

ANIMAL CARE

PAW PRINT NEWSLETTER

**April
2013**



**Animals rehomed
from July 2012 to
March 2013**

- Dogs = 195
- Cats = 375
- Other = 189

**Next fundraiser
coming up:**

ANIMAL CARE

OPEN DAY

Sunday 19th May 2013

10am to 3pm

At the Sanctuary

For more info or to
volunteer help for events
please ring 01524 65495
and ask for Faye or Linda

PENNIES FOR PEACHES!

Have you ever had chickenpox?
Have you ever had a really itchy rash?
Has your skin ever been so sore that all your
hair fell out?

This is what Peaches has felt like since the day
she was born but she couldn't tell anyone.
Peaches is just 9 weeks old!

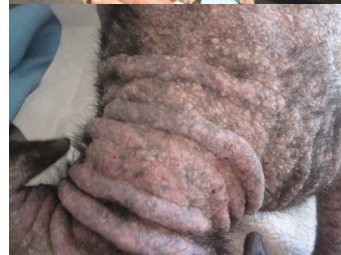
The photos speak a thousand words. Little
Princess Peaches was left to suffer the effects
of mange to the extent that she has not a hair
left on her body. Animal Care has offered to
take on Peaches and all her treatment from
the pound in Bolton. We want to end
Peaches suffering and get her back to health
as fast as possible. She is only a few weeks
old and deserves better than this. We aim to
do everything in our power to give this girl a
new start! This is shocking and totally
unnecessary story!

If you can help please support us by giving as
much as you can 10p or £10 every penny
counts! A just giving account has been set up
to help us pay for all her medication and care,
you can donate via

www.justgiving.com/pennies-for-peaches

Please help us to give Peaches the start in life
she deserves! Thank you

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PENNIES FOR PEACHES!

Animal Care have had Peaches now since 19th February 2013 which is when she started her treatment. She has a long way to go but is looking much better and her hair is starting to grow back.

This is all due to the kindness of the public, volunteers and supporters who have donated enough money to help us treat this lovely little puppy.

She is now developing quite a character and has touched the hearts of everyone at Animal Care.

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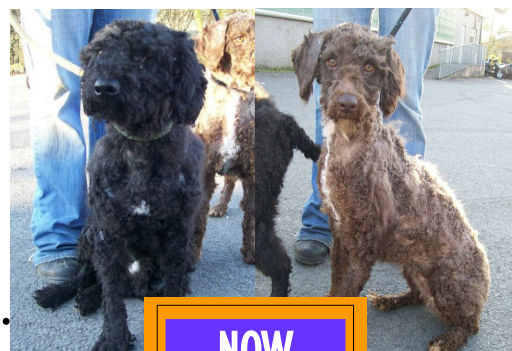
LEFT IN A MESS!

Bonnie and Shabby are Spanish Water Dogs, a breed which we have never had in the kennels before. Bonnie and Shabby were handed into us after their owners were unable to cope with them any longer; both dogs were covered head to toe in matts and were very nervous and stressed due to very little socialization in their past home. Bonnie and Shabby were both booked in at Lancaster Vet Centre where the hard working team of nurses spent four hours removing matts and bathing their sore skin!

After a week of training and working hard with both dogs we were delighted to see them coming out of their shells and meeting their real personalities, and what fantastic dogs they turned out to be! We made contact with Diane from Spanish Water Dogs Rescue who was brilliant and had endless information and knowledge on the breed. After 3 weeks both Bonnie and Shabby found fab new owners and have settled well in their new homes.



BEFORE



NOW

Dumped in the cold on the driveway!

Marshall, Ted and Barney were just left in a box at Animal Care on the driveway. It was a very cold, snowy day and they were just abandoned. Luckily a member of staff found them before anything bad happened to them and they were put in a room with a nice warm bed to curl up in, a full dish of food and a nice cuddle.

They were obviously quite upset and confused at first but it only took them a couple of hours to settle in and realise that they were safe and that we would look

after them. They are very handsome and friendly boys who love getting lots of fuss and attention.

They could have been put off people for life but they are very trusting and loving and just want lots of 'human' company and affection. After all they have been through they deserve to be blissfully happy in a wonderful home with a family who will love them always and take great care of them so they need never be scared and lonely again.



Please stop the pain!

Sally has come to us via Homeless Hounds after being rescued by them in quite a state. She was dirty, losing her fur, very sore and extremely depressed. As soon as she arrived we settled her in and gave her a bath and a good clean up so she is now feeling much more comfortable but she is still quite scared and unsure about where she is and why she is here!

After seeing the vet it was found that she has kennel cough which has been left untreated so she has a very sore throat and is finding it difficult to eat. She also has hair loss due to a flea allergy which has also gone untreated and very badly infected ears which has resulted in some hearing loss.

She is being given lots of TLC by the staff at the sanctuary and since being with us she has been extremely good-natured, very sweet and has loved getting lots of fuss and attention. She has been mixed with some dogs and has been fine with them.

We are hoping to find her a wonderful home with a caring and loving family who will help her put her traumatic past behind her and give her a happy future. She has probably been living in this state for years and

deserves to be settled in a new home soon where she can finally feel relaxed and loved.

If you think you could give this wonderful girl the home she desperately needs please pop up and meet her or give us a ring and we will give you further details on her.

Thank you.



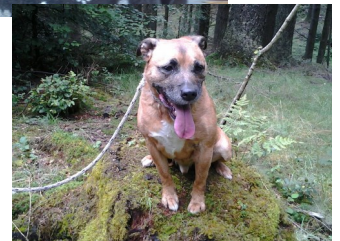
Happy Ever After Teddy!

5 years is a long time to wait for a home and poor Teddy spent everyone of those days hoping and waiting that the right person would come along but sadly no one even asked about him; being a large staffie was not in his favour as people are often put off or scared of this breed because they have heard or read horror stories!

But a dog is what you make it and it is never the dog and always the owner that creates the problems. People are too quick to blame the wrong end of the lead!

Teddy had issues around other dogs due to a bad past! But with months of training and lots of trust Teddy began to enjoy the company of other dogs he even started to play and smile! After spending so much time training Teddy he stole my heart and fitted in so well with my other 4 dogs, that on Christmas day we adopted him. He is now a member of our house hold and fits in like he has always been there! Giving Teddy that chance was the best thing I ever did and I would recommend to

anyone looking to adopt a new dog that looks are not everything and giving that dog a chance is well worth it and he/she will spend the rest of its life thanking you!



Can You Help!!!

We need a dedicated gardener who can help us clean up the site in the summer. A lot of areas are overgrown and need a lot of work. If you have the time to come up a few times a week to volunteer your help, we would be very grateful.

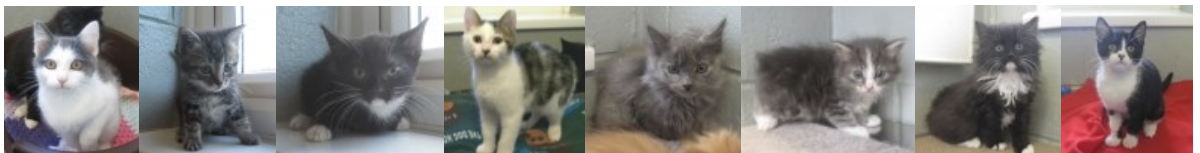


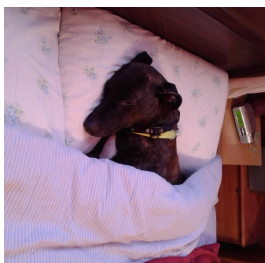
A huge Thank You to
Lune Valley Dog Club who
raised a wonderful
£1,500 for Animal Care



Urgent Appeal!!!

Kitten season is fast approaching. Even though our maternity unit has been full all year, we will see a huge increase as the weather gets warmer. We will be in need of kitten food and lots of it! If you pass one of our food bins in any of the super markets please drop in some kitten food or if you're passing we will always be very grateful to take it in at the centre! We often have 100's of hungry kittens to feed in the summer months so every tin will count! Thank you.





Gypsy has been looking for a home at

Animal Care for over 3 years we were very pleased when Carol and her family offered to give her a chance but we were all amazed to see how well and how fast Gypsy settled!

Carol says:

As we thought we'd never be a suitable home for a dog to live permanently in with having free ranging rats, rabbits, hens and guinea pigs as well as several cats, the ideal opportunity was to take up the chance of dog walking a long term resident from Animal Care. Plus with having a 2.5 year old, we'd soon know if a dog was safe to be around animals and toddlers. I loved the look of Gypsy as I think English Bull terriers are the most beautiful dogs and with Gypsy being a Staffordshire Whippet cross, she has that look about her. We knew we'd have to watch her like a hawk as she was greedy with food and snatched. But as she'd been in kennels for 3.5 years, since she was 6 months old, there was no real way of assessing how she was with anything in a home situation.

We picked her up on a Sunday, much to our daughter's delight, but we did explain we were just walking doggy, she wasn't staying, and we'd probably be taking her back the next day. To be fair, Gypsy was very excited at first and did scare the life out of the

Gypsy's Happy Ending!

cats and house bunnies, but there was no malicious intent. But almost instantly our toddler Anna could hand feed her. Not only hand feed her, but give Gypsy treats sometimes, and then change her mind at the last minute, snatch the treat back and eat it herself. Gypsy never grabbed or grumbled, although disappointment was written on her beautifully expressive face!

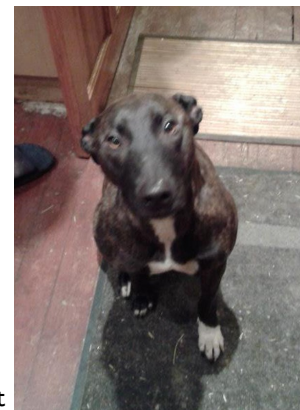
After a few days of the cats bashing her face every time Gypsy came near, they decided she wasn't worth the hassle and now only fall out with her when she wolfs their food (often). And this supposed lurcher slinks off into the bunny bed and hides behind the house bunnies when she gets told off for pinching food, or Anna is having a strop and Gypsy can't cope. Our house bunnies are used to coming and going so are fine with Gypsy. The bunnies outside are a bit more wary as when we let Gypsy out she just charges about like a mini tornado, giddy with excitement, but she's not interested in them. Her tail is a weapon on it's own when she wags it, but she never intends to hurt.

As for the rats, she has a very great respect for them because she knows they're boss, every time. She barks when they tease her by pulling her tail or biting her ears, but never goes for them. Obviously, she's a dog and we'll

never leave her alone with the small furries or our daughter, but

she's great with them when we're with her. It is heart breaking to think that this dog spent so long in kennels because she displayed bad traits that aren't issues now she's in a home environment. She comes to work with me, along with Anna, and is no trouble at all. We can leave her in the car for hours on end and she just has a nap to recharge her giddy batteries for when we return and the next bit of fun starts.

From the word go Gypsy was having none of that living outside rubbish and prefers our bed but happily sleeps in a dog crate at the foot of our bed, even if the door's left open, just so she can be near to us. She suffers terribly if we are separated. And by that I mean she can't settle until the three of us are in the same room together. She always wants to be near us and relishes human contact. But Chris is her favourite person in the world. She can't hold back the excitement when he comes home from work. If we had any, ornaments would be smashed with that whip of a tail and I literally have to scoop Anna up as she'd plough her over to get to her new Daddy. She's a great addition to the family.



Ferret Frenzy!!

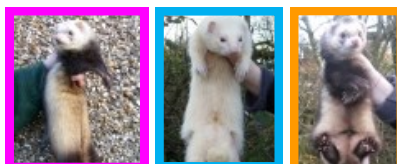
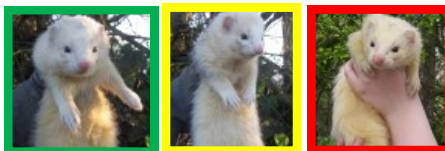
We currently have 6 ferrets needing new homes. We have males and females, different ages and pairs and single ferrets.

Ferrets make great pets and can become very friendly if given enough attention. They are very funny to watch playing and they have their own characters.

They do prefer to live in pairs but will live on their own if given

enough attention.

If you think you have enough room to rehome some ferrets please have a look at them on our website or drop in to the sanctuary and we will be happy to show you them.



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Wristbands now
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Fundraisers Coming Up:

- **Animal Care Open Day**, Sunday 19th May, 10am to 3pm
- **Barefest**, Bare Village, Saturday 8th June, 10am to 4pm.
- **Animal Care Big Fat Quiz of the Year**, Friday 5th July 7:30pm to late.
- **Charity Auction & Fun Night**, Friday 19th July, 7:30pm to late.

If you can offer help for any of the above events please ring Faye or Linda on 01524 65495. For more information about any of our events please check our website at www.animalcare-lancaster.co.uk and click on the Fundraising and Events page.



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Pony Rides
around the site!

Creepy Crawlies

Meet our Chicks!

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pet supplies

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Meet the Rabbits

Free bouncy castle for the kids

Music

Enter your dog into the Animal Care dog show and win some amazing prizes. SHOW STARTS AT 1PM

Lancaster & Morecambe the College

Cakes & Refreshments

RSPCA

With FREE pet microchipping

Lots of Stalls

AND LOTS AND LOTS MORE!!!

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Animal Care
Lancaster
presents...

CHARITY AUCTION & FUN NIGHT!

All proceeds to support our animals!

Friday 19th July 2013
The Strathmore Hotel, Morecambe

- The auction has celebratory signed photos, days out, meals out and much much more!
- Auction will be run by TV personality Paul Hayes who will also be playing in his band *The Paul Hayes Collection*
- Ticket price: £15 per person
Evening includes a sit down meal



Places are limited so book your place now!
Call 01524 65495 to purchase your tickets.



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