

Wadars News

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Emergency Rescue & Rehoming Service 01903 247111

Exciting Wadars News

Since relocating to our premises on Hangleton Lane in Ferring in 2015, we have continued to provide vital services for local animals and the wider community. However, despite the size of our 15 acre site, we have not been able to develop it in the way originally planned. Changes in funding landscapes, community expectations, and broader societal shifts have made it increasingly difficult to unlock the site's full potential.

With this in mind, the Board of Trustees has undertaken a careful and thorough review of our services and the needs of the community we serve. Their conclusion is that seeking new, more suitable premises will place the charity in the strongest possible position for the future. A new site will allow us to continue delivering our charitable work effectively and sustainably, while ensuring we can grow and adapt in the years ahead.

We have obtained two independent valuations of the current site and have instructed local agents, James & James, to place the property on the market. While we assess interest, we will also be actively searching for a new location within our catchment area of Worthing and the surrounding areas.

In our last issue we appealed for donations towards the cost of running our community wildlife service after our legacy income had taken a big dip. We would like to say a huge thank you to all supporters who contributed to the appeal and reassure everyone that whilst we continue to need to generate more income the immediate future of Wadars is secure.

The Wadars Team.



Wadars News is going digital!

We have been producing this newsletter for a number of years now and posting it out to our supporters. As I'm sure you can imagine, given the cost of postage this has become an extremely expensive activity and uses money that we would far rather spend on protecting animals in need.

Because of this we will be moving over to a monthly digital e-newsletter which will not only save vital funds, but will also enable us to provide you with far more up to date information about our work and how you can support it.

In order to move across to an e-newsletter we just need your email address, so please do take two minutes to register via our website www.wadars.co.uk obviously if you already receive this via email there is no need to do anything.

If you would prefer to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter then do let us know either by calling 01903 247111 or emailing enquiries@wadars.co.uk

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Just one of our recent wildlife rescues



Following a number of calls to our wildlife helpline regarding a bird of prey that was seen just sitting in the school playing fields at Angmering School, Animal Rescue Officer Matt was sent to check out the situation.

The bird turned out to be a buzzard and appeared weak and underweight so was taken to a nearby vet for initial treatment. The following day we transported the buzzard to a local wildlife hospital for rehabilitation where it remained until it was strong enough to be released back into the wild.

Our wildlife helpline dealt with more than 2,400 calls about sick and injured wildlife during 2025.

If you are concerned about wildlife call Wadars on 01903 247111.

Why transporting your cat in a secure cat basket is a must

There are many different types of cat carry baskets available on the market and we are often asked why we insist on certain types being used when people are adopting cats from us or bringing them in to be rehomed.

This came into sharp focus recently when a lady brought her cat to us for rehoming in a sturdy cardboard box which had been tied down on the top. After signing the cat into our care the lady left the Centre and our animal welfare staff carefully opened the box to transfer the cat to a secure basket.

The staff member was shocked to find that there was no cat in the box and immediately called the lady, who had already left the car park, to let her know. The lady returned to the Centre with the cat who had escaped from the box and was by then loose in the car.

The cat was eventually transferred into one of our baskets and taken to the cattery so everything worked ok in the end, but if the cat had escaped in our car park it would almost definitely have run off and been very difficult to trace as it was not used to the area.

Whenever transporting a cat always ensure that the carrier you are using is secure, and the cat cannot escape.

Wadars often has a supply of used carriers which can be purchased for a small donation. Call us on 01903 247111 if you would like to purchase one.



The true cost of caring

We are often asked why we charge a set fee for our animals rather than asking for a donation. The answer is simply that we already run at a substantial loss when rehoming pets and cannot afford to drop our fees.

The actual cost to Wadars of taking in, health-checking, neutering where necessary, treating for fleas and worms, microchipping where appropriate and then caring for the animal until it can be found a new home (which is on average at least one month) can be more than £900 for a large dog, £520 for a cat, and £400-£500 for a rabbit.

Our minimum adoption fees for 2026 are as follows:

- Puppies up to six months old - £300
- Adult dogs - £280
- Kittens up to six months old - £130
- Adult cats - £110
- Rabbits - £50 for a single; £80 for a pair
- Guinea Pigs - £35 for a single; £55 for a pair

As you can see there is quite a difference between the fee and the actual costs involved and we are always extremely grateful for any additional donations on top of the minimum fees.

Slots still available for corporate volunteers

Each year we welcome groups of employees from local businesses who spend a day with us helping to keep our Rehoming Centre looking spic and span. Tasks can vary but generally include painting sheds and fences, weeding paths, sweeping leaves - all physical tasks.

Corporate Volunteering Days are filling up fast for 2026, so if your company would like to find out more about these activities then please email henry@wadars.co.uk

A kitten-tastic year!



Our cattery maternity unit was certainly put to very good use throughout 2025 with almost 50 kittens and their mums passing through its doors.

Having kittens in our care is always a very costly business and can cost hundreds of pounds per kitten during their time with us.

In addition to them spending far longer in our care than many adult cats do, and therefore once they have been weaned from mum costing more in feed and litter, every single one has to be vaccinated, neutered and treated for fleas and worms - costs that we don't necessarily always have with all adult cats.

Not vaccinating your puppy could be a death sentence

We have recently learned about several cases locally of puppies becoming extremely ill after contracting Canine Parvovirus.

Parvo as it is known is a highly contagious disease which can be fatal, especially in puppies and unvaccinated dogs. Symptoms of Parvo include severe foul smelling bloody diarrhoea, vomiting, lethargy and sudden death.

While vaccination isn't a 100% guarantee that your dog won't catch it, it is the best protection that they can have from the disease.

Could you provide a foster home for guinea pigs in need?

In addition to caring for animals at our Rehoming Centre we also have some that ideally need to be in short term foster homes.

We are currently looking for indoor foster homes for guinea pigs.

Wadars provides everything that the fosterer might need to look after an animal until it can be rehomed and while previous experience of owning guinea pigs isn't essential and full training will be given, it would be helpful to have some prior knowledge.

For an initial discussion please do call us on 01903 247111 or visit www.wadars.co.uk



Join us for pet care advice sessions

Over the coming months Wadars will be joining forces with Ferring Country Centre to deliver a number of talks based on pet care and animal adoption.

The first of these will be held at Ferring Country Centre on **Tuesday 7th April** and will focus on taking care of your pet rabbits.

Further details will be available next month and space will be strictly limited so please do book early to avoid disappointment.



Work placements available for students planning to enter the animal welfare sector

During 2025 we provided almost 500 hours of work experience for students from local land-based colleges and universities. By providing placements we are helping to educate the next generation of animal welfare workers and giving them the experience they need to potentially find a permanent role after finishing their studies.

If you know someone aged 18 years or older who is currently studying for Level 2 Animal Management or above then a placement at Wadars could be exactly what they need.

To enquire about work placements with Wadars please email enquiries@wadars.co.uk

Unfortunately we are unable to offer placements to under 18's or anyone studying below Level 2.



Could you offer a home to any of these cuties?

We are currently looking for outdoor homes for this pair of young cats.

Sadly they were not handled when young so would not be able to adapt to a domestic set-up, and instead we are looking for an alternative home for them.

Jessie and Jimmy will likely make good hunters and would be a great addition to a stables, farm, smallholding or similar set up.

Ideally, we would like for these cats to go out as a pair but will consider homing them separately as they have been with us for a while now and need to be in a permanent home.



This handsome young man is three year old Greggy, a charming and inquisitive rabbit with a big personality!

This cheeky chap is full of curiosity and affection, and he's on the lookout for a neutered and vaccinated female rabbit to be his lifelong companion. Alternatively, Greggy could be rehomed as a single indoor rabbit.

Greggy is a true foodie who never misses a meal, and while he may not be a lap bunny, he loves to sit beside you, keeping you company in his own way.

Greggy has been in our care for some time now and we would love to find him his forever home.

Two year old Purdey is a medium sized crossbreed who originated from Greece. This young lady is friendly towards people and used to being around visiting children. She has also lived with two other dogs.

Purdey generally walks nicely on her lead, however there are some dogs that she finds threatening and she will have a grumble at them.

She is also keen to chase squirrels and other small animals so needs a firm hand.

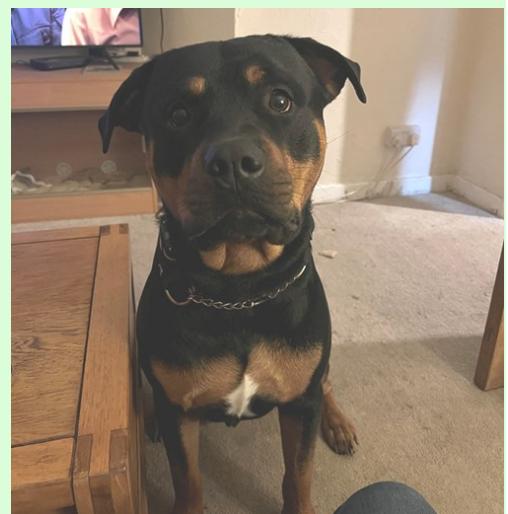


Louie is best described as a big, strong Rottweiler cross with the temperament of a pussy cat!

Life for Louie is one big game and he thinks everyone wants to join in the excitement.

We think Louie would suit an owner who is experienced with large breeds and has the time to teach him manners and boundaries.

Louie has a lovely temperament, has lived with cats and is used to children. However, due to his size and energy he wouldn't be suitable around young children.



Wadars is always in need of unopened bags of different types of cat litter, enrichment toys for cats, dogs, rabbits and other small animals - if you have any that you no longer need for any reason, please do consider donating them to Wadars.

We have two wooden donation boxes just outside our office which can be accessed at any time - thank you.

To donate to Wadars you can do so via this QR code, via our website, or by sending a cheque to Wadars, Hangleton Lane, Ferring, West Sussex, BN12 6PP.



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