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# Second Chance Animal Rescue 2023 Summer Newsletter

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How the Pandemic has changed the face of rescue! In 3 short years we have seen 5 million more dogs enter this country, 75% of households now own a pet. However:

**All dogs need a home but not all homes need a dog!**

At the same time there is a shortage of vets and vet nurses, a good few practices are unable to cover the day to day surgeries. Vet bills have risen so much that we are now seeing more neglect cases where people are having to tighten the purse strings and make unhappy choices about their pets care. Empty shelves in shops and increased prices; people simply can no longer afford to feed their animals. Downsizing or even homelessness are equally the cause of animals being abandoned. Whilst rescues like us are still trying to get back to pre-pandemic fundraising, it is truly a difficult time for all.

We would like to thank all our wonderful supporters who have enabled us to continue the work we do. The dogs would like to thank our dog walkers and the cats their cat cuddlers too.



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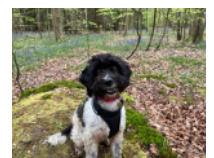
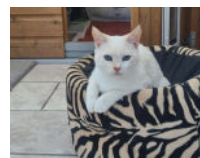
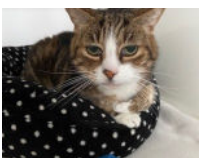
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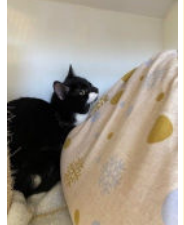
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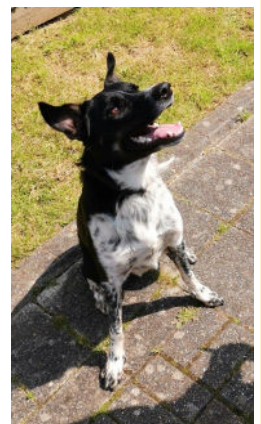


We are so grateful for all the homes we find for all of our dogs and cats. **2023** has been very busy so far and it looks like it will continue!

In February we rescued 10 cats from just one household, in fact they were living in one room, stacked to the ceiling with boxes and boxes of old toys, broken ornaments, old clothes and more. The cats were 'living' under, in, wherever they could find a space. With 2 small litter trays, a bowl of biscuits and one bowl of water they ... Survived? Our initial challenge was to get them to a weight where it was safe to spay and neuter. 4 months on we have successfully rehomed just 3 of these poor cats with one still not healthy enough to be spayed! Un-socialised from birth their trust in humans is not 100% so they are looking for some very patient people to take them on. If you think you have the patience, time and space for one of these cats please complete our online enquiry form via our website or email us.



In May we saw the arrival of Saint, a border collie of only 14 months. His owner had walked from the main station to the rescue on a very hot day and Saint all but collapsed with heat exhaustion! So much damage has been done to Saint in such a short length of time; He was living in a flat with just his owner, but he is scared, anxious, destructive... ..the list of adjectives goes on. He is going to need a lot of time and patience, which we will give, to get him ready for a new home.



## Pets at home

A big thank you to Gemma and her amazing team at **Pets at home Hedge End** for all their continuing support. The Christmas Santa Paws campaign was amazing, followed by their Valentine event. With their customer's donations we have been able to buy extra specialised food for our 10 neglected cats we had in in February plus some gastrointestinal food for when new dogs come into kennels with doggy tummies.



Thank you to Kate and Georgie for manning the table in store and Annette and Richard. We will share on our Facebook page whenever we are instore, so please come along and say hello!

## Event at the rescue!

We know you have all wanted us to repeat our Open Days but unfortunately since Covid we just haven't had the manpower or time to attempt this. However on Saturday the 15th of July we will be holding a table top sale in the garden where we will be selling some of the bric a brac that we have had donated, some new and nearly new items donated by the wonderful Helen at Keydell Nurseries and some homemade craft items, so please come along and support us.



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# Garden table-top sale

11 am  
till  
2 pm



Lots of brand new/nearly new items!

At the Rescue - 4 Mansbridge Cottages, Mansbridge  
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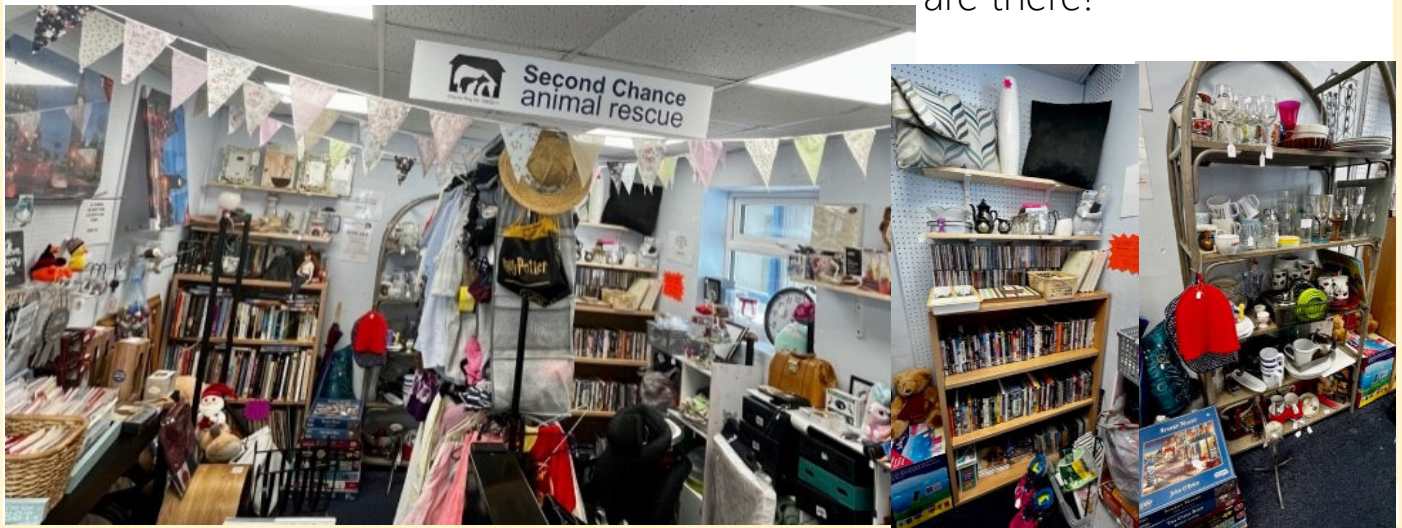
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## Barratt homes

Thank you to the lovely volunteers from Barratt Homes who donated their time for a day last month to help with some much needed painting around the rescue. Our new fencing and gates were in need of painting after Dave had put them up. They did a fabulous job and enjoyed meeting some of our animals too.



.Thank you Justine and all her staff and customers at **Viscount Leisure Caravans, West End Road, Bursledon** for their continued support. They now have a charity shop, packed with loads of amazing bargains. We hope you can pop along and bag yourselves a bargain and maybe a new caravan while you are there!



## Trifest

We are back! We will be organising the dog show again at the Bitterne Trifest on Saturday 22nd of July. Why not pop along with your dog!

### **Trifest Fun Dog Show Schedule. The Second Chance Animal Rescue**

**Judging starts at 1.30pm and ends at 4pm.**

**Entries £2 per class, payment on entry to each class, no registration needed.**

**Judges: TBC.**

1. Best Puppy 6-12months of age
2. Best Veteran 8 years and over
3. Best Rescue Dog from a Rescue Society
4. Most Handsome Dog
5. Prettiest Bitch
6. Best Six Legs
7. Dog the Judge would like to take home.

**\*BEST IN SHOW\* RESERVE BEST IN SHOW\***  
**\*ROSETTES TO 5TH PLACE IN ALL CLASSES\***

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
No puppies under the age of 6mths to be entered into the Dog Show  
No bitches in season within the precincts of the Show  
The Officials take no responsibility for loss or damage to persons, pets or property  
Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times  
Please pick up after your dog

**TRIFEST**  
Saturday 22nd JULY 12—7pm  
A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL ON RIVERSIDE PARK  
MUSIC • GAMES • DOG SHOW • BEER TENT • STALLS • FOOD  
FIND US BY THE COBDEN BRIDGE ENTRANCE TO THE PARK

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Thank you to **AECOM** (Southampton)

For choosing us as their charity for another year. We look forward to hearing more about their fundraising activities as they have already raised over £600 in 2022 for us, despite the Covid restrictions, and hope to raise lots more in 2023.... Good luck to you all!

Thank you to **Maureen Chapple** who has been busily fundraising for us this year with her online sales. You are amazing and we really appreciate all that you are doing for us.

Our thanks go to the children and their families, oh and lets not forget the staff of **Brookfield Community School** in Sarisbury for raising £475 with their non-uniform day in February and a further £903 in June!

Thank you to all the fantastic staff and customers at Jollyes in Totton for your continued support and donations!



## .Our Vets

A massive Thank you to all our vets and vet nurses at **Unicorn vets** in Burgess Road and Fair oak, **Vets 4 Pets** in Hill Lane, **Pet Vet**, Woolston and Thornhill, **Chandlers Ford Vets**, **Mainstone Vets**, Romsey, **Midforest Vets** in Totton. To their clients also, who continue to leave us donations of blankets, food, treats and more.

Thank you to the wonderful staff and customers at **Pets Corner** in **Eastleigh**, **Chandlers' Ford**, **Winchester** and **Hythe** for all their donations and continuing support!



Thank you very much to the generous customers and staff at **Sainsbury's Badgers Farm** for their continued support!



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.

## Special Updates



### Missy

Remember Missey, featured in our summer and winter Newsletter last year? She was 12 years old and we were struggling to find a home for her as she had a severe fear/dislike of other dogs. Her previous owner had her since a puppy, but when his life changed due to a new relationship, Missey was not impressed. Her owner had taken her to the vets to be put down, but could not bring himself to do it, so she came to us. For 2 months she struggled to trust anyone else, believing someone would return for her. Slowly, she began to accept us, especially Joan and Annette our dog walkers. We are so pleased to let you all know that **Missey has a home!** This was the wonderful update we received:

" Just to let you know that Missey is settling in well, in fact taking over the house and has come on leaps and bounds in the last 3 weeks. She is a very intelligent dog, quick to learn, she does demand a lot of attention, which we are happy to give her - she has been so well trained. We had a roller coaster of a ride in the beginning mainly as we were all on a learning curve. As yet she hasn't met other dogs, but around the house she is good. Have learnt that if we do pop out for an hour that we have to remove items from window cills, dresser, table etc. otherwise everything is scattered on the floor - for an elderly dog she is so active! Now we leave a chair by the window so she can hop up easily. Eating better now, in the beginning afraid we wasted some food, so cut her meals down to very small portions and gradually gave her more which she is now eating. Good in the garden, even off the lead and will walk to heel if I tell her - though if she saw a cat or another dog that would be a different story. Good news is that she has bonded with David - he's out at the moment but she is much happier when we are both home together. We are just taking life with her one step at a time so that she feels secure.

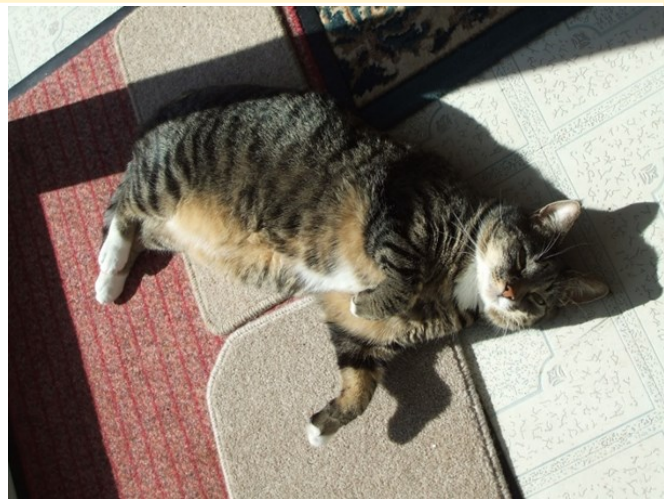
On her favourite window cill below, but she has taken over every window so all ornaments and plants have moved to safety. Very good in the garden off the lead, will come when called though has taken up sniffing certain areas where either rodents, the fox or badger have visited in which case have to call her a 2nd time! Her appetite has doubled in 4 weeks - just adding a teaspoon of our own dinner and she eats the lot!"



“Hi Rose

On the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2009 I adopted a 14 weeks old Tabby cat called Micha from your Society.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> this year I had Micha put to sleep humanely at home after she bravely bore an awful illness. She was 13 and half years of age **and my true companion for all that time**. She deserved much more time.



She was a mix of Egyptian Mau and Bengal with black spots and stripes and had been in your shelter for a few weeks with her mother and they had in fact gone back to her owners, only to be returned to your shelter again.

Little did I know how she would steal my heart from the moment she stepped out of her cat carrier into my home, looking at me with her happy face, rushing up the stairs and down, then out through the open Patio door into the garden. She knew she was home and would be safe.

I have had many cats in my time **all of which I have loved** (I am now 82 years of age) but Micha was the special one. Her mixed breed made her communicative all the time and the bond we had was immense. I loved her kindness when I was ill and had the four hip replacement operations, when she would instead of jumping heavily onto my knee, would lightly step onto my lap. Her funny ways and how she wanted to spend every minute with me, following me everywhere even to the toilet. Sitting next to me as I worked on my PC. Trying to sit on the keyboard to stop me typing.

She “Wow talked” to me incessantly. Waking me up **each morning** with a lick on the nose and her usual “Wow” miaow.

Being retired and living alone I spent every minute of every day in her company. She was a house/garden only cat, that is where she was the happiest. During her long 8 months of illness, I shared days and sleepless nights with her. She brought sunshine into my dull days. My heart is broken, but I must remind myself that I gave her the respect and love she deserved by ensuring her passing was a peaceful one, when she told me in her way, it was time for her to go. It was a privilege to have shared **time** with Micha. **I will never forget the happiness she brought into my life, and I will miss her always.** Kind Regards Brenda” And that is why we do, what we do!



## Second Chance - Portsmouth Cats



How should I start the news from Second Chance Portsmouth Cats? Should I say that it's been the worst year for abandoned cats or the worst year for pregnant queens? Then I would be missing out the old Tom cats, definitely the worst year for them! No I'm not going to mention any of that and just tell you of something nice for you to look forward to in the Christmas newsletter, the chance of winning a week in Somerset next year in a small cottage in Castle Cary very kindly offered to us by an amazing couple.

We decided to check the cottage out for ourselves early in June, seemed silly not to and we needed to know what it was like. What can I say except that we have rebooked for Spring Next year. What a lovely place. The Cottage was comfortable with all amenities and the comfiest bed I had ever slept in and in the garden a summer house to sit and watch the sun go down with a cup of tea or something else. Castle Cary is a small market town if you don't know it and what makes it very special is the parking which is free.

I will tell you more about it and how you will have the chance to win in the Christmas newsletter. A little clue is that it will be a raffle and the tickets £5 each.

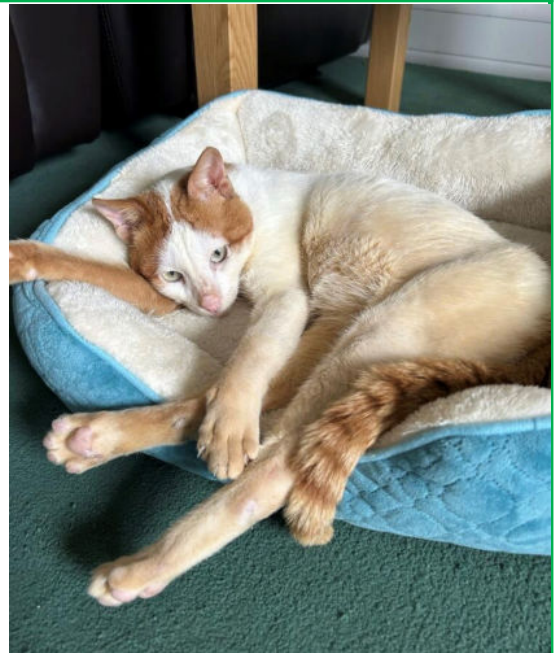
The Tuesday after May Day bank holiday we hit an all record high on offloads. There were 3 thirteen year olds, another of 22 year, 1 of 18 and 2 pregnant queens all before 10am. There were more throughout the day bringing the total to 15 and all from different homes.

### CAPPUCCINO

Many will know of our cat Miracle who is a "wobbly" cat and needs extra help and support. A few years ago we re-homed another "wobbly" cat called Clyde to a wonderful couple who arranged for him to have acupuncture with truly astounding results. This inspired us to take Miracle and although not as dramatic it has certainly improved the quality of his life. Another "wobbly" cat (the condition is known as Cerebella Hypoplasia) called Cappuccino came to us recently. At present he is in a foster home and of course, now having acupuncture. The results have again been amazing, after each visit the improvement means

Cappuccino's life gets better and better, so much so, he is now looking for his forever home.

Whatever your opinion of alternative treatments we can certainly guarantee acupuncture works for "wobbly"







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Some people may remember **Mich** who last year ran the incredible 153 mile "Spartathlon" race in Greece for Second Chance Portsmouth Cats! This is the premier race for ultra distance runners and we are immensely proud of his support and also to say that later this year he will once again be running in it for us. Please keep a look out on our Facebook page for details.



**Thank you to** the following people who may not be aware of how important they are to us:

**Stephanie, Jan and Charlie** for their continual fundraising at boot sales.

**Cosham Dog Grooming** and **Best Pals pet shop** for the raffles and collections.

**Linda and Ruth** for their organisation skills and helping to keep me sane!

**Ilona** and boys for their socialising skills.

**Janet**, still readily available for home checks and revisits.

**Karen**, dropped in at the deep end and still smiling!

**Trisha**, who takes the medically challenged cats and now has Cappuccino.

A massive thank you to **Lauren, Jenna, Shannon, Sue, Emily, Kirstie, Kathy and Marian** for their fostering skills.

Thank you to **Amy and Richard** for never saying no and **Lorraine and Andy** for their printing services and for not complaining when foster cats walk over there finished work :)!

The Amazing ongoing support from **Pets at Home** Newgate Lane, Fareham.

The team at **Tesco** Pompey Centre for their collections.

**Harbour Vets** and **Purbrook Vets** for their support and collections.

Finally the entire team at the **Grove Veterinary Practice** for their support.

THANK YOU ALL.

### Dates for your diary.

8th of July 12-3pm Swanmore Lions Fete.

28th of August 10-4 Gosport Vintage Car Rally, Alverstoke.

August 30th 11-4 Stubbington Fayre, Stubbington.

We hope to be at the Michaelmas Fayre TBC. So please check our Facebook page for full details.



## Second Chance - Portsmouth Cats



### MICROCHIPPING

Vets 4 Pets in Havant contacted us about a stray cat they had recently taken in. As so often happens he had been microchipped but it had not been registered so we posted a photo of him and where he had been found. An hour later we were getting calls from his family and in less than 2 hours he was back home again after being lost for over a year. Janeen received a call from a family member shouting "He's home!!! My heart is going to explode!!" Please, please, make sure that your pet is not only microchipped but it is registered to you and is always kept up to date.

Did you know that your cat is 3 times more likely to develop Lymphoma if there is a smoker in the house? Put yourself at risk but the cat too?

### THANK YOU LILY

A wonderful young lady named Lily Jones who along with her family has already rescued a cat called Jinx, decided to gain her Charity Badge at 2nd Fareham Brownies by cycling 10km at her local park in support of Second Chance Portsmouth Cats. By doing so she raised a massive £138. She handed it personally to Janeen to help the many kittens in need. A massive heartfelt thank you to Lily and her family for all their effort and support.

### A FOND FAREWELL!

Katie started volunteering for us in October 2022. From her initial form we knew we would like her : " I used to ask for a dog each year on my Christmas list when I was little!" " I am happiest when going on walks myself so I can relate to dogs in that respect." "I would enjoy playing with the cats—what's not to like?!" " I am not afraid to get stuck in." She has been a valuable member of our team, working with both our cats and dogs, rain or shine. She will be missed by everyone but we wish her lots of luck in her new ventures.



Thank you to **The Healthy Pet Store** in Totton for all your donations for our animals.



Thank you to **Creature Comforts** in Totton for all your donations.

# Ways you can donate to Second Chance...

## • Easy Fundraising



The graphic features three icons at the top: a pink heart labeled 'Join', a green shopping basket labeled 'Shop', and a gold coin labeled 'Raise'. Below these is the text 'Collect FREE funds for us any time you shop with' in red and grey. The 'easyfundraising feel good shopping' logo is in the middle. At the bottom, there are three gift boxes (yellow, blue, and green) on a red base with the text 'Sign up now' in white.

Thank you to all our supporters who raise money for us via Easy Fundraising!

*Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Second Chance Society Southampton?*

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/secondchancesocietysouthampton/> and join for free.
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3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations

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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>

## • Online

You can donate via our website or Facebook page. Or Online banking, please see details at the bottom of the next page.

Or by cheque, made payable to SECOND CHANCE SOCIETY.

**We'd like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all of our supporters and volunteers!**

**Take care and we hope you all have a wonderful summer!**

## Donations and standing orders

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms etc) ..... Initials ..... Surname .....

Address .....

Postcode ..... Tel No ..... Date ...../...../.....

Email Address .....

PLEASE NOTE SECOND CHANCE WILL NEVER PASS ON OR SELL YOUR DETAILS.

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contact@secondchanceanimalrescue.co.uk

**MEMBERSHIP (see below)** £ ..... **DONATION** £ ..... **TOTAL** £.....

I have completed the standing order instruction, returned it to my bank, and I am donating  
£.....On a weekly/monthly/yearly basis (Please delete as appropriate)

**I wish to join/renew membership of Second Chance. Please circle membership required**

**Membership: Family £10 Joint £8 Adult £6 Child £3 OAP £3**

### **Gift Aid– Give more at no extra cost to you.**

The Gift Aid scheme means that we can claim tax on donations you make to us. This would increase each donation by 25% providing you have paid sufficient UK tax to cover this amount. To enable Second Chance to reclaim the tax on donations you make, please tick the box  and write today's date.

SIGNATURE ..... DATE ...../...../.....

### Standing Order Instruction (Please return to your Bank)

Customer **Bank/ Building Society** .....**Branch**.....

Details: **Account Holder Name(s)** .....**Sort Code** .....

**Account Number** ..... **Ref. No.** (your surname & initials) .....

**Amount of payment** £.....**When paid** (weekly / monthly / yearly) .....

**Date/Day of payment** ...../...../..... **Date of first payment**.....

**Please continue payments until further notice** (tick) ..... **Or until** ...../...../.....

**Signature(s)** ..... **Date** ...../...../.....

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