

# Paw Prints Newsletter



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**Animal Care** 

Lancaster

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Barry is still waiting for a home and is finding kennel life very stressful. Barry needs a strong confident handler









On Wednesday an RSPCA officer turned up to Animal Care with a very small 6 week old kitten who had been very lucky and spotted just in time. Blueberry had wire wrapped round her neck that was so tight it had cut into her neck causing deep cuts and sores.

How anyone could do this to a poor kitten is unbelievable.

She has been put on medication to help with the infection and needs daily neck washes to keep her wounds clean.

She is doing very well in her foster home and her cuts have nearly healed. She is a very sweet friendly kitten who loves attention; despite the fact she was treated so badly she still trusts people.

Blueberry will stay in her foster home until she is 9 weeks old and gets the all clear from our vets. She is learning fast and can now use the litter tray and has mixed well with another litter of kittens.

Animal Care works closely with the RSPCA and has a good relationship with the officers in this area. We try our best to help them as often as we can. All animals rescues are being pushed to the limits as more and more abandoned and neglected cases need us.



## **Open Day A Big Success**













Thank you to everyone who came to see us at the Animal Care Open Day, the rain held off and we had a record amount of dogs in the dog show this year. It was fantastic to see so many ex Animal Care dogs looking so happy with their new families.

Massive thank you to the staff and volunteers who helped set up and run the stalls. Thank you to all the stall holders who came to join us. The Open Day is always a fantastic day to raise awareness and get everybody together to celebrate the work we do.

After months of planning its always great to have the day running smoothly. Fundraisers and events are a massive part of the work we do at Animal Care and give us the essential funds to continue to help all the animals in need and we look forward to next year. Photographed below is best in show winner with his owner and our wonderful judges Peter and Margaret who had the very difficult job of picking the winners from a line up of very cute faces.





### Sad Staffies need a chance

We currently have lots of staffie and staffie crosses in the kennels hoping that they will soon find a new home and a family who will love them.

Staffies can be wonderful family dogs and they are usually super friendly. Due to bad press staffies in rescue centres are often over looked and not even asked about as people fear that they are aggressive and unpredictable. This is simply not the case. Both Animal Care mangers have worked at Animal Care for over 12 years and have seen hundreds of staffies come and go. In that time not one has bitten either of us ever!

Please give them a chance. They really deserve it x



### Heroes in Green

The Animal care team are a funny looking group I am sure you would agree! But we love them.





When we feel sad and lonely they give us hugs x kisses. They walk us come rain, snow or shine, they teach us new things and help us make new friends. They give us the one thing we have lost they give us hope. Hope that we can one day be part of a family in our forever home. To the staff, volunteers, fostering team we say thank you to our Heroes in green the Animal Care Team.

Love from the rescue dogs xx











# **Book your tickets fast**



The proceeds from this event will be going to Animal Care, registered charity no. 508819.
This event was kindly sponsored by Bay Vets.
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Animal Care is very excited to present our next event.

An Evening of Entertainment

We have been very lucky to book new up and coming star Amy Jo Clough. Amy-Jo describes her sound as soul mixed with country she will be singing at the event along with band Extravaganza a dynamic female fronted rock and pop covers band that perform the songs you all know and love.

Tickets are on sale now so get your quick!

Tickets £15 buffet included



### **Running for rescue**

HUGE thank you to Natalie Coated who raised £450 after completing the 10k Manchester run in aid of Animal Care.

Thank you to Cindy and Rob Sidwell and Becca Vafeas who also ran the 10k Manchester run in aid of Animal Care. We are so very grateful to have their support. With out people helping raise funds like this Animal Care could not possible carry on. If you would like to help Animal Care raise funds in anyway please get in touch with Faye x



### Left abandoned

Fizzy pops came into us very upset and very confused she's finding kennel life a bit stressful. Poor Fizzy was left abandoned tied to kennel gates out of the area along with another dog. Due to being abounded like this the staff no very little about her. She is very underweight and needs a special diet and special care so she can build her muscles up and start feeling better.

Dogs with special diet requirement can be costly and food expensive, if you have any diet food or specialised food you no longer need Animal Care will be very grateful and happy to take it. The future looks bright for Fizzy as she has a wonderful family who have now adopted her.

Did you know we have an amazon wish list?

The list has lots of different things Animal Care needs and some things we would love to have to enrich the dogs lives . We are VERY grateful to everyone who sends us lovely surprises. xx



### Your help has never been more needed

We rely massively on donations and without them we could not continue. Animal care spends up to £5,000 a month on vet bills alone. With more and more animals coming into to us each year the need for your support has never been more vital. With more animals to care for then ever before we need to make more room and give them the best possible care. We have

over one hundred animals on site which all need feeding, vaccinating and nurturing. Your donation will help us cover the costs

#### Did you know a one off generous kind donation of just £25 could :



Could provide a dog or a cat with a full vaccination course.

Could vaccinate a rabbit against Myxomatosis and VHD.

Could feed a dog or a cat on a special diet for over a month.

Could cover the cost of a worm and flea course treatment for a litter of kittens or puppies.

Could neuter a male cat or rabbit.

Could supply our foster homes with much needed kitten / puppy food and milk.

#### £25 CAN GO A LONG WAY SO PLEASE DONATE IF YOU CAN.



Its easy to do just follow the link via the front page on the website to





#### Cheques can be made payable to Animal Care and sent to : Animal Care

Animal Care is always extremely grateful for all donations made to us and can not thank our kind supporters enough.

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.

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A rabbit hutch should be at least 6 foot long and all rabbits need a run to play in at least 8 foot long.



#### Did you know about rabbit awareness week?

67,000 rabbits come into rescue each year in the UK. Animal Care has a dedicated area and knowledgeable staff members who run our busy rabbit room, we always have lots of needy rabbits in need of a new start and we offer help and advice for all new rabbit adopters. Please think before you buy and consider a rescue rabbit.

Too many rabbits are purchased on a whim and often months later after the novelty has worn off they are forgotten about and left to live their lives in small hutch at the bottom of the garden.

Due to their

popularity is often due to the misconception they arte an easy first pet for a child. Nothing could be further from the truth. Sadly they can be bought from shops by inexperienced owners, taken home as a novelty purchase, and then abandoned when the owners become bored with therm. The most common reason for people to bring rabbits into Animal Care.

Rabbits need space and plenty of it hey are clever sociable animals that can be a joy to have if given the right environment and set up.

Rabbits should not be adopted for children but as a family pet their needs are no different to a dog's or cats. Rabbits need our help to educate people that solitary confinement in a hutch just isn't good enough.

A fully grown rabbit in an easy to buy 3 foot hutch is the equivalent to us spending our whole lives alone in a space no bigger then a bathroom!!!



Please come and chat to us before you make the decision to get a rabbit Ann is always happy answer any questions you have

We currently have a large number of rabbits looking for new homes and they are in need of a fresh start with people who can give them the time and space they need.

If you're not able to adopt a rabbit but would like to help us in some way we are always very grateful to accept donations of vegetables and hay.



- Flea Facts
- 1. Fleas have four life stages: egg, larva, pupa, biting adult.

2. Fleas feed on the blood of their host -- humans, birds, reptiles, and wild and domestic animals.

- 3. The female flea can lay 2,000 eggs in her lifetime.
- 4. A flea can live more than 100 days without a blood meal.
- 5. The female flea consumes 15 times her own body weight in blood daily.

6. A flea can jump up to 8 inches high, or approximately 150 times its own height. That's like if you could leap over tall buildings in a single bound.

- 7. Pets with fleas may develop anemia, tapeworms or intense bouts of itching (pruritus).
- 8. Some pets may develop an allergy to flea saliva, which causes severe irritation and itchiness.
- 9. The best way to check for fleas is with a flea comb.

10. Even though there are more than 2,000 known species and subspecies of fleas, one flea species -- the cat flea -- accounts for most of the dog and cat flea cases found in the U.S.





Gip is a Jack Russell Terrier, Male, 14 years 2 months old

Gip is a very lovely boy who is looking for a new home where he can get all the love and cuddles that he craves. He is friendly and loving and he seems to like everyone he meets especially if they make a lot of fuss of him! Kennels is no place for an older gentlemen so Gip is currently in a temporary foster home. If you think Gip is for you please give us a call and we can arrange for you to meet him. There really is nothing bad you can say about him at all and he is keeping his little paws tightly crossed that he finds his new home very soon.

#### LOVELY DAY OUT

On Sunday the sun was shining so a few of the staff and volunteers decided to have a fun day out.

They dropped in at Royal Hotel for the dog show and then went for a lovely long walk. Thank you Karen, Julie, Faye, Michaela and Dan for volunteering your free time to give us pups a wonderful day x

















Its really impotent to us that are dogs enjoy their stay how ever long it might be. We already have a fantastic agility course our top paddock but would love another in our bottom paddock. The agility gives the dogs time out of kennels to have fun and get there brains ticking over learning new skills and burning off some energy. If you think you would like to donate any money or equipment to us please get in touch. If you are a business that would like to get involved in a charity project sponsoring our agility cause would be fantastic. Please get in touch

