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Animal Rescue
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Hello and welcome to our Winter newsletter.

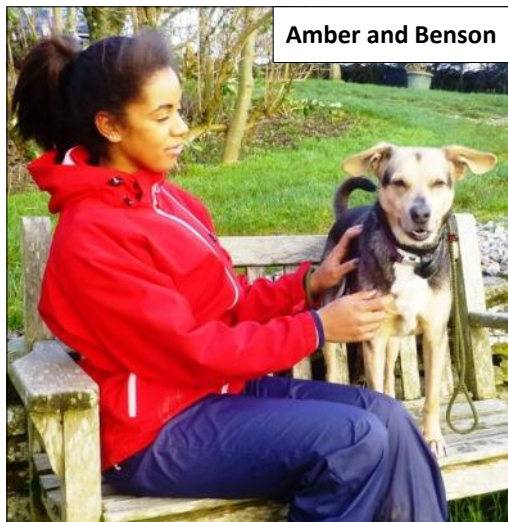
Inside we have features on the new Kittery and some of the cats and kittens we have helped this year as well as the usual updates, happy endings and introductions to animals looking for new homes. We also have a short article on the law regarding dogs and microchips which will take effect from April 2016.

Of the animals profiled in the last edition (available on the website www.windyway.org) only three have been rehomed; Coco, who got his wish to live in the country as an only cat, and Connie and Raisin our FeLV cats who were rehomed together. All are very happy in their new homes. Just one pair of rabbits has been rehomed since the summer and we still have five pairs waiting here as well as Suzie and Arnie the dogs who were featured. So many of our dogs (and cats) are getting on in years and too many people are put off by age. It is sad for us to be caring for these animals in kennels—no matter how cosy and comfortable we make them it cannot compare with living out their retirement years in the luxury of individual caring homes. If you have the emotional strength to give an oldie some 'one to one' love and affection in their final months or years then please do think about it and maybe pay us a visit.



Surrogate mum Scout with Tommy, 'Chelford mini-kit' see story page 6

INTRODUCING.....



Amber and Benson

BENSON is the most lovely boy you could hope to meet. He is gentle and sociable and walks nicely on the lead. He is 12 years of age and fit and healthy apart from very slight changes in his eyesight. He loves a good walk and is very interested in everything that is going on around him. He originally lived with another dog and doesn't like to be alone so another doggy companion may suit him. Alternatively he could live with someone who wanted to be able to take their dog everywhere they go—he would definitely enjoy being out and about meeting lots of people. He is pictured with Amber, one of our volunteers from the Fallibroome Academy.

SLINKY is another senior citizen being 14 years old. His first stay in Windyway was

back in 2001 when he was rehomed with a lovely retired lady. Unfortunately in 2014 she became very unwell and Slinky (who was used to boarding here regularly) had to come back for rehoming. He then went to live in a foster home for just over a year until that lady also became too unwell to care for him, so now he is back with us again. Slinky had a bout of cystitis as a youngster and since then has had a special diet which has successfully prevented any recurrences—apart from this he has no major medical requirements. He is a lovely boy who enjoys a good fuss although he has always had a quiet life with no other pets or children around. He is used to going outdoors for short spells but prefers to stay close to home.



Slinky

My name is Tiggs.
My owners cant look after me anymore.
I am very friendly and loving.
I love fuss, especially my head.
I demand a lot of attention.
I do have a runny tummy if I have wet food.
Please find me a lovely home cos I deserve it.
Love Tiggs x x x



ON 29TH OCTOBER our longest serving staff member Claire Egerton wed her childhood sweetheart Duncan Harradine and all the staff and family went to the wedding. Windyway was well looked after by a handful of trusted volunteers. It was a lovely day and we all wish



Anyone for cake?

Claire and Duncan a long and happy life together. However while we were out a lovely tabby cat was left in the driveway in a basket bearing the note pictured. **TIGGS** is a shy girl who has been quite unwell since her arrival. We would love her previous owner to come forward with more information on

her dietary and medical needs.

MICROCHIPPING AND THE LAW

Back in 2013 the government announced new measures to tackle welfare and irresponsible dog ownership. One part of the measures is to introduce secondary legislation under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 from **6 April 2016** requiring the microchipping of all dogs in England. (Scotland and Wales are introducing similar requirements). From that date all dog keepers will be legally obliged to have their dogs chipped, register their details on an approved database and keep the registration up to date. This has implications for all dog owners but more particularly those rehomed from Windyway as many have not been updated into the adopters' names. We are therefore asking everyone with a Windyway dog to check their chip and make sure the registration is updated by contacting the appropriate database – we can supply you with any details you need in order to do this. We would always recommend that Windyway details are also left on the registration as an emergency backup. The law doesn't apply to cats but it would make sense for cat owners to do the same.

IF YOU HAVE A DOG WHICH WAS CHIPPED BEFORE IT CAME TO YOU (WHEREVER IT CAME FROM) THEN DO NOT DELAY. CHECK AND UPDATE YOUR DETAILS NOW.

THE NEW KITTERY is now built and the floors are tiled – all that is left to do is the wiring for lights and heating which may even be finished by the time you read this. It all looks lovely and we are very pleased with it – we can't wait to be able to move the first cats/ kittens in!



THE CHELFORD 'GANG'



It began with a phone call from a lovely Chelford lady who was worried about the number of feral cats living (and multiplying) around the cattle market. New kittens would appear regularly and although the adults were well fed by locals it was obvious that they would just continue to breed and it would get out of control. They could approach some of the kittens and several were taken in by locals or visitors but the adults were so timid that it would need a different approach. We went along one Thursday with some sardines and a humane cat trap. On that first visit we only managed to capture two kittens but as time went on we learned which days were best (not market days) and started to trap some of the adults. Over



the next few weeks we removed 6 kittens and five adult cats. Four of the adults were able to be released back once they had been spayed or castrated; one of the females was heavily pregnant so she stayed here and gave birth a week later to 5 healthy kittens. Two more very tiny kittens were also caught by canteen staff and brought up to us. They were too small to have left their mum but it was too late to put them back and so they stayed. Their story is told on page 6 by Ann who has now adopted them. Their mum has still managed to evade capture and may well be in kitten again as this happened before the males were neutered—the locals are concentrating on keeping her well fed and hopefully we will manage to trap her soon. All of the kittens have now found new homes and some of their stories also feature below. To simplify things I have numbered the photographs.



HAPPY ENDINGS... continued on page 6

- 1: Winston, male kitten; vaccinated and rehomed together with an unrelated kitten.
- 2: Harriet, female kitten; poorly for several weeks, eventually rehomed, update below.
- 3: Marshall, male kitten; vaccinated and rehomed. In excess of 20 ticks removed from him.
- 4: Socks, part grown male kitten; vaccinated and neutered, very shy but eventually rehomed.
- 5 & 7: Daisy & Patch, adult females; spayed, treated for parasites, vaccinated and released.
- 6: Dolly, pregnant, gave birth to 5 kittens (a—e), all kittens now rehomed and Dolly spayed. She will move into our feral compound if not returned to Chelford. Update on kit 6a below.
- 8 & 9: Dusty & Tammy, part grown female kittens; vaccinated, spayed and homed together.
- 10: the Minikits as we dubbed them; update page 6 and photo front cover.
- 11 & 12: Alfie and Charlie, the adult males—probably fathers to most of the kittens; neutered, vaccinated etc. and returned to Chelford.



Harriet (Hatty, 2) Who would have thought that someone so small could be so bossy? She likes:-My shoelaces, the computer, sitting on my shoulder, climbing everything and exploring everywhere (in the house!)

She hates:-The Hoover, me shaking the towels out and me going out (slaves do not get time off!) Hatty is very well and energetic, though she still sneezes. She weighs 2 kg. now. She looks as if butter wouldn't melt in her mouth, but that is an illusion.

Rachel

Here's **Ria (6a)**, my gorgeous kitten!! She's a little terror, who screams if she doesn't get attention! (And when she does!)

Claire



GAMLAN was here for well over a year before finding his ideal home—here is an email received from his new owner;

Hi, we just wanted to let you know **Gamlan** has settled in really well and we are all really happy with him. He is a very loving and affectionate dog and is straight up and on your knee as soon as you sit down. He's very puppy like, playful and mischievous, he likes taking the corners of cushions or throws in his mouth and sitting wagging his tail staring at me as if to say 'come on then what are you going to do about it!'

He's been very good on walks, we've taken him to quiet spots where we can let him off the leash, he walks to heel well, just wandering off to sniff around but never goes more than 20ft or so ahead or behind, recall is very good. Still not good with other dogs, we keep him on the lead if any are about. He's also been a lot better in the house than I anticipated, he's quite happy to be left alone and just sleeps on the sofa.



Cheeky Gammie

Thank you, *Andy*

VOLUNTEERING, FOSTERING AND ADOPTING by Ann Readman

I volunteer at Windyway once a week, cleaning out and cuddling cats. I have my own boy cat (Smokey) who is 15 years old and who has put up with all sorts of other animals in his time! (Rescue ferrets, rescue parrot, rescue Sooty cat from Windyway and working cocker spaniel puppy!). After Sooty died, my 'plan' was not to adopt another cat while Smokey was still alive. But my dog (Scout) is very good with other animals and loves grooming anything that moves, so when the two '**Chelford mini-kits**' were being looked after in Windyway, as orphans who only had a mother for 3 ½ weeks of their lives, and couldn't wash themselves – it seemed obvious that I should foster them and ask Scout to be a surrogate mother and at least teach them to wash. Well that part of the plan worked, she is a great Mum to them and they are also adored by the parrot! But they had nasty tummy bugs requiring 3 weeks of medicine, and the diarrhoea has been legendary! Needless to say, fostering evolved into full adoption; the whole household (even Smokey who is aloof but relatively polite!) has warmed to them and there was no way I could give them up. So they are now with me; they go in their large crate if I go out because they are still very small, and not out of the woods healthwise. They have now finished their medicine and are gaining weight but Tommy will probably always be a small cat; he still looks rather stunted but is a happy boy and is already climbing and jumping a lot more. His sister Elsa is a feisty lady and I'm not worried about her. They are very affectionate and are giving me a lot of pleasure. Although these are kittens, I would strongly advise people to consider adopting an older cat – I've done that many times and have always been repaid with affection from the adopted cat – these cats deserve loving homes too. Scout and Tommy are pictured on the front cover.



**Elsa
keeping
watch over
the parrot**

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

After having fine weather for our Garden Party in July, we were very lucky once again for our **Open Day** on the Sunday Bank Holiday in August. Open Day always has such a great



Mary and Lola

atmosphere to it and I think it is my favourite of all our fundraising events. I think what makes it so special to me is that a lot of the dogs we have re-homed come and say hello. One such dog is Cassie (aka Lucy) a beautiful older Staffie who was with us for quite a while before finding her new "Forever Home". She has now fallen on her paws and is having a wonderful life with her Mum and Dad, but she was still very pleased to see us, as we were her. Max (aka Lenny) was another of our ex-residents who came to see us with his Dad. Max has come on leaps and bounds and has a special relationship with him. It was lovely to see every one of them with their new families. Danesford Dog Club had a stall for us and made over £200 in addition to sponsoring the rosettes for the dog show. Pictured is Lola with Mary, who adopted her from Windyway in August 2014, showing off her rosette for 'Happiest Partnership' and the Judith Walklate Trophy which is awarded by Judith our fantastic MC for the dog and owner who make the most impression on her on the day. We raised a staggering £3,502.00.

It seemed no sooner had we had our Open Day than our **Christmas Fair** was upon us. This is a very big and busy Fair, with some fantastic decorations, gifts, cards, trees etc. which we are very lucky to have had donated to us. People were queuing to come in well before we opened as we are noted for our "bargains galore". A great total of £2072.60 was raised. People are still being very generous in donating to the food collections held for us by **Morrisons** Buxton and Chapel, **Tesco & Jollyes** Congleton and **Pets at Home** Macclesfield. **Ye Olde King's Head** at Gurnett, Sutton have begun holding a Quiz Night on the first Thursday of the month for us. This starts at 8.00pm and there are teams of 4 people at £1.50 per person. They also hold a raffle on the evening. We would love to see you there and are sure you will have an enjoyable evening, as well as keeping those "little grey cells" active.



Betty

We have so many individuals and firms to thank for all their efforts in carrying out fundraisers for us such as sponsored walks, swims, and other physical events (some of which I just don't know where they get their stamina from!!!), coffee mornings, selling cakes (a lot of these are held by our young supporters) and lots of other fundraising events. We really appreciate all your efforts and support.

Pictured here is Betty, showing off her rosette when she came first in the "Veteran Class" at the Dog Show at the Treacle Market in September. Betty will be known to the people who visit our shop on Chestergate, where she is our "Star Assistant".

Finally may we wish a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2016 to all our Supporters and all our very hardworking Volunteers.

Pat Barnard

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RIP to our two lovely German Shepherd girls, **Vonnie** and **Sheba** who passed away recently. Vonnie had been with us for over a year during which time she spent



Vonnie

'holidays' with a volunteer with whom she had a great bond. Ann was here with her when she was put to sleep on 28th August after a severe decline in her health. Sheba was here for a few months but died suddenly in her sleep on 18th September. Both were beautiful old ladies and are sadly missed.



Sheba