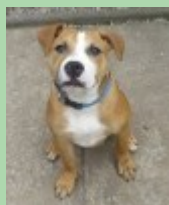




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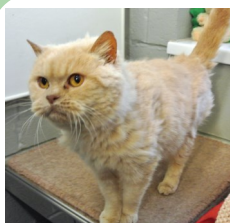


After such a long wait the lovely handsome man Buster finds a home with a wonderful owner. Buster was not the easiest of dogs to take on but after a 4 month wait Buster is loving his new life with an owner who adores him! Well done Buster
xxx



Paw Print Newsletter

MAY 2015



Left to die on the street!

Sandy was not only hit by a car once but twice! After suffering terrible injuries from a car accident she managed to drag herself into a bush where she waited crying for someone to notice her for over a week. After a few days Sandy tried to walk to safety but was again hit by a second car.

Thankfully two members of the public noticed her cries for help and brought her up to us.

We immediately rushed her down to the vets.



Have you visited the Animal Care Tea Rooms yet?

The Tea Rooms open every day of the week 10am—3pm

The Tea Rooms are run

Sandy's old wounds from her first accident were so badly infected that maggots had infested her body. She was also suffering from a broken pelvis. The whole time Sandy was being treated she never showed any signs of aggression and was still purring for attention and love. After hours of work the vets removed hundreds of maggots but felt hopeful she would pull through.

Sandy was on very strict cage rest and medication for 10

weeks.

Eventually she was able to use her back legs again and even run to see you for a cuddle.

After so much sadness and pain Sandy was still able to love life.

In March all Sandy's dreams came true and she was adopted by a lovely lady who loves her to bits. Her new owner says she can not imagine life with out Sandy.



Tea Rooms Team

by a wonderful friendly team who are always happy to help. They are always hand-making lots of tasty cakes and have a very tasty well priced menu.

All donations made to the Tea Rooms go towards the work we do with the animals. All dogs are very welcome.



Could you make a difference ??



Animal Care receives no government funding and no help with neutering schemes. The charity is totally reliant on kind donations, fundraising and people who leave gifts to us in their wills.

A gift in your Will, however small or large, can help ensure we can always be here to continue to help

and protect the animals and give them all a new beginning.

Over the years, these gifts have helped us build & maintain our animal centre.

These gifts are as vital as ever as the need for more room and facilities grows each day.

If you would like to know more about how you can make a real difference to hundreds of animals please call us and will be happy to send you some information.



Louie was so overweight he could not walk



Louie is a King Charles Spaniel. These breeds normally have a healthy weight of 9-12kg. Louie weighed a massive 28kg!! Poor Louie was so overweight he was finding simple tasks like walking and getting out of his bed nearly impossible and very painful.

Louis' weight gain had been caused by a very poor diet and lack of exercise. After a check up at the vets it became clear that Louie needed to lose

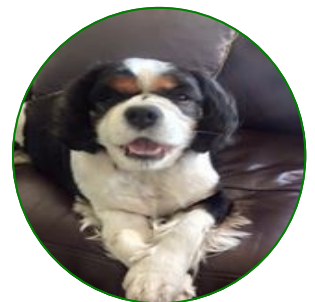
weight fast, as worries about his heart and breathing were a huge concern.

After chatting to the vets, a diet and exercise plan was put together in the hope Louie could feel more comfortable.

He was placed into a wonderful foster home with a family who were happy to put the work in. It was hard work at first as Louie had only really eaten human food and was not very

keen to try dog food.

But months later Louie is looking and feeling fantastic!! He has lost nearly 10kg and is really enjoying days out and longer walks with his new adopted family who worship him!





NIKITA

Could you sponsor an animal for us?

Sadly we have many animals that have been with us for months, some even years!

Sponsoring an animal can help in many ways, and it's just £10 a year. Your money will go towards the cost of the animal's upkeep and will help with feeding and any vet bills. You can sponsor an

animal for yourself or as a present for a friend or loved one! With your donation of sponsorship you will receive a pack containing:

Keyring, Write up, Photos, Certificate and Newsletters.

To order a pack please click the link on our website (Sponsorship

Schemes) and pick who ever you would like to help.



NICHOLAS



DARCY



CHARLEY



Why should you neuter

There are lots of reasons why neutering is a good idea. Here's a few:

For male dogs:

- Neutered male dogs are less likely to roam, which means they're less likely to go missing, get hit by a car, get in a fight and get hurt.
- Unneutered dogs can become frustrated and may try to escape.
- Castration significantly reduces the chance of them getting prostate disease and reduces the risk of some cancers.
- An unneutered dog is more likely to show aggression to other dogs, whether they're on or off

the lead.

An unneutered dog is more likely to be the target of aggression from another dog.

For female dogs:

- Neutering greatly reduces the risk of them getting breast cancer,
- Pregnancy and birth can be risky to the mum. Many unneutered female dogs have a false pregnancy after a season and, although this is natural, it can cause behavioural and even medical problems.

For you: When a female dog is in season she attracts a stream of hopeful male dogs to the front door. In fact, male dogs have even been known to break down doors and fences trying to reach a potential mate.

- If a female gets pregnant you've got the responsibility of having to care for her during her pregnancy, birth and looking after her litter – and that's before the challenge of trying to find good homes for the puppies. Some breeds of dog can have as many as 12 puppies in just one litter. That's a lot of mouths to feed and the costs will soon add up.

For dog-kind:

- Thousands of unwanted dogs are put to sleep every year because there aren't enough homes for them. You can help by neutering your dog.



OVERFLOWING WITH DOGS!!

We are noticing a increase in the amount of dogs needing our help. Every year the problem seems to be getting worse, already this year we have been over flowing every day with dogs desperate for loving homes. With only 35 kennels on site we are constantly full.

In March we had 49 dogs in our care.

The amount of people calling us for help is constant Linda can have up to 80 calls a day 60% of them being people who need help with an animal they can no longer cope with.

We have also noticed an increase in older dogs being abandoned. These dogs are often suffering from an illness which needs medical attention. Others sadly suffer from depression, as they are often very upset and confused about where they are and why they are no longer with their owners or in the safe home they are used to. The staff try their very best to make the dogs feel settled and loved and help them try and understand we just

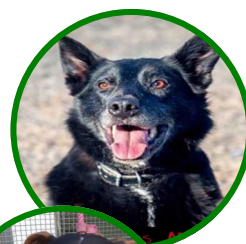
want to look after them. If we notice that some dogs are becoming more depressed and distressed we try and get them into a foster home as soon as possible so they can feel more settled and less upset.

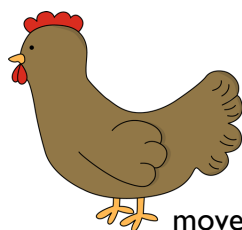
With so many animals needing places rescues are struggling to help everyone. We are always in need of donations to continue the running of the centre.

Many of the dogs come to us with health issues which need time and money spent to get them back to full health. Animal Care regularly have vet bills in excess of £5,000 a month!

We accept donations of food, bedding, toys, leads and treats for the dogs and cats. We also welcome donations for our busy charity shop. Every little helps.

If you're looking for a dog please consider a rescue dog. All the dogs we have with us waiting for new homes are lovely happy friendly dogs who just need a second chance.





Happy Hens



Did you know that we rescue battery hens? Over the last 5 years we have helped hundreds of battery hens find new homes. Often when they first arrive they are very scared and bewildered by the space we give them. Most have never been outdoors, seen sunlight, felt fresh air or been able to

move around freely. It can sometimes take 48 hours for them to start walking around and exploring the environment. In July last year we helped with 67 hens which were due for slaughter. After putting on weight,, growing feathers back, and being treated for mites we managed to find them all new homes. Hens are wonderful

pets and have they all have a different personality. They keep you stocked up with fresh eggs and are relatively easy to keep.

If you would like to adopt a hen or would like some more information please call us.

01524 65495



Open Day & Fun Dog Show 2015

Each year Animal Care holds a big open day and fun dog show in May to help raise awareness of our charity. We have lots of different events throughout the year but the open day is our largest. This year it will be held on the 17th May from 10am-3pm and we welcome everybody and their dogs to join us for a day of fun. The event will include lots of different stalls, —

- .Charity stalls
- .Food stalls
- .Raffle and tombola
- .Crafts
- .Pet stalls
- .Cake stalls
- .Vets
- .RSPCA
- .FREE microchipping
- .Dog trainers
- .Meet some amazing birds of prey
- .Creepy bugs
- .Mini Zoo
- .Games & music
- .FREE bouncy castles
- .The dog show will start at 1pm and have some amazing prizes for your dogs to win**



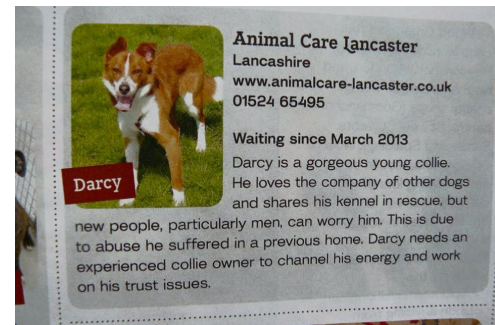
**Please join us and help
support your local charity.**

If you would like a stall one the day for your charity, crafts or business please get in touch with us 01524 65495 we have limited space but do have a few slots left.

Darcy in Dogs Today



After contacting us and asking if we would like to be involved in an article about dogs who had been in rescue for years we decided that Darcy should be given the chance to appear in the magazine in the hope to find a new home. Dogs Today picked Darcy along with lots of other dogs that sadly due to different issues had been waiting in rescues for a long time. Fingers crossed someone might want to give Darcy a chance. And give him the home he has been waiting so long to find.



Tina and Tilly's Day Out



Tilly and Tina enjoyed the St Johns Hospice walk along the new road today between Lancaster and Heysham. Both dogs were very well behaved and loved meeting lots of new people and lots of doggie friends. Its was a lovely a fun afternoon out. Thank you Kerry and Caroline for taking them.

Our dogs love to go on adventure days out and can often be seen out at Williamsons Park, River Lune, Lake district, Happy Mount Park and lots of other places. Its really good for the dogs to get out of the kennel environment and meet new people. If you're a volunteer and have been registered with us for over 6 months please come and chat to us about doggie day trips.



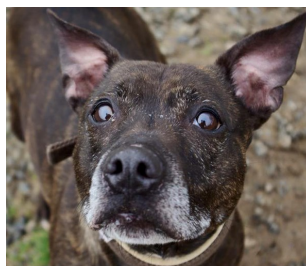
Lancaster Charity Shop



Staff members Toni and Rachel spent the afternoon meeting customers at our charity shop on Thursday with dogs in need of a home Muffin the beagle and Bailey the staffie cross.

They also had a nose round town to say hello to everyone. The charity shop is a busy friendly

shop in the middle of Lancaster. There is always a bargain to be found and the money raised is spent on the care of our animals. The shop is open 6 days a week 9:30am-4pm.



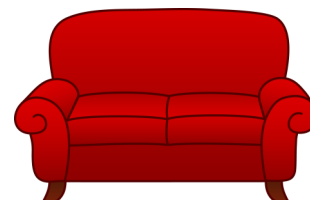
Dog Wash Day!!

Some of our dogs have enjoyed getting pampered with Lune dog grooming. Eleanor gives up her free time to come and give the dogs in need of a new home a chance to look and feel their best. Not all dogs enjoy being washed and groomed but all the dogs she has seen have been very well behaved and enjoy having a bit of special attention.

It is also really Important that the dogs in rescue get used to being washed, clipped and groomed before they go into a new home so they can learn how to behave and we can let the new owners know of any problems.



Did you know that animal care sells furniture to help raise funds for the animals. We have a separate shop for furniture at Woodlands Lancaster. There are always bargain to be found.





Animal Care works with and is kindly supported by Janine Bebbington Photography.

Janine kindly gives up her free time to come up and photograph some of the dogs which are looking for new homes.

Here are some wonderful shots of the dogs we have looking for homes at the moment.



Janine Bebbington Photography



Staffie Stanley needs a home



Stanley is a very sweet small stocky staffie with bags of energy and plenty of love to give his new family. Stanley was found as a stray and has come to us via the dog pound. He has settled in well and loves all the staff especially if he gets a back scratch. Stanley is strong on the lead but soon settles. He loves to go swimming and will often try and jump in our duck pond.

Stanley will walk happily with other dogs but is a bit fearful of bigger dogs. We feel he would be fine with children and would definitely make someone smile every day.

Sadly staffies have had bad press in the past putting a lot of people off adopting the breed. We believe every dog is different and they all deserve a chance. Stanley will change you view as he really is a prince charming please come up and give him a chance!

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