



Paw Print Newsletter



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We all love animals and for a lot of us the bond we have with our pets is unbreakable. They are a part of our family and we would do anything to protect them. From dog owners with their loyal companions at their sides to cat owners who adore their feline friends. Rabbits, rodents and birds who, although are small, have big personalities. Horse and pony owners who have ultimate trust in these beautiful creatures.

Animals have made a difference to many people for all kinds of different reasons. Some animals have saved lives and have left their owners forever grateful. Some animals have come into peoples lives without being asked and have made a persons life better by only showing true love and loyalty. Some people have a real passion for the welfare of animals in the wild and have shown them kindness by supporting the work of Born Free to help save these wonderful animals.

Everyone has a story to tell about an animal that has made a difference in their life. Animal Care would like to celebrate all animals and will be holding a special event to do this. The animal awards will be held this April and we would like to welcome everyone to take part.

If you have a story about an animal that has made a difference in your life then we want to hear from you. It doesn't matter what the animal is or why its made a difference in your life, we would like to know. This can be a dog that has rescued someone, a pet hamster that just cheers you up when you're feeling a bit down or an animal in the wild that has inspired you to work with animals in the future. Animals are a huge part of people's lives and we think they deserve an award.

The winner of the competition will be chosen by Virginia McKenna and invited to join us at the event where they will be presented with an award and a prize for their special animal.

We all think we have the best pet and none of us are wrong!

Good luck, We cant wait to read your stories!

Animal Hero Awards

Has your pet or an animal made a difference to your life? Have they done something amazing, or have they just changed your life for the better? If you have a hero animal then we would like to hear about it in a short story.

Winners will be invited to a charity ball where they will be awarded with a trophy and a special prize for their hero animal, presented by Virginia McKenna.

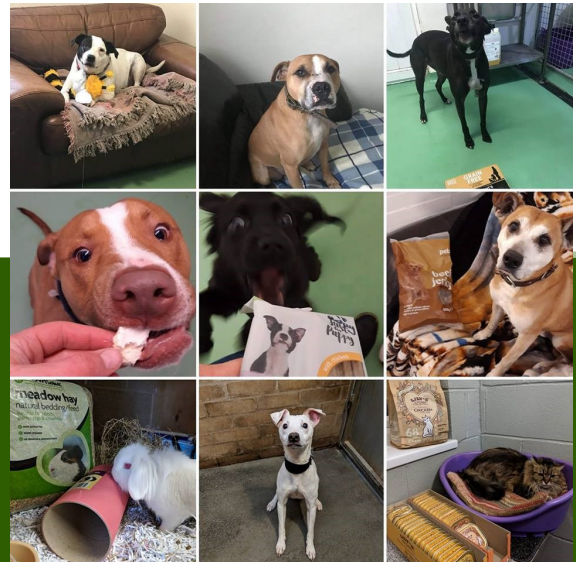
At Wyreside Hall 27th April 2019



This competition is open to everyone, the categories will be separate for children (16y and under) and adults. Stories should be no more than 1,000 words, closing date for all entries 1st April .
Stories should be sent to: Faye Goymer, Animal Care, Blea Tarn Road, Scotforth, Lancaster, LA2 0RD



A big thank you to Pets at Home Lancaster for the generous donations yesterday. Stella got a new teddy she loves, Buster and Sparkey are rocking new collars, Bobbie will be enjoying his meat and biscuits along with many other dogs, Barry Millie and Baxter have some yummy treats to share with everyone, the bunnies have some treats, tasty grasses and some new tubes to play with, Mouse has some of her favourite meat and not pictured are some treats for our hens, cockerel and turkey along with lots of other goodies.



Did you know we have a



Snowy Day At Animal Care



Things don't stop up at Animal Care what ever the weather all the animals still need our attention and all the dogs need a good walk. We enjoyed the snow this month and so did the dogs. We managed to get a few photos.



Antifreeze poisoning in cats

During the winter we try to prevent freezing by using ethylene glycol, otherwise known as antifreeze, in car radiators and in some screen washes and de-icers. Every year many cats die because they have been poisoned by this chemical. Prompt treatment is the only way for cats to survive poisoning with ethylene glycol.

Cats and dogs are tempted by the anti-freeze due to its sweet smell and taste, even the smallest amount spilled on the floor can cause your pet to become very poorly very quickly.

How does ethylene glycol harm cats?

Ethylene glycol is broken down in the liver and this process produces other chemicals that severely damage the cat's kidneys. This damage is often so severe that the cat cannot survive.

What signs of poisoning do cats show?

A cat may not show any signs of poisoning for about half an hour after ingesting ethylene glycol. It may then start to show signs such as sickness, a wobbly gait (appearing 'drunk'), weakness and tiredness. As kidney damage develops, cats may also drink and urinate a lot and become very unwell, even collapsing. Blood and urine samples taken by the vet will show abnormalities consistent with ethylene glycol toxicity such as kidney damage and certain crystals in the urine.

How can I prevent my cat being poisoned with ethylene glycol?

If you have any products containing ethylene glycol such as antifreeze, make sure you store them safely away from children and animals. Use screen wash and de-icer sprays that do not contain ethylene glycol. If a car radiator has been drained and a splash of antifreeze remains on the floor, wipe it up completely and rinse the area thoroughly with water. Remember even a tiny amount on a cat's feet (picked up if it walks through a spillage) is enough to harm it. If you think your cat has been exposed at all, on the coat or feet or by lapping up water containing ethylene glycol, contact your vet immediately. If your vet has any worries over the treatment of your cat he or she may contact the Veterinary Poisons Information Service who will advise on what treatment would be best for this situation.

Being aware of your cat's normal health and behaviour will help you to notice signs of illness and seek treatment from your vet straight away. For example if a normally healthy cat with outdoor access returns home and seems too quiet and is sick, and if you think there is any possible chance it has been exposed to ethylene glycol, seek advice from your veterinary practice immediately.

The best advice therefore is to be highly vigilant and to prevent animals and children coming into contact with ethylene glycol, and if they do, to get them treated as soon as possible.



Bay Vets

"The Community Vets"

What a fantastic way to start the year!!!!

The wonderful Rosie has had her wish come true and after waiting 18 months she has finally found happiness in her new home with her new family. Rosie has settled in very well and loves going to the park and running through puddles as fast as she can. She has also made some new doggie friends who she enjoys going on long walks with.

A very good start to the year has already seen 40 animals who have found new homes.



One of our recent school visits saw Michael & Buddy travel to New Longton All Saints' C of E Primary School where they visited Reception. They took great pleasure in helping to enhance the current class topic 'Can I Have a Dog Yet?'. This week Michael & Buddy will be visiting

Ashbridge Independent Nursery in Preston and Ightenhill Primary School in Burnley

