

## ANIMAL CARE

# PAW PRINT NEWSLETTER

**January  
2012**



**Animals rehomed  
from August 11 to  
December 11**

- Dogs = 80
- Cats = 148
- Other = 142

### **Next fundraiser coming up:**

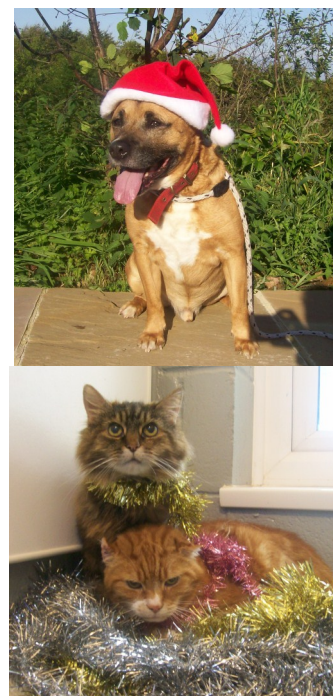
- **Sainsbury's  
Supermarket  
Collection Thursday  
5th April 2012  
10am to 6pm**

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

## CHRISTMAS JOY!

This year Animal Care had 5 Christmas events which altogether raised a massive **£3,670.64**. This amount is the best yet and we are extremely grateful to everyone who came to support us and the many volunteers who helped on the day. This money will go towards helping more animals. Every penny is much needed and we appreciate all your support.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!**



## Teddy Needs a Home!

Yet another Christmas for Teddy without his forever home.

This year has been a fantastic year for Teddy; Shining in his training he has exceeded all expectations and has made lots of doggie friends, his best friend being little AJ a fox terrier who loves to run round and play with Teddy all day.

Teddy is such a lovely dog, full of love and big brown eyes that melt your heart.

He is house trained, good with older kids, walks well on the lead and is a real star. Teddy has had a hard life and we have assured him 2012 is his lucky year. Please help it come true.



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## Foster Parents Needed!

In 2012 we will be putting a list together of foster parents who can help with our youngsters.

We really struggled in 2011 with the high amount of very young animals being abandoned on our doorstep - kittens as young as 3 days old and puppies at 6 weeks.

These poor animals don't stand a chance without someone who can feed, care for, and love them.

We are looking for experienced animal lovers to help with kittens, puppies and

rabbits. The staff can help with some basic teaching but experience is needed.

Foster care can be a lot of work and some very young animals need feeding every 2 hours, day and night, and need constant care, others just need a warm house and some extra cuddles.

These young animals which have had a very poor start can sometimes be very scared and need a few days with a foster parent to be

able to trust again. Young animals do 100% better in a warm loving home where they can get 24 hour care and become well socialised. We would love to hear from you if you have the time and knowledge to help us.

Please contact us with your details and we will be happy to add you to our foster list.

Please be aware that a lot of the animals will be scared and upset so a quiet, calm house is best.

Please email:

[abi@animalcare-lancaster.co.uk](mailto:abi@animalcare-lancaster.co.uk)



## Great News!!!

Tieylo, our longest feline resident, went to her new home on Thursday 15th December 2011.

She came to the sanctuary on 16 December 2010. So she has managed to find someone to love her just one day before she would have been with us for a year.

**Hope you will be very happy  
sweetheart! Good Luck.**

## Urgent Appeal!!!

Animal Care is in need of kitten and puppy food. If you have any spare or would like to donate some please do so. We will be very grateful.

We have food collection points in ASDA, Sainsburys,

Booths, Morrisons and Hala Pet Shop. If you could drop just one can into our box while on your shopping trip it would really make a difference.

Thank you from all the animals!



## Rabbits Happy At Last!

On 14th December 22 rabbits were removed from a home in which they were kept in horrible conditions.

The local RSPCA inspector rang for our help and we agreed to take 10 rabbits in. After the officer had removed all 22 rabbits he rang with very upsetting news that 16 were either already dead or had been put to sleep on veterinary advice..

We took in 6 female very skinny, but very sweet, girls. These 6 girls were kept in a hutch together 2 foot by 2 foot for most of their lives.

They are now in a run 8 foot by 8 foot and can't believe their luck! They enjoy running around and stretching their legs for the first

time and eating a good selection of vegetables. They also love a cuddle every day from our head rabbit carer Ann.

We would like to use this terrible incident to raise awareness that rabbits are pets which deserve as much attention as a cat or dog—not an animal to be left at the end of the garden and visited once a week as a chore.

They are sociable animals who like other rabbit companionship, or plenty of attention from people.

It is also so important to have your rabbits neutered to stop any unnecessary breeding, resulting in unwanted litters and overcrowded

pens.

The problem is getting bigger and for the first time we have been full to our capacity every day this year! If you are considering a pet rabbit or know anyone that is please ask them to visit us and have a look at our 24 rabbits waiting for their forever homes or come for a chat first. Any staff member will be happy to answer any of your questions.



## Sleep Well Joey!!!

Joey came to Animal Care on the 6th June 2006. Since then he has lived with us on site. He made lots of friends in his time at Animal Care, two legged and 4 legged. He was loved by all the staff and enjoyed his play time in the paddock.

Joey suffered from epilepsy and was on strong medication for 5 years. He did not let his illness stop him from running round the paddock and if you weren't careful knocking you flying!!

Joey's fits became worse over the last few months and he was clearly suffering.

On the 18th December 2011 Joey's fits were so bad we had no option but to call the vet out. It was with her advice that Joey was put to sleep. Joey had people round him who loved him and he went very peacefully.

Joey will always be remembered in all our hearts and although it's sad he did not find his forever home he was very much at home and happy at Animal Care.

All the staff will miss him dearly. A special thank you to the Rigby's who loved Joey and came to visit him each week to take him on a lovely walk.

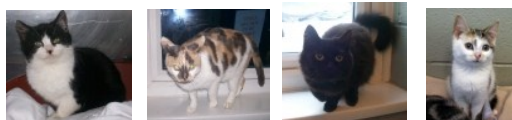
  
*Farewell*  
Good bye Joe xxxxx



## Cat Crisis!!

This year Animal Care had over 400 cats and kittens handed in from all over the north west. This year has seen a high increase of cats and kittens being dumped on the doorstep.

In the first week of October 2011 five cats were left abandoned in boxes by the Animal Care gates and one mother and kittens left in the rain.



We do all we can to help people on our waiting list as soon as we can but people are running out of options and finding the only thing they can do is to dump the cat and hope we find them.

We are receiving at least 5 phone calls a day from people desperately trying to rehome their cats or report a stray cat in their area. This problem is getting bigger every year.

Statistics show there are over 1 million stray cats in the UK.

Money and food for their care is low. We need all the help we can get from anybody who can donate food or money (how ever much) it all helps.

Kittens need special food and this is not cheap but we feel it is important for them to have the best start possible.





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## Fundraisers Coming Up:

- **Sainsburys Supermarket Collection,** Thursday 5th April, 10am to 6pm.
- **Morrisons Supermarket Collections,** Thursday 5th, Friday 6th, Saturday 7th April, 10am to 6pm.
- **Animal Care's Open Day,** Sunday 20th May, 10am to 3pm.
- **Morrisons Supermarket Collections,** Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, Saturday 25th August, 10am to 6pm.

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 out our website at [www.animalcare-lancaster.co.uk](http://www.animalcare-lancaster.co.uk) and click on the Fundraising and Events page.

## Car Stickers

Animal Care kindly had sponsorship from James Glass at Lancaster Vet Centre for car stickers advertising the Sanctuary.

We are giving them away free to people adopting animals, or anyone who wants one, to help get our name out and about. If you want a sticker you can pick one up at the new reception between 10am to 3pm any day.

Thank you for supporting Animal Care!

Animal Care are taking part in a massive hen rescue. 1,400 battery hens have been rescued from the battery farm they have been stuck in for most of their lives. Please check your local rescue centre if you can offer a hen a new home. Animal Care has 24 hens in need of a new home, and we will help more when we have room. If you can offer them a new life please call us on 01524 65495 or email [abi@animalcare-lancaster.co.uk](mailto:abi@animalcare-lancaster.co.uk)

Hens make fun pets, love to live in groups, and can be very friendly and loving.

