



Margaret Green
Animal Rescue

Summer 2023

Thelma

A 15-year-old Kune Kune pig whose new friendship has filled our hearts with joy

Read more on page 10

Post-Pandemic Pups

With your help, we can ensure they receive the care and best possible start in life they deserve

Welcome

Winter was tough, wasn't it? The very cold weather meant that, just like you, we needed to turn up the heating in order to keep our rescue animals feeling as happy and healthy as they deserve to be. With energy bills soaring at an unprecedented rate, our running costs have been higher than ever before. We are incredibly grateful for our loyal and dedicated supporters, like you, who have been getting us through.



It's a pleasure to be bringing you updates about what we've been doing over the last 6 months to help the animals who've needed us, and to offer support to those who are struggling to care for their pets. A particularly prominent case for us was the rescue of 96 desperate little dogs from one house. You can learn more about this story, the magical way you came out in force to support these dogs, and read about the many happy rehomes we are proud to have matched on pages 16 - 17.

We are thrilled to have kicked off our 2023 calendar of events, celebrating all things 'rescue' and 'rehome,' with our Wingletang centre's superbly well-supported Sponsored Walk. It was a pleasure to have seen so many friendly faces alongside their four-legged friends, and it has made us all very excited for the rest yet to come. You can find out more about our summer of events on page 5.

The improvements to our Wingletang centre continue, as our top kennel block is being refurbished to provide the state-of-the-art facilities our rescue dogs deserve. In our experience, we recognise the importance of providing animals with a calm and relaxing environment whilst they await their loving, forever homes. You can read more about the benefits of our new and updated facilities on page 7.

We are starting to take in a large number of puppies and young dogs that have been bred to meet the high demand that we saw during lock down. However, that same level of demand no longer exists, yet these animals are still being bred. Gone are the days when backyard breeders could charge thousands of pounds for a 'designer' puppy, so we're asking for your help in supporting our Post-Pandemic Pups.

Last, but definitely not least, I'd like to introduce you to my new best friend, Peter. Please turn to page 18 to discover our story.

Nigel Mason
CEO

Your chance to WIN £1,000 and rescue animals at the same time!

Entering our Summer Grand Draw costs just £1 per ticket. Every ticket purchased gives you the chance to win the fantastic first prize of £1,000!

Tickets will be drawn on Friday 18th August. Be sure to grab your tickets soon to have the opportunity to win 1 of 3 fantastic cash prizes. All funds raised will go directly towards supporting and caring for our rescue animals.

Keep in touch

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www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk

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Fundraising



Who you gonna call? Coast Busters!

We were blown away by the incredible fundraising challenge a group of friends took on last November, after reading about the heart-breaking story of the 25 little dogs who desperately needed us (please see pages 16 - 17 for more details).

Motivated to help by the condition of the poor dogs and the circumstances that resulted in them entering our care, the group decided to walk 25 miles, 1 mile for each dog we rescued.

Their ambitious route started at our Church Knowle rehoming centre, before navigating the coastal path to Weymouth. And, so, the group was formed... The Coast Busters!

After being greeted by our CEO, Nigel, and the Animal Welfare team, the group set off on their trek towards Weymouth, keeping their spirits high by singing songs and dancing through all the gates along the way.

Arriving in Weymouth after 12 hours of walking, 15,000 calories burnt and many blisters gained, the group were justifiably thrilled with their achievement.

We are very proud of the Coast Busters for their fabulous efforts and for choosing to raise money for our rescue animals. They did a fantastic job of raising over £2,000, which has already made a big difference and their story was certainly an inspiring 'tail' for us all.

If you would like to organise your very own fundraiser to support our animals, please get in touch at:

comms@mgar.org.uk or visit our website to download our Fundraising Guide to get started.

Raised
over
£2,000

Support with sponsorship

Would you like to support our lovely rescue animals, like handsome Mickey & Donald here, by making a regular donation?

If you are interested in discovering our sponsorship options, make sure you visit the back page for all the details on how you could make an impact with a regular donation. Mickey & Donald and their fellow furry friends would love to keep in touch with you!



Join our lottery

Would you like to be in with the chance of winning up to £10,000 every week, whilst also helping our rescue animals?

We are absolutely delighted to have launched our mobile lottery with the help of the wonderful team at Donr, who are dedicated to supporting charities with their fundraising.

With costs increasing across the board, we need your help now more than ever to ensure we can continue to provide our animals with the best care possible, and this is how you could help us.

By playing our lottery for just £2 per week, you can ensure that our rescue animals will get the warmth and support they need.

To find out more about how you can sign up and make a 'pawsitive' difference, please scan the QR code below or visit:

lottery.donr.com/margaret-green for further details.



Scan me

The lottery is for residents of Great Britain and people over the age of 18 only. Please gamble responsibly: www.begambleaware.org

Legacy of Love



What will your legacy be?

When you leave a gift to us in your Will, you are directly helping us to transform the lives of many rescue animals.

Let your love live on

Not only will your Legacy be a celebration of your life and the loving difference you are continuing to make after your lifetime, but you will also be ensuring that we can be there for the animals who need us.

We are here to help you

Deciding to leave a gift is a wonderful and personal decision, and our friendly and helpful team are always delighted to help you with this process in any way that we can.

To request a call with our team, or for further information about leaving a gift in your Will, please contact: LegacyOfLove@mgar.org.uk



Our promise:
Peace of mind for you,
Future Care for your pet

Future Care: Providing you with peace of mind

We understand that worrying about what might happen to your pets, if something happens to you, is a very real concern for many people.

What if I should... Pass away? Move into a care home? Receive a life-altering diagnosis?

With our free Future Care service, we promise to take your pets into the safety of one of our rehoming centres, and give them all the care and support they need, for as long as it takes, whilst we search for a loving new home.

Our experienced and dedicated staff will take their time to find new owners who will be the very best match to suit your pet's needs, and bring them the happiness they deserve.

To sign up to our free Future Care service, please contact us to request an application form.

Community

Get involved!

We are very excited to be hosting our summer events across our centres in Dorset and Devon again this year.

If you would like to join us for fun-filled days and help raise funds for our lovely rescue animals, make sure you pop the dates below in your diary and keep an eye on our social media pages for further updates.

Novelty Dog Show at Wingletang: Sunday 11th June

Country Dog Show at Church Knowle: Sunday 6th August

Walk-4-Rescue at Wingletang: Sunday 3rd September

If you are interested in sponsoring a dog show class at our Novelty Dog Show, please email: wingletang@mgar.org.uk for more information.

For further details on sponsoring a class or trading at our Country Dog Show, please contact the team at: comms@mgar.org.uk to find out more.

Can you help?

If you would like the opportunity to take part in a fabulous day, meet lots of dogs and support a good cause, why not sign up to volunteer at our Country Dog Show!



It wouldn't be possible for us to run our events without our incredible team of volunteers, and we would love for you to join us.

From greeting attendees at the entrance, to assisting with our stalls, overseeing the car park and ensuring our four-legged friends are kept well hydrated, there will be plenty of tasks for you to get stuck into and it will truly help us to make the event a successful and memorable day for all.

To discover more information about volunteering at our events, please email: comms@mgar.org.uk to register your interest. We look forward to hearing from you!



When Santa Paws came to town

As the warmer weather arrives, we know that Christmas feels like a long time ago, but we would like to say a special thank you to everyone who supported our Santa Paws Grotto event last December.

It was the first time we hosted this event at Margaret Green Animal Rescue and we were astounded by the incredible level of support. We were thrilled to raise over £1,000 on the day, which has already been hard at work helping us to provide our rescue animals with a warm and comfortable place to rest in, whilst they await their forever homes.

A huge thank you goes to Steve Cole Photography, who made this event possible by dedicating his time and skills, and donating all the materials and use of his professional equipment.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Shaun & Charlotte Wildgoose, who arranged for Santa Paws to take time away from his busy Christmas preparations to come to our centre for the day!

Raised over £1,000



Wingletang News

Trading pups from a truck

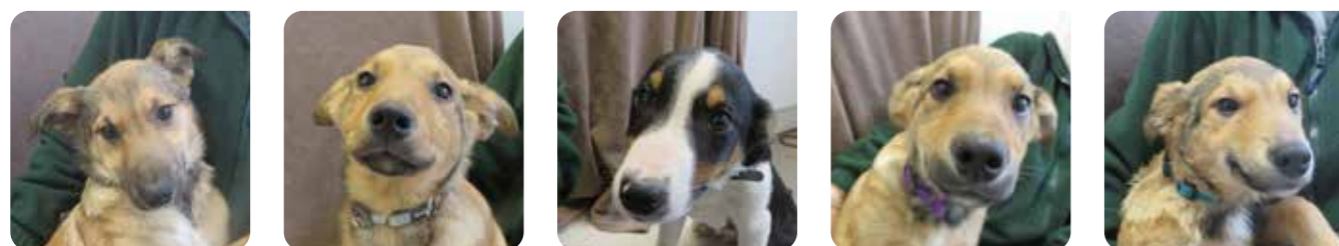
It is becoming more common for us to take in stray and abandoned young dogs, and something we are shocked to be experiencing more than ever before, is to have litters of puppies brought to us because their breeder cannot find buyers for them.

When pups remain unsold, their selling value decreases with every week that passes. This was sadly the case for a litter of six Collie cross youngsters that we recently took into our care. At 16 weeks old, and not yet sold, their breeder was desperate to find people to buy them, and had resorted to trying to sell them out of the back of their vehicle.

When they failed to find anyone who could give these young dogs a home, they decided to bring the puppies to us to look after and care for.

Unexpected circumstances like this, with multiple animals needing our help in one go, have huge cost implications for us, but we know how important it is for these dogs' future happiness that they have the best possible start to their lives.

It was an absolute joy for us to care for these six pups, who all had very different and wonderful personalities, but we were thrilled to match them with the most suitable, loving families, who have been kindly keeping us updated on what fabulous, fun and growing companions they now have in their lives. In fact, if you turn to pages 14 & 15, you'll be able to read about Fern, who has been settling very well into her new home.



Sweet little Olive

When we received a call from a veterinary practice asking if we could take in a beautiful, young cat who had been dropped off by a member of the public and needed urgent help, we made a space available straight away.



Little Olive had been abandoned, suffering from a severe eye infection. This poor 1-year-old cat had been living with the most dreadful pain, caused by a rare condition called Microphthalmia in her left eye. The infection had been carelessly left to develop and would have been causing a great deal of distress to Olive.

On arrival, we could tell instantly that dear Olive was very shy, but had the sweetest nature. Despite all she had been through, she was so patient and kind to the team and just seemed relieved to, at last, find herself somewhere that felt safe and gave her security.

After seeking advice from our vet, it was felt that the only option would be to remove Olive's eye, as by this



time, it was so shrivelled and would only ever cause more health and pain issues if left. The troublesome eye was swiftly removed, and Olive was made comfortable so we could get her ready for her recovery process. Very soon after her surgery had taken place, Olive already seemed much happier. She was snuggling with the team and suddenly started to show her true personality – since she was no longer being constantly distracted by pain and discomfort.

As soon as we could see Olive was making excellent progress, we decided to appeal for a loving and calm new home. In no time, the most wonderful family contacted us and wanted to offer a fantastic home to Olive. She would finally be cared for and given a second chance at happiness by her forever family and, most importantly, she was pain-free.



Could you be Katy's companion?

At just 7 years old, lovely Katy is full of life and has many years ahead to enjoy and share with a family to call her own. She is such a sweet-natured cat, who entered our care after her owner very sadly passed away. This must have been a really unsettling time for Katy, but she has taken it all in her stride, and showers us with affection. As cosy and comfortable as we make life for Katy, our facilities are not a substitute for a loving home.

Now is the time for us to appeal for the wonderful home she deserves.

If you would like to find out more about little Katy, please get in touch with the centre at: wingletang@mgar.org.uk



New facilities

We're so excited that our new, state-of-the-art kennel refurbishment is almost complete! This will provide warm and super-cosy accommodation for our rescue dogs whilst they're in our care. The new design makes them much easier for us to keep very clean, and will

promote a more relaxing environment for our wonderful dogs. Happier dogs always find their forever homes more quickly. Stay tuned for more updates, as we look forward to revealing the finished work very soon!

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Lincoln Farm News



A rocky road for Rolo

Little Rolo is a Miniature Poodle who came into our care after being bought online only 24 hours earlier.

Unfortunately, it was clear that Rolo was not the original dog that had been advertised, and he was sadly suffering from extremely matted fur, very sore ears and bad teeth.

After coming into the safety of our care, the team set to work on clipping his fur, before he had a full grooming session to relieve poor Rolo from the great discomfort he must have been in. It was a huge relief for not only Rolo, but for his carers, who could finally see his big, beautiful eyes more clearly.

Rolo still had a way to go and needed to have a dental procedure to remove 13 teeth, as well as

having a thorough clean-up of his sore ears. The vet even discovered a polyp in one of them, which was undoubtedly very uncomfortable. Sadly, the vet visits were not over for Rolo, as he required a second operation to finish his dental work, to ensure that he could live a much happier and pain-free life.

Due to the circumstances surrounding Rolo's arrival into our care, it is very hard for us to imagine what this sweet little chap has been through, and how terrifying these changes have been for him. However, despite everything he's encountered, he

is a very clever, cheeky boy who absolutely adores his cuddles. He has even shown to be a bit of a flirt with the ladies, and loves to strut his stuff!

We are thrilled with the progress that Rolo has made and to have seen some muscle developing in his back legs. This has meant that he's been able to go further on his walks, which is a joy to witness. It has been wonderful to see lovely Rolo settling into his new forever home, where he has been able to start the next chapter of his life with a loving family.



Your support enables us to look after rescue animals, like Rolo. With the increase of pets being sold online, we need your help more than ever to ensure that we can be here for animals that need us.

Three cheers for Chester!

We all love a happy ending and Chester's story has certainly been no exception.



After entering our care as a stray, we realised that sadly Chester had a broken leg which was in a very bad way. Our team set to work on giving him the love and attention he needed, and we took him to the vet to have his leg examined and put into plaster.

It was an incredibly tough time for Chester and even after leaving our care, we still couldn't be sure if Chester's leg was going to make it. However, after lots of care and attention from his new family, we are so pleased that Chester has made a full recovery and is thriving in the comfort of his forever home. He has even been able to go for walks off-lead, running around enjoying life.

A 'pawsitive' ending for Possum

Towards the end of last year, on a cold and misty evening, we received a little dog into our care who had been found wandering in and out of traffic.

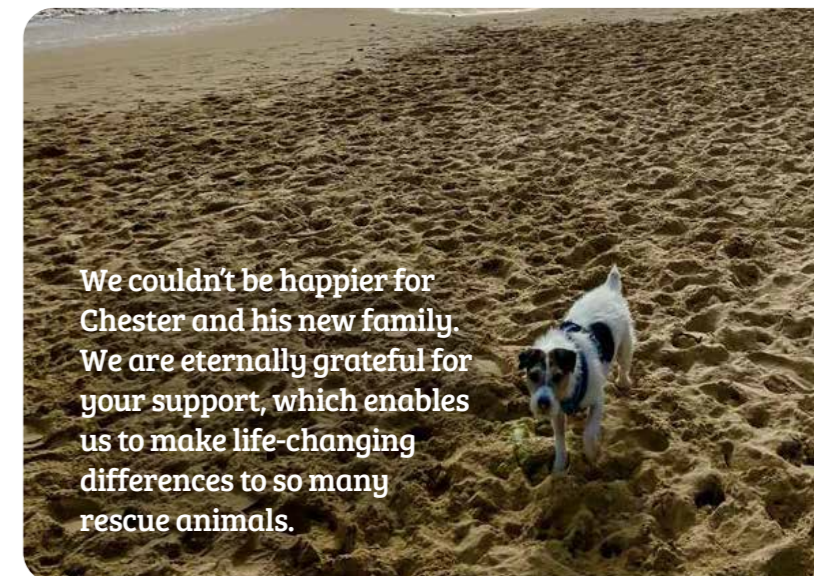
Upon arrival, it was immediately obvious that her fur had been neglected for a long time – it was so matted together that she couldn't fully open her mouth, move her legs or toilet properly.

We made her as comfortable as we could, and immediately started to work our way through the tightly-wound, filthy matts of fur that pulled on her skin. As we started to be able to see her lovely eyes and gentle nature, we were inspired to name her 'Possum.'

The matted fur we removed had accounted for nearly 15% of Possum's overall body weight, which must have been a terribly uncomfortable burden for her to carry around. We were absolutely blown away by the support we received in response to Possum's story last December, it was clear that not only had this little sweetheart stolen our hearts, but many others' too.

After spending time with Possum, slowly building up her confidence, we were thrilled to find her the loving home she truly deserved, and to receive the following update from her new family:

"She's a cheeky little lady who loves to be made a fuss of, and she can be a bit of a flirt with her male friends! Possum has discovered what toys are and has taken a liking to chasing balls and playfully bossing her doggy friends around. We adore her and wouldn't have her any other way, thank you for letting us take her home."



We couldn't be happier for Chester and his new family. We are eternally grateful for your support, which enables us to make life-changing differences to so many rescue animals.



"When we brought Possum home, she was still so worried around people and she would flinch and shy away from any sudden movement. However, it didn't take too long for her to get comfortable and for her personality to shine through".

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Church Knowle

News



Hogs & kisses

Our thoroughly delightful Kune-Kune pig, Thelma, has such a friendly and natural charm, and one of her favourite things is snuffling her way through her garden to say hello to visitors and staff.

We noticed recently that one particularly familiar face tends to motivate 15-year-old Thelma to pick up her pace and roar with delight every time she sees him.



When Jim, one of our wonderful Estates team members, was returning home after work each day, his wife, Liz, was thrilled to see that he had been eating all the fruit from his lunch box. Liz had been trying to encourage Jim to add more fruit to his diet for quite a while, so to see that her perseverance had paid off made her so happy! Each day, more and more fruit was appearing in the lunch box for Jim to enjoy.

Having noticed that Jim was spending most of his lunch breaks with his new best friend, we asked what his favourite thing is about spending time with Thelma:

“Thelma is the very best companion who brings cheer to everyone she meets. Oh, and she absolutely LOVES fruit!”

We're not sure if Jim has confessed to Liz where the wonderful, fruity delights from his lunch box have truly been ending up, so spare a thought for Jim when the newsletter lands on their door mat!



Would you consider sponsoring Thelma?



For £5 per month, you can choose to support one of our rescue animals. You can even visit your sponsor animal at our Church Knowle centre! Our brand new donating process means it's easier than ever to set up your regular donation on our website.

Lillie & Lola, loving life

From time-to-time, we work with other animal welfare organisations to help animals in need.

We recently welcomed four young cats from the RSPCA, who had lived a very sheltered existence in one property, with many other cats.

Having experienced very little human contact, they spent their first week in our care hiding in a box, only creeping out for food and water when they were sure nobody could be watching.

We tried our best to build a bond with these beautiful sweethearts, patiently sitting quietly, and tempting them with tasty food - but it was clear to our experienced staff that, despite how cosy we had made their bedrooms, the cattery environment was not going to encourage them to start emerging from the safety of their box.

“They are surprising us each day. After initially hiding under a bedside table, they started to venture out and explore the house. They play with their toys, and run up and down the stairs. They're not even fussed about using their boxes anymore, instead choosing to sit on the dining chairs or under our chest of drawers for some quiet time during the day.”



Having appealed for extremely special homes, with guardians who could accept that these youngsters may never choose to integrate with family life, we were thrilled to receive an enquiry from a wonderful couple, who were keen to take on two of the four cats. We all agreed that it was likely to benefit them to have each other to turn to for familiar comfort.

We said a gentle goodbye, and reassured their new family that we would be here for them at any time to offer help and advice in order to transition them into their new home.

Double the joy

After receiving EFL (Equine Facilitated Learning) practitioner training, Mark & Georgette became inspired about the possibilities of working with rescue horses in groundwork therapy.

During their first meeting with Tiger Lily, and upon asking her to demonstrate a few skills, the couple were delighted to be greeted by such a clever horse.

Having met such lovely rehomers, we felt that Mark & Georgette may also be a great match for another of our superstar equine residents. They were hesitant to meet Chelsea initially, as they were only considering rehoming one horse – certainly not two!

What another joyful first meeting! The couple remarked that being alongside Chelsea was like walking a calm bear. She stood quietly and expectantly, and upon removing the lead rein, she started to walk with them, around obstacles and corners, and with a sideways look as though to say, “What do you make of that then?”

So, after only hoping to rehome one little horse, both horses left the centre, after several years in our care – off to start a wonderful new life and career. It's always tough to say goodbye to our animals, but we knew they were going to be part of an amazing new family.



Since moving in, Tiger Lily has been given an adapted stable door so she can see what's going on, which she loves. Chelsea has become more confident, producing little squeals and whinnies.

Both horses have made easy work of Mark & Georgette's EFL courses. They go through arches, around poles and on to a pavilion. They've even needed to make the groundwork area bigger, because they made it look too easy!

Mark & Georgette were kind enough to tell us recently, “To say they have been life-changing is an understatement. They have a lifetime of knowledge to teach us, and we can't imagine a time now when they weren't here.”

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In Loving Memory

Remembering them...

Choosing to support us in memory of a loved one or cherished pet is a truly special way to celebrate their life. Helping rescue animals in their name is a beautiful way to keep that love going.

In lieu of flowers

Asking family and friends to support us in lieu of flowers is a positive way to honour their life as an animal-lover, and will help us to give animals in need the chance of happiness that they deserve.

Here to help you

Our caring team are here to offer advice about how to create a collection through a funeral director. We can also provide special collection envelopes and containers should you prefer to organise this yourself.

Please contact us by emailing: LegacyOfLove@mgar.org.uk or by calling: 0330 400 6670

Such a Special Gift

When Sue won our Winter Grand Draw £1,000 jackpot, she very generously decided to donate her prize to us. This incredible donation was inspired by the memory of Sue's dear sister, Collette, who sadly passed away in 2020. At the time of Collette's passing, we took her beloved horses, sheep and goats straight into our care, where we looked after all their needs and went on to find loving new homes for them. We are very grateful to Sue for having remembered animal-lover, Collette, in this special way and for continuing to help more rescue animals in her name.

Retail



A 'hoppy' update from Retail

It has been a busy time for us in the shops over the last 6 months and we continue to be blown away by the incredible amount of support that we receive from our wonderful customers.

Our teams love nothing more than welcoming you into our shops and meeting your four-legged friends – yes that's right, all of our stores are dog-friendly! We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our fabulous volunteers, who make it possible for us to open and trade - we would be truly lost without them. In fact, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to some of our lovely volunteers who make a real difference...



Gerry & Denise are a fantastic couple who volunteer in our Weymouth shop. They are both animal lovers and have always had dogs and cats, so our mission is very close to their hearts. They love how clean and tidy the shop is and the friendly atmosphere that makes it such a special place to be.

If you would like to join our volunteering team, even for a couple of hours per week, we would love to hear from you! Please check out our current vacancies on our website, where you can also apply.



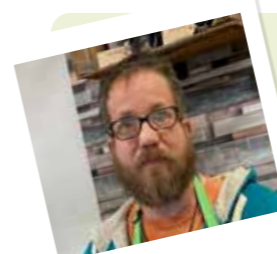
Live from Wimborne!

Our Retail Area Manager, Karen Potheary, and Wimborne Shop Manager, Nikki Jones, were delighted to attend an interview with Pipp, and his lovely dog, George, from Radio Wimborne. They discussed all things Retail and how the community of Wimborne can continue to support the shop and our charity. Nikki was thrilled to chat about the shop's volunteering opportunities, the importance of Gift Aid and how rewarding it is to meet our wonderful customers and their furry friends.

We would like to say a big thank you to Pipp and the team at Radio Wimborne for supporting us and helping to raise greater awareness about our work with rescue animals.



Matthew volunteers at our Swanage shop and helps with a wide range of tasks. He likes volunteering because he enjoys meeting the new customers that come into our shop. Matthew is always a happy face in Swanage and his friendly personality is a huge asset to the team.



Daniel is a wonderful volunteer from our Swanage shop, who spends an incredible 4 days per week operating the till and serving our lovely customers. Daniel loves being a part of the community and feels like a valued member of our MGAR family.

Don't forget...

Our shops are always looking for donations to sell, to help raise vital funds for rescue animals in need. If you have any pre-loved items that you no longer need, please drop them into your closest shop during their opening times. If you have a large donation, please get in touch and the team would be thrilled to arrange a collection for you.

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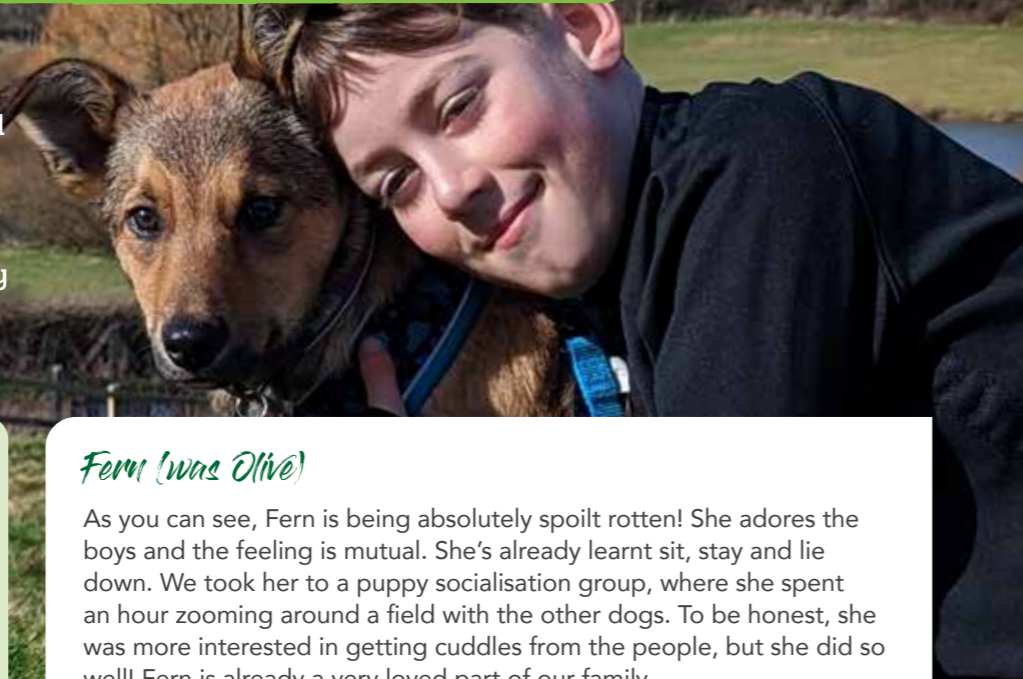
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Forever Home Stories

There is no better feeling than finding your perfect match, and we absolutely love receiving happy rehoming updates from our rescue animals and their new families. We hope you enjoy reading the following stories as much as we did!

Don't forget to join our 'MGAR Forever Home Stories' Facebook group to keep updated with us and many other pet owners in the MGAR community.



Fern (was Olive)

As you can see, Fern is being absolutely spoilt rotten! She adores the boys and the feeling is mutual. She's already learnt sit, stay and lie down. We took her to a puppy socialisation group, where she spent an hour zooming around a field with the other dogs. To be honest, she was more interested in getting cuddles from the people, but she did so well! Fern is already a very loved part of our family.

Andrea, Jason, Finn & Feidhlim



Flo

I'm over the moon to say that Flo is already making herself right at home here. Within 15 minutes of being home, she was curled up at my partner's feet. She loves snuggling in the cat hammock and has made her bed under the covers most of today. She loves running around and following us, having all the attention. She's doing amazingly well for being just one day in and we can't wait to see her personality blossom.

Charlotte

Lyla (was Diddy)

Lyla has perfected giving her paw, high five and fist bump! We are so proud every day of the progress she is making. She's even become best friends with my 4-year-old niece. We couldn't be happier.

Lauren



Violet

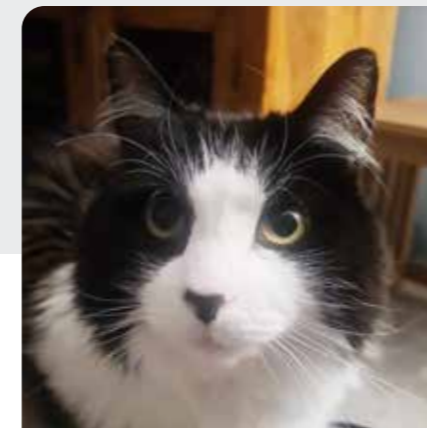
Violet has settled in very well. She spent the first afternoon under the bed but would come out to see us when we went in to sit with her, and she allowed us to stroke and interact with her. Violet has also played with some of the toys in her room and she is getting more confident when exploring the house - we found her sleeping on our bed yesterday evening! We love her! It is early days but she is doing really well. We hasten to add that she has several of her own beds, but obviously prefers the human furniture!

Tracy

Rusty

Rusty has settled in at home so well that we have to remind ourselves that it's only been a week! His cheeky character is really coming along well and he loves games. We are giving him a few new experiences and working on his recall towards being safe when running freely. Thank you for being there for him when he needed it the most.

Karen & Peter



Scruff

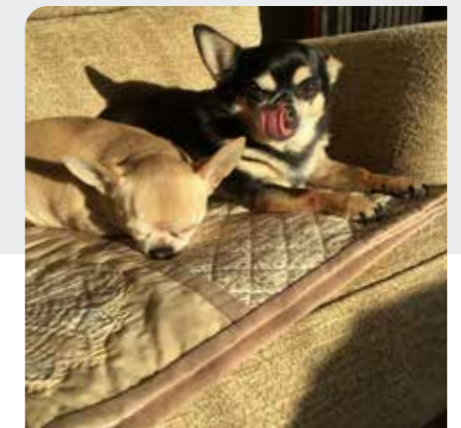
Scruff has settled in really well with us, he is still a shy boy and all contact is on his terms, which is fine with us. He will sit on our laps for a short while and he loves his fishing rod toy and scratch post! We are very happy with him and we're pleased to have given such a lovely cat a home.

Ivan

Nancy & Mindy

The girls have settled in really well and love a mad run round the garden, but they also enjoy sitting in the sun - especially Nancy. We tried the beach and Mindy was so excited - she was like a jumping bean! More sea introductions to come and perhaps a stand on the paddleboard, but there's no rush and they need to be fitted with life jackets first. They are both a joy to be with and have made my home complete and my heart full.

Anna



Cesar & Koba

All our patience and hard work has paid off, we now have two adorable and loving little dogs. They are such a comfort to me and never leave my side from dawn to dusk, other than when Reg takes them for their walk. They now love to greet any visitors and when our gardener comes, they just love to be outside with him - he is a dog lover and talks to them constantly. They are both loving life and enjoying their food, but they have plenty of energy to work it off and they've had so many compliments on how fit and healthy they look. We are so grateful to have them and we love them so much.

Sylvia & Reg



Phoebe (was Phoenix)

Dear friends, I have been in my new home for over a month and I am loving being spoilt by my new mum and being the centre of attention. I have lots of toys to play with and plenty of cosy chairs to curl up on. I cuddle up with my mum on the bed at night and snuggle under the duvet! Thank you for looking after me so well. I am a happy cat.

Lots of love and purrs, Phoebe

A Remarkable Recovery



We have been keeping in touch to find out how these four-legged friends are progressing in their new homes, and we are overjoyed to be able to bring you some fantastic updates.

A shock for us all

A few months ago, we joined forces with other animal welfare organisations to attend a property, reported to contain a high number of dogs that desperately needed us. Upon arrival, we discovered a scene that shocked and horrified our staff.

96 dogs in one house

The dogs were existing in filthy conditions, with no consideration for their comfort or welfare. They were terrified, under-socialised and the youngest appeared to be less than a couple of weeks old.

After the joint effort to remove all of the dogs from the only filthy environment they'd ever known, we transported 25 dogs back to our rehoming centres, where we could begin the challenging process of assessing their immediate medical needs with our local vet.

Thank you

When we shared their heart-breaking story, truly wonderful supporters, like you, immediately came to the aid of these dogs, and donated towards their care. In a short time, you had raised over £20,000.



This outstanding amount helped us to pay for complicated medical procedures, veterinary check-ups, food, comfort and much more.

These unforeseen animal welfare situations put a huge amount of pressure on our already stretched resources, so receiving this level of incredible support, so quickly, was a magical way for you to have directly helped lots of dogs in need.

Finding forever homes

It was a pleasure and privilege to meet so many kind people offering to give a loving, forever home to these little dogs. Having appealed for very special and patient homes, we were overjoyed to be able to match every single dog with the most 'paw-fect' new families.

It's stories like this that show the importance of the work we do and how, when we come together, we can make a real difference to animals in need.

Teddy

When Teddy came to us, he didn't know how to play with toys and he was very scared. He now loves to play with his ball and run around with the children. We are often out and about and he loves it - the beach, the forest, pub visits and even shopping. We love our new addition to our family and he is a JOY to have around. Thank you for all you have done for Teddy in rescuing him and all the others.



Olive

Since rehoming Olive, we have been amazed at how well she has adapted to life with us. While she started off quite hesitant and easily spooked by new experiences, she quickly grew in confidence (and cheekiness!) and now has a large group of human & dog friends to enjoy our river walks with. You couldn't find a happier dog, who greets every day enthusiastically - once she's had her breakfast! She has even won over our two rescue cats, and they all plod around the house together. Olive is a gift and, despite her tough start in life, has got on with learning about the world. We are so grateful for having been matched with her.



Wilf

Wilf is really enjoying his new life. He's learnt to walk on-lead and has overcome his fear of cars. He's enjoyed his first family Christmas, played in the snow and walked on the beach. When he first moved in, he would bark a lot and didn't like meeting visitors. Now, he chooses to greet visitors and enjoys sitting on their laps. He can be mischievous and likes to take our towels when we're in the shower! Wilf has brought us a lot of joy and happiness and we have so much fun together.



Jem

Jem is doing really well since coming home with us. She still likes to eat her food off the floor, so we let her. Jem really loves the outdoors - we can't keep her in! She has just been for her first professional wash & groom, and we think she looks fab.



The Joy of Rehoming

Peter, our perfect golden oldie

“We’ve had a quite few beloved cats and dogs over the years – stray and abandoned, and injured animals – from the very young to the very old.”

At the moment, Peter is lying upside down on the sofa, snoring, with his paws facing the ceiling, after using his special sofa steps to climb up and select his spot. He knows we’re in for the day now, so he has switched off and is enjoying the peace and quiet.

Peter, by the way, is a 12-year-old Jack Russell cross, who arrived a few weeks ago when we rehomed him from the Lincoln Farm centre. We initially thought he was deaf – but, oh no. Not knowing us yet, or being familiar with our body language, he kept himself to himself, taking his time to watch and learn. Within a few days, he found and loved his new bed under the radiator. He was very pleased with himself to have me carrying him up and down the stairs to our flat... While he walked up

and down the stairs just fine with my husband, Nigel! Suddenly this mad, wagging tail appeared, and it has not stopped since.

Peter is as good as gold with everyone he meets. He enjoys going to the local pub quiz and, if he can get away with it, eating rabbit droppings when out walking! His ears are on constant alert now, listening to everything said and not said; honestly, how do they know in a few days what we are thinking? He loves his walks, where he talks to the birds and squirrels and takes great interest in all of his surroundings. He still has so much energy! He’s sometimes a bit stiff in his joints, so we only throw the ball half a dozen times, which he then proudly carries home.



At 12 years old, we know there may only be a few years left... But what years they are going to be for him. And for us.

From Peter’s forever family:
Marie & Nigel Mason
(CEO, Margaret Green Animal Rescue)

Rehoming an older animal

Have you ever wondered if you might be able to offer the most ‘paw-fect’ retirement home to a beautiful rescue animal?

Our more senior animals often have a longer stay with us when looking for their new homes than their younger four-legged friends, and we wanted to let you know about the amazing benefits of rehoming animals in their twilight years... You’re shaping their last years into their happiest years.

They’ve grown out of the destructive stage, and are more likely to be house-trained and have better manners

1

They’re more likely to be used to happily living in a home environment

2

They’ve often slowed down their pace, so may not need quite as much exercise

3

You CAN teach an old dog (and other four-legged friends) new tricks. They often enjoy playing just as much as younger animals

4

Your new companion will never let you be lonely. You’ll rescue them, and they’ll rescue you right back

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Projects

Come & see us!

It has been a busy couple of months for our Estates team, as they have been working away at our Church Knowle visitor centre.

If you have visited the site recently, you may have noticed a couple of changes to the entrance, including our reception. Not only do we have an inviting new seating area inside, where you can relax with your friends and family during your visit, but the team have also extended the car park and erected a new fence line, to improve the visitor experience for our fabulous supporters, like you.

If you are planning on visiting our Church Knowle centre this summer, make sure you swing by our reception and say hello to the staff, who would love to see you! You could also treat yourself to a hot drink from our new machine, as well as a selection of cold drinks and snacks to keep you well hydrated and energised during your time on-site.

The centre is open 6 days a week (closed on Wednesdays) from 11am – 3pm and it’s the perfect place to come and learn more about the work we do, how you could make a difference and to meet some of the animals in our care, who would love for you to stop and say hello.



Egg-cellent work from Nationwide

We were thrilled to welcome a team from Nationwide to our Church Knowle centre in March, who did a fantastic job of re-painting the chicken enclosures and making them look lovely and fresh.

It was an absolute pleasure to have the team join us for the day, who enjoyed meeting some of our rescue animals and having a tour of the site. The chicken enclosures certainly look much better and we are sure that our rescue chickens agree too!

If you are interested in organising a team volunteering day for your company, please get in touch by emailing comms@mgar.org.uk and we would be delighted to discuss our options with you.



Donating & Rehoming



Save an animal, *donate* today

We are incredibly excited to announce the launch of our brand new donation page!

You spoke and we listened

Following your invaluable feedback, we have been working hard over the last few months to improve our online donation process, to make it as easy and accessible as possible.

Our new process not only allows you to make one-off donations, but you can now also set up regular giving via Direct Debit. This is something we have wanted to launch for a long time, so we are overjoyed to finally have this option available for you, our wonderful supporters.

Thank you

We really would not be able to do our work without your continued support and generosity.

If you would like to make a donation towards the animals in our care, and to find out more about setting up a Direct Debit, please visit our website at: www.mgar.org.uk/donate or scan the QR code below for further details.

Not only can you make a donation to help all the animals at Margaret Green Animal Rescue, but you can also set up an Animal or Centre Sponsorship, which is the perfect treat for yourself or a loved one.



Scan me

Looking for a furry friend to join your family?

If you are wondering how you can go about finding your 'paw-fect' match and rehoming a rescue animal from us, check out our rehoming guide below for more details.

