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HOLLY HEDGE ANIMAL SANCTUARY'S newsletter jam-packed full of heart-warming stories

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Firstly I would like to extend

a huge thank you to all our friends and supporters who responded to our Paws in Peril appeal in our Summer 2018
Newsletter. You did your Sanctuary proud and a staggering £83,000 was

raised for the animals in our care.

It's just over 27 years since Holly Hedge opened its gates to animals in need and I have been privileged to see our Sanctuary evolve and flourish into the amazing shelter that it is today. Since its inception thousands of our rescues have been given a new lease of life and a future to look forward to.

It took us a while to recover from almost 2 years of building work which had a knock on effect on re homing figures as we were unable to take in as many dogs once the existing kennels were demolished, also only having a few car parking spaces for visitors as the builders having to put their porta cabins and equipment in the main car park meant that footfall was drastically reduced. There were times when we were unable to open to the public at all because of Health and Safety regulations whilst building work was in progress, and donations dwindled. It was not possible to organise income generating animal welfare and behavioural talks in our Meeting Room either because of lack of parking space. All this took its toll on staff morale working in muddy, building site conditions and the poor dogs having to be constantly washed and dried off. It didn't help matters that 2 of our 3 large paddocks couldn't be used as they were filled with topsoil! We also couldn't accommodate corporate volunteer groups whilst so much was going on at the Sanctuary, with nowhere to park.

Once all the building work was completed we had to rebuild our links with our supporters and volunteers. We were all so proud of our wonderful new kennels and other new buildings to enhance the enrichment of our rescues' lives during their stay with us. All the negative impact has now been put behind us and we are looking forward to being the best that we can be. It will definitely be the cats' turn next for a nicer environment and a complete revamp!

It's been a tough and worrying time financially in the last few years, but through it all we have remained positive that Holly Hedge will overcome the many hurdles sent to try us. Where there's a will, there is always a way, and you, our supporters have been with us every step of the way. We are so grateful to all of you for helping us to be in a better position than we were at this time last year. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for believing in us.

Buying the field (financed through the kind help of Animal Friends Insurance, Pat Hopper, Pat Woods, and all of us on the board of Trustees) adjacent to the Sanctuary has opened up a whole new world of fundraising opportunities, thanks to our Freedom Meadow project Co-ordinator and Treasurer. Her enthusiasm and expertise in bio diversity applications has been instrumental in paving the way for new ventures to explore. The field has also provided our rescued dogs with so much enrichment where they can let off steam, running and playing as well as having chill out time to appreciate their tranquil surroundings. This has also been invaluable in introducing prospective owners' existing dogs to the rescue they have chosen, in a spacious and quiet environment. Our wonderful field has made such a difference to our rescues and to threatened and dwindling wildlife.

We are lucky to have a stoic and dedicated board of Trustees whose sole interest is ensuring that Holly Hedge continues to remain a crucial lifeline and safe haven for as long as we are needed and that our high standards of animal welfare and ethics are not compromised. We have a strategy in place, working alongside our 2 enthusiastic and forward thinking Managers and our dynamic new Fundraiser to secure the future of the Sanctuary to the very best of our ability.

Our staff are the most caring and dedicated ever. So with wonderful staff, amazing trustees and so many loyal supporters and volunteers, we cannot fail in our mission to always be there for the insurmountable numbers of animals in need. Now semi-retired, I couldn't be prouder of Team Holly Hedge and all the energy and enthusiasm surrounding our Sanctuary because so many people care so much. Thank you all for making such a positive difference, we truly couldn't do it without you!

Best wishes

Pauline Leeson

Founder

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Sweet Penny is an English Bulldog found on the side of a road as a stray from the vets, who were fearful for her future when she was diagnosed with severe medical issues and no owner could be found. Wanting to save her, they contacted us as their last hope and of course we said yes!

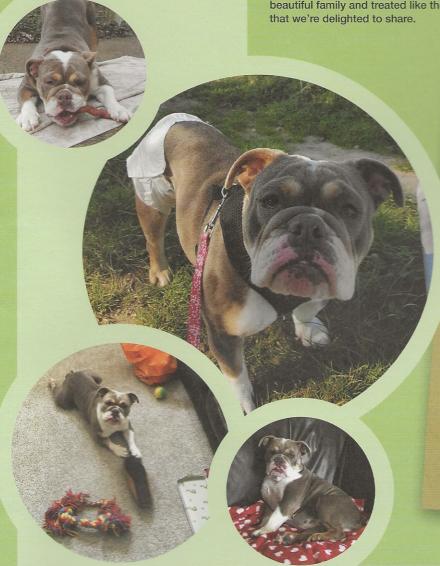
Penny's story

Penny was firstly treated for Campylobacter, a bacterial disease that causes severe diarrhea and vomiting, leaving her very weak and poorly. After a course of antibiotics & lots of TLC she made a wonderful recovery and it was clear she loved life! Once recuperated we were able to book Penny in to be spayed, but when they shaved her the vets noticed a large scar, most likely from a caesarian section, meaning this poor girl had been used for breeding. Not only that, the caesarian appeared to have damaged parts of her intestine and colon which were struggling to repair themselves, causing her pain.

Unfortunately this wasn't the last of little Penny's woes; on top of all of this, her Entropian was left untreated. Entropian is a hereditary condition where the eyelids turn inwards, causing them to rub on the inside of her eyes, which can make them sore and irritated and eventually lead to extremely painful ulcers. Sadly due to inbreeding and genetic abnormalities, it is all too common with the bulldog breed. Heartbreakingly, it became clear that Penny had been used for breeding, and was discarded when she was no longer valuable to her previous owners.

Throughout everything, Penny was such a loving, happy girl who would do kangaroo jumps when she saw her favourite people. This girl demonstrates perfectly the huge capacity to love and trust that animals have.

In desperate need of surgery for her eye and to repair the internal damage done by overbreeding, our wonderful supporters came together and generously donated to cover her costs, and the outpouring of love for this girl who had been abandoned and deemed worthless, was amazing. Penny recovered from both of her surgeries and was fortunate to have lots of offers of a loving home. Things could have been so different for Penny, but she's now part of a beautiful family and treated like the princess she is! We've had a lovely update from her family that we're delighted to share.



Penny is a lovely little lady who loves nothing more than to be cuddled and made a fuss of and has already given us so much love since she arrived home. She has claimed "her" part of the sofa much to the annoyance of our cat Oscar, who took a little while to accept Penny as his new sister! Penny likes to spend most of the day resting whether that is in the house or out in the garden but she does have her moments, getting her out for a walk can be difficult as it's is not one of her favourite past times but she is gradually coming to accept them especially as it involves extra treats!

These happy endings are only made possible because of you! Thank you all for your kindness and generosity, and being a friend to our rescues when they so needed someone in their corner.

With thanks to IVC





A letter from Independent Vetcare Ltd who made Holly Hedge their 2019 Animal Charity of the Year!

Independent Vetcare's aim has always been simple: to provide the nation's pets with the highest quality care by supporting vets and enabling them to pursue best practice.

As a company that was founded in the Southwest, the decision to support Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary seemed a no-brainer. Based at our central support office in Keynsham, many of our staff live local to Holly Hedge and are keen supporters.

We simply admire their amazing commitment to the pets of the area who've been abandoned and in many cases, mistreated. As a veterinary group, we understand the phenomenal joys that pet ownership brings, and know full well just how rewarding it is to re-home a furry companion.

That's why we continue to support Holly Hedge and their amazing work in an area that many of us think of as home.

We were over the moon when we heard that Independent Vetcare had made us their animal charity of the year, and they have been incredible to partner with so far!

They've committed to support and fundraise for us in many ways, with some of their team choosing to take part in runs, obstacle courses and even our Newfoundland Water Rescue!

As well as fundraising for us and holding food collections for our animals, their amazing team have been hard at work obtaining multiple donations of speciality food from Hills and Royal Canin. As many of you know, we have an non-discrimination policy, and many of our animals arrive at the Sanctuary with complex medical needs or need a speciality diet to help manage their condition, so these donations mean the world to us.

Thank you so much to the whole team at Independent Vetcare, we are so grateful to be your charity partner this year!





These residents were just as delighted as we were with the delivery!

Did you know there are so many ways you can support our animals if you work for a company? From nominating us as your charity of the year, to donating to us through your payroll, you can improve the lives of our rescues effortlessly! We're always looking to grow our family of compassionate business partners, who receive benefits such as volunteer days at the Sanctuary and spotlights across our social media channels.

How can you help?

- Nominate Holly Hedge for your company's charity partnership
- Give effortlessly and easily through your monthly pay with CAF or Payroll Giving
- Set up a fundraising event or project at work it's a pawfect excuse to have fun with your colleagues, and we can send you our Office Fundraising Support Pack to get you started!

We also have brand new partnership packages available, which include volunteering days at the Sanctuary, and a visit by one of our dogs to your office – or as we call them, a therapawst! Please email fundraising@hollyhedge.org.uk for your own pack!



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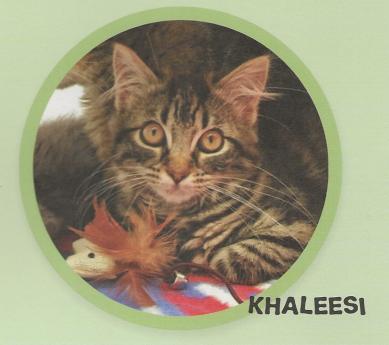
PANPALS

Providing shelter from harm and the promise of a brighter future

Holly Hedge is a local independent charity that rescue and rehome unwanted and often mistreated dogs and cats. They come to us abandoned, fearful, broken in spirit & body and we give them food, warmth, veterinary care, training and any rehabilitation they need and promise them a brighter future.

We receive no funding from the government or National Lottery and rely on the generosity of our compassionate supporters to keep our kennel and cattery doors open. It costs us approximately £650,000 each year to run the Sanctuary - which is £1,780 per day. We rescue, rehabilitate and find loving and responsible homes for up to 1,000 animals each year.





Could you be a Pawpal and become a hero for an animal in need like me?

If you would like to change my life forever, please consider making a monthly donation.

A monthly donation of:

£5 - covers my flea and worming treatment

£10 - pays for me to have a microchip so if I get lost, I can be taken home

£20 - ensures I have nutricious food until I find my furever home

£50 - covers my ongoing medical treatment

To join us as a Pawpal, please go to www.hollyhedge.org.uk and go to "Donate"

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If you watch morning TV you may have spotted some very special guests on the **This Morning** couch, not once, not twice, but FOUR times! A few weeks ago we were invited to take part in the shows' brilliant challenge, to rehome 52 dogs over the year.

So off we went to the ITV studios in London, where our A-list pooches, and managers Sarah and Lucinda, were treated like TV stars as we arrived through the doors, and whisked into hair and make-up!

On our first appearance we were asked to bring a puppy, and we had lovely little girl called Flossy at the Sanctuary who was just 11 weeks old when a change of circumstances led to her being handed in to us. She made a big impression on Phil & Holly and the nation, and was adopted soon after the show.

Next time a special request was made for any Jack Russells we might have living with us. We knew just the pair...Daffy & Ozzy are two little Jack Russell Terriers who had been with us for three months, patiently waiting for their forever home whilst other luckier dogs came and went. Like so many of our rescues, this lovely pair came to us through no fault of their own after their owner became ill and could no longer care for them. Daffy being 10 & Ozzy just 2, seemed to put people off as no-one seemed to want dogs of such different ages.

Daffy & Ozzy were allowed to explore every room in the building. The dressing rooms, green room and make up are all in the same area, so they happily ran up and down making friends and themselves right at home in the studio! John Barrowman and Rochelle Humes were standing in for Phil and Holly, and with three Jack Russells of his own, John made a beeline to meet them and threw himself on the floor for cuddles.

Shih Tzu puppy Fergus was next up on the famous sofa! Fergus was 10 weeks old when he came to us, and was originally from a puppy farm – having been sold to his owner through the internet without any paperwork. He suffered from issues with his breathing and will need surgery as he gets older, but was determined to prove he loved life! He had a wonderful time with Phil and Holly and we had a flurry of offers of lovely homes for this sweet boy.

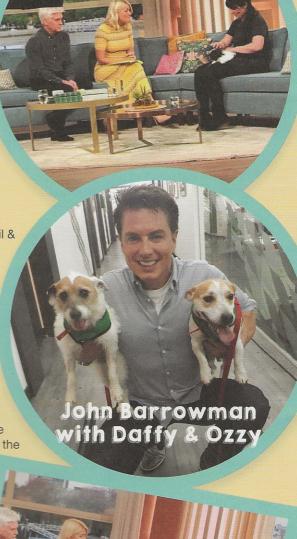
Then it was Oakley's turn to make his TV debut, and he was as good as gold....until the last minute when he realised his moment in the limelight was nearly over and in true Beagle fashion he just had to get the last word in with a few barks!

We're so pleased to let you all know that Flossy, Daffy

and Ozzy, Oakley and Fergus all found their furever homes shortly after making their TV debuts! Oakley cannot believe his luck as he's now the fourth member of a beagle family!



Television Centre





& Sarah

Wildlife Meadow update

November 2017 saw very exciting times when, thanks to kind donations from Animal Friends Insurance, Pat Hopper and everyone on the Board of Trustees, Holly Hedge was able to purchase the beautiful field next to our entrance to widen the Sanctuary footprint in order to protect precious habitat and neighbouring woodland creatures.

We are working hard to create a Haven for Wildlife, adding Conservation to our rescue effort. This will bring local bats, birds, deer and woodland creatures within the protection of the Sanctuary and encourage new species like butterflies and bees.

With the fantastic support of our Partner, Avon Wildlife Trust and an initial Grant from Viridor Credits Environmental Company, a Biodiversity Project began in 2018 with the installation of a Wildlife Pond and a Stone Bat Folly and the purchase of trees and 100% Native wildflower seed, as well as Capital Works to support the care and maintenance of the project.

The new Meadow also provided an incredible open space for our rescue dogs to run free. They enjoy their woodland walks, but for safety reasons are always in a harness and on a lead, but the meadow is a joyful, carefree place where they can play with their handlers and it continues to provide access to our wildlife with special trail gates left open at night.

The planting of Marginals, Hedgerows, Trees and Wildflowers in the meadows, and Herbaceous and pollinator plants in the Sanctuary gardens, will increase insects to feed birds and bats and provide new habitat for butterflies and bees.

Grants and donations have meant that 2018/19 has been a great year for our conservation efforts. We have acquired a further 3.5 acres to the Sanctuary to increase our wild flower meadows as part of the wild life conservation effort. The additional land also offers extra walking areas for the rescue dogs who are loving the freedom of the open spaces Holly Hedge is now able to provide.

The next stage is the building of a Resource Centre and Gift Shop by extending the existing Visitor Reception & Welcome Area with tea and coffee facilities. This new area, together with our training facility will enable Holly Hedge to add Conservation to its Animal Welfare education program.

We invite our supporters to look out for our updates on our conservation work and visit our new Resource Centre for a coffee and a chat when it's finished in September! We can't wait!



Can you help?

We are looking for a knowledgeable volunteer to oversee planting and land maintenance, also a knowledgeable person to help with the education program. Perhaps a retired and/or experienced gardener horticultural person who could be available to advise and support the team to look after the project, meadows, trees, and the border planting within the Sanctuary.

If you are interested in helping with the Conservation effort, please email info@hollyhedge.org.uk



Could you be a foster hero?



Pets and children



Living with pets enriches children's lives. Taking care of a pet is an excellent way of teaching a child to take responsibility, express empathy, and increase physical exercise. They can also significantly help to raise children's self-esteem.

But we also need to consider it from the pet's perspective and ensure that there are mutual benefits. It is the responsibility of adults to make sure that these valuable relationships are appropriate and fair. Children who are old enough must be taught how to interact appropriately with their animal friends, and adults must be educated in their responsibilities to prevent incidents occurring that can often lead to the relinquishment of the pet.

What do pets find tricky about children?

Whilst very often pets can have a unique bond with a child living in the home, we also know that not all pets can cope living in a home with children. Sadly this can lead to incidents where a dog bites, a puppy chases, a cat scratches or spends it's time hiding away, or a kitten gets hurt due to manhandling.

Let's take a look at why children are more likely to be on the receiving end of unwanted behaviour from our pets:

- Children are generally more erratic in their noise and movements than adults – less predictable from a pet's perspective, and possibly triggering predatory reactions.
- Small children are at eye-level with a dog or cat and direct eye contact is a threat in both feline and canine communication.
- Young children tend to be drawn to movement and furry things and consequently invade the dog or cat's space.
- Young children lack understanding that pulling ears/tails/fur etc hurts the animal.
- Children can unwittingly encourage a dog, or sometimes even a cat, to chase them by running around with higher-pitched voices.

 Kids can interfere with a pet too much – kissing, cuddling, dressing them up, carrying them around, disturbing them when resting/ sleeping etc.

- Even older children can be inconsistent in their actions - excitable and over-stimulating one minute, and telling the animal off the next.
- Children are not particularly patient and so rather than waiting for a dog or cat to choose to approach them, they approach the animal directly.
- Taunting or teasing animals can seem a funny game for children.
- Children misinterpret dog body language in particular – for example, they translate a dog showing its teeth as smiling.

Learning has a huge part in a pet's behaviour towards a child. Dogs and cats will communicate they are uncomfortable with a situation well before they resort to growling or biting. However, if the animal learns that - during a previous interaction with a child – attempts to move away or hide were unsuccessful (i.e. the child persistently followed them), they will resort to more obvious attempts to tell the child to go away!

Socialisation

Puppies and kittens have a period in their development where they are most sensitive to learning about social environments, after which they enter a more fearful stage. If the opportunity to experience a variety of (calm) children during this 'socialisation period' is denied, they are more likely to develop a fear response to children later in life. Equally, if a puppy or kitten is exposed to children during this time but is frightened by their behaviour, this fear will be fairly ingrained due to the sensitivity of the brain.

Well-meaning puppy owners often attempt to socialise their new pup with children by taking them to school at drop-off and pick-up. However, the result of hundreds of kids crowding round to see/stroke the gorgeous pup is often disastrous from the puppy's perspective as it feels totally overwhelmed and has no option to move away (due to being held, or the restriction of a lead).

It's vital that any puppy/dog/kitten/cat always has choice in their interactions with children. If they're forced into situations they're uncomfortable with, they will become fearful and potentially defensive, learning to escalate their body language signals until they get the space they need.

Rescue dogs and cats

If you have a rescue dog, management, basic advice and simple rules can be effective in educating both adults and children in appropriate interactions and lead to a successful adoption.

For example:

An article from Rosie Bescoby, Pet Behaviourist





- Babygates to create a safe space for a puppy/dog where the child cannot access.
 This area must be associated with positive activities, not with segregation.
- Leave the pet alone when they are sleeping or eating.
- Keep toys low to the ground to avoid jumping/leaping for the toy. Play is always focused on toys, not hands. Respect the dog/cat if they do not want to interact.
- If the dog or puppy starts to chase or get involved when kids are playing between themselves, to stop and wait for a grown-up to call the dog/puppy away and segregate positively.
- Be gentle in their physical interactions.
 Certainly, no pulling, grabbing, sitting on or dressing up.
- Never to chase if the dog or puppy steals a child's toy – ask an adult to swap with one of the dog/puppy's toys.
- Call the dog or cat to them, with adult supervision, and if the pet doesn't approach then they are saying "no thank you" to that interaction.
- Play hands-off games such as hiding tiny treats around the house for the dog/cat to search for.

Whilst many rescue dogs that come into Holly Hedge's care have come from family backgrounds, it is important to acknowledge that not all pets are appropriate for a home with children. Dogs and cats entering a rescue centre without any history (i.e. strays), those with no known history of positive behaviour around children, or more anxious dogs in need of a quiet life are unlikely to be available for rehoming with children.

The Holly Hedge Rehoming team are always available to talk to if you would like more information about adopting or introducing a rescue dog into your family. We do often have dogs that have been assessed as being able to live with children but they do get rehomed quickly, however please keep looking out for new arrivals on the website or call in to the sanctuary during our opening hours.

Volunteer spotlight



Our brilliant volunteers change the lives of animals for the better every day,

Whether they support us by caring for the animals, carrying out maintenance and gardening tasks, work in one of our offices or in our charity shops, volunteering at events or even organise events on our behalf, we salute them!

There are no small roles
here, we simply couldn't do
it without our volunteers and
they are all a huge help to
Holly Hedge!

We would like to highlight two very special volunteers, **David** and **Sandy** who have been volunteering for Holly Hedge for an astounding 27 years, and done almost every role under the sun! They're often seen in Long Ashton socialising our more shy dogs and playing an important role in their rehabilitation that make them ready to find their furever home. They continue to help at the Sanctuary in countless ways at least three days a week, often working with our nervous dogs to build their confidence, we hope for many years to come as they're a great asset to the Sanctuary!

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Chatty boy Chester came into the Sanctuary with severe skin conditions. We were concerned that no one would fall in love with this vocal boy who was over grooming himself – especially as he has FIV, a virus that weakens the immune system and a word that scares many. We have seen many

cats with FIV live long, full lives – even to the grand age of 22(!), but it can take them a while to find their furever home. We were over the moon when Hannah and Sam met and fell hard in love for Chester, here's a lovely update.

We are so happy we have Chester in our lives. He has settled in to our home, and now loves playing "catch the mouse" with his catnip toys and catching bubbles! He loves eating so he's spoilt with lots of food-based games, and he yowls like mad for his treats! He still is a very chatty cat and now enjoys belly kisses daily, and falling asleep on our laps. His favourite time of day is breakfast, after he likes to sprawl out in the sunshine, he then has his mad half an hour where he chases his shadow before coming to us for snuggles. His fur is growing back and he almost has a full coat. He is the most loving, friendly, snuggly cat and not a day goes by without us being thankful he is part

Thank you for letting him be a part of our family and for looking after him so well!



The Cat Who Waited

Bagpuss was left alone to fend for himself after his owner sadly passed away. He was on the streets for a long time; fortunately through the power of social media, a group of caring people noticed him, alone and in bad shape, and contacted us for help. Bagpuss is in a loving foster home and making huge progress! We hope you enjoy this poem about Bagpuss' journey so far, we hope to see him in his furever home soon.

I remember the head bumps and chin rubs.

I'd weave in and out of the hurdles you called legs.

and when you'd accidentally step on my tail I'd ignore you for a day or three(!)

But we'd make up and I'd curl up on top of your knee.

You'd stroke my head to show me just how much you loved me.

One day when I was sitting at the back door, waiting patiently for you to let

You always said it was a mistake not to have a door with a cat flap built in.

Something felt strange, I waited for you but you never came home.

Days turned into months and I was still left outside cold and all alone.

I was so scared and confused, why wouldn't you just let me in?

I promise I'll stop hiding things under the kitchen bin.

Passing strangers started feeding me, but in my eyes

It's only you I want to see.

And now I'm here at Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary waiting for someone to take me home and love me.

If you could be the one to show Bagpuss that it's okay to love again, please contact 01275 474719 to speak to a member of the re-homing team, and register your interest.

Teddy the puppy walks tall

Teddy is a beautiful 6 month old Saluki X, brought to us after his owners couldn't afford his vets bills and sadly didn't have the time for a dog with special medical needs. Our Teddy is a brave boy, and with a winning smile like this, it's no surprise he's won so many hearts in the short time he's been with us.

Teddy is such a happy puppy, with a loving, goofy personality, but underneath that smile he was in pain. Animals aren't like us, they can become accustomed to

pain and accept it as part of daily life as they do not know that they can (and should!) live pain free.

Teddy's front leg had a deformity, a bend in the bone. In vet terms, the growth plate on the end of the ulna was disrupted which could have been from an undiagnosed fracture, or perhaps an infected bite wound. Once the growth plate stops "growing", the ulna becomes short in relation to the radius, causing the radius to bow out and bend. The surgery Teddy so urgently needed involved shortening the bones to be of equal length to hopefully correct the bend.

If left untreated and without surgery, Teddy would have faced a life of pain and discomfort which could eventually lead to him losing his leg all together, as every day the bones kept growing. We received his X-rays back from the vets and it became clear that his bone was so malformed that he must have been in significant pain for a long time. Though we hadn't reached our fundraising target needed to cover his surgery, it was booked in straight away as we couldn't delay it any longer knowing the suffering he must have been in. Right is a picture of one of his X-rays, to give you an idea of how painful it must be, the bone should be straight! (please pop a picture of his x-ray right or amend text to fit)

Teddy's surgery thankfully went really well - although Teddy was so nervous and excited about all the new people and smells, he couldn't stay still for a second until the anaesthesia kicked in!

Fortunately for Teddy after his surgery he went straight to his new lovely home, where the real work began of ensuring he rests so his leg can properly heal - but resting isn't something that comes naturally to a bouncy puppy! Teddy has just had his four week post-op check up, and the news couldn't be better! He is healing up perfectly and will be able to enjoy a happy, long, pain-free life with his new lovely family.

Our supporters been so generous and eager to help this sweet puppy on his journey to walking tall and pain-free, and as our Pawpals, so many of you support animals like Teddy every month with your regular gift. Thank you all so much for caring about Teddy and animals like him!





Ways you can help

Have a birthday coming up?

We've had great success with Facebook's birthday fundraisers, and some of our supporters choosing to raise funds for their birthday for our rescues! Last year a whopping £3,200 was raised - this is enough to pay for 3 months of medicine for all our animals!

It takes 5 minutes to set up, as two weeks before your birthday Facebook will automatically ask you if you'd like to fundraise for a cause. Facebook take no fees, and sometimes also donate too! We've had lovely feedback that it's a great way to spread the word of what we do to your friends. Please do consider choosing Holly Hedge - it has been a lifeline for our rescues.



Why not hold a bake-off morning in aid of our rescues?

It's a coffee morning with a competitive edge, and a wonderful way to meet new people in your local

community, or have an indulgent morning with friends! If you ever need a judge, we'll be very happy to oblige if sent a sample!



There are hundreds of ways you can change a life, and if you'd like to fundraise for our animals, we're here to support you!

You could get involved in a local run, take an idyllic.

You could get involved in a local run, take an idyllic trek or even skydive to raise funds for our animals!

For inspiration, check out our 'Fundraise for Us' section on our website for some ideas, or create your own!





WE NEED

THIS DECEMBER

For the second time Holly Hedge is taking part in the UK's largest match funding campaign, The Big Give.

Between midday, Tuesday 3rd and midday Tuesday 10 December 2019, any donations made online via The Big Give will be DOUBLED if we reach our fundraising target of £5,000!

This means your generosity will go even further in our mission to transform the lives of vulnerable animals and safeguarding the future of our Sanctuary. During The Big Give Christmas Challenge, we will be encouraging all of our supporters to spread the word so that we can raise as much money as possible to reach our aims.

What to remember: Only funds donated online, during the Christmas Challenge to the appeal will be matched so if you'd like to make a Christmas gift to our rescues please remember to donate between the 3rd-10th December!

Thank you for supporting this campaign and spreading it as far and wide as possible! Stay tuned to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to be updated with the campaign's progress as we strive to reach and maybe even exceed our target!

Animals looking for homes

Name of animal

Maggie



Details

- 9 years old Black DSH Female
- · Good with cats: Yes, possibly · Good with dogs: Unknown
- · Good with children: Yes, sensible children

Maggie is a very special and affectionate lady with a wonky smile. At some point a few years ago she has been involved in a car accident and her jaw was broken. Maggie's jaw fused together and she is able to eat happily, our vets do not believe she is in any pain and she won't require surgery.

Pippin



- 8 years old Female Grey and white SLH Good with cats: No
- Good with dogs: No Good with children: No

This beautiful lady has unfortunately found herself looking for a new place to live as she was quite stressed in her previous home. She can be affectionate, but on her own terms. She isn't keen on being picked up and is a little unsure of men and children. Pippin is looking for a quiet, calm home with an experienced cat owner and where she is the only pet.

Tarragon & Patchouli



- Age 1-1.5 years old Female and Male White and black DSH
- · Good with cats: No · Good with dogs: No · Good with children: Older, sensible

Patchouli (female, mostly black) & Tarragon (male white & black) are farm cats who arrived here at Holly Hedge in November 2018, along with 8 other cats. They were incredibly shy and scared when they arrived, but with the care and patience of our team, they are braver and more confident and have potential to become lovely family members.

Kez & Charles



• Kez (female) 1 year • Charles (male) middle aged • Tabby & white DSH • Good with cats: Some • Good with dogs: unknown • Good with children: No

Both Charles and Kez were found as strays so are still a little wary of people but are slowly learning to trust again. Charles came in with the name 'Mr Hissy Pants' and was rather a grumpy chap until he found a wonderful, unexpected friendship with Kez. They are both now gaining in confidence together and Charles is much less hissy!

Lexy & LJ



- 5 years and 5 months Male Black and black with white chin DSH
- Good with cats: Some Good with dogs: Unknown Good with children: Older

Lexy was found straying after the person who had been feeding him sadly died, he has been slow to make friends with people but him and bouncy kitten LJ have found comfort in each other. LJ is so outgoing and loves people, we're hoping that LJ will teach Lexy to trust us humans.

Toby



- 4 years old Male, White & Black DSH Good with Cats: No
- Good with dogs: Unknown Good with children: No

This amazing chap is **Toby**; he has come to us from a farm where he has had very little human contact, so is understandably still a little nervous of new people, but is gaining in confidence every day and now loves having his big cheeks stroked. He does have FIV so will need to have a special home where he can't come into contact with other cats.

Morfa



- 9 years old Female, black and white DSH Good with cats: No
- · Good with dogs: No · Good with children: No

We would so love to find this voluptuous sweetheart her forever home. Morfa loves strokes and chin scratches, but can get overwhelmed easily and is looking for a home that will make her feel safe, loved and secure.

Henry



- Middle aged Male White and black DSH Good with cats: Unknown
- Dogs: Unknown Good with children: No

Meet the handsome rogue Henry! He came to Holly Hedge as a stray and is now longing to find his 'furrever home'. He is nervous around people, but we are doing some rehabilitation work with him to help him feel more confident. This will take a little time and patience and will need to be continued in the home.

Animals looking for homes

Name of animal

Details

Tintin



- Male 1 year old Spanish Crossbreed Good with Cats: To be assessed
- Good with Dogs: Yes Good with children: Yes, 14 years +

Tintin was born on the streets of Spain and hadn't had any training, he's learned a few tricks and loves treats! He will need someone to help continue his training and adjusting into a home. He is very sociable with other dogs and could live with one of the right match.

Masha



- 1 year old Female Greyhound X Good with Cats: No
- Good with dogs: Yes, some Good with children: 10 years +

Gorgeous **Masha** is looking for a new home sadly due to her training needs. She has some separation anxiety issues and is reactive on lead towards other dogs, occasionally she can find people a little scary and she'll need help to overcome these issues. She is actually really good with dogs when introduced slowly, so with the right match in personality, Masha could even live with another dog.

Dexter



- 1 year old Lurcher Good with Cats: No Good with Dogs: No
- · Good with children: Yes, 14 years +

Dexter is a handsome, affectionate and loving boy, but he also likes his own space sometimes. Dexter is looking for a new home that is experienced with Sighthounds, Lurchers or similar breeds who can understand his needs. Dexter does get on with some dogs and has friends, however this is usually after careful introductions, as on the lead he is reactive to dogs and quite anxious about small children.

Zack & Belle



• 8 & 12 years old • Male & Female • Good with Cats: No • Good with dogs: Yes, not to live with • Good with children: 12 years +

This sweet little pair are mother and son and are very much bonded so will need to be rehomed together. They are in desperate search of their forever home where they can have a second chance after their owner sadly passed away. They have never lived in a home before and have only known kennels, but now they're older they are definitely keen for some home comforts.

Mace



- Male 11 Staffy Good with cats: No Good with Dogs: Yes
- · Good with children: Yes, 6 years +

Mace is a lovely boy who may be a little older but is still full of energy, fun and playfulness, so he is looking for a home that can offer plenty of nice walks and playtime. Sadly, due to a house move and baby on the way, Mace is now looking for a home to suit his needs as he grows older. He is a delightful dog with the personality of a 3 year old.

Duke



- Male 2 years 10 months old Boxer X Rottweiler Good with Cats: No
- Good with dogs: Yes, not to live with Good with children: 16 years +

Sadly due to issues with separation anxiety and a new baby on the way, **Duke** became too much to handle in the home. He is full of beans and can be strong on the lead, however with some training and time this could be overcome. He is sociable with other dogs but can be a bit boisterous so he will need plenty of space to interact and play, he can also become quite fixated on other dogs and struggles to know how to interact with them. Having no social skills, he will need 121 training in the home and initially will need to be walked in a quieter more rural area to not become over aroused. contact with other cats.

Donnie



- Male 1 year old Beagle Good with Cats: Yes, possibly
- Good with dogs: Yes Good with children: 14 years +

Lovely **Donnie** through no fault of his own has sadly found himself looking for a new home once again. He's a young energetic chap ideally looking for an active family home with Beagle experience or willing to do research. Donnie is a young dog, with lots of Beagle traits! He needs a calm but active home that who can teach this overgrown puppy some basic obedience, and help him learn boundaries.

Wolf



- Male 2 years old Lurcher Good with cats: No Good with dogs: Yes, most
- Good with children: Yes,10 years +

The very handsome Wolf came to us after his owner sadly became too ill to care for him. Wolf is a lovely young chap with so much love to give and he is in desperate search of his forever home where he can have lots of exercise and space to run around. Wolf can be wary of new people, so a quiet home would suit him best, although after a few tasty treats he's anyone's best friend!

Postcards from Dana!



Dana was one of our long term residents who had a sad past & struggled with nerves. Starting her life in Spain, rescued by some kind hearted people who fell in love with her and brought her over to the UK, where she had an amazing life in a lovely home. Dana's world was turned upside down when their landlord decided they no longer wanted dogs on their property, and we took Dana into the Sanctuary where she was loved and fussed every day, and had a new family in our staff and volunteers

Being a nervous dog who barked at new people, Dana was overlooked for a long time, and was with us for 515 days, hoping someone would see past her initial fear and feed her hot dogs until they fell in love. She was so well-loved here that when she left for her wonderful new home on a drizzly day in February, she had a small parade of our staff & volunteers see her off with happy tears in our eyes. We (Dana included) had all been waiting so long for her happy furever after.

We've had a few updates from Dana, she seems to be settling in very well and has been meeting new dogs, people, and even birds! She loves her walks and taking in all the smells, "helping" her new family cook and snuggling on the sofa with them. Dana has recently been on several adventures, and enjoying some beautiful parts of the South West, and sent us some postcards! We hope you enjoy them as much as we do.

Kitten season

As always from April to September the Sanctuary sees the arrival of hundreds of kittens and pregnant queens.

In June we had 44 kittens between 1 and 6 weeks old, and were getting through 88 pouches of kitten food each day! With so many kittens in our care and as we often also receive kittens born over winter, our food stores always run low. Please help keep their bellies full by adding sachets of kitten food to your weekly shop. These can be donated to us directly at the Sanctuary, or at our charity shops.

We are always in need of kitten food and milk for the kittens, as they will be with us for 9 weeks, until they are old enough to leave mum and go to their furever homes. If anyone is able to donate any of the following we, and our little furry friends would be incredibly grateful!

- Cimicat milk
- Felix kitten pouches in jelly
- Whiskas in jelly (fish preferred)
- Wainwrights Kitten Pouches
- · Lily's Kitchen kitten food

We've got lots of kittens ready and waiting to be adopted by their forever families, and have many black and black and white kittens whose siblings have been adopted but they're still waiting. These kittens are so loving and full of character, but they are always the last to find a loving home. If you'd like to offer one of our kittens a home please call 01275 474 719







Heartfelt thanks

In December 2018 we took part in The Big Give, and would like to give a huge thank you to all of our incredible Pledges; Cyberfive, ALD Automotive, Chubb Fire & Security, John Hall, Nicky Leeson, Mary Boyce, Julie Cole and Robert and Christine Browne. Our amazing Pledges match funded £3,000 worth of donations from our wonderful supporters, and this meant we were eligible for an extra donation of £1,415 from The Reed Foundation. In total we have raised the grand total of £9,887! We are so truly grateful to each and every person who donated, read and shared our campaign.

Our fabulous supporter and professional photographer of dogs, **Phil Girdlestone Photography** is running a Dogathon campaign, where for a £20 donation he will photograph your dog and give you a 10x8" mounted print. Through Dogathon, Phil has so far raised over £3,000, and is aiming for £5,000!

Jackie Bennett is one of our long term fantastic dog walkers, and she took it upon herself to raise a huge £1301.32 to buy T-touch harnesses for our dogs and to sell in the Sanctuary. These harnesses are excellent because both the neck and body straps can be unclipped which is perfect for dogs who are uncomfortable with things going over their heads.

Julie Bootle decided that for her 60th birthday she was going to do something life changing for our rescue animals, and set a goal to raise £1,687 to cover a day's running costs of the Sanctuary, and she is doing a bang up job so far, having already raised £1,650! Go Julie, Go!

Beautiful Joe's Ethical Dog Treats

have been sending us a monthly parcel of their delicious natural treats, and it is so heartwarming to be able to give our residents yummy treats and see their eyes light up with pure joy.

Nicola Bendall and Dianne Stephens continue to inspire us every day with their constant dedication, their support is invaluable to us.

Thank you to all of our **Pawpals** and **regular donors**. Often at the Sanctuary we are faced with crisis cases and animals in desperate need of help. Without our regular supporters we would be forced to make difficult decisions that put animals at risk.

Weston Rotary Dog Day was another brilliant day that raised over £2,000!

Thank you Weston Rotary Club, you're staunch supporters of Holly Hedge and we're so thankful.

Barbara Pavey, our longest supporter and beloved wife of Terry, has sadly passed away, age 74 years, after a short illness. Barbara and Terry have been wonderful and unwavering supporters for well over 35 years when we were just a blot on the landscape and before Holly Hedge became a reality. Barbara was the kindest, most lovely person anyone could ever wish to meet, and will be missed by many, and most especially by her beloved Terry. Barbara's love for animals knew no bounds, and Holly Hedge will be planting a tree in her memory in our Freedom Meadow. RIP Barbara, you will never ever be forgotten.

We would like to thank each individual who has poured their love and time into helping our animals, please know we are eternally grateful for each of you who has fundraised or volunteered your time for us. We simply couldn't do this without your support.











In 2019, Holly Hedge decided to organise a week at the end of June, where workplaces allowed employees to bring their dogs in at any given day during that week to raise funds for Holly Hedge.

People could have a cake sale, or competitions to raise money, or perhaps charge to stroke the dog - any ideas were welcomed!

Pictured is Hettie, a rescue from Cyprus who owns Tania Taber, and who helped her in her workplace, Local Pages. Hettie was joined by Joey, a rescue from Romania brought in by Tyler. Tania, Tyler and their colleagues - furry and fleshy, raised $\mathfrak L30$ and they hope it can become a regular occurance. Every dog certainly did have his/her work day!

Keep an eye on Holly Hedge's website/FB page for 2020's week-long fundraiser in the workplace. Ask your workplace to join in!

Events news!

We've been very busy in 2019! Holly Hedge is incredibly fortunate to have wonderful people who volunteer their time and energy to putting on amazing events that raise funds for us.

We said goodbye to 2018 with a bang thanks to **Pip Sharp** organising our first ever **Christmas Fair!** It was a lovely day that raised a magical £833, we can't wait for the next Fair, join us on 1st **December** at Long Ashton Community Centre!

We were delighted to be offered an adrenalinefuelled fundraising event by Newfound Friends UK of 2019 and the total raised is drumroll please... £7,038.23!!! With Gift Aid we have reached over £8,000 which is the most we have ever raised with this amazing event. This incredible feat would not have been made possible without the fantastic Newfound Friends Team who were professional, fun and supportive throughout the day. They donate their time, hard work and skills for charities throughout the year, and we have nothing but respect and gratitude for them & the Newfoundland Dogs who are true heroes. We had 26 fantastic Jumpers who took the plunge into Portishead Marina to raise funds for our rescues and we cannot thank each of them enough for their individual fundraising efforts.

Our **Fashion Show** in Long Ashton was a fabulous evening organized by **Pip Sharp** and **Jenny Green**. The event was a huge success thanks to their hard work and excellent organisation skills, and the event raised a whopping £944.39 which will provide vital care for our rescues.

Swing For Victory 2019 was once again a huge success and raised a phenomenal £3,022.42!!! This can cover the cost of 7 dogs or cats having much-needed dental surgery, or the removal of nasty lumps causing pain and threatening to become a bigger, lifethreatening issue. So to Tania Taber, Ginny Matchwick, the inimitable team of volunteers, all the donors of prizes and delicious cakes and jams, and all who attended and dug deep, THANK YOU! You are heroes to our animals. The Swing for Victory team are already planning next year's event, so mark your calendars for Friday 8th May 2020!

We wanted to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who took part in our **online auction** in May, it raised a monumental £3225!!! To everyone who donated, who placed bids, and those who shared it across social media and of course to the **Swing for Victory Bristol team** who organised it....Thank you!

Bark in the Park was a delightful day that raised an amazing £905! The day started with a boom thanks to The Long Ashton Parade and a brilliant cheerleading display, and then it was all about the dogs. Jenny Green did a fantastic job of coordinating the event for the fourth year running, and we were delighted to have BBC Presenter Mike Dilger as the celebrity judge of the Fun Dog Show!







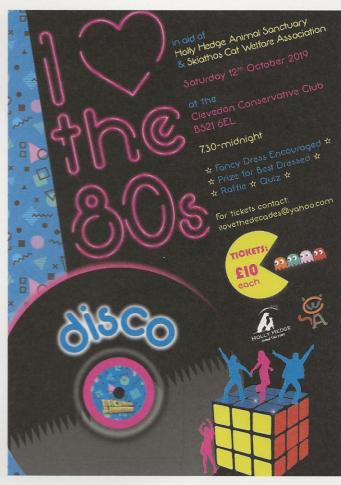


Bark in the Park



Upcoming Events









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