

# Winter 2024

Margaret Green Animal Rescue

# Lexi

A very young cat, who arrived heavily pregnant and in need of a helping hand.

### **Homeless & Helpless**

Your kindness directly helps to give vulnerable cats, like Lexi, the support and love they deserve

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### Hello

A happy, festive season to you, and thank you for continuing to be by our side during these challenging times.

Throughout this year, we have been responding to the extreme numbers of unwanted kitten litters who have needed us – the

highest numbers we have seen for a very long time. We have also looked after lots of horses, including two lovely lads who arrived via the RSPCA, and, until reaching us, had never experienced the basic levels of care a horse could or should expect to receive. As improving welfare is at the heart of what we do, we are thrilled to introduce you to Nicola, our new Clinical Animal Behaviourist, who will oversee the rehabilitation of our rescue animals, and design behaviour plans to help support our animals through their complete rehoming journey.

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#### Nigel Mason CEO

#### A message from Nicola

"It's a pleasure to be joining the MGAR family, and I'm excited about working alongside our teams, rehomers and volunteers, to enhance welfare. We aim to keep as many animals in loving homes as possible, by providing advice and life-long aftercare support."



### **Grand Draw**



Every £1 ticket bought gives you the chance to win £1,000, £250 and £50. Each complete book of tickets purchased could help fund urgent veterinary care for our most vulnerable friends. Don't delay, grab yours today...for the opportunity to become our latest winner! All funds raised when you take part, support and care for our rescue animals.

#### Keep in touch

Please visit our website:

www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk

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Simba, who was rehomed by his 'paw-rents' from us

# Share the love

With the New Year fast approaching, are you busy making plans for your wedding or civil partnership?

If you're looking for a way to make a 'pawsitive' difference on your magical day, support rescue animals with our new wedding stationery.

Choose from our two beautiful designs, which can be given to your guests to proudly show your dedication. Not only will they be a gorgeous addition to your reception, but they will also give your kind guests the opportunity to share the love by making a donation towards animals who have no voice to ask for help.

If you would like to join us on this journey of animal rescue, we'd love for you to celebrate your special life event with us by getting in touch.



Here to help you Our friendly team will be pleased to tell you more: e: comms@mgar.org.uk t: 0330 400 6670



### Homeless & helpless

This summer, we took in four 10-week-old Cocker Spaniel puppies who were looking for new forever families to call their own.

Being worth a fortune once upon a time, these little ones were now a struggle for their breeder to sell on, and were left homeless and in need of the consistent routine that is so important to pups at this crucial age.

This would have been a very rare occurrence for us pre-Covid, but we are seeing an increasing number of young puppies, and kittens, entering our care as they become harder to sell. Reacting to cases like this means our focus and resources are being taken away from urgent welfare cases.

We can't imagine how daunting it must be for these sweethearts, who want nothing more than for a loving family to come & sweep them off their paws.

With your support, we are able to continue to care for vulnerable animals, like Disney, Warner, Pixar & Foxie, and give them the second chance they deserve.

### A fresh start for Marshall

When lovely boy, Marshall, arrived, he was in desperate need of our help. His eyes were sore & inflamed, and we knew he required immediate medical attention.

Upon inspection, we found that Marshall had severe bilateral entropion, which meant that both of his eyelids were rolling inwards and causing terrible irritation to his eyes.

The friction from his fur and eyelashes touching his eyeballs must have been extremely painful, and this condition unfortunately led to Marshall also having conjunctivitis.

It was heartbreaking to see his discomfort and, if left untreated, this could have caused life-altering complications for Marshall, who, at only 2 years old, has so much life to enjoy. We made this beautiful lad as comfortable as we could, and took him to our dedicated vets to receive the corrective surgery he urgently needed.

We were thrilled that the operation was a success, and, as he started his recovery, it was a real joy to see Marshall's gorgeous personality begin to blossom and the sparkle return in his eyes, which were now free from pain. We are so pleased that this affectionate soul has now gone to his loving forever home, where he has started the next chapter of his happy life with his new family.

Your donations make an unbelievable difference to animals, like Marshall, and enable us to provide them with the life-saving medical treatment they may need.





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### Love rescue? Sponsor us today!

As costs soar and the number of animals requiring our support continues to rise, we need your help, more than ever. Sponsoring gives the charity a regular income, meaning we have the ability to forward plan.

By becoming a sponsor, from just £5 per month, you will have a direct, positive impact upon the animals who enter our care, and are in desperate need of love, patience & a helping hand. Whether you decide to sponsor our dogs, cats or farmies, our rescue residents will be so grateful for your support and will enjoy keeping in touch with their yearly update!

Scan the QR code to start your sponsorship journey with us today:





From supplying their tasty food to providing a comfortable bed, shelter, rehabilitation and veterinary care, your support will go directly towards our animals' welfare.

#### A second chance

Imagine having nowhere to call home at just 8 weeks old. That is how six Bulldog puppies may have felt when they arrived with us. At such a young, tender age, it was incredibly important to give them the very best starts in life, and get them ready to find their forever homes as soon as possible.

Situations like this put a strain on our resources, and require a lot of time & dedication from our teams, who work around the clock to keep them happy & comfortable. We are so thankful to our sponsors for helping us to be here to guide them on their happiness journeys.

Sponsor today, and help to provide their safe haven whilst they await their very own special someone.



#### **Ted and Nifty**

These boys were brought to us by the RSPCA earlier this year. They had been living amongst many other horses, and their environment was far from ideal. They had left their stable less than a handful of times, throughout many uncomfortable years.

As they settled into life at our rescue, it was an absolute joy for the team to see them begin to explore

#### Our brave girl

When little Lyra entered our care, we couldn't begin to imagine the pain & irritation she must have been experiencing. She had inflamed sores all over her body, particularly along her neck & shoulders, and some were so raw that they had started to bleed.

It was discovered by our vet that she has Chronic Active Dermatitis, which had sadly their fields. The freedom they felt must have been beyond anything they had ever experienced before, and we were so pleased to be able to give them the medical care, rehabilitation & kindness they had longed for.

By sponsoring our farmies, you can help us to change their lives for the better, and set them on their paths to new beginnings.

been left untreated and had started to get much worse. With many trips to the vets and lots of perseverance, Lyra's skin condition slowly started to improve, and she became ready to find the loving home that this affectionate girl so deserved.

By sponsoring our cats, you can help us to treat feline friends in need, like Lyra, and get them back on their paws. We have been asked to **help 38** homeless horses so far this year

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**Future Care** 

"What if I pass

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We understand

that this is a deep

concern for many



### Wrapped Up With Love

Could you help us to give our homeless animals the happiness they deserve this festive season?

There's no greater feeling than uniting our rescue animals with their loving new families, but sadly not all of our furry or feathered friends will be so lucky this Christmas.

If you would like to help us make tails wag, noses twitch and eyes sparkle with delight, then we'd love for you to send a gift this winter.

#### You can either...



Donate Towards the vulnerable animals in our care, whilst they await their forever homes **3 Fill** A shoebox with g for your chosen sp and drop it into you nearest centre or charity shop

www.mgar.org.uk/donate

**Fill** A shoebox with goodies for your chosen species, and drop it into your

### Legacy of Love

### Help for your best friend, peace of mind for you.

With our free Future Care service, we promise to take your four-legged friend into the safety of our care, and give them all the support they need, for as long as it takes, whilst we search for their best possible home.

Our experienced staff dedicate their time to finding loving owners, who will take care of all your companion's needs, and bring them the happiness they deserve.

Sign up to our free Future Care service today by getting in touch to request an application form. We promise to love them, just like you do.



Here to help you Contact our caring team: e: LegacyOfLove@mgar.org.uk t: 0330 400 6670

There are 76 rabbits on our rescue waiting list at any one time

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#### **Your Impact**



## A tough start for Tommy

This beautiful Greyhound arrived in May, when his racing days were over, and we noticed he was showing signs of discomfort in his hind legs & hips when walking.

Following an x-ray, we could see that he had symptoms of Lumbosacral disease, which affects the joints and nerve tissue in the lower back of dogs and, very sadly, isn't uncommon in ex-racing Greyhounds. It was upsetting for us to discover this condition in Tommy, as all we wanted was for him to quickly find the retirement home he deserves, so he can put his paws up and enjoy all the luxuries that homelife has to offer.

Not only did we start to give Tommy some pain relief, which made a considerable difference right away, but he has also been the lucky recipient of canine physiotherapy. An incredibly kind volunteer started transporting him to Somerset, where the Physiotherapist was offering these all-important sessions free of charge! The impact this therapy has had on Tommy has been phenomenal, as he is visibly much happier and his movement is a lot looser.

It has been a pleasure to see the progress Tommy has made, and we can't wait to find him the 'pawfect' home to settle into, now that he's ready to begin this next adventure with a loving family.



### Not one, or two, but three success stories!

When Pudding & Pie entered our care back in 2020, we instantly knew that they were going to become firm favourites at Church Knowle.

This cheeky pair arrived due to their previous owner having to move into new accommodation, which sadly meant they couldn't take Pudding & Pie with them.

We soon discovered what great characters this loveable duo would be, and they certainly kept us on our toes with their fun antics!

We wanted to find a new home for them, where they could enjoy the company of their new family and continue their favourite hobby of 'landscaping' their paddocks.

We often find that farm animals stay in our care longer than other species, which was unfortunately the case for dear Pudding & Pie, as they patiently waited almost 4 years to find their loving forever home. It was definitely worth the wait, as we were thrilled to receive an enquiry from a fabulous rehomer this year, who was eager to not only offer Pudding & Pie a new home, but also one of our senior goats called Billy, too!

As bittersweet as it was for us to wave 'goodbye' to the trio, especially after caring for Pudding & Pie for so many years, we couldn't be happier to know that they were all trotting off to start this special chapter of their lives.

It has been a joy to see them all settling so well into their surroundings, and building such a wonderful bond with their new guardian.

For any questions about rehoming, please contact our centres directly, where the teams will be very happy to help you. It costs almost **£7k** per day to ensure our animals have everything they need

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#### **Beatrix (was Thelma)**

It's hard to believe a whole year has passed since we rehomed Beatrix! She's settled very comfortably with us. Although still a bit 'spicy,' she enjoys spending hours on my lap, and loves all the fuss & attention we give her. She's also taken to curling up on the bed for morning lie-ins. We have to look out for the occasional 'ankle ambush' when going up the stairs, but she always redeems herself with a 'purr' and friendly rub against our legs.

#### Robin

#### Chutney

I have just been for a walk with Chutney, and now he's relaxing after some scrambled eggs. Chutney & Bessy have gradually become closer, and we have been surprised to see how good he has been with Archie, our parrot! He is really friendly with people and the other dogs we have met, too. We would like to thank you so much for making our family complete.

#### Steve, Laura, Bessy & Chutney



#### Sampson

Sampson seems very happy in his new home and is giving us lots of joy! He loves to watch out of the window of our van when we take him out to a nearby enclosure to work on his recall. He gets two walks each day, and we finish with a run in the park, so he can burn off his energy. We think you do an amazing job with all the animals you take in, and appreciate the hard work you put in to keeping them safe & happy.

#### Mike & Donna





Your opinion is 'im-paw-tant'! Complete our first-ever charity survey & have your say!

Scan the QR code to find out how or visit: www.surveymonkey.com/r/ MGAR-HASurvey

