

Tails to Tell

In our last newsletter in March, our 'Tails to Tell' featured a number of pets that had recently been rescued by this branch including a family of seven cats that had been the victims of severe neglect.

When they came into our care they were a sorry sight. All of them were badly underweight, riddled with parasites and were bald on their hindquarters from where they had been living in their own urine-soaked environment. We affectionately named them "our tatty cats". Despite their unfortunate start to life they were all lovely cats – sweet natured and so grateful to be out of their dreadful surroundings.



After many weeks in our care with intensive feeding, veterinary help, love and attention, they all recovered and were ready for rehoming. One of them now named Archie (above), was chosen for adoption by a gentleman living in Farnborough and, following our routine procedures, he went off happily to start a fresh life with his new family.

A few weeks ago our Rehoming Manager, Geraldine, was delighted to receive the following email from his new owner:

"Thought I'd give you an update on Archie's progress. He's come on leaps and bounds since I last sent you a note.

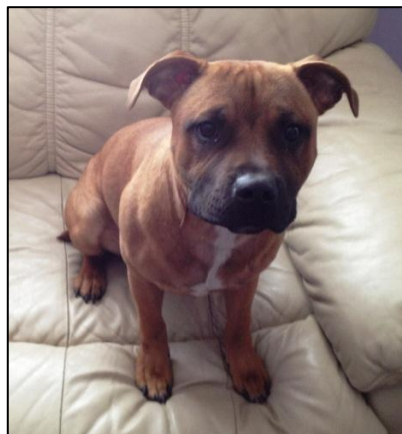
He's fully immunised, flea treated and microchipped. He's been going out of the house independently for a couple of months now and loves being next to the trees/woodland where he can explore/hunt etc. He's absolutely adorable and brings us so much happiness - so much so that my girlfriend's mum asks about him before asking about me!

In this photo he had just come back from a little wander in the woods - he never goes far, always in eye shot as he likes to know we're nearby. He is also the first animal, other than a dog, I've ever met who can play 'fetch' with a stick - he loves it!



As I write he's stalking a leaf that's moving in the wind! He's a happy cat and so are we!"

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Gorgeous Staffie, CJ, is just one of the many hundreds of pets that have benefitted from our financial veterinary assistance scheme (criteria dependent), aimed to help pet owners whose pets have been injured or are sick.

CJ's owner, Debbie, contacted our branch when he injured his leg jumping off a piece of equipment in a kiddies playground. In terrible pain and unable to walk on it, Debbie took him to the vets. On examination and following x-rays it was confirmed that he had dislocated his left shoulder. He was put onto a morphine drip straight away and the vet treating him said that he would need to be referred to a specialist orthopaedic surgeon for an

operation. We immediately got in touch with the local veterinary practice that was recommended and were told it was going to cost several hundred pounds to pin and wire the ball-and-socket joint.

As CJ was young, fit and strong, the vet was confident that he could make a full recovery following the op. As we wanted to ensure CJ had the best chance of leading a normal life, we committed to make a significant contribution towards the cost of the operation, in addition to the payment we'd already agreed to treat him initially.

Debbie was hugely grateful for our help and financial support, without which his future would have been a lot more bleak.

Following the operation, CJ's leg had to be immobilised to prevent him from using his shoulder in any way and needed 8 weeks of cage rest in order for the muscles, ligaments and tendons to repair. He was given pain relief patches for a period of time following the op.

During these weeks of rehabilitation CJ was stoical and accepted what had happened to him very well. He was only able to come out of his cage for a brief amount of time each day when he would lie on a blanket next to his owners enjoying a bit of 'up close' attention.

This photo shows CJ with his leg immobilised in a tight sling to prevent him from using it.



Debbie reports he is back to his bouncy ways again and at times chooses to sleep in his cage as it has become part of his routine rather than being forced upon him.

Debbie also says, "We would like to say thank you for all your help with CJ and getting him back to his normal self, we couldn't have managed without your help."

Date for the Diary...

Join us at our Fun Dog Show
at Hartley Wintney Festival
Saturday 9 June



Come and join us at the Hartley Wintney Festival on Saturday 9 June and enter your dog in one or more of six classes in our Fun Dog Show with classes taking place from 2pm and on the on the half hour thereafter in the following order:

1. *Handsomest Dog*
2. *Prettiest Bitch*
3. *Dog in Best Condition*
4. *Best Junior Handler*
(14 yrs and under)
5. *Dog with the Waggiest Tail*
6. *Dog with the Most Appealing Eyes*

It costs £1.50 to enter your dog in each class and rosettes will be awarded for the judge's chosen 1st, 2nd, 3rd and two Highly Commended. No puppies under six months old please.

There's also an opportunity to win a lovely doggie hamper as well if you buy a raffle ticket at our registration tent.

Further details and a registration form are available from our website www.rspca-hantsandsurrey.org.uk

Did You Know?

You can raise money for us whilst you shop online with 'shop2fundraise'. It's free and easy to do

Over 1,000 various high street retailers agree to donate a percentage of their on-line sales to your chosen charity each time you shop, provided you first go on to the shop2fundraise website. It's simple and quick to do, there are no strings attached and doesn't cost you a penny!

Not only are there hundreds of top, well known retailers, such as Amazon, M&S, Debenhams, Body Shop and Sainsbury, to name but a few, but you can also buy holiday; tickets for days out through Ticketmaster; goods on ebay; rent a car; or even sign up to play fantasy golf!

You can start by taking a look at the video on their website www.shop2fundraise.co.uk then download the fundraising gadget and register your chosen charity. Thereafter every time you shop, provided you first go to the shop2fundraise website, you will be raising money for the RSPCA.

You can also download the shop2fundraise toolbar to make the process even quicker and easier.

The added bonus is if you shop through shop2fundraise you can benefit from various money saving vouchers with the retailers.



For this Charity

This branch has recently entered into partnership with a two specialist recycling companies with the intention not only to ensure we do all we can to help protect the environment by reducing landfill, but also to do all we can to raise additional funds towards our local animal welfare aims.

Jewellery recycling with Recycling for Good Causes

Please donate any unwanted jewellery towards this recycling appeal; gold, silver, costume jewellery, watches etc. Then all your unwanted items can be turned into a donation for us.

Why not have a full "spring clean" of your jewellery box or just give items you no longer wear? Even damaged, broken and incomplete items will help – so all the odd earrings and snapped chains are a great start!

Freepost envelopes can be ordered from www.jewelleryrecycling.org.uk, or call 0800 633 5323, or email info@jewelleryrecycling.org.

Mobile phone recycling with forgottenmobile.com

Over the past five years millions of mobile phones have been discarded or forgotten about. Over 90% of UK households have one or more mobile phones and mobile phone upgrades occur every 1-2 years for those people on contracts. The estimated yearly market value of all these phones is over £800 million.

Instead of all these phones going to waste, Forgottenmobile.com will repair where necessary and recycle every phone donated. We then receive a percentage of the value of each phone, regardless of age or condition. On average, we can expect to receive £2-4 per mobile phone.

If you have an old mobile phone(s) that you no longer use, then please consider donating it to our charity. You can either drop the phone into one of our shops where they have a recycling box or visit www.forgottenmobile.com/rspca-hants-surrey and follow the instructions to receive an envelope.

Pet Appeal

"Home Wanted"



Rosie, 8 year old tortoiseshell female; sweet natured and affectionate and likes nothing better than some company and fuss. She would make a loving companion for a quiet household as the only pet.

Please contact Geraldine on 07880 547502 if you are interested in giving Rosie a new home.