

Kitty

A sweet, little soul who arrived at 13 weeks old. Just one of the many helpless kittens we have taken in this year.

Read more on pages 7 & 11

Call Time On Cruelty

With you by our side, we can step in and change the fate of vulnerable animals

Welcome



It feels like just yesterday that I was writing to you as the warm weather had started to arrive, and we were looking ahead to all our summer plans. Wonderful supporters, like you, came along in your thousands to our events, and helped us to raise funds for our favourite breed... 'Rescue.'



It's been an incredibly busy time, and we have taken in so many animals who've needed us. In just one day, we welcomed 17 vulnerable dogs and 15 homeless kittens, which is truly unprecedented. Taking in so many animals in one go really hits our resources hard, and we are sincerely grateful to you for keeping us going during these tough times.

Not only has there been a hugely increased demand for spaces in our rescue centres, but the kind of cases we are seeing are, very sadly, involving more neglect and cruelty. You can read more about the plight of these brave animals and how you can support us to Call Time On Cruelty.

With all hands on deck to drop everything and provide the urgent care so many of our new residents need, it's been hard to get regular maintenance done at our rescue centres. Whilst our teams have embraced all our new residents with open arms, providing the love they need and deserve, I have been taking care of some grass-cutting and strimming, so our visitors can enjoy our beautiful surroundings.

Thankfully, not only have we been taking animals in, but we've also met the most incredible rehoming, who we've been privileged to have matched with new family members. Creating 'furry tail' endings is what makes our world go around, and you can read about our forever home updates on pages 16 & 17.

I hope you enjoy reading about what we've been doing over the last 6 months, and the animals whose lives have been transformed because of your vital support.

Nigel Mason
CEO



You could WIN £1,000 and rescue animals at the same time!

Entering our super Winter Grand Draw costs just £1 per ticket, and every ticket purchased gives you the chance to win the fantastic first prize of £1,000!

Tickets will be drawn on Friday 19th of January, so be sure to grab your tickets soon to have the opportunity to win 1 of 3 fantastic cash prizes. All funds raised when you take part will go directly towards supporting and caring for our rescue animals.

Keep in touch

To discover our contact information, please visit our website:

www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk

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Fundraising



We are always astounded by the creative and adventurous ways our supporters choose to raise funds. These incredible individuals are no exception!

Raised over £1,300

Ain't no mountain high enough

The fabulous team from Wags Canine Services decided that only a grand gesture would do for rescue animals in need. Along with their MGAR rescue dog, Maiva, this courageous team from Bude scaled the grandeur of Mount Snowdon in order to support both our work and the work of another worthy charity.

After an exhausting 30,000 steps each - through a storm, battering winds

and heavy rain - this thoughtful group reached their dizzy-heights destination. We're assured that there was a pint (or two!) enjoyed when they returned to ground level terra firma, and some tasty treats for Maiva - and thoroughly deserved, too!

The marvellous mountaineers have raised over £1,300 so far and we think it's safe to say their hard work has reached the 'peak' of perfection!

Getting carried away for rescue animals

When we first heard from Kara & Alex about their idea for fundraising, we had to double-check we had fully understood their plan. We kind of needed to see it to believe it!

We would like to say a huge thank you to this daring duo, who took on the incredible challenge of doing a 22.8km piggyback along the promenade from Sandbanks to Southbourne, and back!

We were blown away by their amazing efforts and for taking on this tough challenge to raise money for the rescue animals in our care.

Kara & Alex have already raised a wonderful £325 from the challenge, which will make a huge difference to many rescue animals in need.

We can't thank our piggyback pair, Kara & Alex, enough for supporting us, and we hope they have recovered from their truly unique adventure!



Raised over £325

PAWSOME!



Feeling inspired to fundraise?

If you'd like to undertake a 'pawsome' challenge with friends or colleagues, our Fundraising Guide is just what you need to help you on your way to success.



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Wrapped up with...

LOVE



Could you give our rescue animals the love they deserve this festive season?

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and we would love nothing more than to ensure our animals have the warmth and care around them that they need.

If you would like to bring joy to many rescue animals this year, whilst they await their loving forever families, then please join us in spreading the festive cheer this winter.

To send a gift for our animals to enjoy on Christmas Day, please see our options below to make a truly magical difference:

- 1 Place an order through our Amazon wishlists by scanning the QR codes, where you will be able to send a present directly to our door.
- 2 Fill a shoebox with goodies for your chosen species, and drop it into your nearest centre or charity shop.
- 3 Make a donation on our website at: www.mgar.org.uk/donate to help us to provide the very best care and welfare to many vulnerable animals who need us.

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No animal deserves to feel unwanted, especially at this time of year. With your help, we can ensure that our rescue animals who won't be home for Christmas, have the most 'pawfect' day possible.



Dedication

Matt & Gill Devereux

One Sunday, back in 1991, a kind couple visited us to drop off some donations...

Over three decades later, the same couple have just retired from their integral roles within our charity.

Here is their story: "We'd heard about Margaret Green Animal Rescue from the dog training club we joined when we moved to Dorset. Along with some other club members, we decided to visit the Lincoln Farm centre to deliver some donations.

Margaret Green, herself, was there that day, and we got chatting to her about the history of the charity and the improvements that were desperately needed in order to benefit all the rescue dogs.

We were so moved by what we heard, that we immediately talked to our club members, who set about raising funds for the materials required. That just left the need for people to carry out the work. Luckily, we were able to persuade 40 willing club members to give up several weekends, get busy laying concrete paths, constructing exercise enclosures and painting walls. We even managed to pick up and rotate a large timber building, that housed four kennels, so that the deserving dogs had a better view! Over the next few years, our group transported dogs from Dorset to the newly-established Devon centre. Gill and I also fostered Amy, a small Poodle, who was in need of lots of special care in order to prepare her for rehoming.

As the charity grew, we continued to volunteer on various projects, and we got to know Margaret and the team better. In 2001, I was invited to become a Trustee and Gill was asked to become Dog Behaviourist & Trainer.

Over the next 5 years, we worked with the other trustees and the management team to improve the animal facilities across all three centres, and to implement new procedures and IT systems. At the same time, Gill trained the staff in dog behaviour, and introduced assessment & rehabilitation processes to enable dogs with behavioural issues to be successfully rehomed.

During this period, the charity also developed new Marketing and Fundraising plans, and our supporter numbers grew from 1,000 to more than 8,000.

It hasn't all been smooth sailing. We have suffered from major floods and lightning strikes, one of which destroyed all the electrical equipment at Lincoln Farm. We have had seriously injured dogs thrown over fences and animals dumped outside our gates. We can't praise the staff enough for the way they responded to such incidents.

Upon our retirement this year, we were asked to highlight our greatest pride which, for us, is simple to state - The charity today delivers the highest standards of animal welfare to all those in need.

Finally, we have left an amazing team of staff and volunteers. Margaret Green would have been delighted by what has been achieved."



We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and commitment that Matt & Gill have made towards our charity, and we wish them a long and happy retirement.

Wingletang NEWS



The rescue of vulnerable mums and their babies

After receiving a call in March, when the freezing temperatures had been consistently challenging for us all, we attended a shocking scene where many dogs were existing in conditions that were simply unthinkable.

Along with multiple organisations, we came to the dogs' aid and our team took as many as we could rescue safely in our facilities. We knew we had reached these sweet souls at a critical time, as they had been living with scarce water and food, and no shelter from the harsh elements.

Once we transported the 25 dogs back to our facilities, we were able to start assessing the needs of the 7 adult females and 18 puppies. We quickly set to work on ensuring they received the medical attention they needed and removing the urine and faeces that were stained and caked on to their delicate fur. During the vet consultations, we also learnt that one of the adult females – who we had named Cassie – was likely to be pregnant.

Over time, we got to know these precious poppets, and their beautiful personalities began to shine through. A few weeks passed and then, late one night, Cassie went into labour. Our dedicated

team stayed with her through the night to ensure she could bring her 7 sweet babies safely into the world.

Cassie was a wonderful mum to her little pups and, once they were ready, we were delighted to find all the beautiful dogs their loving new homes, where they could continue to thrive and enjoy the happy lives they deserve. Your support enables us to react urgently to the next situation that heads our way, and be there for the many rescue animals that need us.

Responding to urgent welfare cases and providing veterinary treatment and around the clock care for 32 vulnerable dogs, with no notice, rapidly uses up our resources and reserves. The veterinary costs, alone, for these dogs was in excess of £6,000.



Would you like to help vulnerable animals like Cassie and her puppies?

From £5 per month, you can sponsor our Wingletang centre.



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Countless kittens

Throughout the year, we have been taking in more litters of kittens than we have seen for a very long time. Sadly, the little ones have sometimes entered our care without their mums, which has resulted in us having to hand rear the kittens to ensure they have the care and attention they need.

One litter of kittens that we looked after this year, who we playfully named Brad Kitt, Cat Damon, Meowly Cyrus & Cindy Clawford, arrived at just 7 days old, and our team worked all day and night to feed them and make sure they felt safe and loved.

This adorable group is just one example of the many kittens that we have been looking after recently.



We regularly receive enquiries and take in kittens in need of help, some of whom have been found abandoned.

It is heartbreaking to see these helpless souls lost and in need of TLC, but we are committed to making sure they receive the help they need, and go on to find their forever homes. We are so grateful for any donations from our wonderful supporters, like you, which allow us to give these sweeties the very best start in life.



Magnificent Mary

We would like you to meet Mary, a gorgeous, 2-year-old Greyhound who entered our care after her racing career came to an end. Sadly, on arrival, we noticed that Mary had an extremely swollen and painful right hind leg due to an injury, which was believed to have happened during her time as a racing Greyhound.

Having previously undergone surgery, before coming to the centre, to try and fuse the joint, it was clear that the fusion had not been sufficient and was not healing as we hoped. As a result, we took the vet's advice and decided to amputate Mary's leg, to give her the best quality of life possible. Mary was such a brave girl during her recovery and is now a totally different dog! She is full of life and absolutely thriving, having adapted to having three legs remarkably well. We are so pleased that Mary has now gone to her loving new home, where she will be able to live a happy and pain-free life. We can't wait to see her continue to blossom with her forever family.



2023 events

Following the great success of our Sponsored Walk in April, we were thrilled to host our Novelty Dog Show in June and our Walk-4-Rescue in September. We have loved welcoming you and your beautiful dogs to our centre this year and we are always blown away by everyone's dedication and support.

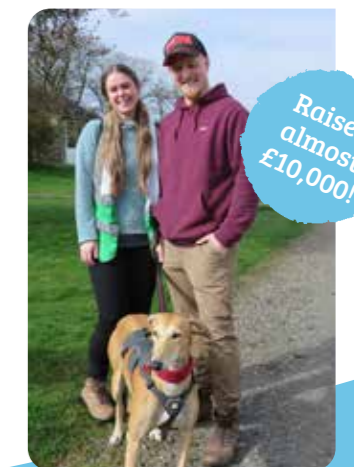
From taking part in an array of fabulous Dog Show classes to 'em-barking' on a 5-mile route through the Devon countryside, we've had lots of fun at our events, and we hope you have too!

helping us to support many rescue animals who have no voice to ask for help.

Keep an eye on our website & social media to stay updated on our plans for events in 2024!

We even had the pleasure of hosting an impromptu reunion at our Novelty Dog Show for some of the 25 little dogs we rescued from one household last year. It was incredible to see so many of them doing so well and enjoying life with their new families.

We are very pleased to have raised £9,895 across all three events, which is already hard at work



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Lincoln Farm NEWS

Golden oldie

Great news for Grindle

When we received a call about a small dog who had been abandoned in terrible condition, none of us could have expected the little guy who arrived a short while later.

At almost 15 years old, Yorkshire Terrier x Dachshund, Grindle, should have been snuggled up next to his lifelong companion on a sofa, with a belly full of good food.

Instead, Grindle's teeth were so poorly maintained that the chunks of tartar crusted around them were larger than the teeth themselves.

He had a suspect lump on his chest like a hanging golf ball, and we knew he needed to see the vet straight away.

In spite of all of his physical issues, Grindle immediately showed his beautiful, forgiving nature, and wanted lots of snuggles with the team.

After a refreshing wash and groom, to rid him of his tightly-matted fur, we treated his flea infestation and he immediately became more comfortable.

It's often a concern for us when it comes to super golden oldies that they may have to wait a while before finding their special someone when, in fact, these OAPs (Old Aged Pooches) should be living their best life as soon as possible.

Grindle had been found wandering, alone, with matted fur and skin crawling with fleas. His belly was covered with so much flea dirt that the skin had changed colour.

However, we shouldn't have worried about this lovely lad waiting to find a loving new home... Along came one of our fantastic centre volunteers to take him for a walk, and it was love at first sight! Within just a few days, Grindle was taken home by his new best friend for a fresh start and to live out his twilight years being cherished and treated like the absolute treasure that he is.

We couldn't be happier for our latest match made in Heaven, and we look forward to hearing all about how Grindle is settling into his good life.



Pregnant, young and vulnerable

Truly terrific Tonks

Just a couple of years ago, Tonks' story would have been unheard of. However, the landscape of dog rescue has changed so much since we emerged from the pandemic, which means that it is no longer a shock for such a highly desirable breed, at less than 2 years old, to be found discarded.

Heavily pregnant and wandering alone, this sweet Cocker Spaniel must have been so desperate for a friendly face to come along and scoop her up into safety.

On arrival, it was obvious that Tonks had a swollen belly, and it was likely she was in pup. We took her to the vet, who carried out a scan, which confirmed our assumption – there were around 7 puppies, and their arrival was imminent.

We made Tonks' kennel warm and cosy, and tried to keep her as calm and relaxed as possible - we knew life was about to get very busy for this mum-to-be. After two weeks in our care, the signs had started - Tonks was in labour.

Our team made sure everything was progressing well, and Tonks was a brave superstar who made sure she delivered her 7 babies safely.

Having immediately settled into her new role as a mum, we were able to give her the support and love she needed to ensure her puppies were healthy and happy, and growing well.

Her puppies are absolutely adorable, chunky little poppets. They're incredibly cheeky and playful, and we're relieved they will never know anything about the uncertain futures they could have faced.

Tonks and her 7 sweeties will soon be going to their new homes, and this little rescue chapter will be a distant memory in their long and happy lives.



With you by our side...

We can continue to be there for dogs like Grindle, Tonks and her 7 perfect puppies. By sponsoring our dogs today, as a treat to yourself or a festive gift for someone special, you are directly participating in the next dog rescue emergency that comes our way.



Would you consider sponsoring Lincoln Farm?

From £5 per month, you can support our rescue animals by sponsoring our centre.



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Can you help us to Call Time On Cruelty?

It's never easy for our teams, as they help these worried dogs to navigate their way out of the darkness. But, when they need us, we will always be here for them.



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NEWS



When our River flowed home

From time to time, we join forces with other animal welfare organisations to come up with the best solution for vulnerable animals in need.

When we received a call from the RSPCA to tell us about two horses who desperately needed some TLC, we knew what we had to do.

River and his big sister, Kiera, arrived looking pretty sorry for themselves. These young siblings were too thin and their coats were caked with mud. Even though they were in a much better place, they were, understandably, still worried by their unfamiliar surroundings. It's at times like this that the teams gently whisper to our animals that they don't need to worry, because life starts now.

As we meandered our way through spring, River & Kiera were starting to relax and enjoy themselves. The food on offer was great quality and plentiful, and we could tell from their hugely improving body conditions that they were happy. We even managed to introduce them to our other horse residents, and it was a joy and a privilege to watch them making friends and galloping with joy around their paddock.

Unsurprisingly for such a handsome, young lad, River was soon to be spotted by a wonderful rehomer, who wanted to give him the home he deserved. We were delighted for this sweet boy that he'd finally landed on his hooves and was going to be someone's pride & joy.

After a fond farewell with his beautiful big sis, we waved goodbye. We can't wait to hear all about how he's enjoying his lovely, new life.



Could you support vulnerable animals like River & Kiera and their friends?

Sponsor our Church Knowle centre from £5 per month... and the added bonus? You can visit the animals you're helping!



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Purrr-fect kitten cuties

We can't always anticipate an influx of a certain species, and this year has been no exception. Having received a steady intake of unwanted kittens throughout the year, we reached September and early October and there was a massive surge in enquiries from people needing to hand over multiple litters of kittens. In just one month, we took in over 30 kittens across our centres, which puts a huge strain on our resources.

Knowing how important it is to ensure kittens receive the right care and socialisation to help them become happy adult cats, we have been making space wherever we can, so that these deserving darlings get the best start possible. Luckily, many of these litters have arrived at the centre with their mums, which means they will be able to have as normal a start as possible and, once weaned, we can begin searching for forever homes for our hard-working mums. As cats tend to enjoy being out and about, it's really important to prevent any surprises by making sure your cats are given all the preventative care they need. We all want the best for our beloved pets, and we truly believe it's nicer to neuter.



Cock-a-doodle don't...

We have had the absolute pleasure of caring for a fabulous foursome of feathered friends for the last few months, and they've certainly kept us entertained with their daily antics!

Unusually, we haven't taken in many chickens this year - certainly not as many as we had anticipated following the surge in backyard chicken-keeping during Lock Down. We believe this is likely to be as a result of the increased cost and lack of availability of eggs in the supermarkets, which is encouraging many people to keep their chickens.



Rocky, Bingo, Belinda & Rita, however, were brought to us when their owner was finding them difficult to manage. These cluckin' cute chickens were hatched by their owner, in the hope that mainly hens would emerge from their eggs. This is an issue that we hear about each year from chicken keepers. Even with the best of intentions, only hoping to hatch hens is unrealistic, and once you find yourself with cockerels it can be extremely challenging to rehome these handsome, confident (but extremely noisy) boys. We are appealing to chicken keepers and schools to strongly consider the welfare of any chickens that are produced during a hatching project. If you cannot offer a forever home to one or more cockerels, please do the right thing and look into taking on rescue animals instead.

(Please excuse Rita's absence from this photo. At the time this was taken, she was busy laying an egg!).

Country Dog Show success!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Country Dog Show on Sunday 6th August. We were blown away by how many of our wonderful supporters came along and helped us to make it such a busy, fun and successful day!

We are delighted that over £15,000 was raised on the day, which is already hard at work making such a huge difference to the rescue animals in our care and enabling us to give them the second chance they truly deserve.

We loved welcoming so many four-legged friends to the Dog Show, who made our judges' decisions very difficult. We would like to congratulate all our canine companions who won a rosette or prize.

Raised over £15,000

For the first time ever, we were thrilled to host the 'MGAR Reunion'. We invited many of our ex-residents to come along with their families, to say 'hello' to the staff who cared for them, receive a green rescue ribbon and share stories about the difference their furry friend has made to their lives. It was incredible to hear heart-warming tales and it showed the positive impact our work has on so many people and their gorgeous companions.

Finally, we would like to say a special 'thank you' to all our incredible volunteers, staff, trustees, traders and local businesses who helped us. This event would not have been possible without your help.



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Retail

NEW SHOP!



Welcome to our new store!

We are very excited about the opening of our brand-new shop in Winton.

After the success of the previous shop's location, which did a great job of enabling us to serve the community of Winton for the last 7 years, we are delighted to have relocated to larger premises down the road. Now situated at 467 - 471, Wimborne Road, BH9 2AN, we invite you to come and browse around our fabulous new store.

With furniture, electrical goods, clothing and bric-a-brac, there are lots

of items for you to feast your eyes on. We would also be very grateful for any donations to our new shop, to ensure the shelves are kept full of goodies and to give us the best chance of raising lots of funds for rescue animals in need.

If you are passing through Winton, make sure you pop into our new shop and have a look around. The team would love to see you!



A day in the life of a shop manager

"Hello, it's Paula here, from our charity shop in Swanage. I have been Shop Manager ever since the shop opened in 2021, and I just love working here!

I was inspired to apply for the role as I knew what an amazing difference we make to so many animals in need, and I have always been passionate about recycling and supporting charity shops.

From the moment we open at 9am, we make sure everywhere is tidy & inviting, and then our busy day gets underway. In between serving our amazing customers, we sort through our fabulous donations and get them ready for the shop floor. This includes hanging, steaming and tagging the items, before they are priced up and displayed in the shop.

We absolutely love receiving donations from our kind supporters. It's like discovering buried treasure!

We have also received some 'interesting' donations over the last 2 years... The most unusual being a mouldy sandwich!

Not only do we love selling these donations to raise money for lots of lovely animals, but I thrive on seeing the joy on people's faces as they discover items that they have been searching for - perhaps, for a long time!

I am so grateful to have Assistant Manager, Alison, beside me and our fantastic team of volunteers, who go above and beyond to support our shop. Daniel is one of our lovely volunteers, who has been here since the shop opened and helps for an amazing 13 hours a week on the till. He says that he can't imagine helping anywhere else!

Matthew also helps in the shop and always has a huge smile on his face, which brightens up our day! I am very thankful to the wonderful team at



Allsort'd too, who organise our donations twice a week, which is a huge help and allows us to get even more tasks done.

To round off our day, we wash up our coffee mugs, turn off the lights and secure the shop at closing time. It is amazing how fast time flies by, which just goes to show how busy we are here in this wonderful community."

If you would like to volunteer or donate any new or pre-loved items to our charity shops, please get in touch with your nearest shop, using the contact details below. The teams will be delighted to assist you.

Kinson

1551 Wimborne Road
Kinson, BH10 7AZ
t: 01202 582115

Weymouth

5 St Thomas Street
Weymouth, DT4 8EW
t: 01305 839201

Wimborne

27 Mill Lane
Wimborne, BH21 1JQ
t: 01202 880462

Winton

467 - 471, Wimborne
Road, BH9 2AN
t: 01202 514976

Swanage

20 Institute Road
Swanage, BH19 1BX
t: 01929 421634

Ferndown

105 Victoria Road
Ferndown, BH22 9HU
t: 01202 875207

In Loving Memory

Cherished memories

Choosing to support us in memory of a loved one or 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.

Here to help you

Our caring team can 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.

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.



Please get in touch and the team will be delighted to assist you:
Email: LegacyOfLove@mgar.org.uk
Call: 0330 400 6670



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Raised over £1,100

A daring sky-dive to celebrate the life of an animal-lover

Remembering a loved one through fundraising for a cause that was close to their heart is a wonderful way to pay tribute to them.



When Sam Zambelli lost her dear sister at just 42 years old, she knew the perfect way to cherish her memory. Emma Joanne Rich was a voice for the animals, who was caring and loving to all. Sam knew that Emma would want to continue making a difference to vulnerable animals after her lifetime. Having raised over £1,100 to help save so many animals in need, we think Emma would be very proud of you, Sam. To find out how we can support you to help thousands of animals, whilst remembering someone special, please get in touch.

Our Favourite Breed

Our favourite breed... 'Rescue'!

We love animals in all shapes and sizes, and we believe every single one deserves to feel loved and wanted.

Every day, we celebrate what makes our rescue animals so utterly 'pawsome,' and how rehoming can be the most beautiful and rewarding thing you might ever do.

- The rehoming fee covers the cost of neutering, microchipping & initial vaccinations
- Your new pal has already been behaviourally assessed by our trained team, enabling us to make the most 'pawsitive' match
- The animal you rehome could be the opposite of the new furry friend you had in mind but, in our experience, the unexpected matches are often the happiest!
- Rescue animals are a judgement-free zone, and will always love you unconditionally
- When you choose rescue, you are offering a second chance at happiness

Once your new family member settles in, you'll wonder how you ever lived without them!

We have been taking in more vulnerable animals than ever before, and every animal we manage to match with a new home is a life saved.



Double the love

From time to time, our animals looking for their 'forever' home are living happily as a pair. When already bonded, we feel it's super 'impawtant' for these forever friends to find a loving new home together.



There are incredible benefits to rehoming an existing duo...

- 1 Your new companions will help each other to settle in and experience new things together
- 2 The pair of pals will keep each other company, so are likely to be happier when left at home
- 3 They will brighten your days with their double-act antics and super sweet snuggling

If you are interested in joining us on this journey and rehoming an animal from us, please visit our website: www.mgar.org.uk/rehoming to see our furry friends who are currently looking for their forever homes.



Sponsorship

Your support saves lives

Are you looking for the 'pawfect' gift to give to a loved one this Christmas?

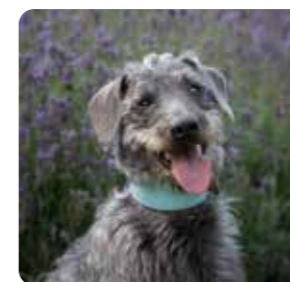
By sponsoring one of our lovely rescue animals, like beautiful Eliza here, you will not only be giving a fellow animal-lover a wonderful present, but you will also be making a huge difference to Eliza and her four-legged friends.

From just £5 per month, your special someone will receive twice-yearly updates from Eliza about her adventures and how your regular donation is making a real impact to the lives of many rescue animals in need.



From supplying their tasty food to providing a comfortable bed, shelter, rehabilitation and veterinary care, your support will go directly towards our animals' welfare and help us to get them back on their feet - or paws!

That's not all - there is also the opportunity to sponsor one of our three centres too. In return for your kind donation, your loved one will receive the latest news on what has been happening at their chosen centre over the last 6 months.



Alternatively, if you would like to support a local charity in lieu of sending Christmas cards this year, why not treat yourself to an animal or centre sponsorship!

Donkeys, Sid & Jake, would love to welcome you to the MGAR community, and to keep you updated on their lives and the funny antics they get up to at Church Knowle.

Are you ready to join us on this journey of animal rescue?

Please scan the QR codes below to be invited to set up a regular donation via Direct Debit.

Sponsor an Animal



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Sponsor a Centre



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For any questions about setting up a sponsorship, please get in touch and the team will be delighted to assist you: comms@mgar.org.uk



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Forever Home Stories

There is no greater feeling than seeing our ex-residents settling into their wonderful new homes with their forever families. Make sure you check out the stories below... there may even be some familiar faces that you recognise!



AILSA

We unexpectedly moved into a house with three dogs, and Ailsa's reaction has been amazing! It's taken time, but the dogs are all respectful and know that she's the boss now. We established a little grooming routine a while back, so she gets a good groom everywhere, including the belly and trousers. She is simply magnificent!

Deana, Shaun and 'The Boss'

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.



OSCAR

Do you recognise Oscar from our previous magazine? He was one of the Collie pups who came into our care after their breeder was trying to sell them from the back of a truck. Look at him now!

Oscar has grown into a lovely boy and goes everywhere with me! He absolutely adores his walks, whether it's to the beach, along the coast, in a secure paddock or a woodland, and his socialising is always friendly.

Michaela



ANGUS

Angus is an absolute cracker. He loves playing, charging around, taking the 'K' key off the laptop, hanging out in the coal bucket and is very bright! He's fascinated by Nigel the dog and wants to be near him all the time.

Emma & John

OLIVE (was Katy)

You may remember beautiful Katy from our previous magazine. We are delighted that she has since gone to her loving new home!

Olive has been affectionate from day one. She needed time to settle in, but has learned my routine and settled in nicely. I would say she prefers attention over toys, but she does sometimes play with me. We have bonded very well, and Olive loves to lie on me when we're in bed, which is one of my favourite things!

Katherine



FLOPSY & FELIX (formerly Vernon & Tikka)

Flopsy & Felix have settled in so well. They are keeping the grass trimmed for us, and we have started click training with them, so the bunnies can come out of their pen in the morning to greet us.

It's becoming better each day as we get used to each other and are getting to know their personalities. We are looking forward to years and years of cuddles.

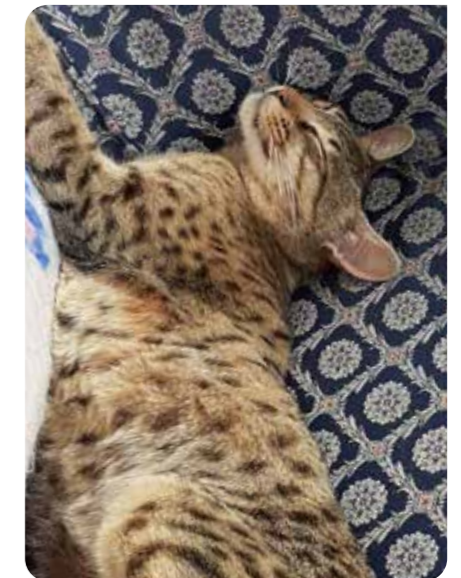
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LAETI

Hi, it's Laeti here! I just wanted to say a big thank you for finding me my forever home. I was quite scared to start with, as my life before was so restricted. However, I soon found my confidence, exploring the house first and then the big wide world of the garden - there is so much to see and chase! When I get tired, there are lots of snuggles to be had, which we all enjoy. I thought you might like to see a photo of me, to show how all your hard work makes us furry friends happy.

All my love, Laeti



CASSIE

We are thrilled that page 6 star, Cassie, is settling well into her new home.

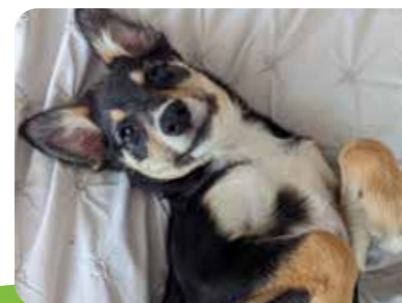
Here is Cassie chilling after her walk. She's not stressed at all. She's been so good - a real joy!

Carol

MURPHY

Here's a little update for Murphy, she is getting so big! She's a wonderful dog and we feel so lucky to have found her.

Caron, Adam, Autumn & Murphy



HELGA

Helga is doing fine and settling in. She is eating well and sleeps soundly in her bed, and then in mine! She's been for a couple of walks around the village and has received a lot of compliments from other dog walkers.

She's had a good play with her toys and is now contentedly asleep on her super soft doggy mattress.



Many thanks for your kind help and support during the rehoming process.

Tony



HAROLD

I think it's safe to say Harold has found his place in our home. Bea certainly doesn't mind the cuddles!

Dave

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 rescue animals. A third of our vital work is funded by legacies.

Let your love live on

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

We are here to help you

Deciding to leave a gift is a wonderful, 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



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Building a better future

When Maureen George made the incredible decision to let her love live on, we truly hope she knew how transformational her incredible gift would be.

Our Lincoln Farm team used to work all year round in a leaking shed. They covered their electrical equipment due to rain dripping on it. They even discovered a nest of mice living in the back of their computer! The dogs' food supplies were often invaded by rodents, which created constant concern for the staff.

Maureen's legacy created an admin building, housing an office, staff room & secure food store. It includes rooms where we can meet with rehomingers and those giving up their dogs, offering the privacy needed.



Rabbitry

A 'hoppy' update from our rescue rabbits

Over the last few years, we have been desperate to improve our rabbit area at Church Knowle, to ensure our rescue bunnies have the best possible experience during their time in our care.

We frequently have a long waiting list of rabbits who need to come into rescue, but sadly it often takes time for our rabbit residents to find their forever families. Because of this, we like to ensure our rabbits have plenty of space and enrichment to keep them entertained, whilst they wait for their special someone to come and sweep them off their paws.

After 4 years in development, we are delighted to have opened our brand-new rabbitry, which features inside and outside areas in every enclosure, and gives our bunnies 24-hour access to the outdoors.

This is something we are passionate about, as it means our rabbits can choose where they spend their time.

We were very grateful to receive a fantastic £6,300 donation from Co-op in Wareham & Sandford towards the work. We can't thank the teams at Co-op enough for supporting us in this way and for helping us to make our vision become a reality. There is still a long way to go with education regarding rabbit welfare and ensuring they have enough space to live happily. We hope this new area will show what a difference it makes when rabbits can roam without being restricted to a hutch.

If you are visiting our Church Knowle centre, do check out these facilities and discover the amazing benefits they're bringing to our little friends.

- 1 Constant access to the outdoor areas enables our bunnies to display natural behaviours, and has also limited the amount of handling we have to do, as we no longer need to pick them up and place them into their outdoor runs. Even though some of our furry friends are happy with this interaction, not all rabbits like to be handled and it has helped to reduce the need for us to do this.
- 2 In addition, we can help our bunnies with their carrier training whilst in our care, to get them used to hopping into a carrier for when they need to go to their all-important vet visits or, better still, when the time comes for them to go to their new homes.
- 3 Not only has the new rabbitry created much more outdoor space and increased our rabbits' freedom, but it has also provided them with greater opportunities to hide and enjoy their enrichment activities, which is such a joy for us to see.

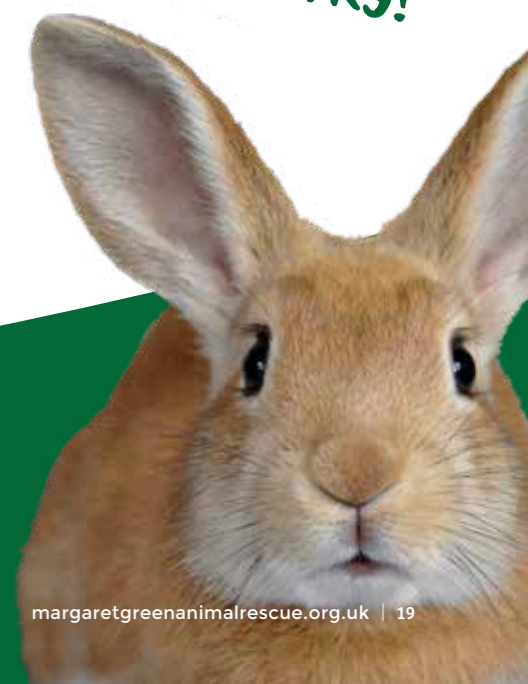


For any questions about rehoming rabbits or looking after their needs, contact the team at Church Knowle:



Email: churchknowle@mgar.org.uk
Tel: 0330 400 6670

NEW RABBITRY!



Celebrate your love, & SAVE LIVES

Are you planning your wedding or civil partnership? If you are looking for a unique way to celebrate your magical day, whilst making a truly meaningful difference to lives of animals, then we would love to hear from you.

By asking for donations from your kind loved ones, in lieu of wedding gifts, you could help us to rescue and rehabilitate the vulnerable animals who need us. We are taking in more animals than ever before, with a huge number arriving who require urgent support.

Every donation received directly helps us to get so many rescue animals back on their paws and give them the second chance they deserve. If you would like to join us on this journey, then why not celebrate your wonderful life event by helping us to change the lives of many rescue animals, who have no voice to ask for help.

Do us a favour

With our brand-new range of fun and fabulous wedding favours, you can now share your love for rescue animals with all your guests. We can even set up a wedding fund that's unique to your special day, which means we can let you know just how much you and your thoughtful friends & loved ones have raised to make a 'pawsitive' impact to an amazing cause.

If you would like to find out more about supporting Margaret Green Animal Rescue, the team will be delighted to discuss your options with you.



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