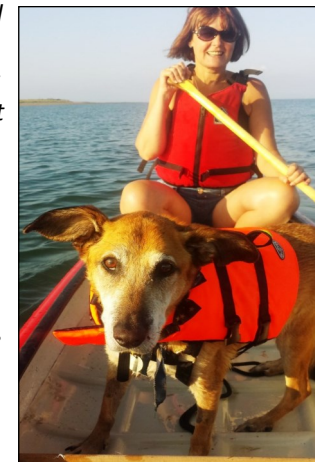
My family will adopt an older pet again. Sir Scruffs "

Billy the Yorkie came to us in November from a family who had inherited him after his elderly owner died. He had been with them for quite a while, so poor Billy was doubly bereft. He was at least 10 yrs old, toothless, and confused by all the changes in his life. A lovely lady who helps us with home visits decided to adopt him to be a friend for her elderly dog. The transition for Billy was not easy and many people would have brought him back as he was so stressed. Luckily Julie is made of strong stuff and persevered—here is her message—and it applies to so many adoptions—DO NOT GIVE UP— it will be worth it in the end.

"Hi to all - Julie here who adopted Billy nearly two weeks ago. I'm so happy to say everything has worked out well. He's sleeping through the night next to my other dog Bobby. I think Bobby has helped give Billy reassurance and confidence. I don't know why it changed on day 9 when on day 8 we were desperate and so exhausted as we felt we'd made no progress at all.



In the end it is simply time and sticking to a routine as well as starting with just 10 seconds and building it up even though it seems so slow and you think they'll never cope with you leaving them. The DAP collar and diffuser may have played a part as well. Clare was fantastic emailing us advice and speaking on the phone and her session with us helped immensely too. I would never have forgiven myself if I hadn't stuck it out and kept the little fella - he's a lovely dog. Thank you to all at Windyway."



HAPPY ENDINGS...

Back in July we were asked by a Congleton Vet whether we could take on two orphaned kittens to hand rear. They were only one or two days old and would initially need feeding every 2½ hours. In the following weeks there were times when we thought we were going to lose them but they were both little fighters and with lots of love and care they made it! We recently received the following email and photo from their new family— when we get messages like this we know that it has all been worth while;

*"Hi everyone, we thought we would give you a quick update on **Abi & Blue** (the hand reared orphaned kittens you saved). They are growing fast and developing their own little characters. Both are massively affectionate and just love being around people. In fact as I am typing this Blue is sat on my knee purring away!!!! Abi is the braver one, the hoover doesn't bother her and she walks around the bath when our son is in it (we have to make sure she doesn't join him!!). She was the first to climb on windowsills and even had a go at climbing through the window!!! Blue however is developing his hunting skills and makes a stalking game out of everything (even Abi!). He is a really fast runner and always hungry!!! Both are very comical!! They are up to date with injections etc and are due to be microchipped after Xmas. Then they will be able to experience a whole new adventure of the outside world!!! As you can see on the photographs they still have beautiful and unusual markings. . . the vet was very taken with them! Everyone loves them and they love everyone we are extremely lucky, thankyou. Love, SB and family x"*



Allie came to Windyway as a pregnant stray—she produced 6 kittens the following day which she reared devotedly before being chosen by her new owners;

*"Hello Windy Way Team, I thought that you might like to know how **Allie** (now Lupin, and affectionately known as Lupey Lu) is getting on.*

Lupey has settled as a lovely sociable personality who is very talkative, and loves to be near you. She is looking very happy (you can just tell) and loves her people, her house and her garden. At first she loved to run around the house and up and down the stairs (at 3.00 AM!), but when the time came she mastered her cat flap quickly and can now stretch her legs outside whenever she wants. Lupey also keeps an eye on any gardening going on and takes a special interest in butterflies. Lupey is a lovely companion for my mum and we both love her very much. CA"



Lupey's new owners weren't satisfied with just the one cat so, soon after adopting Allie, they came and adopted **Aslan**. When he arrived here he was feral and had joined the outdoor cats. However, over time he started to make friends with us and after a period indoors recovering from dental surgery (he's an old boy), we decided to try and find him a home of his own;

*"The mighty **Aslan** has settled in very well and is probably the gentlest cat I have ever met. All Aslan wants is to be petted all the time and he spends most of his time asleep on Mum's bed - preferably with his head on the pillow and as close to mum as possible. Everyone who has met either of them has fallen instantly in love, mum and I are very lucky to have them. Aslan's coat is beginning to shine and he loves been groomed - I get wet-nose kisses every time I brush him with his furminator. All in all, Lupey and Aslan bring Mum and I great joy and we love them both very much. Thank you for your wonderful work taking care of animals until they find their people."*

Bella first came to Windyway in January 2014 along with another dog and a cat when her owner had to move to look after her father. We had to split the dogs and they went to homes—we thought Bella was settled but in September her adopters returned her as they were struggling to cope with her many fears and anxieties. She was very stressed in the kennels and we were worried that she wouldn't be chosen. Then along came U & H looking for a friend for their dog Arnie who had come from Windyway as a puppy along with his mother many years ago. She had recently died and he was missing her. They fell for Bella instantly but it took a little longer for Bella to take to Arnie. Anyway—here is a recent communication from them about her progress;



"Every day this little girl changes more ..Arnie and her are friends now. She learned to walk slower when we go in the park. She goes on well with people. She loves cuddles and kisses. She starts to be ok with other dogs beside Arnie as long as they are not aggressive to her. Today first time she came to get her collar on..shy but she did it and was happy after. The 5 meter lead arrived and from tomorrow on we will play in the park and try to teach

her to stay and to come to us on a long lead.. 2 problems still there: She fears towels still but we will work this out, and sadly she had two times (only for a few minutes) ..backflashes of her past. She suddenly was frightened again just standing thinking being in another world in another time. This is sad but we always get her back out in no time with talking cuddling ..think Arnie helps her too now cause she copies him often and it looks like she feels good next to his strength. Never thought we could come this far with her in this short time and we are sure we come all together over the remaining problems.. She feels very safe with us and loved and she loves her new life - us, home, garden and park.

We all love her incl Arnie

U & H & Arnie & Woody and Bella"

