



Margaret Green
Animal Rescue

Summer 2025

Red

1 of 10 innocent dogs
who arrived in desperate
need of help and a safe
haven.

A Second Chance

Your support enables us
to be there for vulnerable
animals, like Red, that have
faced the harsh reality of
irresponsible breeding.



Est: 1965

www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1167990

Celebrating 60 Years of Rescue!

We're thrilled to bring you this special edition of our magazine as we celebrate 60 years of Margaret Green Animal Rescue. It's been six decades since Margaret founded the charity, and we're honoured to continue her mission of helping rescue animals. We can't wait to see where the next 60 years take us!



Sadly, irresponsible breeding is one of the biggest challenges we face today. Backyard breeding is causing heartbreak for so many vulnerable animals, and like other rescues, we're left to pick up the pieces. We'd love for you to read about the 10 dogs that we recently saved from this harsh reality. With your support, we can continue to give them the second chance they deserve.



Looking for fundraising inspiration? Our amazing Animal Rescue Carer, Shanade, recently took on her first Ultra White Collar Boxing match - after 8 weeks of intense training, she won and raised an incredible £935 for MGAR! Having rehomed her horse, Kiera, from us and seeing the impact of our work firsthand, she was determined to give back. We're so proud of her!



We've got lots of exciting events planned for our 60th anniversary, so stay tuned on our website, social media, and e-newsletter for updates. If you're planning your own fundraiser, let us know at comms@MGAR.org.uk we'd love to support you.

Wishing you a fantastic summer,

Nigel Mason
CEO



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Honouring Margaret Green's Legacy

Margaret Green founded our charity in 1965 alongside her father, Jerry Green, driven by incredible strength and determination.

From the start, she championed rescue, veterinary care, welfare support, and pet boarding, always putting animals first. Margaret passed away in 2009, but her legacy lives on as we continue to rescue and rehome hundreds of animals each year - just as she envisioned.

Please see **back cover** for more ways to **get involved** with our

60th
Anniversary
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1963

Church Knowle
Land acquired near Wareham, in Dorset

1965

Charity registered
Margaret Green officially registers the charity

1987

Lincoln Farm
Transformed from breeding kennels to a rescue centre

1992

Wingletang
Devon site opened to rescue both dogs and cats

Celebrate our 60th with us!

Novelty Dog Show (Devon)
Sunday 8th June

Country Dog Show (Dorset)
Sunday 10th August

Walkies for Rescue (Devon)
Sunday 7th September





Popsy

We firmly believe that animals should never be exploited for entertainment. We remain committed to giving these retired racers the bright futures they deserve.

From Racing to Rescue

At Margaret Green Animal Rescue, we've recently welcomed a high number of ex-racing Greyhounds into our care. Many need costly veterinary treatment for racing-related injuries, yet their resilience and loving natures inspire us every day.

Four of our recent arrivals - Barry, Charlotte, Popsy, and Bonny Boy - raced an incredible 235 times despite being only 2 to 6 years old. Greyhounds like them deserve a future free from exploitation, yet they're often overlooked for rehoming. In reality, they make wonderful, affectionate companions who love nothing more than a comfy sofa and a kind human.

If you're looking for a loyal friend, please consider rehoming a Greyhound, as April was Greyhound Adoption month!



Visit our website
Meet the dogs waiting for their forever homes.
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Bonny Boy



Charlotte



Barry



Timothy and Forest's surgeries cost over

£1,600

in total

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Two Brave Boys

Like many animals who come into our care, Timothy and Forest didn't have the easiest start in life. Both suffered serious injuries that needed major surgery.



Timothy

At just 4 months old, Timothy was found as a stray and brought to us with a tail pull injury and an old pelvic fracture. With no feeling in his tail, amputation was the best option for his comfort and well-being. After recovering in our cattery, this sweet boy recently found his loving forever home!



Forest

Forest was abandoned at the vets with a severely dislocated and fractured leg. He needed urgent surgery to amputate the limb, but he's adapting beautifully to life on three legs. With his stunning green eyes and loving nature, we know that he won't be waiting long for a family to call his own.

Through your generosity, we can provide the expert care and surgeries that animals like Timothy and Forest need. Every donation, big or small, helps give them a second chance at happiness.



Want to help us?
Please donate today.
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Meet the Team



Volunteer Spotlight

Celebrating our amazing volunteer, Chris! After receiving a special award, we caught up with Chris to learn more about his role...

Q: How long have you been volunteering at MGAR, and what do you do?

A: Since August 2023. I help with housekeeping at Lincoln Farm, ensuring reception and meeting rooms are tidy, assist with dog assessments, and take a dog for an off-site walk each week.

Q: What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

A: Having time to help find forever homes for the animals. Walking the dogs in the Dorset countryside is much better than sitting in front of a computer all day!

Q: Tell us about your recent award!

A: The team nominated me for a Hidden Heroes award from Room to Reward, a charity that gives volunteers a donated hotel or holiday park break. It was such an honour!

We're so grateful to Chris for his dedication. Volunteers are vital to MGAR, from caring for animals to helping in shops and at events. If you'd like to get involved, get in touch!



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Lambing Season: Preventing livestock chasing starts at home

By Nicola Chamberlain, Clinical Animal Behaviourist



Nicola plays a vital role in ensuring the animals in our care receive the best support. By understanding animal behaviour, we can improve rehoming success, educate owners, and promote responsible pet ownership.

This month, Nicola shares some insights about Lambing Season (March to May) and its impact on our dogs. With more people out enjoying the

countryside, it's important to remember that many incidents involving dogs and livestock happen when dogs escape gardens or break free from their owners.

Even though many breeds are bred not to harm livestock, the chase instinct remains strong. A playful chase can cause harm - panicked sheep may abort pregnancies or become separated from their lambs. Many escapee dogs act out of anxiety or frustration, and once loose, their instincts can take over.

It costs us

£15,500

a year to supply our animals with all the **food** and **nutrients** they need

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How to Keep Dogs and Livestock Safe

As you enjoy the countryside, consider:

Secure your garden

Keep your dog safe and comfortable.

Meet your dog's behavioural needs

Mental stimulation and calm time are essential.

Check walking equipment

A well-fitting harness and secure lead reduce risk.

Train recall regularly

Reward-based training reduces anxiety and reinforces good behaviour.

Use a longline

Provides controlled freedom in unfamiliar areas.





When a new horse enters our care, it costs us at least £500 to arrange their vital medical tests and vaccinations.

Meet Jerry

Jerry, a 19-year-old Cob, arrived at Church Knowle in March, and we instantly fell in love with his gentle nature. He had spent years as a carriage driver for people with disabilities, bringing joy to many. Sadly, when his charity lost their land, they had to find him a new home.

We were grateful to step in, ensuring he received the necessary health checks before settling in with our other rescue horses. Saying goodbye must have been heartbreaking for his former carers, but we're relieved to offer him a safe and loving place.

Each new horse costs at least £500 in medical care, adding strain to our funds. Thanks to your kindness, we can continue to give horses, like Jerry, the second chance they deserve. We truly couldn't do it without you!



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8 Dogs in a Caravan

Warning: You may find some images distressing. A man from Devon was recently banned from keeping animals for life after dogs were found living in horrific conditions in a static caravan in Devon.

Sadly, 3 dogs had already passed away. We were able to rescue and care for 8 of the dogs, who have now found loving homes and are thriving. We're grateful to share their inspiring transformation with you. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our supporters – without you, none of this would be possible. Your generosity makes all the difference.



Dougal: before



Dougal: after



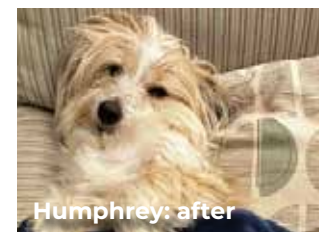
Pickle: before



Pickle: after



Humphrey: before



Humphrey: after



Gerald: before



Gerald: after

We spend around
£12,000
per month on
medical care for
our animals

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Happy Tails

We couldn't resist sharing some of the heartwarming updates we have received from our ex-residents & their new families...

Maya (was Poppet)

We just wanted to send you an update on Maya - she is doing great! She recalls to her name, enjoys being with us and Josh, our other dog, takes good care of her.

Dani, Shirley, Josh & Maya



Taffy & girls

I thought you'd like to see that Taffy and his girls have settled straight in and are enjoying the grass. One of our girls greeted the new ladies like long lost sisters. They all seem very happy so far!

Susie



Max

Max is settling in well and his character is certainly unique! It's hilarious having a dog with such high demands & sass, but that's always been what we find most amusing about Huskies. He very much likes his butt scratches, they seem to be his go-to reward, and he loves sitting in the window, watching the world go by without a fuss.

Ricky & Annie



Charlie (was Toby)

After being with us for 219 days, do you think Charlie is happy in his forever home?!



Don't forget to join our 'MGAR Forever Homes Stories' Facebook group to share your adventures with us and your fellow rehomers!

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A chance to win £10,000 whilst helping rescue animals!

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Grand Prize Draw

Fancy winning **£1,000?**

Enter our Grand Draw to be in with the chance of winning 3 fantastic cash prizes, whilst making a direct impact to rescue animals in need.



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mgar-summer-grand-draw](http://www.peoplesfundraising.com/mgar-summer-grand-draw)



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Celebrate 60 Years With Us!

As we mark this special occasion, we'd love for you to create your very own fundraising challenge to raise money for us!

Whether you would like to walk 60 miles, swim 60 lengths, bake 60 cakes or wash 60 cars, there are lots of ways that you can get involved!



Ready to take part?

Let us know your plans at
comms@MGAR.org.uk today!
Stay tuned on our website and
social media pages to join
the celebrations.

