

Summer 2020

Suzie

our cover star found
a forever home after
waiting 65 days!

Can you give hope to our
rescue animals?
See enclosed letter for
how you can help.

Welcome

We need you now more than ever!

Since our Winter Newsletter was published we have enjoyed a marvellous few months with adoptions increasing, some wonderful animal stories many of which you will see in this issue, and a general sense of enjoyment at what we as a Charity and our wonderful staff do best; rescue, care, rehome and support hundreds of animals every month in what is now our 55th year.



The 3 amigos that are currently boarding with us whilst their mum and dad work on the frontline

Like each and every one of you, we were hit by the Coronavirus crisis. In the early days we immediately recognised the potential seriousness of the virus and implemented strict hygiene controls for our staff, volunteers and visitors. We arranged for staff to work from home where possible and maximised use of video conferencing. We thought we were doing all the right things at a sensible pace. Then came the total lockdown...

Our Centres and Charity Shops were immediately closed, animal rehoming stopped, animal intake strictly restricted to emergency welfare cases, and all commercial boarding bookings were cancelled. All fundraising events were cancelled or postponed.

Having many boarding units empty we immediately made an offer to board the animals of all frontline workers in the NHS, Police and Council Care Staff who might need their animals caring for free of charge. We are pleased to say that we are already providing emergency care to a number of animals, the offer has been greatly welcomed by Devon & Cornwall Police, Dorset & BCP Councils and Bournemouth & Poole Hospital Trusts. It is the least we can do to say thank you for their incredible work.

We can assure you that all animals in our care have continued to benefit from superb welfare despite a reduced number of staff and without the assistance of our regular volunteers and animal carers.

We send this newsletter with a heavy heart and concern that we have for all our animals, staff and families, and you our wonderful supporters.

It became increasingly difficult to logistically plan the Grand Draw that we normally run and so you will notice that this issue doesn't include any tickets. Through the loss of ticket sales, closures of shops/centres and cancellations of events; all of which are a huge part of the way we raise funds, we are expecting to lose upwards of £25,000. If you are able to, please can you make a donation towards our 'Hope' appeal and perhaps, if you are able, you could add the amount you would normally have spent on Draw Tickets? Whatever amount you choose to donate, it will be very gratefully received.

I hope that you have all remained safe and well, and enjoy our Summer Newsletter. When the lockdown is eased we look forward to seeing you at our centres and shops again.

Matt Devereux
Trustee

Stay in touch

We love to hear from you and your pets. Here's how:

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Patron: Edward Fox OBE

Thank you to Ben Hanson and Kim Lillington for additional photography

Funding Our Future

Funding for two major projects!

We were jumping for joy recently as we were awarded a significant amount of funding from three partnerships.

The Lottery Community Fund awarded us a huge £10,000 towards the Cabin Project at Church Knowle. Indoor space is vital for the charity to continue our education programs. We work alongside many different groups to help educate not only the importance of animal welfare but also life skills that students will be able to take away and utilise in their personal lives. We can't wait to open the doors to the new Cabin very soon and welcome more groups to the visitor centre.

We then received an amazing £35,000 from Animal Friends Pet Insurance who wanted to help complete the Cabin

project and also support the much needed refurbishment of our Sand School. We use the Sand School for many different reasons but one of the main uses is for horses that come into us that may have had minimal handling or need to be on a strict diet. This Sand School needs replacement drainage, a new surface and new fencing.

In addition to this we were fortunate to receive £8,000 from Pet Plan, which will also be going towards the refurbishment of the Sand School

The projects are currently on hold, but with the funding from the Lottery Community Fund, Animal Friends Pet Insurance and Pet Plan we will be able to complete both of these major projects.

Retirement after 35 Years Service

We wish to recognise 35 years service by Tim Payne as a Trustee. Tim was appointed in June 1984 and in addition to overseeing all legal matters for the Charity has been the Secretary to the Board of Trustees for more than 25 years. During this time, Tim has made an enormous contribution to the day-to-day running and major developments of our centres and Retail business. Tim's love of animals was at the heart of his contributions to our Charity.



The Board of Trustees and all members of the Management Team extend our very best wishes for a happy retirement. Tim has, of course, expressed his desire to offer any practical support he can, which we will take up.



2020 marks our 55th year of dedicated care for rescue animals

We are all so proud of the achievements the charity has made and thank each and every person who has supported us to create such a lasting legacy. Many milestones have been reached over the years. **Key ones include:**

- The first promotions of sponsoring an animal in 1980.
- Lincoln Farm was purchased in 1986 to enable us to rehome more rescue dogs.
- Microchipping every dog that was rehomed from 1990.
- Wingletang was purchased and we were able to care for animals in surrounding areas.
- Church Knowle began housing cats individually in 2001 to improve their health and wellbeing.
- In 2008 the 'Margaret Green Foundation Trust' became 'Margaret Green Animal Rescue' to better reflect the services that we provide.
- In 2015 the charity entered a new venture with the first charity shop opening in Winton, Bournemouth.

We can't wait to see what the next 55 years bring!

Did you know?

We send out a regular e-newsletter. To receive updates on our rescue animals sign up by including your email on the appeal sheet and send back, or sign up here: www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk/Newsletter_Sign_Up.html

Support

Would you like to fundraise to help us complete a project?
Support our rescue animals by getting in touch: comms@mgar.org.uk

Church Knowle News



Fresh new look

We started 2020 with a very exciting revamp of our Welcome Centre at Church Knowle. We donned paint suits and got to work as a team! The Welcome Centre now features educational activities, such as guessing which brush is used for each animal and matching animal teeth to the correct species. Educating our visitors is a huge part of what we do and we are so pleased we have a space to develop this work. The new area also includes cat items, such as scratching posts, toys, beds, cat litter trays and litter. These are all available to purchase when rehoming a pet or visiting and in turn the money raised will go back into helping animals at the centre.

When you are able to, we encourage you to visit the centre, meet the animals and check out the new Welcome Centre.

Alan finds love

Alan the Rex Rabbit has finally found some-bunny to love after over 200 days in rescue. He is now settled with his new lady friend Mertle, after they spent some time together bonding at the centre. Here's to Alan and Mertle's long lasting forever love.



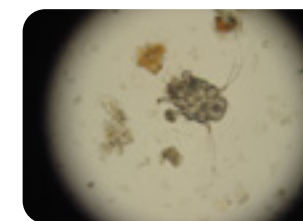
What are ear mites?

Ear mites are commonly found parasites and can rarely be seen by the naked eye as they are microscopic. They are not enjoyable for your pet at all as they feed off the skin and wax in their ears. We have seen many cases of this in cats and ferrets at the Church Knowle centre and it is important to protect your pet from mites just as you would with flea and worm treatment.

An adult mite can live for approximately two months and will multiply quickly

with eggs taking just four days to hatch and three weeks to develop into an adult ready to breed. It is important to regularly check your pet's ears and take note if they start to scratch their ears, shake their head excessively or if their ears are red and inflamed.

If you notice any of these then we advise you take your pet to the vet to get them checked over and supply treatment if needed.



Donkey Duo

Sid and Jake are a pair of cheeky donkeys, who many visitors love to come and fuss at our centre. They spend their days playing with their treat balls, boisterously running around and trying to guilt trip the team into having a ginger nut biscuit!

Jake recently needed a new pair of his special socks, they help soothe the sores on his legs as they contain silver! Supporters were so generous that we were able to purchase two pairs, plus to top it all off the company sent a third pair. It is safe to say Jake has enough socks for each occasion.

Sid and Jake are available to sponsor for just £5 a month, which will help towards ongoing care. Your donation each month will mean we can continue to care for rescue animals like Sid and Jake.

£5
per month



Did you know?

Sid and Jake have their own Instagram page! Follow what they have been up to by searching for @sillysidandjake

Join Us

We look forward to welcoming you to the centre for our two day extravaganza **The Country Dog Show** on the 8th & 9th August.

Become an...
Animal Sponsor

Eliza the feral cat who patrols the Church Knowle centre would love for you to sponsor her. Head to the **support page** on our website for more details.



Lincoln Farm News

Pearly whites!

Why is Dental Hygiene so important for your dogs?

We wanted to highlight why you should take the care of your dog's teeth seriously. Dogs and many other animals, like people, can develop problems like tartar and plaque build-up. If this is left untreated it can lead to bad breath, sore gums and in severe cases teeth becoming loose and falling out.



During December we spent £1,900 on dentals for dogs at the centre.

Here are some things to look out for:

- 🐾 Bad breath
- 🐾 Food falling from their mouth when eating
- 🐾 Red, bleeding or sore gums
- 🐾 Dribbling
- 🐾 Reluctance to eat
- 🐾 Pawing at their face / rubbing their face
- 🐾 Weight loss
- 🐾 If they are quieter than normal

If your dog shows any of the above signs, you should contact your vet and if advised, make an appointment.

The most effective way to look after your dog's teeth is using regular brushing with a dog specific toothpaste and toothbrush that's appropriate for the size of your dog's mouth. Brushing your dog's teeth should be a pleasant experience for both of you and shouldn't be stressful for your dog.

The key is to start slowly in a room or area that your dog is comfortable in. Have some treats ready to help reassure your dog. Start by letting your dog lick the toothpaste off the brush (most doggie toothpaste has a flavour that's designed to be appealing to your dog). Then gently lift your dog's gum and in a gentle circular motion brush one of the canines.

Gradually increase the length of brushing time daily until you are able to brush all of their teeth. If your dog becomes uncomfortable, stop and go back a step.

Good dental health can also be supported by natural supplements, which can be added to your dog's food or water. Synthetic dental chews and toys also have a part to play in helping maintain good oral health for your dog but aren't a substitute for regular brushing.

Your vet will check your dog's teeth at their annual health check but if you have any concerns contact your vet as soon as possible. Problems that are caught sooner are less likely to need invasive treatment that could lead to extra expense.



Arya finally found her throne

This gorgeous pup spent far longer in rescue than she deserved. Arya was at the centre for 10 months and whilst she enjoyed going on walks with volunteers to splash about in water, she also longed for a home to call her own.

She is now well and truly settled, loving her new life and enjoys going to watch the football matches with her new owners! Thank you to everyone who helped share Arya's diary.



Greyhound Girl Power!

Maid Marian (now named Penny) found her forever home in March and we are so pleased, because like Arya, she had been with us for a very long time, 153 days precisely.

It's the best part of what we do when an animal goes home with their new family, we are still hoping for the same for **Cinderella** who can't seem to find that 'Perfect Fit'. We don't mean a glass slipper but a home to call her own...



She is a 4 year old smooth coated greyhound and has a playful personality. She is really very sweet and loves throwing her toys around! After playtime she is prone to snoozing in a cosy blanket and we hope she finds her 'happy ever after' very soon. Cinderella can live with another calm sighthound and would be happy to live with older children.



Will your dog cope home alone post Covid-19 Crisis?

Dogs are very routine oriented and as a result of the Covid Crisis their routine changed in that their owners were available to them 24/7. Dogs are very adept at forecasting what their day will consist of, and part of that day means they are normally sometimes home alone. To help your dog deal with this change it is important to try and replicate a home alone scenario as when normality has returned they may not cope well and become anxious at your absence. This is known as Separation Anxiety (SA).

SA comes in the form of pacing which promotes eliminating in the house, vocalising to call you back, scratching at doorways and windows in order to follow

you, salivating with the stress & chewing something up to release your scent. All or any of these behaviours can occur.

Helpful Measures

- Exercise your dog before you leave and give a stuffed KONG or lasting chew.
- Make exits and entrances calm and matter of fact.
- Leave an owner scented article in their bed, one that came out of the laundry basket is excellent.
- Turn on TV or radio to classical music to filter out outside noises, which could indicate your return.

- Turn the phone off as they know you always answer it.
- Go to another room or to the garden, a couple of times a day, leaving your dog on their own for periods of time.
- Don't let your dog become too clingy so offer affection & games at your instigation, this will promote independence.

All these helpful measures will assist your dog to acclimatise to this new regime and when normal service is resumed he will be able to cope 'Home Alone' once more.

Become a...
Centre Sponsor

By sponsoring **Lincoln Farm** for **£5 a month** you will be helping dogs like Arya, Penny and Cinderella. See our support page on the website for how to sign up.

Wingletang News

A Ray of Light for Luna

Gentle soul Luna came into the centre scared and very nervous, she was also heavily pregnant.

Late one December evening she gave birth to a healthy litter of seven puppies. We were all so impressed with how she cared for her pups, clearly something she has done numerous times before. Once the time was right all the puppies found homes and that just left Luna. Whilst she waited the team worked with her to build her confidence, which she did in small steps each day.

Luna was one lucky lady and found a perfect, patient and understanding home in early March. Her new owners recently sent us this heartwarming update:

"Luna is settling in here and is getting better on her walks. When we went for an evening walk tonight she had a little wag of her tail as we got the leads out which was nice to see. Every day she gets a little better, there is still a long road to go but she is doing so well already. Right now she is asleep on the sofa next to me snoozing. Her favourite toy is the one you have to get treats out of which she is very good at and she is starting to become a bit partial to an ear rub!"

Some of Luna's puppies in their new homes →



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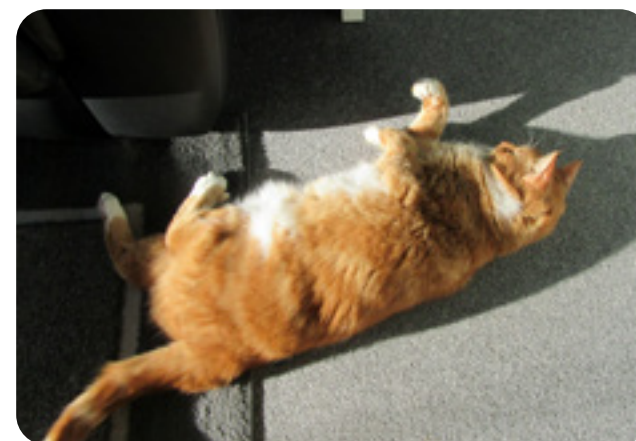
Help dogs like Luna by sponsoring **Wingletang Rescue and Rehoming Centre**. Just £5 a month can really make a difference to the lives of rescue animals.

Thank you to our readers

In our last newsletter we asked our readers to pledge to help us find cats Bobby, Oscar and Boris a forever home! We are so pleased to tell you that they have all found wonderful new homes and we couldn't have done this without your help.

Bobby found his perfect match after waiting for such a long time, Oscar's new owners say that he is 'an absolute joy' and Boris' owners fell in love with his 'bolshie attitude'.

This goes to show the powerful impact our readers can have, be it spreading awareness of animals looking for a home to family and friends or making a donation. We value your support and it really does make a difference.



Detective Jeff

Jeff was brought to us due to the previous owners being unable to give him the exercise that he needed. When we first met him it was clear he had a lot of energy!

To help further stimulate his mind the team started to hide toys around the agility area. He absolutely loved this game and was fantastic at finding his toys.

Jeff is now training with the Dorset Police to become a bomb detection dog! Well done Jeff and we wish you all the luck with your training!



Stay at home fun!

Providing enrichment for your dog doesn't have to be expensive. Here's a few ideas, which you can make yourself:



The upside down washing basket

Place treats or your dog's favourite toy on the ground and place a plastic washing basket upside down over the top and watch them work out how to get to the goodies.



The muffin/cupcake tin

Sprinkle treats into a muffin or cupcake tin and place tennis balls in the indents of the tin on top of the treats, watch your dog try to move the balls to get to the treats (make sure you wash the tin after use!)



The rolled towel

Lay a towel out flat and sprinkle with treats, then roll up and let your dog have fun trying to get to the treats in the middle of the rolled up towel.

Join Us

We are busy preparing for a great **Tri-4-Rescue** this year on the 6th September! Get your gear ready and check for updates here: www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk/events.html

Retail Round Up

Sandra supports our Shetlands

Sandra one of our wonderful Kinson charity shop volunteers had seen that we needed to buy a fly rug for Archie the 9 year old Shetland pony and really wanted to help. So, she made a very generous donation towards it.

Thanks to Sandra's donation we were able to buy Archie not one but

two fly rugs, as well as a treat ball to provide him with enrichment feeding. Doesn't he look dapper?

Archie needs fly rugs as he suffers from a condition called Sweet Itch, especially in the warmer months and so wearing a rug eases the itch for him.

Thank you!



Birthday Celebrations

On February 15th the team at Kinson celebrated their first birthday and as with all good birthday traditions the day began with cake! Pictured above with Manager Jules, Assistant Manager Debbie are volunteer Sandra and Barbara just one of our loyal customers.

On March 19th the team at the Wimborne charity shop celebrated two years of trading. In the first two years the shop has built up a great customer base, is receiving a variety of regular donations and has a happy band of volunteers on board. Thank you to all our volunteers and customers for their support.

Charity shop update

At the time of going to print our charity shops are closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are therefore unable to accept donations - please do not leave them outside, as there is no one to take them in and we wouldn't want them to spoil.

We can't wait to welcome you back to shop with us as soon as we can but in the meantime check out our dedicated charity shop facebook page at: www.facebook.com/CharityshopsforMargaretGreen/ for updates and to browse through our posts to remind yourself what wonderful bargains you'll find. See you all soon...

Looking ahead to holidays...

When things return to normal and you're thinking about rebooking your holidays remember to book your pet in for boarding too! Our Dorset and Devon centres offer boarding for cats and dogs, with complete peace of mind as all our staff are experienced in high levels of animal welfare. Bookings are currently being taken for July 2020 onwards. **Board your pet with us and help save another!**

Dorset / Cats: call Church Knowle on 01929 480474
Dorset / Dogs: call Lincoln Farm on 01929 471340
Devon / Cats & Dogs: call Wingletang on 01822 810215

Wish you were here!



Your Fundraising

Us brits just love to talk about the weather...

Play along for your chance to win! Participating in the Weather lottery means you will be helping rescue animals whilst also having fun...

That's right, simply sign up and take part and you could win up to £25,000! When you join, you'll be given a unique 6 digit Lucky Number to be entered into the weekly Weather Lottery draw. The result is based on the last digit of the Fahrenheit temperature from 6 popular European destinations.

Find out more and sign up on the support page of our website!



Local Events Report

Thank you so much to supporter Catherine for organising the Spring Craft Fair and raising £130 for rescue animals. Organising local events is a great way to raise funds and we so appreciate everyone who chooses us as their charity.



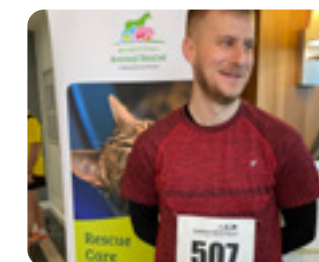
We would like to invite you to run for rescue dogs!

Here's a great idea – why not join in with local running events when we can all get out and about again and raise sponsorship for rescue animals?

Let us know the details when you sign up so that we can support you in your running journey, we can help by providing a fundraising guide. Get in touch to receive yours and start planning for future running events: comms@mgar.org.uk

Weymouth Bay 10k

Matt and Adam kindly signed up to run the Weymouth Bay 10k. The atmosphere was so fantastic during the run and we are so pleased to say that along with the runners help the event raised £600!



**Raised
£600**

Forever Home Updates

Thank you to everyone who sent in their forever home stories, they are wonderful to see!



Charlie

I would like to update you on a little black and white Shetland called Charlie, he came from you approximately 5 - 6 years ago.

He used to be a naughty little man, but has grown to be a confident, loving pony. We have helped each other in many ways.



Shadow

Here is Shadow, who we adopted from you in November. He settled in from the second he walked through the door and has brought so much happiness to our home!

Thank you for all your hard work in tirelessly helping these lovely dogs find their forever homes, and thank you for bringing Shadow to us!

Jessica

Marshall

Marshall is settling in very well in his new home. He's been very affectionate and is always demanding attention. His favourite spot to sleep is in a box on the window sill, which makes the brand new bed I bought him slightly obsolete! Thanks for everything you've done for Marshall and he says thank you for the big tub of treats you sent him off with. He can't wait to get outside and explore the farm.

All the best, Johan and Marshall



Nala

I thought you might like an update on Nala, our beautiful cat that we rehomed from Church Knowle. I don't know if there is anyone there still who remembers her from June 2014 but she was nearly three years old and had a heart condition so, her life expectancy was unknown.

She is now nine and doing fine! Ruling the roost (or trying to) as is fitting for a cat. As well as looking beautiful, she has a lovely nature. Thank you for a lovely companion.

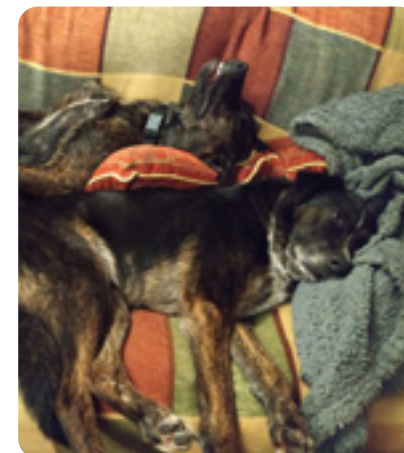
Frances



Nell

Nell is settled now, and has become really affectionate and cuddly. Her training is going well and although she is still a live wire, her walks and training are helping and she very occasionally has a snooze to give us a rest! She's very loved and treasured.

Catherine, Pete and Nell x



Snowball & Powderpuff

Here are Snowball and Powderpuff Silkie chickens who I rehomed in August last year. They have settled in really well and have made friends with my existing group. They have become very friendly and always come running for sweetcorn and meal worms – their favourite treats!

Kate



Rogey

Just wanted to let you know Rogey is doing fab, he's just amazing, a really quick learner and him and Buddy are getting along great. He is off the lead now in the park and comes back when we call him.

A really big thank you for the amazing work you do. Keep well, hope to see you soon.

Roger, Buddy Lisa and Mark x

Bay & Clover

I rescued Bay and Clover (then called Hoppity and Savannah) during the summer of 2018. They settled in very quickly and have loved exploring our garden ever since.

They eat everything at rabbit level so, all our shrubs have turned into trees now but the bonus is that we haven't mowed the lawn since they came home with us! They also love chasing our cat around too.

They've brought so much joy to our home and they make me smile every single morning. They are so loved, thanks for letting them come home with me.

Kate



Future Care

What will I do about my own pets if anything happens to me?

You plan for your funeral but what will happen to your pets should something happen to you? We offer a completely free service called Future Care.

It's never easy to think about what happens when you pass away but our Future Care service is there to give you peace of mind, and the comfort of knowing that your pets will be cared for following your wishes. The heartache of saying goodbye to a dear friend can be very distressing but knowing that your pet will be cared for and found the best possible loving home can do much to ease the pain. It also gives you that peace of mind, which in turn is a legacy of love for your pet.

To sign up we ask you to fill out a form which includes requests for information about your pet and your wishes in how they are looked after; so remember to give us as much information as possible.

We also recommend that you mention the care of your pets in your Will (we are happy to provide a suggestion for the wording), and let friends and family know of your intentions, that you have signed up to the Future Care service with Margaret Green Animal Rescue.

This Future Care Service is free, however, we are so grateful for any gift left in your Will should you be able to make a donation for the care of your pet and to support rescue animals at the centre.

If you would like to sign up to future care please email: legacyoflove@mgar.org.uk and we can send you the forms to fill out.



Corporate Support

There are so many projects you could get involved with as a corporate group of volunteers, things like...



It's dirty work...

A team from the National Probation Service based in Weymouth really did get stuck in when they came for a days volunteering at Church Knowle Rehoming and Visitor Centre. The group of 10 were tasked with emptying the duck pond so that we could give it a clean and refresh the water. They all worked really hard, got very mucky but really enjoyed themselves and even commented that they are really keen to come back again! Thank you team National Probation Service, your help has been fantastic.



If I had a hammer...

This team of eight from the technology department at Chaseside JPMorgan, Bournemouth certainly needed their tools when they volunteered at our Lincoln Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre. Their task was to spend the day putting together outside dog shelters. These are used in the outside runs to provide the dogs with shelter and somewhere to rest should they wish to. The team were eager to get building, saying that it made a pleasant change from being in the office behind a computer! Thank you team JP Morgan – we really appreciate your support.



All in a day's work...

Ten volunteers from JP Morgan were tasked with the dismantling, removal and repair of the old cat isolation corridor, which included laying a pathway, at Church Knowle. This was a job that was greatly needed and thanks to their hard work and determination they also helped out with the relocation of a goat shelter and removed a fallen tree that had blocked a gateway. A great group and team effort as always! Thank you again JP Morgan, we hope to see you all soon!

We welcome Corporate Volunteer groups and so if your business would like to get involved please email Estate Manager David at david.dubois@mgar.org.uk for more details.



Forever Home Update

We received these gorgeous pictures and lovely update about Aston, who was rehomed from our Wingletang Centre:


Hello everybody!

I hope you're all coping and safe in these strange times. I thought some photos of Aston settling into his new home might make you all smile!

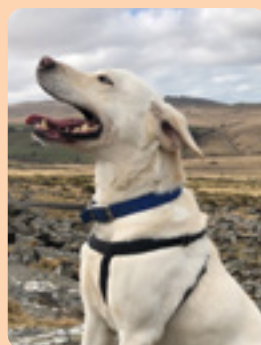
My mum and dad, adopted Aston 5-6 weeks ago and they are head over heels for him (and him for them too!).

I'm in the RAF so I'm not living at home anymore but with the COVID-19 crisis my training has been stopped and I'm at home until things resume as normal. It's safe to say we have both fallen in love with each other too!

Here are some photos of us self-isolating on Dartmoor.

Stay safe. 

Send your forever home updates to:
comms@mgar.org.uk



Updates

For regular updates on our events please head to the **events** tab on our website.
www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.com