



Second Chance Animal Rescue

2023 Winter Newsletter

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We would like to say a big thankyou to all our supporters who have supported us through the pandemic and beyond. It means so much to us.

Every thing has changed; animals seem to have become disposable.

What has surprised us is the type of dogs and cats we are taking into rescue. We were expecting to have the pandemic dogs, the 2-3 yr. olds who would be causing trouble when owners were going back to work, but that is not the case! I think because owners are still working from home instead of returning to the office. We have been having the elderly 10 – 14 year olds, cats and dogs, many have been abandoned onto the streets to fend for themselves. How can people be this cruel to leave animals of these ages to suddenly fend for themselves?

By far the biggest problem we are facing is abandoned pregnant under age cats. Every day we are getting calls from people who find cats in their shed, under bushes, under junk, trying their best to feed kittens born too premature to live.



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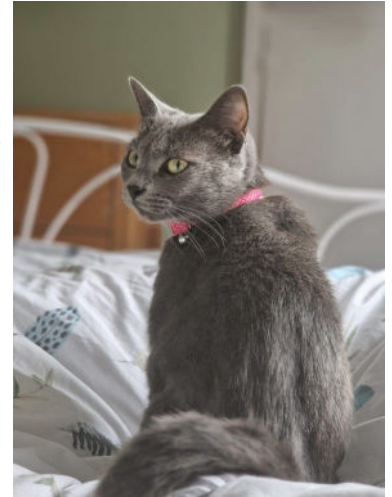
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LUCY

Lucy is a beautiful little grey cat who came to us in April. She was found emaciated and very close to death. Upon taking her to the vets, we found that she was also in kidney failure. Thankfully she was put onto medication which prevented her dying, and was able to gain weight and fully recover .

Unfortunately, this wasn't the only thing Lucy would have to contend with during her time with us. Much to our surprise, Lucy was actually pregnant! Which seemed impossible due to how malnourished she was. Sadly the kittens didn't survive due to everything Lucy had endured during the pregnancy. This hormone change led to Lucy becoming very stressed and patches of her hair falling out.

There is a happy end to this story! Lucy has made a full recovery and has since been adopted into a lovely family who absolutely adore her. We have received wonderful updates showing how well she has settled into her new life!

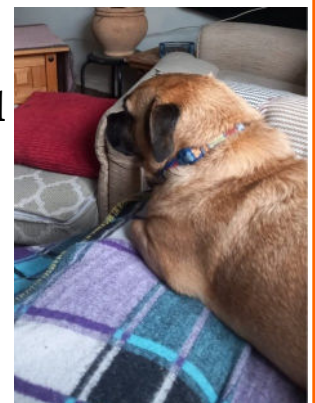


Kittens Galore!

Throughout this year, we have rarely had a time where we didn't have at least one litter of kittens. This escalated in September when we were called out about two litters of kittens dumped on someone's door step! By the time we had got to them, the kittens had managed to make their way to all different hiding spots. It took two days to find them all. After that we had five litters of kittens as well as one heavily pregnant female on site! This massive influx of kittens, and heavily pregnant females, is likely due to the recent cost of living crisis. As well as the lack of spays performed during the covid lockdowns. This calls as a reminder of the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

CAPTAIN PUGWASH

Captain Pugwash was definitely one of our more challenging dogs! He was a grumpy Pug x, not blessed in the looks department, he also bit everyone who tried to help him! A man came to see him and said he, himself was exactly the same (grumpy, not the biting) and now they both live happily together. Proving there is someone for everyone, in this case a dog !



AWARDS

If I could give awards to the best vets that have helped us and the animals in the past year, when nearly all vets practices are being taken over by big businesses and vets costs are soaring . I would have to nominate **PORTCHESTER VETS** in Fareham for one and **Gregg Scott** in Elm Grove in Southsea for another.

Portchester Vets took in Freddie, a little older dog when the owner died. They neutered him, gave him a dental and vaccinated at no cost to us.

Gregg Scott and his team in Elm Grove Southsea gives excellent care and as an independent vet really tries hard to keep the costs down for our Portsmouth Cats. His dedication goes over and above in his care of animals and we sincerely hope he does not sell out to the big boys and that the cats and dogs continue to get the best care from this extraordinary vet .

AMAZING CARE FROM THESE AMAZING VETS

Mobile vets

We have recently had cause to use the services of a mobile vet as it is proving difficult to get early appointments and animals are staying with us for longer than is necessary On his first visit he examined, vaccinated and micro-chipped 11 dogs, and 2 cats! **If you want or need a home visit at competitive prices,**

His name is Wojciech tele 07508889455

A WORD OF WARNING

Before taking on a rescue dog from abroad, please think again. Go to the British Veterinary Association web site and look up Brucella. This is an incurable notifiable disease in dogs that is transmittable to humans and is on the rise. Dogs with this disease are advised to be euthanized.

Since 2020, the rise in the importation of dogs has risen dramatically, introducing many incurable diseases to our native dogs and now to people. Please think with your heads as well as your hearts. Not all "rescues" are in this for the right reasons and are failing to comply with the rules regarding tests and vaccinations required to safely bring these dogs to our country, creating heart break and misery for well meaning owners.

THREE LITTLE DOGS FROM WORTHING COUNCIL

Issy is a terrier x 13yrs, she had lost half her hair to allergies and neglect. **Cindy**, a 12 year old yorkie X ,whose owner is in hospital and can no longer keep her.

The one thing they both have in common is they are lovely natured dogs who should not be straying or looking for new homes at their age. Please consider what is going to happen to your companion dog or cat when you are no longer able to keep them.

ISSY



ROXIE



POLO Is a dear little chap. He is blind, mostly deaf, has a heart murmur and a cancerous lump by his tail. He is a sweet lovely dog and is being fostered by Wendi where he will live out his days

Roxie is an 11 year old Blind Shih tzu x a lovely natured little dog through no fault of her own is now in need of a home after having lived all her life with one family.

If anyone can offer these little dogs a permanent home we would love to hear from you

CINDY



POLO



THE SAD FATE OF THE XL BULLIES

Today I took my first of 5 calls to rehome Xl bulldogs. One of these was a lovely 2 year old gentle bitch who had 3 eleven week old puppies. All puppies had been booked out to new homes but now the new owners do not want them. All four of their futures are now in the balance.

With this new law passed and coming out at the end of the year NO rescue will be able to take in and rehome one of these dogs. It will be illegal to pass on, donate, give away, or sell. All will have to be muzzled in public, carry insurance, be neutered and walked on lead, if unable to keep they will have to be euthanized.

In all breeds there are good and bad as in the people that own them. Dogs of any breed that attack and do such damage should be euthanized but the owners should also be held responsible for the type of dogs they introduce into their homes.

PUNISH THE DEED NOT THE BREED

THE SEVEN DWARFS

These seven little dogs, four boys and three girls were found in a layby in Surrey in two crates

They were in poor condition filthy, dirty and smelt awful, they were hungry and badly in need of veterinary care.



God alone knows what their past history was. The girls had had puppies and one of the boys had an untreated fracture to his leg. Their nails were so long they had trouble walking on them and one had awful matted fur that needed to be cut off. It's not too much of a guess that they were the result of a breeder using them to make money and they are no longer useful as the market for dogs is dropping off. Their ages average 1yr to 18 months with one being about 4 yrs. Their lucky day was being left in a lay by and coming into rescue.

WATCH THIS SPACE

We went to see the Mayor of Southampton, to see if we could have use of or buy the abandoned 4 acre fords car park adjoining us, allowing us to expand and help more animals. Secondly to be allowed to have much needed signage to tell people where we are.

NO PROMISES We will just have to wait and see.

THE EARTHQUAKE DOGS

Thanks to **AMAZON**, **LIDLs** and Helen for transportation for making it possible to send help to the earthquake dogs and cats in Turkey with food, leads, collars, coats, blankets and medicines it really does help these unfortunate little quake victims



Please note we do **not** import dogs from abroad but we do help rescues in their own countries with donated food, blankets, coats, leads, treats and collars etc

PETS AT HOME

We would like to say a big thank you to the staff and customers at **Pets at Home Hedge End and Newgate Lane Fareham** for their continuing support. Donations of money and food have been amazing

For the Southampton shelter and Portsmouth cats

Please support the Santa paws appeal in store and help to raise even more money for the animals in our care .



2023 fundraising

Fundraising has been difficult this year. 2 planned events were called off because of rain and now our three biggest sales of the year in Winchester cannot go ahead because of renovation works being carried out in the Covert

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 use for raffle and tom-
bola prizes

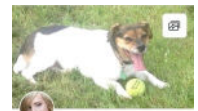
Bleach and Washing-up
liquid

Washing powder

Heavy duty bin bags
1000L

THANK YOU

Layla was originally a Second Chance dog. Isabel decided to run the Southampton Marathon for us when Layla became unwell. Thank you so much to Isabel for raising over £200. We wish you both well.



Isabel Harrison
Isabel's fundraiser for
SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL
RESCUE

Fundraising for SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL
RESCUE

119 £239
raised of £200 target
by 12 supporters

FLYBALL

Wayne and Alison

deserve a big thank you, along with all the supporters of the JETS FLYBALL TEAM, who have supported us for many years and for allowing us to raise money at their events. It is always fun and profitable.

£1132.15 raised in 2023

**OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR TEAM AND
GOOD LUCK FOR THE 2024 SEASON .**

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



TAILS BY DAWN

Our grateful thanks go to Dawn and her mother Jo, who selflessly give up their time to socialize, walk, play and sit with frightened newbies, that come into the rescue.

Dawn has her own business TAILS BY DAWN and is a qualified animal behaviourist who achieves amazing results with the dogs in a calm and gentle way that works well with rescue dogs getting brilliant results.

Thank you to the staff and customers at **Romsey, Eastleigh, Bitterne, Chandlers Ford Gosport and Winchester** for all their donations and continuing support. You are all brilliant!



Our grateful thanks to Pauline, **SAINSBURYS BADGER FARM** Winchester and their customers for all their donations of dog and cat food.

Thank you to the people of the **Spiritualist Church in Southampton** who have supported us this year with donations of food, bleach, washing up liquid

THANK YOU

Viscount Leisure Bursledon for your lovely shop and raising £1,090

Christmas Fundraising

Thank you again to **KEYDELL NURSARIES** 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.

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SECOND CHANCE PORTSMOUTH CATS

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PREPARING FOR WINTER

Our amazing disabled cat, **Miracle**, loves to spend most of the day either in the garden or his "summer house". In order to continue enjoying the fresh air as the cold weather approaches his house now has an electric blanket and **Miracle** has a new coat from **Rose**. He thinks he looks like **Sherlock Holmes** and is looking forward to cosy days in the winter sunshine.



MAGNIFICENT MITCH

The Spartathlon is the ultimate ultra distance race on the planet, it is 153 mile long across some of the toughest Greek terrain including a mountain in the dark and has to be completed in less than 36 hours.

In September Mitch competed in this incredible race on behalf of Second Chance Portsmouth Cats and not only did he finish with more than 2 hours to spare but he managed to raise an **Amazing £1,800** for us. We are in total awe of his achievement!



HELEN TO THE RESCUE AGAIN

At a loose end, Helen was flicking through her Facebook page while holidaying on the Scottish island of Barra when she saw a post for a cat that had gone missing from St Helens Road Portsmouth. She contacted a friend who lives in the same road asking her to keep an eye out and was surprised to immediately get a message back saying the cat had just that moment walked into her kitchen. 10 minutes later cat and owner were reunited. It seems even from the other end of the country Helen can't stop working her magic.

THANK YOU FROM SECOND CHANCE PORTSMOUTH CATS

Helen, who never says no when I need her, I wouldn't be able to operate without her plus partner **John** who have fostered over 380 cats and kittens for the rescue with extra special thanks for looking after **Miracle** and his sister so we can have breaks.

My personal thanks go to **Linda** for keeping me, the workshop and the Teddy Tombolas organised, plus her wonderful care of our own cats again to allow us a break.

Ruth for organising my paperwork and being my car buddy.

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

Karen for never saying no to a home check and making teddies & toys for all the fetes that she always helps at.

Nikki, our neighbour, for organising our on line raffles and for her amazing patience with our incompetence at all things technical.

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



Second Chance Portsmouth Cats

SUMMER FUNDRAISING

We had a glorious summer fundraising mostly with sunshine starting off on Mayday at **St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth**. The church grounds were visited by thousands of people and we left with lots of empty boxes.

The **Droxford Show** was a delight offering strawberries & cream and Pimms for those not driving. In July the **Swanmore fete** was entirely different; the heavens opened but the atmosphere was terrific, lots of laughter and Ruth had an umbrella(!).

August bank holiday was a stretch as we were committed to 2 shows. Stephanie & Jan organised the **Donkey Derby** at Stubbington while we attended the **Vintage Car Rally** at Stokes Bay, Gosport. Both were a big success with so many people stopping to talk and proudly show us photos of their beloved cats.

Our final show was the **Michaelmas Fayre, Alverstoke** where the entire village is filled with stalls and street entertainers. A perfect day to finish the summer on.

NB.

We are at **Pets at Home** every weekend from the end of November until Christmas and also at the **Tesco Pompey Centre** store on Saturday 9th December, so please come and say hello if you can. We will have our ever popular Second Chance-Portsmouth Cats catnip toys for sale.

THANK YOU

Cosham Dog Grooming & Best Pals Pet Shop for their terrific fundraising events and superb haircuts for Darcy and Molly.

All the team at **Pets at Home, Newgate Lane** for their enthusiastic, ongoing support.

Tesco, Pompey Centre for allowing us a donation trolley and to all those shoppers who regularly donate so much into it.

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



CAT BREEDERS

Sarah was travelling on the Funtington road towards Chichester one day in late summer when she saw a box on the side of the road, it was moving and a tiny paw was hanging out. Peering inside she found 2 starving kittens dehydrated, covered with fleas and worms crawling from their rear ends. Once Sarah got them home and they were settled she looked at the box. Guess what! There was a name and Chichester address on it, so she checked. It had come from a well known and notorious cat breeder who was clearly getting rid of "unwanted stock".

DID YOU KNOW

A cat in the town of Talkeetna Alaska was mayor for 20 years. His name was Stubbs and he died peacefully in 2017 whilst still in office at 20 yrs old having survived two assassination attempts He was first elected when he was 4 months old and spent most of his life struggling with substance addiction, secretly visiting his dealer every day who would supply him with a wrap of catnip.



Second Chance - Portsmouth Cats

COMPETITION

How would you like the chance of staying in Plum Cottage, a beautiful holiday cottage in Castle Carey, Somerset for just £5? One lucky winner can choose to stay from Monday to Friday or for a long weekend, Friday to Sunday in 2024.

The cottage sleeps 3 and you can take your dog (or cat) as well.

We stayed here earlier this year and had a lovely time exploring the many areas around this lovely peaceful village including the amazing Glastonbury which is well worth a visit nearby.

This is a joint venture between Second Chance Animal Rescue, Southampton and Second Chance Portsmouth Cats.

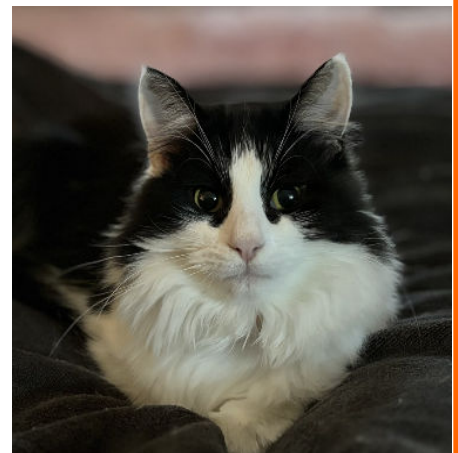
There are just 200 tickets at £5 each and the draw will take place live at 7pm on February 1st. If you would like to purchase a ticket please go to our Facebook page at Second Chance-Portsmouth Cats where you will find the competition details.



MOUSE



Amy and Richard Javed spent many sleepless nights hand feeding Mouse. Their young son spent many more hours socialising him. Mouse is just one of the many cats and kittens who has received the Javed magic touch. He arrived in a gift bag on May 2nd, a dirty ball of fluff with an even dirtier nose weighing just 120gms and not more than 6 weeks old. He was not expected



to live, the vet held out little hope.

Moving forward to November and just look at how magnificent Mouse is now. Healthy, happy and handsome Mouse now has the most wonderful future ahead of him thanks to an extra big touch of Javed magic.

THANK YOU

Lorraine, our newest home checker who will go anywhere for a good home.

Stephanie & Jan for going out in all weathers to do all those car boot sales and Charlie, Stephanie's husband, for designing, making and selling hand made garden ornaments in both metal and wood.

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

To **Trisha** who spends so much time getting her foster cats ready for their new homes.

Ways you can you can donate to Second Chance

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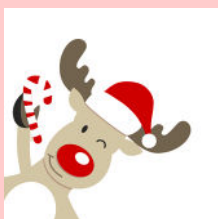
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