

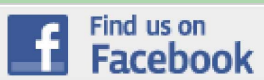


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# Paw Print Newsletter



## Happy New Year



January 2016

### Dumped in a ditch!

Lucky and Dusty came to us via the dog pound after they were left abandoned in a ditch. They are both very sweet boys and have obviously had a difficult time, they are both very underweight and suffering from a flea allergy. They also have numerous bite marks over their bodies. We can't be sure what happened to little Lucky and Dusty but we want them to find a very special home with people that will love

them and give them the new start they deserve. Lucky and Dusty are currently in a foster home where they will stay until the vets feel they are well enough to be adopted.



Ned is the father to Dusty and Lucky and has also come to us via the dog pound. Ned has not had a good life either and has obviously been through a tough time. Like his sons he is very underweight and is covered in bite marks



he is also suffering from skin problems. Ned is a worried young man and takes a while to trust you. For this reason we have decided that Ned will be better in a home with children over 12 years. Ned needs a new start and a family that will love him forever.

# THANK YOU



Animal Care would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us this year. Without our hard working volunteers we simply could not continue to run as successfully as we do. We would like to thank each one of them for their time and dedication.

We would like to thank all of our 900 adopters of 2015 for giving an Animal Care animal a second chance. From Buggly the hamster to Phoebe the Great Dane we thank every adopter for choosing to rescue. This year has been amazing seeing some very special dogs find very special homes. Proving that it was worth the wait and every dog can find the right home.

A huge thank you to our hard working vets at Bay Vet Centre and Lancaster Vet Centre who we keep very busy every day of the year, and who always offer a fantastic service.

We are humbled by the support we have received from the public and can not thank people enough for their kindness. From donations of cat and dog food all year round to donations for our charity shops to amazing people doing amazing things to raise money for us every single person makes a difference.

A special thank you to our foster homes who this year have been full all year round, and have worked extra hard to help as many animals as possible.

2016 is set to be as busy as this year and we would be honoured to have your continued support.

Your donations are always needed and as Animal Care grows to accommodate the huge number of needy animals, your support has never been more important to us.

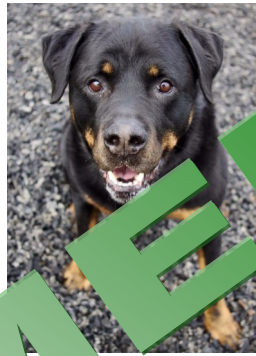
A huge thank you to everyone who donated a shoe box this Christmas. We were over whelmed by the response and the animals had a wonderful day.



Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas fair and to all our wonderful stall holders and volunteers who helped us.



# Happy at last!



2015 has been a very good year for the dogs. So many have found wonderful new homes.

A lot of the dogs that we have handed over have behaviour problems which need training and time.

Credit to our staff who keep trying to help each dog and never give up what ever the issues.

The amount of time they spent with each dog is fantastic .

It just goes to show that every single dog has an owner out there somewhere, sometimes they have to wait a little longer.

All these dogs have been very well behaved and love their new families.



Did you know we have an Amazon wish list?

We are also in need of lots of different things for all the animals if you would like to treat them to something special please see our list via the website.

# Don't we look smart



Thank you to Kerry a super volunteer who made these wonderful bandanas. I think everyone would agree the boys look very sweet.

## Why do I need to have my rabbits neutered?

There are hundreds of thousands of unwanted animals in need of homes. Neutering stops animals from adding to this problem by having unwanted litters.

Neutering can help your rabbits to live longer and enjoy a better quality of life. It also reduces the risk of them developing some serious diseases – see below.

Up to 80% of un-neutered female rabbits can develop cancer of the uterus. So have your rabbit spayed to dramatically reduce this risk.

Spaying stops her from having unwanted babies. So she can live with another male rabbit, which is important for companionship.

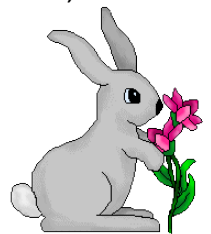
It can help to reduce aggression.

Neutering (castrating) male rabbits

Castration stops him from having unwanted babies. So he can live with another female rabbit, which is important for companionship.

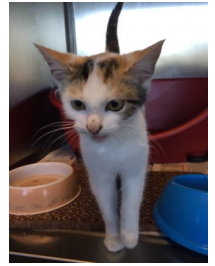
It can reduce urine spraying and aggression and other behavioural problems that are linked to hormones.

Ask your vet for advice if your rabbit has any behavioural problems.





## What should I do if I find a stray cat?



Councils and local authorities have no legal responsibility to deal with stray cats. While dog wardens have an obligation to take in stray dogs, this law does not apply to cats.

- Often cats seem to be strays but actually have a home. Due to their nature they do tend to roam and can appear to be lost.
- A cat that is hanging around looking for food, or trying to get into your house may have a home not far away, so you need to be sure they are genuinely homeless before assuming they are stray and either taking it to a rehoming centre, or deciding to take it in yourself.
- We suggest putting a paper collar on the cat you think might be a stray and writing a message and your telephone number on it asking the owner to call you if the cat is theirs.
- Ask your neighbours if their cat is missing or if they recognise the cat. There may well be someone searching frantically for their much loved lost pet.
- Consider putting up a 'found' poster with a photo of the cat and giving your contact details so the owner can get in touch if they see it.
- Many areas have 'lost and found pets' groups on Facebook, so have a look to see if there is one for your neighbourhood.
- Vets and rescue centres also keep lost and found lists, so make sure you check with those local to you too.
- Your local vet or rescue will also be able to scan the cat to see if it has a microchip.



**Always chip your pet  
to ensure you can be  
reunited**



## **Baxter is our longest resident at Animal Care**

Poor Baxter is our longest resident at Animal Care and has been waiting for a chance for over 2 years!! Baxter has his issues but nothing that can't be worked on with the right owner.

Baxter's ideal owner needs to be physically fit and able to control him on lead as he is a strong boy! (Baxter is a staffie cross Labrador so has a strong build and loves to walk miles.) They need to be able to give Baxter time to settle into his new home as 2 years is a long time to be in kennels.

He needs to be the only animal in his new home as he is not a fan of other dogs and he can become very vocal when he sees another dog on lead. The staff all love Baxter he gives the best cuddles and loves to snuggle up on your lap we really believe that his owner is out there somewhere. Please get in touch if you think you could be Baxter's super star.



**Can you help Baxter??**



Plans are already being made for events and fundraisers for 2016. If you would like to hold an event or invite us to an event please get in touch with Faye



The BIG open day will be in May like every year we have lots of things going on including a big dog show. If you would like to have your own stall at the event please let us know and we can book you a space early