



# Second Chance Animal Rescue

## 2022 WINTER NEWSLETTER

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This winters newsletter is a mixture of good and bad. As we all learn to live with Covid and its affects, we move into a desperate time for all of us, not just our charity with the cost of living crisis and energy prices rocketing.

Dogs and Cats have become a commodity to so many. Over a million more dogs were imported into this country, fortunes have been made. Animals have suffered long journeys in cramped cages, then moved from home to home. Rescues are filled to the brim with badly rehomed, unsocialized and traumatised dogs. There are a growing number of long-term, ex foreign street dogs now straying in this country.

So why do we continue to do what we do?

When you see a scared little dog, lost and frightened arrive into kennels. When you see it slowly lose its fear and start to trust. When you see it gradually turn into a joyous little scamp, it gives you a warm feeling, as you see it go onto its forever home.



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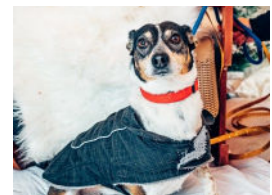
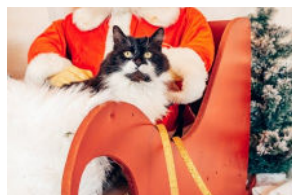
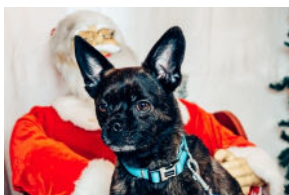
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Second Chance -  
Portsmouth Cats



Photos taken by our lovely volunteer photographer, Sophie from 2021

We were delighted to see Benji, a huge standard poodle x saluki go on to a fabulous new home, after spending many weeks here (we were determined to find the right home). He was such a fantastic, slightly naughty dog.



Sadly the same can not be said for Missy. At 11 years old she still waits patiently for her new home. With her strong dislike of other dogs when out for a walk, she needs an experienced new owner. Someone who has the patience to wait for her to learn to trust them. Could you be that person? Please call us on 02380559552, email us [contact@secondchanceanimalrescue.co.uk](mailto:contact@secondchanceanimalrescue.co.uk) or via our website and the dog tab, complete our online enquiry form.



As we write this newsletter, Marley is also waiting for the right home. He needs someone to love cuddles as much as he does and won't mind him jumping right into your arms. Someone who won't leave him very often as he hates that. Are you that special someone?



What we won't do is give up on these dogs. We will find the right home and in the meantime they are safe with us, loved and receiving tlc from Pat and all our dogwalkers.

Sadly we know that we can not help every dog. In just one day, we received requests for 15 dogs and 10 cats needing spaces in rescue! Most were under a year old.

Three of these calls were particularly heart wrenching. Talking to crying owners of dogs who had done serious damage to family or friends, looking for a magic wand that sadly we don't possess. Explaining that there is no safe place that these dogs can be passed on to, where worse things may happen. It is always better for a dog to be put to sleep by the hand of kindness, by the people who have loved it for most of its life. It truly breaks our hearts.

**Flyball** is a fantastic activity for Dogs and their owners. We have been lucky enough to have been invited to some of their competitions this year to fundraise.

Our thanks go to all the teams, but in particular Alison and Jets. Jets and Barkshire Bandits raised a fabulous £285.

## The people at Second Chance

Thank you to all our amazing staff and volunteers. **Kayleigh** and **Pauline** have been joined working with the cats this year by **Dulcie, Caroline, Katie, Abi, Ben, Ella** and **Alesha** who joins us from the **Princes Trust**. Our thanks go to **Cathy** again who takes care of so many of our vet visits, we keep her very busy! Still with us are **John** and **Emma** who work in our main cattery. We also need to thank **Georgie** who comes along regularly to play and socialise with our cats. We said a sad goodbye to Emily who has gone off to Ireland to start her new job and Yasmina and Taran.

Our Congratulations to **Mariska** who gave birth to her beautiful daughter Esme in August.

**Pat** continues to work hard with our dogs. Thank you Pat, for all your hard work and dedication!

**Annette** and **Richard, John, John, Terry, Dave** and **Helen, Chris** and **Jenny, Kathy** and **Joan** ensure our dogs have been receiving regular walks. We sadly said goodbye to Chris. Thank you to all.

Thank you to **Wendi, Debbie** and **Lynda** for sorting out the donations coming into the shed. **Wendi** also fosters our small animals. She has had quite a year with tortoises, parrots, rabbits, guinea pigs, squirrels, a baby fox and many hedgehogs!

We had a wonderful day at the **Bitterne Trifest** again this year.

We were positioned under the shade of the trees, with water bowls ready for all the entrants to our dog show. A huge thank you to Dawn from TailsbyDawn Dog Behaviourist and Jan from Dogs Lost for accepting the difficult job of judging all the entrants. They were also ably helped by Annette and Richard, 2 of our regular dog walkers. They had many difficult decisions to make as there were so many fantastic dogs.



**Amazon** have now been donating some of their split bags to us. This has been a great help to us, and we thank them for their support.

Thank you to **Wickham Court** for choosing Second Chance as one of their nominated charities this year. They have raised £453.00! Thank you

There is a severe shortage of vets in the UK at this time. This remains a concern alongside the growing cost of veterinary treatment.

Unfortunately, we see a combination of pet insurance and big business pushing up the prices. Too many small independent vets have left the industry after the pressures of Covid. Vet surgeries who used to be able to do surgeries, are now referring to specialists.

Many people believe that as a rescue we are given discounts by the vets or even free treatment. Sadly this is not true. Some do give us 10%, occasionally 20%, but not across all treatments. So with the rising costs, our bills go up and up. The animals coming into rescue are needing more due to financial difficulties for their previous owners.

Just to give you an idea of the costs involved, here are just a few of the recent treatments we have paid for:

Poor Tinkerbelle, a stray cat brought into us with a huge swollen belly. Blood tests revealed nothing but she was drinking huge amounts, so very likely to be a tumour. Was this why she was dumped?? We kept her comfortable and she ate well. But then she stopped eating and sadly a visit to the vets revealed a huge growth in her stomach, she was put to sleep after only 2 weeks with us. Our hearts were broken, but we were relieved that she was with us and not alone out in the cold. The vet bill came to £220.00

Wilma, a "pedigree" poodle, came in with intense itchy skin, unsprayed, unvaccinated, with infected ears. Malaseb baths, antibiotic injection, ear cleaner, vaccinations and a spay. She is now so much happier, gaining confidence, having never been walked previously. Her vet bill came to £719.00

Without your support we would not be able to continue to care for the animals that we do, THANK YOU!

A huge Thank you to all the vets that have managed to see and treat our animals. Thank you to the vets, nurses and receptionists who are over worked, short staffed at what is a very difficult time for them. We do appreciate you all. **Unicorn, Vets4Pets Hill Lane, Seadown, Beech House and Chandlers Ford Vets.**

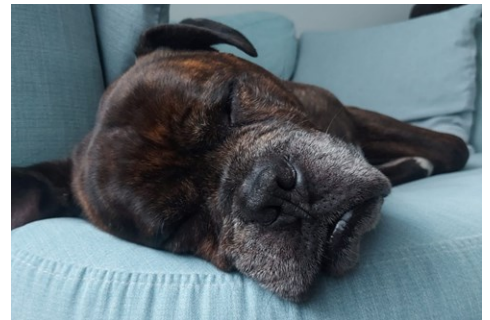
Our particular thanks go to Monique and her team at **Pet Vet, Thornhill and Woolston**, who went above and beyond, fitting us in at short notice and treating our animals, sometimes 7 days a week. Thank you, you really do deserve a medal.



Thank you very much to the customers and staff at  
**Sainsbury's Badgers Farm** for all their donations  
You're all amazing!



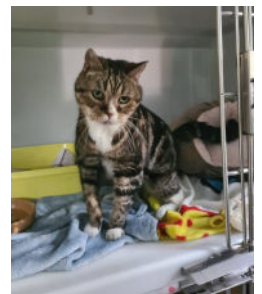
**Bruce** is in need of a retirement home. He is presently in a foster home, but can not stay and kennels will not suit him. He is 12 years old and loves his routine. He has arthritis in his legs so can only walk for 30 minutes maximum at one time. He is not great in cars and gets very stressed visiting new homes, but this may improve in time.



Bruce loves people and will follow you around in the house as he doesn't want to be left alone, however he does like his own space too, not too bothered by cuddles but wants to sit near you. He is not good with other dogs especially if they bark at him. He would make a lovely companion for someone who can be around a lot. He can be left and usually sleeps but does miss you and demand your full attention on your return. He deserves a loving home for his last years, especially having lived most of his life on the streets. If you think you can offer Bruce a home then please call 02380559552.

### So Sad

Dumped in the rain, in the woods behind Weston flats. A note attached said that the poor cat had eaten tomato leaves and they couldn't cope anymore. Sadly, we were unable to save her and the cat was put to sleep.



Thank you to the 2 young girls that found the cat, unable to move its back legs, and brought her to the rescue..

**The Talisman Pub** in Locks Heath continue to fundraise for us, with their doggie treats at the bar and donations from sales of their Steak and Tangle-foot Pie. Thank you.

Our gratitude goes to **Itchen Valley Dog Training Club**, who donated £300. We appreciate your continued support very much.

Would you like to receive our Newsletter by email instead of post?  
Please email us: [contact@secondchanceanimalrescue.co.uk](mailto:contact@secondchanceanimalrescue.co.uk) and let us know.

## Pets at home

We would like to say a big thank you to the staff and customers at **Pets at Home in Hedge End** for their continuing support.



Their Santa Paws Campaign runs from November the 21st to Christmas Eve. We will have a presence in store on the 25th, 26th of November, 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th and 23rd of December for a number of hours, so if you see us, please say hi!



Santa Paws is an amazing fundraising campaign run by PAH and raises a huge amount of monies for animal charities nationwide. With the cost of living crisis hitting us hard, these type of events are a massive help to us and all registered charities.

We are also supported throughout the year by their VIP program and this allows us to shop in store and buy much needed food for all our charges.

Thank you also to **Kate** who has stood in store and raised awareness of our work and fundraised for us this year.

Thank you to **The Vale of Itchen Lodge** who raised an amazing £1000 for us this year.

### Our Wish List

How can you help?

We are always happy to receive:

Cat and Dog food (including opened bags)

Dog or Cat related items such as treats, beds and toys

Unwanted gifts that we can recycle for raffle or tombola prizes

Bleach and Washing-up liquid

Washing powder

Heavy duty bin bags 1000L

Sadly we do **NOT** have the space to accept duvets, pillows or sheets.

We would like to say thank you to our friends at **The English Graphics Company** for all their donations. We absolutely love the cards!

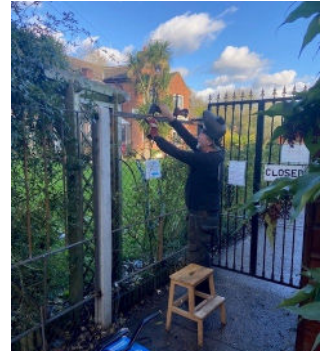
Our thanks go to the NCS programme and the Saints Foundation who raised £75.46.

Thank you to all the brilliant staff and customers at **Jollyes** in Totton. Thank you for all your support and donations!



## .Our fencing continues

Thank you to **Dave Brown**, who has been working tirelessly on our fencing around the front of the rescue. Because he is donating his time and skills, we have been able to choose fencing that looks a lot smarter and will last many more years, maintenance free.



A huge thank you to the staff of **Snows Motor Group** who all year have been busy fundraising for us. We really do appreciate all that you are doing, keep up the hard work!

A big thank you to the staff and customers at **Pets Corner** in Romsey, Eastleigh, Bitterne, Chandlers' Ford and Winchester for all their donations and continuing support. You are all brilliant!



Thank you to the people of the **Spiritualist Church** in Bitterne who have supported us over the years with bleach, washing up liquid and bin bags.

## Christmas Fundraising

Thank you again to **Keydell Nurseries** for all their donations over the last few months.

Keydell have generously donated a large amount of brand new Christmas items/decorations which we are able to sell at our Christmas Fundraising events.

We have already done two sales at Winchester Covert and raised over £900 so far. We have one more date booked - Thursday 1st December. If you are shopping in Winchester please come by and take a look at the lovely items we have for sale.

A huge thank you to the **Southampton Council Junior wardens** who raised a fantastic £318.80.

If we have made a spelling mistake or your address is incorrect on the envelope for your newsletter - we apologise. Please send us an email to [contact@secondchanceanimalrescue.co.uk](mailto:contact@secondchanceanimalrescue.co.uk) and we will change your details. Sorry for any inconvenience.



## Second Chance - Portsmouth Cats

### Was it really necessary?

We kept receiving calls to re-home cats in the same road. After a few enquiries it turned out the managing agent of a group of rented homes had been instructed by the new owners that they no longer wanted pets in their properties (the original landlord had no objections) so told the tenants to get rid of any pets or face eviction. One family was so distraught when we arrived to collect their cat we returned later with a bunch of flowers.

### Cinders

We were asked if we could take a cat. Helen duly arrived, knocked on the door and waited. From a window came a woman's voice screaming that Helen should use her eyes as the cat was already out there (there were a few extra adjectives as well). Helen turned to see a terrified cat in a basket perched on top of a wheelie bin next to the extremely busy A3. The poor little soul was literally shaking with fear.

### Did you know?

The average domestic cat can run at up to 48 km per hour which is faster than Usain Bolt at his best, but most just can't be bothered.

### Mich

A massive thank you to Mich who competed in the unbelievable Spartathlon, the ultimate race for ultra distance runners. It is 153 miles long over the most extreme terrains in temperatures that nudge at times towards 40C.

We are in total awe of his achievement. He raised nearly £900 for us as well!



### Online Raffles

**Nikki**, our next door neighbour, for organising our on line raffles, for her amazing patience with our incompetence at all things technical and for the use of her car with large collections.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for our next raffle!

A big thank you to **Stephanie** and **Jan** who get up at silly o'clock to sell at boot sales. Raising much needed money to pay our vet bills.

Also **Charlie**, Stephanie's husband, for designing, making and selling hand made garden ornaments in both metal and wood.





## Second Chance - Portsmouth Cats

We carried out a recent survey to find out which were the most popular names for female cats in 2022. The most popular for girls was Luna closely followed by Poppy then Bella for boys Oscar followed by Shadow then Gismo. We are looking forward to seeing what next years names will be..

### Figures

Besides 4 rats, in 10 months since January we have rehomed over 200 cats and kittens.

My calculator broke when I started to add up my vet bills which far exceed last years!

Neutures and spays over 100.

Thank you to **Cosham Dog Grooming & Best Pals Pet Shop** for their terrific fundraising events and superb haircuts for Darcy, our new rescue dog.

### Home from home

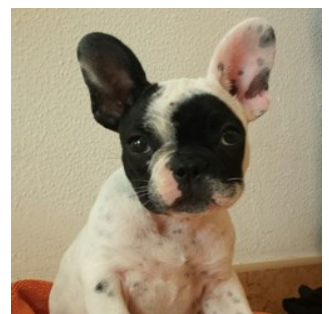
We were asked by a friend (who wishes to remain anonymous) if we would look after his dog whilst away on holiday.

These were the requirements:

- expects a massage each morning,
- prefers a late breakfast as she is not a morning person,
- doesn't like to eat alone so meals should be taken with other family members,
- someone should be ready to sit on the floor to hand feed her if required,
- chicken breast should be defrosted naturally before cooking not in the microwave and to be removed from the fridge an hour before meal time to warm up to room temperature,
- all food and treats should be cut into small pieces, if they are too large she may swallow them whole and choke,
- prescribed eye drops should be dispensed three times a day but **MUST** be within a 12 hour period,
- recommended time for daily walk is late afternoon or early evening (she is not a morning person)
- should not be walked when too hot as she will become dehydrated
- must be carried up and down stairs to avoid pressure on her joints,
- must be helped on and off furniture for the same reason,
- expects to be tucked up in her bed last thing at night!

Spoilt? Maybe. Loved? Without doubt.

Best friend? Most definitely





## Second Chance - Portsmouth Cats

My personal thanks go to

**Linda** for keeping both me and the workshop organised plus her wonderful care for our own cats.

**Ruth** for organising my paperwork and being my car buddy.

**Helen** and partner **John** who have fostered over 300 cats and kittens for the rescue with special thanks for looking after Miracle and his sister so we can have breaks.

**Janet** who can always manage a home visit or follow up call at the drop of a hat.

**Ilona and her boys** for looking after the many kittens we have had this year and coping with the fleas.

To **Trisha** for spending so much time to give Luna the quality life she deserved.

All the amazing foster homes whom we rely on so much and our very special team of helpers and supporters. **Thank you all!**

Thank you to **The Grove Veterinary Surgery** for always being there at any time for us.

Greg Scot, Saffiya Al-Hafidh and Patti Cree, all the nurses and everyone in reception and especially for their care of our Stevie girl.

Big thank you's also go to **Purbrook and Harbour Veterinary Practices** for their continued support and donations.

A massive thank you goes out to **Tesco at the Pompey Centre** for the trolley loads of donations and **Pets at Home Newgate Lane** for their amazing support. We are at Pets at Home Newgate Lane every Saturday and Sunday lunch times for Santa Paws until December 18.

December 4 Wickham Community centre with all those Christmas gifts you never knew you wanted!

Tesco Pompey Centre Portsmouth Saturday 17 December for collections. We would love to see you at any of these venues, don't forget to bring your pet pics with you.

We have had sad reasons for people rehoming cats this year and some outrageous ones the worst being:-

She's let herself get pregnant for the 3rd time this year!

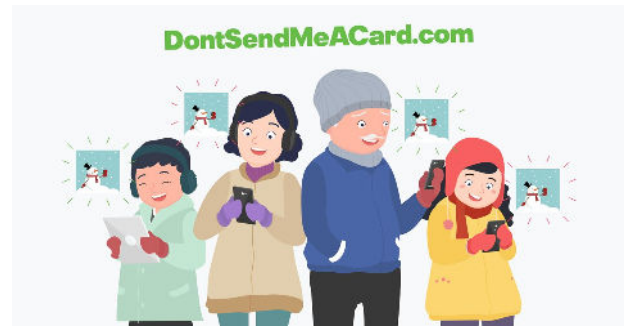
They have to go because they get in the way of my baby crawling!

My new puppy hates the cat!

My relative has died, I have closed the house up and the cats outside. I have left it with a can of food and a tin opener!

## Ways you can raise money for the rescue...

Switch to ecards, help our charity, and save the planet. We've teamed up with DontSendMeACard where you can support our charity by giving what it would have cost to send cards. You can then send loved ones ecards instead! Check out ours here: <https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/charities/CWGs>



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You can donate via our website or Facebook page. Or Online banking, please see details at the bottom of the next page. Please let us know by returning the form overleaf to us. Or by cheque, made payable to SECOND CHANCE SOCIETY.



We would like to say a huge Thank You to all our supporters!

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2023!

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Or STANDING ORDER DONATION: I have completed the standing order instruction (below), returned it to my bank and am donating

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The Gift Aid scheme means that we can claim tax on any donations you make to us. This would increase each donation by 22% providing you have paid sufficient UK tax to cover this amount. To enable Second Chance to reclaim the tax on any donations you make, please tick the box ☐ and write today's date.

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