

Carla Lane Animals In Need

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Summer 2014 Newsletter



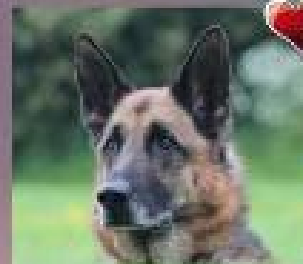
HARRY
Tied to a gate



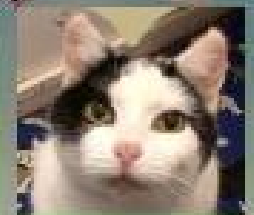
CASSIE
Too long in kennels



TABOUR – Seeking special home



GEORGE 8yrs old
Unwanted



FIZZ 14yr old
Left to die

Dear Friends and Kind Supporters, It's hard to believe that half of the year has flown by, yet we still have so much work to do at the Sanctuary. The fine weather is ideal for the building work and completing all those running repairs that need doing every year, in and around the Sanctuary grounds. It's never ending and the phone never stops ringing. Of course the work with the animals takes up the bulk of our time, looking after their needs and enriching their lives is the most important aspect of Sanctuary Life. It hasn't been an easy Spring and Summer due to the sheer volume of animals, cats and dogs especially, that are needing our care. The plight of the dogs is desperate. There are so many abandoned and unwanted—25,000 little Staffies and cross breeds were destroyed for want of a good home last year alone.

We have been fortunate over the last few months to secure a good number of reliable, responsible homes for some of the Staffies and even the larger long term Bull Breeds, like Lynx, pictured below. So this dispels the myth that nobody wants a Staffie as they are difficult to rehome. They are not, there are just so many all competing for that special home. By having faith and believing in them, it can be done.

Update on Special Care Unit

Building work is now in full flow, our dream is becoming a reality. By the end of the year we will have our special new unit where vulnerable animals will be cared for and the much needed extra space for reception, offices, utility and meet-&-greet rooms for the dogs and prospective new owners. It's so hard to introduce dogs to new owners in the winter and when it's pouring with rain. A big Thank You to all our friends and supporters who have made our dream become a reality.

We hope to see all our friends at our Summer Fun Dog show on 20th July at Lydiate Parish Hall or our show on 5th October. PLEASE BRING A TIN OF PET FOOD—IT REALLY HELPS. We need Bonie, Shapes & Dreamies for the cats. We are very grateful to you, our kind supporters and send our best wishes from 4 and 2 legged friends at CLAIN

My name is **TANYA**. I'm 11mths old. I was at the dog pound & about to be taken for my final walk ever to the vet. In the nick of time, the kind people at CLAIN saved my life. I now need a home. I'm good with all people & dogs.

You know we couldn't do it without you,
From Fran Ellis, Caroline Cassidy,
Trustees Margaret Brady & Ann Lea,
Manager Cathy Billington & staff

We hope when you open the newsletter you have a glimpse of what we see every morning when we walk through the sanctuary gates. It's a wonderful sight but tinged with sadness because of all the appealing little faces don't have a home of their own. Please help us change this.



MERLIN & MERRYLEGS



TINY TIM

LYNX
AT LAST I'VE
GOT A HOME!

Sanctuary Life



LYDIA



DAINTY



WHISKEY



TANYA



RODNEY

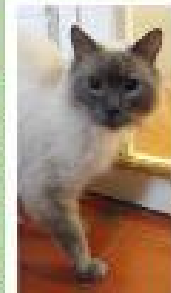


ALICE

Our Cattery — Where friendships are made



To the Ark, the animals came in two by two,
Well that's what we're told in the tables of old,
To us, the animals come in, Four by four,
Day by day, more and more.
Through the Sanctuary's ever open door
To a place of safety, A haven where,
They find food, warmth and loving care
Supported by friends of Animals In Need
We thank you and bless you.
You are friends indeed. *Pearl Webster*



CLARANCE



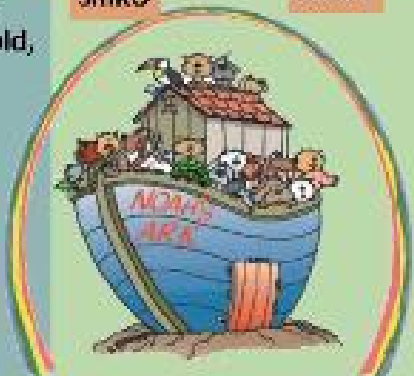
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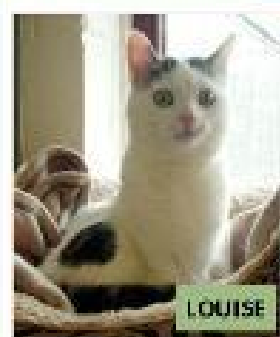
SHIRO



DAVEY



TINY TIM



LOUISE

Lovely Louise
begging for a
home. Found In
a rat trap as a
kitten. Gentle,
shy needs a
loving owner.



ROSE RONNIE, REA & RYAN



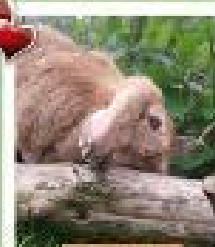
REA



SANDY



MERLIN



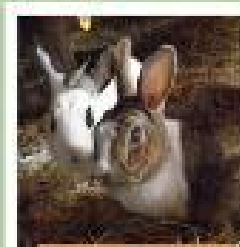
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HAZEL



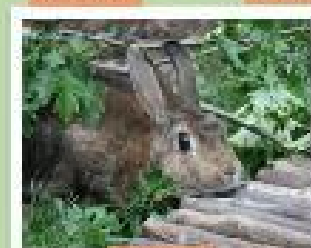
TOM



THEO & WAFFLE



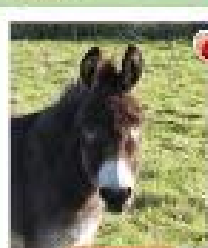
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MICKEY



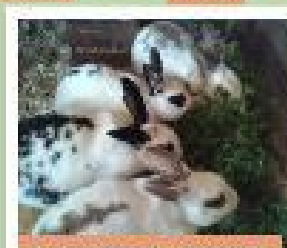
ROLO



JACKO



PADDY



COMMET & FRIENDS

Welcome To Our World



We know that you will agree that everyone of these worthy little faces deserves a loving home. There are too many to do individual write ups, they just need kind owners, someone to love them. Please let that be you. For every one homed, another dog, cat or rabbit in a dangerous situation can have sanctuary at our rescue centre. It has never been so urgent— Please share and find homes for these abandoned animals.



Fundraising & the special role we play in the community

Pets At Home—Aintree

We were so proud to be chosen as one of the VIP partners for Pets At Home, Aintree. There are many benefits, as well as being able to hold collections and in-store awareness days, we were also very fortunate to receive a cheque for £1,011. The Aintree Store raised the amazing total of £2,022 by running the VIP scheme and this was shared by ourselves and another deserving cause, Shyloven Horse Rescue. You can contribute to this by signing up and joining the Pets At Home VIP club. As well as great benefits to the individual you'll earn 'lifelines' for good causes like ours.

We have also been shortlisted for one of their special awards.



QVC chosen charity update. As our supporters are aware we were chosen as QVC charity for the first quarter of this year. We were asked to attend a presentation and were awarded a cheque for £20,419.50. WOW We would like to say thank you to all at QVC who helped this magnificent amount. Especially to Carol Houghton, who has worked tirelessly for years to get us recognised by QVC as one of their charities.

THANK YOU CAROL—YOU DID IT!



VOLUNTEERS—We urgently need helpers for our stalls and Fun Dog Show as well as dog walkers, over the age of 16, at the Sanctuary.

We Are Desperate For Cake Bakers.



WARREN FARM—Our boarding facility is now running to full capacity. The renovations are complete. Bookings are being taken on **01704 227 830**, with special prices for rescue dogs, cats and rabbits.

Warren Farm also provides a temporary home to many rescue dogs awaiting a space at the Sanctuary. They are housed in a separate rescue unit, all hoping for a loving permanent home. We can arrange for visitors to greet & meet these dogs.

If you live in Southport area and could spare a few hours a week to volunteer, please contact us. We need dog walkers and general helpers. Sadly we cannot have volunteers under the ages of 16 yrs.



Bobby

SAVING POUNDIES
Giving them the future they deserve

Thank you to **Southport Animal Welfare Group** for their generous donation and to everybody who has given support, food, items for sale and their time this year. **We couldn't do it without you.**

TRUE COLOURS — Our Poundie Campaign

Bobby is a testament to the success of our work with dogs like him. We believe that when they show their 'true colours' people are amazed how worthy, affectionate and loyal these dogs are. Sadly, many don't make it to us and are destroyed daily. For every pound that you give, we can help save more of little dogs like Bobby, who is now in a loving, responsible home. **He has a future** and with your help so can others who are on death row.

Gift Aiding your donation or a regular £2 a month through the bank can, make a big difference.

Homeward Bound



Bess 10yrs (deaf) was one of the dogs seized & destroyed

Sadly we are still having to give support to owners of exempted dogs. I think we have said before that none of these dogs have done anything wrong and yet over 22 were destroyed in the last months. Heartbroken owners have consulted a solicitor, Parry Welch Lacey (0151 480 4061). They are giving support and advice and have also launched a judicial review. **It is their belief that the dogs were unlawfully destroyed.**

There are still a number of dogs with responsible owners that have yet to be processed through the court. Again, the dogs have been seized, even though there has been no wrong doing. It is assumed that they are a banned breed and the owners have to go to court to ask for them to be exempted. Although you would expect this to be a straightforward procedure, when it is a nice dog and a good owner, this is not the case. Other authorities process the dogs quickly, but on Merseyside they can languish for many months in kennels whilst the owners await a hearing date. The costs can run into thousands for kennelling and the owners are expected to find this money as well court fees for the civil proceedings. It is not classed as a criminal matter.

As well as the stress to the dog and the suffering that the owners go through, there is the awful impact of the costs and how they find the money. **We ask any dog lover reading this to put your self in this position.** One day after a knock at the door your beloved 5yr old pet is taken away, you don't know where or when you will ever see him again. You are asked to sign a piece of paper to have him destroyed otherwise you are told you will face huge fees if you stand by your dog. **These people stand by their dogs—that speaks volumes.**

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our **Homeward Bound Appeal** to help support the owners of these poor forsaken dogs. We are asking everyone who can empathise with this to make a small donation to the **Appeal Fund**. We have voiced our concerns by writing to the Chief Constable and Commissioner.



TAZ & SPUD. Their responsible owner and her son got Taz as a very young puppy and Spud at 6mths old. They are brothers, but the people who took Spud on couldn't keep him. They adore each other and are gentle and obedient. They live with an 11yr old Labrador and elderly Grandmother. These dogs are loved members of the family. The police came and

took the dogs away. The officer who assessed the dogs said they were friendly & enjoyed being handled. Yet they were recently sentenced to death in court. The family are now having to appeal at Crown Court to save their beloved pets at great expense.



SPECIAL CARE UNIT PHOTO UPDATE

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES IN EACH NEWSLETTER

We should be well on the way to completion by the Autumn. The roof is now off & the structural metal beams are in place. By the time you are reading this, the roof will be in place and the building sealed.

We are looking for sponsorship for kennels and pens within the unit, also our **'Buy A Brick'** campaign is still running. Recognition of donations and plaques will be displayed in the unit

