

Wadars News

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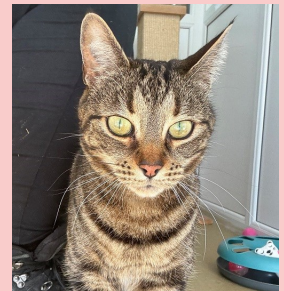
Welcome to the Spring issue of Wadars News

We've had a busy few months since our last newsletter, and you'll find some examples of that work in the enclosed letter from our senior animal rescue officer, Billy Elliott.

We have a number of volunteering opportunities coming up including a one-off activity on Sunday 9th June. On that date, as part of the UK-wide 'Big Help Out' campaign, we are appealing for people to come along and help clear the rubber chips from our two sand schools. We are also looking for people to volunteer in our small animal unit, helping to clean out and care for our rabbits and guinea pigs. See page three for further details of both opportunities.

On the back page you will find just a few of the animals that are looking for new homes,

including the gorgeous Treacle (pictured right), who is looking for a very special home.



Over the coming months we have a number of fundraising events and activities taking place, including our annual 'Walk for Wadars' sponsored walk, and our Summer Fair. On page three you'll find details of how to sign up to enter Walk for Wadars, which is taking place on 12th May.

The Summer Fair takes place on Saturday 6th July and is being held at Angmering Community Centre. The event will include a craft fair, plant sale, book stall, sale of pet-related items, cake stall, children's games, and a range of entertainment.

We still have a small number of spaces for more stalls, so if you are interested in having a stall please email our fundraiser via jenny@wadars.co.uk

It's been a busy start to the year as far as fox rescues go, with almost 50 rescues carried out so far. The concerns have included a number of young cubs who for whatever reason have become separated from their mothers. On page two you will find one such story with a happy ending.

Ensuring that your pet's microchip details are current

Since April 2016 it has been the law that all dogs are microchipped (from the age of eight weeks), and from 10 June it will also be the case that all cats must be microchipped by the time they are 20 weeks old.

Having pets chipped obviously makes it easier for lost or stray pet cats to be reunited with their owners and returned home safely, but all too often this fails because the microchip details have not been kept up to date.

We have also had a few occasions recently when a pet that we have been asked to rehome is not registered in the name of the person trying to hand it over to us. This might be because the animal has changed hands or because the breeders details are still on the chip. This again causes problems as we need to ensure that the person we accept an animal from is the legal owner and has the authority to sign it over to us.

If you think that the owner details on your pet's microchip might be out of date, contact your chip company to check. If you don't know the chip number, it is worth asking your vet whether they have it on your records.

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Things looking up for these two youngsters

Earlier this month both of these young fox cubs were discovered on their own and in distress.

The first was found collapsed in a country lane in Storrington. Cold, weak and soaking wet, at first it was touch and go as to whether it would survive. At the vets it was dried off and warmed up with a hairdryer before being given fluids to rehydrate it.

The second cub was discovered in a garden next to its deceased sibling. The finders were aware that foxes had taken up residence under their shed but with no sign of adults and the cub out in the open, it was taken to a vet for help. Once again the youngster was warmed up and put on a course of antibiotics for an infection.

Both cubs responded well to their treatment and we transferred the pair to a local wildlife hospital for rehab and rearing until they are old enough to be released back into the wild.

This is just one example of the rescues that our animal welfare team are called out to day in, day out, and since our last newsletter the Team has responded to more than 125 wildlife calls following concerns from the public about a wide variety of birds and mammals.

Always on hand for help and advice

In addition to our hands-on work with wildlife and companion animals, Wadars provides a number of free support and advice services.

Headed up by Office Administrator, Bunny Duke-Colley, our team of staff and volunteers respond to hundreds of calls each year ranging from what to do about a fox with mange, a baby bird that has fallen from its nest, or how to deal with a cat who has just started to appear in the area and might be lost.

Members of our mobile rescue team are also out and about in the community running a number of 'pop-up advice stalls' at various locations including supermarkets, garden centres and local events, so do watch out for them!

If you have a query or concern about companion animals or sick or injured wildlife, do contact us on 01903 247111 or email enquiries@wadars.co.uk



Will you make a lasting difference?



A gift in your Will has the power to ensure that more animals can be rescued and cared for until new forever homes can be found; more injured or orphaned wildlife will have a better chance of survival in their natural habitats.

Including a legacy to a charity such as Wadars in your Will, helps to make a lasting difference to the causes closest to you. Leaving a gift to charity in your Will can lower the Inheritance Tax payable on your estate. Your Will ensures that your final wishes are respected.

The gifts our supporters leave in their Wills usually accounts for around 80% of our total income, that's four out of every five animals cared for by people remembering Wadars in their Will. Please help us to continue to provide care for sick, injured, orphaned and abandoned animals and consider Wadars when making or changing your Will.

If you would like to leave Wadars a legacy in your Will, remember to include our details – Wadars Animal Rescue, registered charity number 1149884, Hangleton Lane, Ferring BN12 6PP.





Volunteering with animals in our care

We currently have a number of vacancies for volunteers to help out in our small animal unit here at our site in Ferring.

The role could include working with a range of small mammals such as rabbits and guinea pigs, and will involve cleaning out their pens, feeding them and where appropriate, spending time socialising them.

The role is fairly physical and does involve an amount of bending, stretching and sweeping out the runs.

Volunteering shifts start at around 8.30am and last for two to three hours. If you are aged 18 or over and can spare a couple of hours once a week, please email carrie@wadars.co.uk or call 01903 247111.

We need your help on Sunday 9th June...

On Sunday 9th June we are appealing for volunteers to help us for a couple of hours with a manual task as part of the Big Help Out weekend. The Big Help Out is a campaign to showcase how volunteering benefits both communities and the people who take part.

On Sunday 9th June we need people to come along and help us clear our two sand schools by raking up the rubber chips which cover the surface. We will then be donating the chips another charity that has an equestrian centre.

Anyone wishing to come along and help will need to be aged 18 or over and able to bring their own rake. It is a physical task so we ask that you only volunteer for this if you are fit enough to do so.

Volunteering slots will be either 10am to 1pm or 2pm to 4pm. If you are able to spend a couple of hours or so helping us with this task then please email carrie@wadars.co.uk or call 01903 247111.



There's still time to sign up and Walk for Wadars this May

There are just a few weeks to go until our Walk for Wadars sponsored event on Sunday 12th May, and entry is still open for sign ups.

Now in its seventh year, the completely flat route is suitable for people of all ages and is also wheelchair accessible. As ever, we have two distances to choose from - a family-friendly 2.5 mile route, or the full 5 miles. Both start and finish at Goring Gap Green and set off at 10am.

Entry is by minimum donation of £10 for a single adult or £20 for a family group of one or two adults plus up to four children. If you are able to raise anything on top of that through sponsorship that would be very gratefully received. We welcome well behaved dogs but you really don't need to have a dog in order to take part.

To enter Walk for Wadars 2024 visit www.wadars.co.uk to complete the online form, or contact us for a hard copy of the form, and you will be sent details of how to make your entry donation.

If you have any questions about the event please contact our fundraising manager, Jenny, on 01903 247111 or email jenny@wadars.co.uk



Could you be sweet on Treacle?

This lovely lady is nine year old Treacle, who came into our care because she wasn't happy living in the same home as a dog.

Treacle is a beautiful girl who sadly lost her leg in a car accident when she was younger, although this doesn't let anything get in her way of confidently exploring the outside world.

She is a cuddly lady who is very food oriented and will always call out for dinner and give you plenty of head butts to gain extra treats when she wants them!

We are looking for a forever home for Treacle where she will be away from busy roads, and without other pets or young children.

Call us on 01903 247111 if you can offer Treacle a loving new home.



This bonded pair of bunnies are looking for a home together where they can spend time exploring their enclosure.

Nibbles (the lop eared rabbit) can be a little shy, but inquisitive boy at first, whilst Buttons is a very outgoing girl – together they make the perfect combination!

Nibbles & Buttons are around three years old, and the pair are now ready to find their forever home.

Quentin is an affectionate and vocal chap who is always on the look out for extra cuddles or food, but who will tell you when he has had enough attention. This handsome lad came into our care as a stray so we do not have any information about his history, but from what we have seen so far, he is a friendly boy who would make a lovely addition to a home.

We are looking for an adult only home for Quentin.



This pretty little girl is Nellie and she is a friendly, calm rabbit who loves being stroked. Although she can be a little unnerved when you first pick her up, once she is comfy and realises that she is safe, is quite happy to stay in your arms for a snuggle.

We are looking for an indoor home for Nellie where she will be a single rabbit.



Jose is a lively 5-year-old Chihuahua cross who, like many dogs during the pandemic was not used to being left on his own or meeting new people and other dogs. These issues are now being addressed and although he is coming on really well, he is not yet the finished article.

When it takes his fancy Jose likes nothing more than a lap to sit on, and he will happily play with you and his toys all day. He also enjoys his walks and will happily walk with or behind other dogs but can still be vocal towards big dogs coming towards him.

Jose is likely to need someone who is willing and able to come and visit him a few times before taking him on, and we are looking for an adult-only home.

To find out more about adopting any of these animals, visit www.wadars.co.uk